

## Chairs Report 2021-2022

The time has come again to report on our last year's events and successes.

Starting this last financial year off by continuing with the renovations of the building, we ploughed on with the transformation. Whilst doing so we were able to safely hold a successful tabletop sale, which initially introduced the local community to Marvels and Meltdowns new home.

Come July we had managed to create a safe space in the main part of our building to be back hosting our family inclusive summer holiday activities which we took great pleasure in organising and being back on the map. Activities included Pizza making, a pirate day, Princess the unicorn and farm friends at the centre, stay and play sessions and we ended the summer with a Back to school party.

Just as we was about to enter the summer holidays last year we had an out of the blue phone call from the Eight Foundation advising that they were going to fund our new boiler and radiator system, as well as a sensory room for our new centre, but not only that, they have also made the very generous decision to fund our children's birthday party that we host to celebrate the charity's birthday each year.

July and august also saw the return of Marvels and Meltdowns getting out and about in the community with our fundraising and awareness stall. Firstly, with the weekend event at the Waterfront festival raising £1026 for the charity, this was followed the next week with a stall at Wickham festival which was again another successful event raising over £1000 and meeting lots of families and spreading the word of Marvels and Meltdowns to a wider audience. We were at each of these events fundraising with our Marvels famous teddy tombola as well as selling children's pocket money and sensory toys.

September saw the return to school for the children and return to the centre for the volunteer team and continue with the renovations, painting, cleaning, and preparing the centre to open, along with the Michaelmas fayre which was again a great success.

November was Marvels Birthday Party that was funded by the Eight Foundation, for which we would like to extend our huge thanks to. The party has always been quite an expense to the charity but one that we always felt was extremely important to bare. The Birthday party gives the children that we support the opportunity to be part of something that they arent always invited to by their peers at school etc.

Marvel turned 6 at his last birthday and the children had a great time sharing the celebration. The Portsmouth News came along and did an article in the newspaper about it.

Our brand new sensory room was also installed this month, an amazing addition to the centre for when we open the doors

We held our first small Christmas fair and Santa's grotto for the public in our new centre which was a huge success, we had some Christmas items to sell through that had been donated to us by the pound shop and invited some small local businesses to have a stall here along with the big man himself attending for the

children to meet and receive a gift from for a nominal fee. The day went down a storm and Santa's sack was empty at the end of it.

December saw our annual autism friendly Santa's grotto attended by approximately 45 families, several of those being new to the Marvels and Meltdowns Grotto experience. The experience worked really well with some fantastic craft activities and gifts provided by Wave 105 cash 4 kids Christmas appeal, we are aiming to be able to reach more families next year by hosting it on a Saturday throughout the day, rather than just in an evening, this will allow us to increase our reach from 45 children to approx. 75 children throughout the day enabling more families to have the relaxed experience on offer.

After the Christmas break we came back and started preparation for our GRAND OPENING,

We were also fortunate to be invited to attend the RAOBs Province Dinner/Dance where they presented us with another cheque and then proceeded to tell us they would be supporting us again for the next coming year, which of course we are all extremely grateful for and was quite frankly blown away by the continued support, not to mention that their dinner dance evenings are always a great evening with good company, lovely food and fantastic entertainment. Their donations go straight back into supporting the families with the activities we put on through out the year in the school holidays which we thank you for greatly.

The day of our Grand Opening finally arrived on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February and WOW what a turn out, from all of the charity trustees to the Mayor of Gosport, Local Councillors, past and present supporters all turning up to see what we had achieved, the transformation of the shell we took over a year ago and of course where their money had been spent, we hope they will agree it certainly did do wonders, The day was a huge success and a very proud moment for team Marvels to be able to reflect on just how far we have come over the last couple of years, and breathe, or at least for the rest of the day as the next day was straight into the swing of things in our new home welcoming the public to our amazing new centre.

That was it we were off to a flying start with our doors officially open. Sensory room bookings every day, our main space filled with children playing and people ordering food and drink, all the while our charity objects being met by raising awareness in our new building.

By the time April was here we was in full swing and easter was upon us. We held our Easter Farm Day for local families we support where we received a huge donation of easter eggs from Ruby funerals to go with our Easter egg hunt on the day with the easter bunny visiting to give out the easter eggs to the children. The children enjoyed pony rides, brushing, grooming, and petting the farm animals as well as small animals. There were some fantastic easter and farm craft creations. This event has been so popular over the years that we decided to offer 2 sessions to ensure that more children could have this wonderful experience, we were able to offer 50 spaces to this over 2 sessions and they both sold out with all 50 children leaving happy as Larry.

Throughout February to April which brings our financial year to a close we have met many new people coming through the doors of Marvels and Meltdowns. We have enjoyed getting to know some of the neighbours and will continue to strive to meet more as we go.

One of the residents Brian made himself known to us from the very beginning of the renovations, we are pleased to have him as a neighbour he has been a god send with making us signs for outside and for loaning us tools if we cant find what we need at the moment we need it and buster his dog says hello to us every morning when we arrive, we look forward to continuing to grow our relationships with more of our neighbours in the future.

Our aims for the future: -

We will continue to grow the charity in the community by rebooting coffee mornings in schools, getting out and about at more community events raising our profile to the wider community.

We will aim to broaden the variety of activities we offer to the families that we support as a charity as well as regularly evaluate what we do on a weekly basis in the centre to ensure we are offering the very best of what we can do for the community.

I will now end with thank you's,

Thank you to all the local organisations and shops that have donated items and supported Marvels and Meltdowns over this last year and beyond.

Thank you to the community that we have created for continually using the services we offer and for supporting us in raising awareness and signposting new families to our doors, we welcome them all with open arms.

Thank you to all the professionals such as local teachers, GPs, Camhs staff, Health visitors, Nursery workers, Children's Services and other charitable organisations that also sign post families to us, the word is getting out there and our reach is growing further and wider.

Thank you to the board of trustees for all the different qualities, passion, drive and dedication they bring to the table, each meeting is a productive and creative one where we all strive to give the very best of us to the charities future.

Thank you to Nikki Martin who has taken on far more than I think she ever bargained for when she first started out as a volunteer with the charity, Nikki has taken charge of the centre as Centre Manager and much more as a trustee of the charity. Thank you for absolutely everything you do, and I know I say this every year but especially all of the computer and IT stuff that you do that is just beyond me. I am extremely grateful for every hour you dedicate to Marvels and Meltdowns.

And my last thank you but the most important I feel is that of the dedicated, amazing, and invaluable volunteer team that we have at Marvels and Meltdowns. The volunteers will tell you they call it the Marvels family. Many of the volunteer team have been with us from the very beginning and we have been fortunate since moving here to the phoenix centre to gain several more amazing volunteers to join the team or family should I say.

Without these absolute Gems Marvels and Meltdowns could not do what we do.

The charity could not support the families the way that we do.

We offer something that these people need when they come through our door, a listening ear, compassion, understanding, a friendly face, a smile, and an acknowledgement that it will be ok as they have found us now and that is what each and every one of you bring to the service users. Thank you for absolutely every minute you give to Marvels and Meltdowns, you truly make a difference.



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

No (if any)  
1164529

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**receipts and payments accounts**

For the period from	Period start date 01-May-21	To	Period end date 30-Apr-22
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**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	2,963	14,551	-	17,514	21,575
Donations	3,429	-	-	3,429	3,179
Other income	-	-	-	-	64
Support group	193	-	-	193	-
Storage	-	-	-	-	144
Events	1,840	-	-	1,840	-
Centre takings and room hire	1,626	-	-	1,626	1,395
Fareham and Gosport Lotteries	-	-	-	-	450
Sensory room	113	-	-	113	-
Fundraising	7,900	-	-	7,900	1,872
Interest	1	-	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	15	-	-	15	225
	18,081	14,551	-	32,631	28,904
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	18,081	14,551	-	32,631	28,904
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	438	-	-	438	-
Utilities	-	1,056	-	1,056	-

Building work	8,228	17,917	-	26,144	7,013
Events / fundraising / hospitality	2,844	500	-	3,344	227
Consumables	1,571	683	-	2,254	-
Events	-	675	-	675	-
Zoom sessions	-	173	-	173	173
Website and internet	-	628	-	628	179
Storage	-	-	-	-	931
Fixtures and fittings	-	103	-	103	438
Care packages	-	1,424	-	1,424	888
Equipment	-	-	-	-	145
Volunteer expenses	572	-	-	572	(9)
Resources	-	-	-	-	45
Excursions	48	1,000	-	1,048	-
Services and training	-	1,552	-	1,552	88
Insurance	-	1,443	-	1,443	2,054
Motor vehicle expenses	398	-	-	398	
Sundries	84	-	-	84	103
Publications	979	-	-	979	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,160</b>	<b>27,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,314</b>	<b>12,275</b>

<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15,160</b>	<b>27,154</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,314</b>	<b>12,275</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,921</b>	<b>(12,603)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,682</b>	<b>16,629</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>(1,742)</b>	<b>1,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>15,736</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,529</b>	<b>2,900</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,847</b>	<b>19,529</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
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**B1 Cash funds**

	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Current account	2,682	-	-
Savings account	2,290	4,875	-
Cash	-	-	-
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,875</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

**Unrestricted funds****Restricted funds****Endowment funds****B2 Other monetary assets**

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Cash float	60	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

**B3 Investment assets**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Renault Master van	Unrestricted	-	-
		-	-
		-	-

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

**B5 Liabilities**

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Future lease obligations	Unrestricted	-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Marvels and Meltdowns

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 April 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1164529

Set out on pages

One to three

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 04 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's  
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

*Gillian Lodge*

Date:

6 Feb 2023

Name:

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any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**