

## 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.

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

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Date: 20/1/26

## Profit and Loss

Red Kite Family Centre

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	2025
<b>Turnover</b>	
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
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>86,527.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>86,527.86</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
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
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>112,591.25</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(26,063.39)</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>(26,063.39)</b>
<b>Profit after Taxation</b>	<b>(26,063.39)</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Red Kite Family Centre

As at 31 March 2025

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