

Child's Vision
(Registered charity, number 1175345)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

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**Child's Vision
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

Full name Child's Vision

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1175345

Principal address

GHL House
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Trustees

Kim Guest

Pat Jeffery

Jackie Gammage

Gary Maxwell

Carol Vizzard

Emma Osborne, until 13/03/25

Katie McCabe, from 15/07/25

Jack Hardy, from 15/07/25

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO - Foundation constitution adopted 24/10/17 and most recently amended on 20/04/23.

Trustees are appointed through election at our Annual General Meeting (AGM). Recruitment takes place through advertisements on dedicated volunteer websites, personal recommendations, or where individuals already have an established relationship with Child's Vision.

Before appointment, all prospective Trustees are required to attend an interview, complete an application form, provide references, and undergo a DBS check.

Objectives and activities

1) to advance the education of the public in the subject of domestic abuse, in particular focusing on empowering children and families to progress through life, minimising the negative impact upon them.

2) to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people in Kent from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society by working with multiple agencies for the benefit of said object for the purpose of this clause socially excluded means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs;

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discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

These activities provide several key benefits to the public, particularly to children and families affected by domestic abuse, as well as the wider community:

- 1. Raising Awareness and Education:** By advancing the public's understanding of domestic abuse, these activities help reduce stigma and increase awareness. This educates individuals and communities on how to recognize signs of abuse and its impact, empowering people to seek help and support those in need.
- 2. Supporting Children's Emotional Wellbeing:** The tailored support programmes address the emotional and behavioural struggles that children face after experiencing domestic abuse. By helping them process their trauma, these activities contribute to healthier emotional development and greater resilience, ultimately improving their mental wellbeing.
- 3. Breaking the Cycle of Abuse:** Programmes like the Freedom Programme for Children and Know My Worth teach children and teenagers about healthy relationships, empowering them to make better choices as they mature. This can prevent them from repeating harmful patterns they may have witnessed in their homes, potentially breaking the generational cycle of abuse.
- 4. Increased Social Inclusion and Support:** Offering services to children from diverse backgrounds, including those who may not have immediate access to specialized support, ensures no child is left behind. The programmes give them a sense of belonging, social connection, and hope for the future.
- 5. Early Intervention and Long-Term Impact:** Bridging the gap between immediate intervention and later mental health support ensures that children receive timely help, reducing the likelihood of more serious mental health issues in adulthood. This proactive approach helps to mitigate the long-term consequences of living in abusive environments, improving their life outcomes.
- 6. Community Safety and Wellbeing:** By supporting children in understanding and breaking the cycle of abuse, these programmes help build safer communities. Children who are empowered to form healthy relationships are more likely to contribute to positive social change, ultimately improving the overall health and safety of society.

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7. Empowerment and Skill Development: Through activities like the creative workshops and 1:1 support, children gain valuable life skills, coping mechanisms, and emotional intelligence. These skills not only help them navigate difficult situations but also build self-confidence and self-worth, which are crucial for their long-term success and integration into society.

In essence, these activities benefit the public by supporting vulnerable children, reducing the long-term effects of domestic abuse, and contributing to the creation of healthier, safer communities.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

During 2025, we continued to deliver our core programmes, providing direct support to more than 115 children affected by domestic abuse. Through this work, we also made a positive and lasting impact on their immediate families and peer groups. Our support helped children to grow in confidence, move forward from their experiences, and re-engage positively with education. By addressing worry, anxiety, and trauma, we supported children to feel safe again and, importantly, to reclaim their childhood.

Alongside our direct delivery, we strengthened our collaboration with other professional agencies. By networking and building strong relationships with partners such as Social Services, and regularly attending local area meetings, we gained a deeper understanding of the ongoing challenges faced by families. This collaborative approach enabled us to remain responsive and adapt our services to meet evolving needs effectively.

We also expanded our engagement beyond frontline services by building relationships with health professionals and the corporate sector. We were honoured to be nominated as Charity of the Year by two corporate organisations. These partnerships provided valuable opportunities to increase our reach, raise awareness of our work among new audiences, and benefit from fundraising activities organised on our behalf.

Fundraising remained a key focus throughout the year. We continued to host our own events and were particularly pleased to deliver our first corporate golf day, which proved to be a significant success. This event will now form a central part of our future fundraising strategy. In addition, we participated in numerous community events, including local fetes and the Maidstone River Festival, and hosted a well-attended fundraising dinner at a local restaurant.

We were also proud to receive regional and national media coverage. We featured on BBC Morning Live, discussing the impact of the Police Property Fund in supporting local charities, and on BBC South East News, highlighting the vital work funded by Children in Need for smaller organisations. It was a privilege to share our story and raise awareness of our work through these platforms.

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Financial review

During the year, we successfully increased our income through a combination of grant funding and corporate sponsorship. This growth in funding has enabled us to expand our salaried support team, strengthening our capacity to meet demand, while also providing greater financial stability for the organisation. Through this extra capacity we have reduced our waiting list of children waiting for support.

We are now in a position to hold funds in a savings account to generate interest and are actively building our reserves in line with our financial reserves policy. We currently hold 8% against our target of 25% reserves. Strategic business planning and the development of our corporate sponsorship partnerships have played a key role in achieving this improved financial security, ensuring the charity is better placed to plan sustainably for the future.

The charity's policy on reserves

Our aim is to have free reserves of 25% of total organisational operating costs based on the next budget year. This will be regularly reviewed to ensure that it meets the organisation's changing needs and circumstances.

Designation of funds

Funds can be designated for the following items:

- Significant capital spends
- Implementing new services

Designated funds should be approved by the Trustees during regular committee meetings. Approval should be documented in the Minutes.

Designated funds should be used within 2 years of their target date. If this does not take place, they should be released back into free reserves or re-approved for designation.

Currently Child's Vision has no plans for significant capital spend.

Financial Risks

Our financial risk will always be not achieving sufficient income to cover our core costs.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____
Kim Guest, Trustee

K. A. Guest

Date 4th February 2006

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Child's Vision
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Child's Vision (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

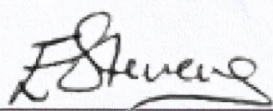
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity 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.

Signed  Date 10/02/2026
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2025

2024				2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
73618	Grants & donations	2 90757	46583	137340
4622	Fundraising	9552	-	9552
-	Gift Aid	506	-	506
-	Sales & fees	5	-	5
79	Bank interest	553	-	553
500	Sundry receipts	-	-	-
<u>78819</u>	Total receipts	<u>101373</u>	<u>46583</u>	<u>147956</u>
	Payments			
1975	Legal & Professional Fees	2970	-	2970
3000	Advertising & promotional	1523	-	1523
65	Bank charges	73	-	73
2266	Subscriptions	3484	245	3729
1544	Fundraising costs	4045	-	4045
1837	IT costs	2818	1029	3847
1094	Office & administration	766	-	766
860	Phone & Internet Costs	894	-	894
728	Printing, postage & stationery	1571	-	1571
84	Project costs	632	-	632
223	Refreshment & Hospitality	257	-	257
252	Staff uniform	827	-	827
789	Training	112	293	405
1084	Travel & accomodation	1165	-	1165
9038	Rent & room hire	9000	-	9000
292	Repairs & maintenance	199	70	269
33522	Salaries NI & pension	12264	40863	53127
275	Sundry payments	167	-	167
<u>58928</u>	Total payments	<u>42767</u>	<u>42500</u>	<u>85267</u>
19891	Net receipts/(payments)	58606	4083	62689
28948	Cash funds at start of this period	19108	29731	48839
<u>48839</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>77714</u>	<u>33814</u>	<u>111528</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2025

2024		2025
£		£
	Cash assets	
48839	Bank accounts	111528
<u>48839</u>		<u>111528</u>
	Liabilities	
(660)	Independent examination	(690)
(143)	HMRC	(1465)
(101)	Pensions	(198)
<u>(904)</u>		<u>(2353)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed K. A. Guest Date 4th February 2026
Kim Guest, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year
ended 31 December 2025**

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Children in Need	-	15000	15000
Bennett Pain Charitable Trust	10000	-	10000
Colyer-Fergusson	-	5000	5000
Albert Hunt Trust	-	5000	5000
Changing Lives	-	5000	5000
Barretts	-	3000	3000
Sundry donations	45457	-	45457
Millionnaire Street Grant Fund	20000	-	20000
Gillingham Golf Club	10000	-	10000
Garfield Weston	-	5000	5000
Yorkshire Building Society	2000	-	2000
Kent Community Safety Team	1200	-	1200
Maidstone Grotto	1100	-	1100
Swire Charitable Trust	-	7500	7500
HSEQ	-	518	518
Finesse Accountancy	-	565	565
Ridge Crest cleaning	1000	-	1000
	<u>90757</u>	<u>46583</u>	<u>137340</u>

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3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Children in need	4069	15000	(14867)	4202
Cole Charitable Trust	1340	-	(1260)	80
Colyer-Fergusson	6213	5000	(6213)	5000
Kent Community Foundation	111	-	(111)	-
Landsec	1274	-	(1274)	-
Masons	4000	-	-	4000
Philip & Connie Phillips	8500	-	(8500)	-
Support Work	4224	1083	(5275)	32
Albert Hunt Trust	-	5000	-	5000
Barretts	-	3000	-	3000
Garfield Weston	-	5000	(5000)	-
Changing Lives	-	5000	-	5000
Swire Charitable Trust	-	7500	-	7500
	<u>29731</u>	<u>46583</u>	<u>(42500)</u>	<u>33814</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	19108	101373	(42767)	77714
	<u>19108</u>	<u>101373</u>	<u>(42767)</u>	<u>77714</u>

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.