

RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1171250

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-01-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN THAME AND CHINNOR AND THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS AND WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF AGE, ILL HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE BY THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: The Red Kite Family Centre offers a range of activities, advice and support for all families with 0-4yr olds in Thame, Chinnor and the surrounding area of South Oxfordshire. Full details can be found on our website.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£86,528	£112,591	-	-
2024-03-31	£148,603	£98,646	-	-
2023-03-31	£63,648	£89,747	-	-
2022-03-31	£59,182	£90,644	-	-
2021-03-31	£98,334	£82,582	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charlotte Rachel Jones		2018-10-30
Fiona Kelly Joines		2024-07-16
JOHN HULETT		2017-01-16
Matthew Bromley		2026-01-12
ROSIE PEARCE		2017-01-16
SARAH BRADFORD		2020-06-18
William Frank Cleare		2024-07-16

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Annual Report on the work of the Red Kite Family Centre 2024-2025

Brief historical context

The Red Kite Family Centre (RKFC) charity was set up in January 2017 based in the building used by the former Sure Start Children's Centre. The centre opened with its new leader and staff team in place in April 2017. During this eighth year of operation the centre has continued to provide a wide range of provision for all families with 0-4yr old children living in the area.

Trustees (as at end March 2025)

John Hulett (co-Chair)

Amy Spicer (co-Chair)

Charlotte Jones (Secretary)

Rosie Pearce (co-Treasurer)

Sarah Bradford (co-Treasurer)

Will Cleare

Fiona Joines

Staff Team

The RKFC employs a small team of staff, all on permanent, part-time contracts. As of January 2025, we had six employees; Family Centre Manager, Family Support Leader, Programme Leader, Two Early Years Family Support workers and an administrative assistant.

The provision offered by RKFC

We continue to use our two main bases for our activities, the main site in Southern Road, Thame and the satellite location at Chinnor Library, Chinnor. Through these bases RKFC offers a full programme of universal (open to all parents of under 5s) and targeted activities each week and our sites are also used regularly by NHS midwives, health visitors and speech and language therapists. Collaborative work with Health Visitors has strengthened during this time with some joint sessions covering aspects of parenting being organised. These partnerships with health professionals mean that we can provide a 'one-stop shop' of advice, support and activities for all parents with pre-school children from birth to 4yrs old. Our staff continue to work closely with the

Oxfordshire Early Help support team and Children's Services and our sites are often hired by social services for contact and other case review meetings.

Statement from the Chairs:

During the year to 31 March 2025 the centre team have been able to build on the review of the vision and development strategy that had been created during the last year. This has led to a much clearer focus on development priorities and a much clearer reporting of the impact of the range of activities being offered. The manager provides regular full data on attendance at the various sessions and reports four times a year on progress towards the agreed strategy objectives.

The team and trustees have continued to build partnerships and relationships within the local community to strengthen funding stream opportunities. We have continued our membership of the local business network 'Opendoorz' which has offered broader perspectives and learning for community engagement and brought new funding opportunities and voluntary support to the centre.

Since Katie English, our previous co-chair stepped down, John Hulett has acted as co-chair with Amy for an interim period. Our two recently appointed trustees have helped to broaden our areas of expertise particularly in human resources and early years practice. This in turn has strengthened the governance delivered by the board.

During this period, we have experienced significant increases in costs accompanying the national cost of living crisis and the associated inflationary pressures. These have affected energy prices, other costs and also salaries. We have been proactive in seeking new funding to secure our services for 25/26. We work extremely hard to maximise our efficiency to ensure that every pound we receive delivers maximum value to our community. The decision was made to gain the assistance of a professional grant writer with the aim of securing the higher levels of income that are needed.

At the core of our operation and the range of provision that we offer to families with young children is the invaluable experience and expertise that each member of our staff team brings to the work of the Family Centre. Our credibility and reputation amongst the local community is very firmly built on this and we are very grateful for their continued dedication to their work.

Financial Summary

This year saw our financial position challenged, due to increased costs as outlined above which produced a 14% increase in costs. The increased contributions from our local community seen in 2023/24 have remained a key income source, including many local businesses, community groups, as well as individuals committing to regular donations. Together, our community supports more than 35% of our current costs. The hiring of our centre to health professionals, local after-school groups and individuals has become a significant income source this year and we expect this to continue. We envisage filling the current funding gap through larger grants and work towards this is now well underway, along with maintaining the income from local government grants.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Red Kite Family Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Red Kite Family Centre (The Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or 2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Name: Claire Lasko

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ACA (ICAEW)

Address: 63 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, BN37BE

Date: 20/1/26

Profit and Loss

Red Kite Family Centre

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	2025
Turnover	
CENTRE FUNDRAISING	2,723.31
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING	10,493.59
COMPANY DONATIONS	7,924.01
FRIENDS OF RED KITE	16,529.23
GRANTS	34,331.96
HMRC - GIFT AID	2,486.65
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	909.24
Interest Income	2,780.34
ROOM HIRE	8,349.53
Total Turnover	86,527.86
Gross Profit	86,527.86
Administrative Costs	
ACCOUNTANCY	775.62
ASSOCIATED GRANT COSTS	5,406.32
CENTRE CONSUMABLES	331.43
CENTRE COSTS - inc Play equipment	977.63
CLEANING COSTS & MATERIALS	4,038.08
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING COSTS	411.59
DBS CHECKS	15.70
EVENTS COSTS	1,574.24
Family Support	158.00
Health & Safety	521.92
Insurance	1,516.04
IT SERVICES	2,278.52
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	2,451.15
Pensions Costs	1,165.00
PREMISES COSTS - Grounds Maintenance & Repairs	992.28
Printing & Stationery	486.70
Rent	216.00
Salaries	81,260.57
Session Resources	1,552.47
STAFF TRAINING	220.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	714.12
TELEPHONE	1,380.13
UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	1,555.57
UTILITIES - GAS	656.59
UTILITIES - WATER	1,129.12
WASTE COLLECTION	806.46
Total Administrative Costs	112,591.25
Operating Profit	(26,063.39)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(26,063.39)
Profit after Taxation	(26,063.39)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Red Kite Family Centre

As at 31 March 2025

<u>Account</u>	<u>31 Mar 2025</u>
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Red Kite Family Centre	7,343.89
Red Kite Family Centre Reserve	20,398.11
Redwood 35 day notice account - savings	51,837.33
Total Cash at bank and in hand	79,579.33
Accounts Receivable	630.00
Total Current Assets	80,209.33
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
PAYE Payable	470.80
Pensions Payable	179.88
Wages Payable - Payroll	194.85
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within on	845.53
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	79,363.80
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	79,363.80
Net Assets	79,363.80
Capital and Reserves	
Current Year Earnings	(26,063.39)
Opening balances	91,496.27
Retained Earnings	13,930.92
Total Capital and Reserves	79,363.80

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Rosie Pearce (co-Treasurer)
Sarah Bradford (co-Treasurer)
John Hulett

Post year end note - Katie Lee English has stepped down in her role as co-chair in October 2024. John Hulett has stepped in to fill this role whilst replacement is sought. We also welcomed two new trustees - Will Clere and Fiona Joines in July 2024.

Staff Team

The RKFC employs a small team of staff, all on permanent, part-time contracts. As at January 2025, we have six employees.

The provision offered by RKFC

There are two main bases for our activities, the main site in Southern Road, Thame and the satellite location in at Chinnor Library, Chinnor. Through these bases RKFC offers a full programme of universal (open to all parents of under 5s) and targeted activities each week and our sites are also used regularly by NHS midwives, health visitors and speech and language therapists. These partnerships with health professionals mean that we can provide a 'one-stop shop' of advice, support and activities for all parents with pre-school children from birth to 4yrs old. Our staff continue to work closely with Oxfordshire Early Help support team and Children's Services and our sites are often hired by social services for contact and other case review meetings.

Statement from the Chairs

The year to 31 March 2024 offered more certainty to staff and service users alike. Following the uncertain period of financial strain in the previous year, the centre was able to focus more on future development and staff and trustees worked in collaboration to review the vision and strategy of the work at The Red Kite Family Centre.

The team and trustees have continued to build partnerships and relationships within the local community to strengthen funding stream opportunities. We were nominated to join the local business network 'Opendoorz' which has offered broader perspectives and learning for community engagement and brought new funding opportunities and voluntary support to the centre.

Katie English, our co-chair stepped down shortly after the financial year end and we have sought to recruit additional trustees to broaden our areas of expertise in human resources, early years and finance. This in turn has strengthened the governance delivered by the board.

We continue to seek new funding to secure our services for 24/25. We work extremely hard to maximise our efficiency to ensure that every pound we receive delivers maximum value to our community. The funding landscape has become trickier to navigate and the trustees intend to employ a professional grant writer to help us achieve a more sustainable future financially.

We hold in admiration the determination and creativity of the staff team during past periods of adversity. We are very much indebted to them for the success of the charity and its impactful work in the local community, particularly among the many parents and their 0-4yr olds who attended the wide range of activities the centre offered and continues to offer.

Financial Summary

This year saw our financial position secured, due to two donations from the Joyce Chapman Trust, totalling £51,000. An increase in contributions from the community was also received in response to last year's financial situation. While we are confident we have enough funds to secure the services to at least 2025/26, larger grants will be needed in the future to sustain and grow the charity. See Statement from the Chairs for actions being taken.

Amy Spicer and John Hulett, Joint Chairs of the Board of Trustees.

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Address: 63 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, BN37BE

Date: 30/1/25

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Red Kite Family Centre

As at 31 March 2024

31 MAR 2024

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand	
Red Kite Family Centre	10,630.02
Red Kite Family Centre Reserve	44,455.10
Redwood 35 day notice account - savings	50,000.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	105,085.12
Accounts Receivable	838.00
Total Current Assets	105,923.12

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

PAYE Payable	381.32
Pensions Payable	114.61
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	495.93

Net Current Assets (Liabilities) 105,427.19

Total Assets less Current Liabilities 105,427.19

Net Assets 105,427.19

Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	56,063.88
Opening balances	91,496.27
Retained Earnings	(42,132.96)
Total Capital and Reserves	105,427.19

Profit and Loss

Red Kite Family Centre

For the year ended 31 March 2024

2024

Turnover

CENTRE FUNDRAISING	5,800.57
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING	14,353.19
COMPANY DONATIONS	14,458.50
FRIENDS OF RED KITE	18,368.63
GRANTS	84,986.64
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	4,907.02
Interest Income	358.10
ROOM HIRE	5,370.70
Total Turnover	148,603.35

Gross Profit

148,603.35

Administrative Costs

ACCOUNTANCY	975.42
ASSOCIATED GRANT COSTS	979.08
CENTRE CONSUMABLES	204.47
CENTRE COSTS - inc Play equipment	538.75
CLEANING COSTS & MATERIALS	3,881.89
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING COSTS	1,158.60
CONSULTING	57.00
DBS CHECKS	53.20
EVENTS COSTS	2,231.24
Health & Safety	72.51
Insurance	347.42
IT SERVICES	2,234.73
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	2,052.80
Pensions Costs	964.25
PREMISES COSTS - Grounds Maintenance & Repairs	1,443.83
Printing & Stationery	1,459.41
Rent	144.00
Salaries	71,572.73
Session Resources	741.36
STAFF TRAINING	109.60
SUBSCRIPTIONS	592.76
TELEPHONE	993.11
UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	5,022.51
UTILITIES - GAS	73.68
WASTE COLLECTION	742.36
Total Administrative Costs	98,646.71

Operating Profit

49,956.64

Other Income

AMY SPICER CONSULTING WORK	(550.00)
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING	3,747.41
HMRC - GIFT AID	2,909.83
Total Other Income	6,107.24

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	56,063.88
Profit after Taxation	56,063.88

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- Katie English (co-Chair)
- Amy Spicer (co-Chair)
- Lottie Curry (Secretary)
- Rosie Pearce (co-Treasurer)
- Sarah Bradford (co-Treasurer)
- John Hulett

This year, we welcomed Sarah Bradford and Amy Spicer to the Board of Trustees, both of whom were previous employees of the RKFC and therefore bring invaluable insight to the Board.

Katie-Lee English and Amy Spicer jointly i thei roles as Chairs.

The Trustees have continued to hold regular meetings during the year and these are fully recorded and notes of outcomes are available on request.

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Date: 30/1/24

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Red Kite Family Centre

As at 31 March 2023

Account	31 Mar 2023
Current Assets	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Red Kite Family Centre	29,546.21
RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE RESERVE	20,097.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	49,643.21
Total Current Assets	49,643.21
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
PAYE Payable	208.33
Pensions Payable	71.57
Total Creditors: amounts falling due w	279.90
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	49,363.31
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	49,363.31
Net Assets	49,363.31
Capital and Reserves	
Current Year Earnings	(26,099.04)
Opening balances	91,496.27
Retained Earnings	(16,033.92)
Total Capital and Reserves	49,363.31

Profit and Loss

Red Kite Family Centre

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	2023
Turnover	
CENTRE FUNDRAISING	2,779.15
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING	4,844.01
COMPANY DONATIONS	18,044.80
FRIENDS OF RED KITE	5,352.60
GRANTS	20,184.00
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	629.92
Interest Income	25.00
ROOM HIRE	4,905.48
Total Turnover	56,764.96
Gross Profit 56,764.96	
Administrative Costs	
ACCOUNTANCY	926.40
ASSOCIATED GRANT COSTS	1,525.00
CENTRE COSTS - inc Play equipment	424.75
CENTRE RESOURCES	289.78
CLEANING COSTS & MATERIALS	4,033.27
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING COSTS	3,959.87
CONSULTING	410.40
DBS CHECKS	80.00
Entertainment-100% business	131.19
EVENTS COSTS	1,236.04
Health & Safety	164.92
HOLIDAY CLUB EXPENSES	465.75
Insurance	337.36
IT SERVICES	2,540.72
MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	2,022.02
Outdoor Explorers - Moreton	(881.50)
Pensions Costs	808.11
PREMISES COSTS - Grounds Maintenance & Repairs	740.44
Printing & Stationery	800.55
Salaries	63,427.30
Session Resources	734.49
STAFF TRAINING	93.60
SUBSCRIPTIONS	575.03
TELEPHONE	579.88
UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	2,407.94
UTILITIES - GAS	1,178.15
WASTE COLLECTION	735.72
Total Administrative Costs	89,747.18
Operating Profit (32,982.22)	
Other Income	
CONSULTING WORK	550.00
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING	4,614.86
HMRC - GIFT AID	634.26
HOLIDAY CLUB INCOME	1,084.06
Total Other Income	6,883.18
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation (26,099.04)	
Profit after Taxation (26,099.04)	

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John Hulett
Sarah Roberts
Rebecca Matthews

This year, we welcomed Sarah Bradford and Amy Spicer to the Board of Trustees, both of whom were previous employees of the RKFC and therefore bring invaluable insight to the Board.

Mary Stiles stepped down from the Board during the year, having supported the Centre tirelessly since it reopened as a Charity, and we are extremely grateful for the time that she so generously gave. John Hulett also stepped down from his role as Chairman, having led the Board for over five years and established a flourishing community-led charity. Katie-Lee English and Amy Spicer jointly took on the role as Chair from this year.

The Trustees have continued to hold regular meetings during the year and these are fully recorded and notes of outcomes are available on request.

Post year end note: As at the time of Annual Report submission, Sarah Roberts and Rebecca Matthews have stepped down. We are grateful to them both for their contributions over the years.

Staff Team

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staff continue to work closely with Oxfordshire Early Help support team and Children's Services and our sites are often hired by social services for contact and other case review meetings.

Towards the end of the period covered by this report our agreement with a local landowner in the neighbouring village of Moreton came to an end, and with it our ability to offer our Outdoor Explorers sessions. Whilst this was a big loss for the RKFC, we hope to identify a new site in future and re-start these sessions.

Statement from the Chairs

The Trustees and Family Centre staff team acknowledge that the future sustainability of the Family Centre is dependent on two key factors:

1. The local community recognising the positive impact that the work of the centre is having on the lives of all parents and pre-school children in our area.
2. Attracting the funding needed to manage the running of the centres in Thame and Chinnor and having effective plans in place to achieve this.

The year covered by this report was dominated by recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the course of the year we began to lift some of the restrictions on our activities (e.g. the caps of the number of people using the RKFC), but our ability to operate was significantly impacted by illness and self-isolation requirements, which limited staff availability. Nonetheless, we remained open to those who needed us throughout.

Fundraising and Financial Position

RKFC, like so many other charities suffered significantly during and post-COVID-19, as many fundraising events were cancelled. Most subscribers to our 'Friends' scheme continued their support which was gratifying. Overall financial support for the Family Centre was however sustained during the year with grants being received from the Town Council, local businesses, Covid support grant and other grant making bodies.

The rising cost of energy and the rising cost of living are significantly, and adversely affecting our financial position and we are continuing to work on increasing our income to cover rising expenses.

Post-year end note: In January 2023 we were made aware that our largest business Sponsor has gone into Administration. This means that £24,000 of our budgeted annual income stream will now not be received. Whilst the loss of a quarter of the RKFC's income presents a serious risk to our ability to continue providing services at our current level, the Trustees are prioritising securing a new funding stream to protect the future of RKFC and the support it provides to our Community.

K. English and A. Spicer, Joint Chairs of the Board of Trustees.

RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE						
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH						
			2022		2021	
			£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors			3429		555	
Bank			73404		106898	
			-----		-----	
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accrued Expenses			76832		107453	
			-1297		-2138	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS				78129		109591
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NET ASSETS				78129		109591
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS						
Brought Forward			109591		93839	
Defecit/Surplus for the year			-31462		15752	
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				78129		109591
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE						
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Red Kite Family Centre						
[The Trust] for the year ended 31st March 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable						
directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 [5][b] of the Act						
INDEPENDANT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT						
I have completed my examination and confirm that no material matters have come to my						
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material respect;						
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examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper						
understanding of the accounts to be reached						
Keith Tattersfield FCA						
1 Dec 2022						

RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH				
	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations;				
Individuals	43		10046	
Companies/Trusts etc	31790		47052	
		31883		57098
Grants		16188		31157
Subscriptions[Friends Scheme]		4516		2672
Fundraising Events		148		2265
Off site Activities				2020
Room Hire		6120		3122
Courses		327		--
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Total Income		59182		98334
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EXPENDITURE				
Salaries		59466		57270
Start up Costs		--		2186
Rent		8650		5050
Insurance		331		56
Utilities		2736		2391
Repairs and Maintenance		6131		3683
Sundries		7486		--
Off site Expenses		4408		7450
DBS Checks		102		33
Staff Training		129		
Session Costs		570		3030
Depreciation		--		348
Telecom		635		1085
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Total Expenditure		90644		82582
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Deficit/Surplus for the year		-31462		15752
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Sundries

Profit and Loss

Red Kite Family Centre
For the year ended 31 March 2022

2022

Turnover

CENTRE FUNDRAISING	148.19
COMMUNITY & ADULT LEARNING	326.50
COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING	6,232.25
COMPANY DONATIONS	25,603.77
FRIENDS OF RED KITE	4,515.75
GRANTS	16,187.56
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	42.91
Interest Income	3.77
ROOM HIRE	6,120.97
Total Turnover	59,181.67

Gross Profit

59,181.67

Administrative Costs

ACCOUNTANCY	1,116.00
Advertising & Marketing	452.50
CENTRE COSTS - inc Play equipment	433.10
Centre Resources	310.34
CLEANING COSTS	3,966.29
DBS CHECKS	102.00
Entertainment-100% business	298.69
Health & Safety	405.08
Insurance	331.29
IT SERVICES	2,789.38
Maintenance Contracts	2,710.95
Outdoor Explorers - Moreton	1,618.82
Pensions Costs	527.23
PREMISES COSTS - Grounds Maintenance & Repairs	2,165.05
Printing & Stationery	655.06
Rent	8,650.00
Salaries	59,465.74
Session Resources	569.68
STAFF TRAINING	129.24
Subscriptions	533.38
TELEPHONE	634.73
UTILITIES - ELECTRICITY	1,412.17
UTILITIES - GAS	426.51
WASTE COLLECTION	896.56
Total Administrative Costs	90,599.79

Operating Profit

(31,418.12)

2022

Other Income

Donation	155.00
Total Other Income	155.00

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(31,263.12)
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Profit after Taxation	(31,263.12)
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Balance Sheet

Red Kite Family Centre As at 31 March 2022

31 MAR 2022

Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

Red Kite Family Centre	61,331.88
RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE RESERVE	12,072.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	73,403.88

Accounts Receivable	3,429.00
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Total Current Assets	76,832.88
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	1,123.59
PAYE Payable	139.43
Pensions Payable	107.51
Suspense	(2,163.31)
VAT	(166.65)
Wages Payable - Payroll	(336.77)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(1,296.20)

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	78,129.08
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	78,129.08
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Net Assets	78,129.08
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	(31,263.12)
Opening balances	91,496.27
Retained Earnings	17,895.93
Total Capital and Reserves	78,129.08

RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1171250

Accounts



Annual Report on the work of the Red Kite Family Centre 2020-21

Brief historical context

Following the decision of Oxfordshire County Council to cut funding to the majority of its locality-based children's centres and to concentrate its statutory services in a few regional hubs, it was decided to establish a local community run charity to continue the work of our local children's centre.

The Red Kite Family Centre charity was set up in January 2017, trustees were appointed, and the centre opened with its new leader and staff team in place in April 2017. Since then it has been operating very successfully and this report highlights its main achievements and the value it brings to all families with young children in our area.

Trustees

John Hulett (chair)
Rosie Pearce
Sarah Roberts
Mary Stiles
Katie English
Lottie Curry

The trustees have continued to hold regular meetings during the year and these are fully recorded and notes of outcomes are available on request.

Staff Team

Amy Spicer – Family Centre Leader
Catherine Myles – Early Years Family Worker
Helen Burton – Early Years Family Worker Assistant
Julie Tattersfield - Early Years Family Worker Assistant
Emma Spink – Family Centre Administrator

All these posts are part-time and the Early Years Family Worker and Assistants work largely during the school terms. A part-time cleaner is also employed.

The provision offered by the centre

There are two main bases for activities, the main centre in Southern Road, Thame and the satellite centre in rooms at Chinnor Library. Through these bases the centre offers a full programme of universal (open to all parents of under 5s) activities each week and they are also used fully by NHS midwives, health visitors and speech and language therapists. This partnership with health professionals provides a 'one-stop shop' of advice, support and activities for all parents with pre-school children from birth to 4yrs old. The centre staff continue to work closely with Oxfordshire Early Help support team and children's services and the centre is often hired by social services for contact meetings and other case review meetings. Towards the end of the period covered by this report we entered into an agreement with a local landowner in the neighbouring village of Moreton. She offered the Family Centre a plot of land to be used for outdoor learning activities. It was already equipped with a large polytunnel providing some weather protection. Some funding was obtained to provide the necessary equipment and toilet facilities to make this plot of land operational. It was due to be launched during the summer term of

2021 and to be known as our 'Outdoor Explorers' site. A three-year rent free lease agreement has been signed for this.

Overview of the year's activities

The trustees and Family Centre Leader acknowledge that the future sustainability of the Family Centre is dependent on two key factors:

1. The local community recognising the positive impact that the work of the centre is having on the lives of all parents and pre-school children in our area.
2. Attracting the funding needed to manage the running of the centres in Thame and Chinnor and having effective plans in place to achieve this.

The year covered by this report was dominated by the COVID19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdowns that were imposed on the nation. These had a severe impact on the Family Centre provision during this time and also on our fundraising capability.

Lockdown 1

From the beginning of the pandemic lockdown on March 25th 2020 the Family Centre had to close and cease all activities. Most of the staff were furloughed using the government's scheme. The leader and one other staff member retained some hours so as to maintain contact with families through phone and email support. The initial easing of lockdown restrictions in June 2020 still did not allow the kind of activities run by the centre to resume. Plans were begun for a commencement of activities in September.

Autumn 2020 and second national lockdown

On-going restrictions meant that Family Centre based sessions would have to be severely restricted in numbers and a rigorous contact tracing regime established. Because of the smaller numbers attending, additional sessions were built into the programme so that more families could benefit. This increased our staffing costs but was offset from savings during the furlough arrangements. All staff were re-instated at the beginning of September. This programme ran successfully during September and October but on 5th November a new national lockdown was imposed because of rising case numbers. All staff were furloughed for a proportion of their time with a few 'skeleton' hours being retained for essential administration and for maintaining contact with families. During this lockdown the following priorities were agreed by the trustees:

Priority 1: Ensuring the wellbeing of all members of the staff team who were now having to balance support for their families and childcare with work responsibilities.

Priority 2: We agreed that the basic minimum that should be offered was informal support to our known list of 'vulnerable families', and this was managed in a different way to lockdown 1 so as not to put undue pressure on the centre leader and family support worker.

Priority 3: Some staff expressed a willingness to support some 'Zoom' groups for new mums and also provide activity packs for home use by families. An agreed package of enhanced web-based activities was put in place. Some time was also given to preparing the Forest School site at Moreton.

These priorities were achieved in the following way:

- Each member of the staff team was asked to work for the equivalent of one day's worth of their normal weekly hours and an absolute maximum of two days' worth.
- Furlough was therefore offered for up to four-fifths of a staff member's normal number of hours.
- The exception to this was Emma, our administrator, as the nature of her work meant that it could be more easily achieved through home working. She was invited to work as many of her normal hours as possible.
- Amy, centre leader, was asked to share the known caseload of families being supported amongst all her staff family workers (Catherine, Helen, Mandy and Rebecca). This was seen as a useful upskilling experience for them.

- With priority 1 in mind all staff were asked to put clear boundaries around the hours they gave to Family Centre work and Amy in particular was encouraged to have a mentor/friend to help her to monitor this family-work balance.

Lockdown 3 - January to March 2021

The arrangements described for lockdown 2 were continued during the third lockdown lasting from January 6th until 6th March 2021. However, the trustees agreed to top-up all furloughed staff salaries to their normal level for this period in recognition of all the extra effort they had given to maintaining service provision through such a challenging and stressful time.

Fundraising and Financial Position

All fundraising events were cancelled because of the pandemic and this had a significant impact on our donation income. Most subscribers to our 'Friends' scheme continued their support which was gratifying. Overall financial support for the Family Centre was however sustained during the year with grants being received from the Town Council, local businesses, Covid support grant and other grant making bodies. We were also fortunate in obtaining a National Lotteries Community Fund grant to provide the additional finance needed to run more sessions with smaller numbers.

During the course of the year inter-agency co-operation continued. There was regular liaison with our local Citizens Advice Bureau and Sharing Life Trust, a charity operating a foodbank in the area. Particular attention was given to ensuring that families identified as vulnerable or struggling were given additional support and that signposting to other support agencies was provided. NHS health professionals including midwives, health visitors and speech and language therapists stopped using the centre during the periods of lockdown but we continued to work closely with them particularly in supporting parents with new-born babies and children in their first two years.

J.Hulett, Chair of Trustees.

RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations;				
Individuals	10046		18815	
Companies/Trusts etc	47052		70820	
Gift Aid	--		386	
	-----	57098	-----	90021
Grants		31157		15000
Subscriptions[Friends Scheme]		2672		1888
Fundraising Events		2265		10686
Holiday Club				860
Off site Activities		2020		2614
Room Hire		3122		3117
Sundries				552
Courses				494
		-----		-----
Total Income		98334		125232
		-----		-----
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries		57270		51799
Start up Costs		2186		1079
Rent		5050		6600
Insurance		56		271
Utilities		2391		3464
Repairs and Maintenance		3683		24125
Courses				1692
Fundraising Expenses				3335
Holiday Club Expenses				705
Off site Expenses		7450		8471
DBS Checks		33		10
Staff Training				874
Session Costs		3030		1243
Depreciation		348		348
Telecom		1085		382
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Total Expenditure		82582		104416
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Surplus for the year		15752		20816
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**RED KITE FAMILY CENTRE
BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH**

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				348
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	555		2938	
Bank	106898		91538	
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CURRENT LIABILITIES	107453		94476	
Accrued Expenses	-2138		985	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		109591		93491
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NET ASSETS		109591		93839
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ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Brought Forward	93839		72023	
Surplus for the year	15752		20816	
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		109591		93839
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