



Marvels and Meltdowns
Chairs Report Apr 2022-Mar 2023
13/10/2023

Another year older and its time again to report on our last year's events and successes and look to the future for Marvels and Meltdowns.

The start of our financial year saw us hit the ground running with interviews for our very first paid employment roles for a kitchen staff and activity co-ordinator and successfully hiring both roles for a fixed term contract.

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 a new cohort of little ones coming through the doors with their grown ups. We attended the Michaelmas fayre which was a busy day as always .

November saw Marvels Birthday Party that is now funded by the Eight Foundation each year, for which we would like to extend our huge thanks to. The party has always been a big outlay 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 don't always get the opportunity of.

Marvel turned 7 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 adults only birthday bash was also a great success with lots of fun had by all attendees, some great feedback that was taken on board for the next one too.

December saw our annual autism friendly Santa's grotto attended by approximately 60 families, several of those being new to the Marvels and Meltdowns Grotto experience. The experience worked really well with hosting on a Saturday instead of during an evening, there were some fantastic craft activities and gifts that were funded by a donation from Waitrose of £1000, we

are aiming to be able to reach more families next year by hosting it again on a Saturday throughout the day and offering 75 spaces. Santa and his helpers again lived up to the expectations and provided an amazing experience for those that came along, (it must have been the dominoes pizza at lunch time)

We were very fortunate again 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.

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 and look forward to meeting many more.

Future Events

Fair at the Fort will see Marvels attending with our fundraising stall and for the first year Santas Grotto.

Marvels childrens birthday party will be on the 25th November 2023

Marvels adult birthday bash with a glitz and glamour theme on the 1st December 2023.

Autism friendly santas grotto is on the 9th December 2023

Our aims for the future: -We will

Next 6 months

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.

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.

Next 12 months

Increase the daily opening hours to include some daily after school offerings.

Increase the termly opening hours to include some daily opening in half terms, Easter and Summer holidays.

Increase the hours worked and/or employ another member of staff to cover the increased opening hours.

Build on the corporate engagement that has been started with Eaton Aerospace and BAE supporting their employees and families.

Next 12-24 months

Expand outreach engagement with local companies such as the Royal Navy and Vector Aerospace.

Expand outreach engagement within local schools and colleges.

Employ an outreach worker to support community groups.

Next 24-48 months

Look to open another centre in Fareham or the surrounding area to widen the catchment area Marvels and Meltdowns can reach.

Lastly I would like to say thank you.

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 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.

I would like to say a very big thank you to the volunteer and staff team we have here at Marvels, without you the doors wouldn't open and the community wouldn't have our warm welcome place to frequent. Without you all it just wouldn't work. Each and everyone of us have our own unique qualities which is why it works so well. Heres to another successful year ahead.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

No (if any)
1164529

receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01-May-22

To

Period end date
30-Apr-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
A1 Receipts					
Room hire	1,039	-	-	1,039	113
Grants	1,550	-	8,918	10,468	17,514
Donations	11,837	-	-	11,837	3,429
Other income*	134	-	-	134	-
Support group	167	-	-	167	193
Kitchen takings	4,302	-	-	4,302	-
Events	11,998	-	-	11,998	1,840
Centre takings	669	-	-	669	1,626
Community Lotteries	479	-	-	479	-
Fundraising	1,652	-	-	1,652	7,900
Interest	25	-	-	25	1
Miscellaneous	7	-	-	7	15
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,859	-	8,918	42,777	32,631
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,859	-	8,918	42,777	32,631
A3 Payments					
Rent	1,313	-	625	1,938	438

Utilities	1,111	-	-	1,111	1,056
Building work	100	300	-	400	26,144
Fund raising / hospitality	300	-	-	300	3,344
Consumables	4,393	-	-	4,393	2,254
Events & excursions	3,369	1,774	-	5,143	1,723
Zoom sessions	29	-	-	29	173
Website, phone and internet	919	-	-	919	628
Fixtures and fittings	-	-	-	-	103
Care packages	-	-	-	-	1,424
Equipment	73	-	-	73	-
Volunteer expenses	1,503	-	-	1,503	572
Resources	4,499	-	-	4,499	-
Services	205	77	-	282	1,552
Insurance	1,426	-	-	1,426	1,443
Motor expenses	150	-	-	150	398
Sundries	72	-	-	72	84
Publications	-	-	-	-	979
Sub total	19,462	2,151	625	22,238	42,315

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	19,462	2,151	625	22,238	42,315
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Net of receipts/(payments)	14,397	(2,151)	8,293	20,539	(9,684)
A5 Transfers between funds	(27)	27	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,971	4,875	-	9,846	19,530
Cash funds this year end	19,341	2,751	8,293	30,385	9,846

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Designated funds to nearest £
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B1 Cash funds

Current account	16,701	-	-
Savings account	2,430	2,751	8,293
Cash	210	-	-
Total cash funds	19,341	2,751	8,293
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Unrestricted funds
to nearest £

Restricted funds
to nearest £

Endowment funds
to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details			
Cash float	210	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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	-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	S M Day	11/03/24
	N. L Martin	11/03/24



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 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1164529

Set out on pages

One & two

(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 / 2023.

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:

8 March 2024

Name:

Gillian Lodge

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if 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.