

QE2 Activity Centre

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to present their report, together with the financial statement of the Charity for the year ending 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative details

Charity number

1165893

Principal Office

QE2 Activity Centre,
River Hamble Country Park,
Pylands Lane,
Hedge End,
Southampton.
SO31 1BH

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc, Fareham

Trustees

Jerry Hall, Wayne Irish, Derek Pretty

Management Committee

Derek Pretty, Jim Motherwell, John Prebble, Wayne Irish, Jen Pearce,
Russell Poore, Jerry Hall, Janine Stone

Type of Governing Document

Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted

Trust

Trustee Selection Method

Appointment by Management Committee

Summary of Objects of the Charity

To advance education and to provide facilities for the recreation or other leisure time occupation of people with physical and/or mental disabilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Events

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2025 has been another strong year in both Day Service and Activities. Under the new management, we have maintained a calm business while investing in improvements on the Day Service buildings and building a new round house for Activities. We have increased our staff training to meet increased demand.

2026 looks to be an equally exciting year with new challenges and opportunities as QE2 Activity Centre continues to provide day services and activities to young people and adults with physical or learning disabilities.

Finance

During 2024-25 QE2 Activity Centre generated income from provision of services for people with additional needs.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Pretty', with a large loop at the end of the name.

Full Name: Derek Pretty

Position: Chairman

Date: 25th November 2025



2025 Impact Statement



Overview

2025 has been an exciting and transformative year for the QE2 Activity Centre's Day service. The service has continued to grow, adapt and thrive - offering meaningful opportunities, new activities, and vital support for adults and young people with disabilities across Southampton and Hampshire.

Growth and participation

Day service has increased its capacity to offer 9,360 places a year, an increase of 500 places from last year. With 8,008 places already filled, the service is almost at a full capacity and continues to operate with waiting lists for certain days.

More than 76 adults with disabilities now attend our Day service each week, an increase on previous years, reflecting both the growing demand for inclusive service and the positive impact the Centre continues to build.

Skills, Activities, and Opportunities

At the heart of QE2's Day Service is a rich programme designed to promote independence, confidence, and wellbeing. Participants develop valuable work and life skills through activities such as:

Gardening, fire making, upcycling, woodwork, and painting

Maintenance, cleaning, shopping, litter picking, and travel training

Cooking, baking, jam making, fruit picking, and window cleaning

Alongside skill development, we offer a diverse range of recreational and wellbeing activities, ensuring there is truly something for everyone. These include:

Archery, bushcraft, walking, and visits to the gym

Ukulele and music sessions, football, sensory sessions, and zipwire adventures

Camera Club, arts and crafts, motorboating, and bird watching

Activities

In 2025, we expanded our Activity sessions for children and adults with additional needs. The popularity of these sessions continues to grow, with school group participation increasing to ten per week, including pupils from local mainstream schools' SEN provisions.



Developments / Community

This year has seen significant investment and community engagement across the Centre. Fundraising efforts, such as The Big Foot Ride Out, supported the construction of a Round House for our bushcraft area—allowing year-round outdoor activities.



Our A-frame cabins are now in daily use, providing warm, accessible spaces throughout the winter months. We've continued to make excellent use of our site's facilities:

Beaulieu cabin – provides an educational space, used by Hampshire during term time

Test cabin – a workshop and garden equipment store

Itchen cabin – a training flat, supporting independent living skills

Hamble cabin – a music and wellbeing hub

Meon cabin – provides an IT suite, photography group base, and breakout area

We've also invested in staff training, enabling team members to lead more sessions in archery, photography, wellbeing, and communication skills—broadening what we can offer every day.

Thanks to volunteers from HSBC and Aviva Health, the Centre's main building has been repainted, the grounds cleared, and the greenhouse and raised beds refreshed. The Centre is looking brighter than ever and ready to welcome even more visitors.

Following on from the work in 2024, we have focused our attention on the Centre and its upkeep. We have improved the centre decor.

We have also made the allotment more accessible and a new bush craft area begins with the start of the round house.



So now the Centre is looking great.

Events

2025 has been full of memorable events that brought our community together: Summer Showcase – featuring Blue Apple, our Ukulele Band, stalls, food, and live music from the Ocean Brass Band. Fundraising Events – including our Paint and Sip night, Halloween Party, and participation in Tracy's London Marathon fundraising efforts. Forthcoming Events – Wreath Making Workshop (4 December) and Christmas Showcase (6 December), featuring craft stalls, raffles, and entertainment.

There have been several Day Trips to destinations such as Birdworld and Marwell Zoo—allowing our Camera Club to practice their photography skills in the field. Additional highlights included our Macmillan Coffee Morning, participation in the Winchester Paralympics, and ongoing success of our Crafternoons group.

Looking ahead, fundraising events planned for early 2026 include: Bottomless Brunch for parents and carers, more Paint & Sip events, a Clothes Recycling Project, February Disco, and a March Fashion Show.



This year, QE2 Activity Centre has arranged four holidays. These included a sailing holiday on the Jolie Brise, a holiday at Forest Holidays, another holiday at Center Parcs and finally a holiday with Centre Parcs.



We held a Paint and Sip on the 10th October to raise money for the QE2 Activity Centre as part of Tracy's London Marathon place, which Committee member Russell Poore obtained for the QE2 Activity Centre. Other events that have been organised are a Halloween party on the Saturday 25th October with Day Service staff helping out.



We are hoping to continue these events in following years

As we move into 2026, QE2 Activity Centre is committed to continuing its growth, innovation, and dedication to supporting people with learning and physical disabilities. With new developments on the horizon, a growing team, and a thriving community, the future looks bright.

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Full details are provided in our Report & Financial Statement for the year ending 31st March 2025

Income	£
Incoming resources	706,986
Grants & donations	7,942
Investment income	8,887
TOTAL	723,815

Expenditure	£
Staffing costs	426,837
Cost of providing charitable activities	217,716
Governance costs	3,646
TOTAL	648,199

Surplus of income over expenditure	75,616
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Acknowledgements

Our heartfelt thanks go to:

All QE2 staff for their hard work, dedication, and creativity

Volunteers and committee members for giving their time and energy

Local businesses for their donations and support

Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, and Eastleigh Borough Council for their continued partnership

Parents, carers, and care workers for their constant support

And most importantly, thank you to every individual who has taken part in our Day Services, activities, and holidays this year.

Together, we continue to make a difference—building confidence, independence, and community for everyone who comes through our doors.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of QE2 Activity Centre For the year ended 31 March 2025

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material aspect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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Date: 25/11/25