



FOCUS SURREY

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	July 1st 2023	Period start date
To	June 30th 2024	Period end date

Charity name: Focus Surrey

Charity registration number: 1178378

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

Focus Surrey is an independent, not-for-profit volunteer-led Saturday club for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (also known as ASD or autism) and their families. It aims to assist children with autism to improve their communication, social and play skills within a nurturing, fun and child-centred environment.

Charitable Aims

1. To relieve the needs of children with autism spectrum disorder and other communication difficulties and their families in particular but not exclusively by:
 - Providing a structured Saturday club within a safe, nurturing, fun and child-centred environment for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
 - Providing a friendly and sociable environment for parents/carers and siblings to meet
 - The provision of information for parents/carers through organised talks on ASD-related subjects
2. To advance the education of the public in autism spectrum disorder and other communication difficulties in particular but not exclusively by:
 - The provision of training and volunteer opportunities in autism teaching methods based on Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) methodologies
 - The provision of information sessions on ABA and other interventions, developments and related topics with regard to ASD

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Focus Surrey provides a learning and social outlet for children and families in the wider Surrey area, including Sutton and neighbouring boroughs, via the evidence-based principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis.

The benefit of the club is threefold – not only are children with autism receiving 1:1 support; the play assistants (previously called tutors) who are all volunteers are gaining training and experience working with children with autism and the parents are receiving peer support, networking opportunities and information via a series of guest speakers.

During the period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024 the main activities of the charity were running the Saturday club and all the activities associated with it; running an online guest speaker series and running in-person SEN discos.

Term	Dates From/To	No of Volunteers
13	23 September 2023 to 9 December 2023	37
14	24 February 2024 to 24 May 2024	40

1. Saturday club

During this period Focus Surrey incorporated the following activities into the Saturday club.

Dance and Yoga

We were pleased to be able to continue the dance programme as part of the curriculum to enable the children to keep active; develop their coordination; imitation and gross motor skills. We introduced these sessions full time in February 2023. We were able to host the dance sessions in a separate breakout room and introduce SEN yoga as the SEN dance instructor we hired was also a qualified SEN yoga teacher. She started to introduce yoga to those children who preferred a quieter environment and were able to imitate movement. This helped with sensory regulation and flexibility.

Dance teaches/assists these skills in children with ASD:

- imitation (copying)
- to communicate; many respond to music before they respond to language
- develop coordination and express themselves without needing to speak
- sensory needs.

Learning yoga helps people with ASD to:

- regulate the nervous system by using calming and relaxing techniques
- breathe more fully by learning focused breathing
- ground themselves
- develop their imitation skills.

We have continued to develop these sessions and now use the dance session as an opportunity to communicate with the children choosing a song either verbally or via visual symbols on a choice board. They are learning how to make choices as well as develop turn taking and sharing skills.

Food Technology

In Term 13 and 14 we were able to continue to build on the children's functional and life skills by continuing with a food technology component for all children. This gave an opportunity to practice hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills and developing independence skills by making fruit kebabs, chocolate nests and sandwiches. We also celebrated key dates in the calendar by making Halloween, Christmas and Easter treats.

Gross Motor and Outside Activities

Hiring a venue purposely fitted out for young people with special needs, with secure outdoor space, enables the charity to have more space to offer more physical activities for the children, such as the use of an inground trampoline and grassed area, which helped with sensory regulation. It also provided space for scootering, running and imaginary play games. It also meant that we have been able to introduce gardening and planting as an outdoor activity.

Art Curriculum

The club continued to provide an ongoing arts curriculum where the children have worked on a set art project each week, cutting and pasting, painting, using playdoh and working with different art materials and textiles. The art activities were often themed to the yearly calendar and they produced art related to Halloween, Fireworks night, Eid or Remembrance Day. Through the arts curriculum the children were developing their self-expression as well as their fine motor and hand-eye coordination skills. All children in their first term at the club are able to receive an external art award by taking part in this programme, which is moderated by our art curriculum lead and Trinity moderator <https://www.artsaward.org.uk/site/?id=2300>.

Community Involvement and Volunteers

The charity also reached out to the local volunteer communities, with trustees taking part in collaborative meetings with Merton Connected and continuing our collaboration with Sutton Volunteer Centre. We continued our relationship with a local gardening charity for adults with learning disabilities: FROG Learning CIC.

Trustees visited the Royal Holloway, University of London and Merton College to discuss the volunteering opportunities with students. Focus Surrey has also developed a relationship with Kingston University London's psychology department to offer work experience placements to students – we have had several students volunteer as part of their course requirements both at the club and behind the scenes developing our website and doing research.

The student population of Focus Surrey volunteers were also recognised at the Merton Connected Volunteering event as part of National Student Volunteering Week in February 2024.

Volunteer recognition

Once again, we celebrated National Volunteers Week from June 1st to 7th by highlighting the efforts of our volunteers and including their testimonials on social media and on our website.

It was an opportunity to recognise the fantastic contribution volunteers make to our communities and say "Thank you". Focus Surrey recognised the more than 500 volunteers who have been pivotal to the success of the Saturday club which has been running since September 2016.

Three outstanding volunteers were recognised for their contribution to Focus Surrey at the Merton Partnership Civic Pride Volunteer Awards at a ceremony at AFC Wimbledon on Friday June 7th 2024. We were extremely proud when Skylar Freeman came runner up in the Chris Frost Volunteer of the Year Award at the 2024 awards! A student at Merton College, part of South Thames Colleges Groups, Skylar is a neurodiverse volunteer with autism and dyspraxia who overcomes her own difficulties to support children with autism at Focus Surrey. Skylar uses her walking stick for balance but is still able to run, jump and play with the children each Saturday and has the energy to match the needs of the children at the club.



All volunteers are recognised for their contribution at Focus Surrey's end of term graduation parties with bespoke certificates including individual feedback for each volunteer.

Volunteering

During the reporting period, we recruited and trained more than 77 volunteers. These volunteers played and assisted the children directly at the club while another 10 additional volunteers supported behind the scenes with administration, operations and fundraising.

The impact of our volunteering opportunities has continued as we support people of all ages to gain experience working with children with special needs. Volunteering helps people to build practical skills, teamwork skills and provides training; assisting to build careers in supporting people with special needs.

Focus Surrey is a positive environment which helps to raise awareness in society by introducing disability and autism to many new people within the community, including high school students and those with no previous experience of disability. Volunteers learn transferrable skills including acceptance and inclusivity in all areas of life.

Volunteers at Focus Surrey receive two days of theoretical training on the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) as well as in-person shadowing and direct supervision and training. Through training and practical experience, the volunteers gain/improve some of the following skills:

- The ability to engage with children with autism through play and fun activities
- Skills to capture the child's motivation
- Depending on the skill level of the child, volunteers can practice ways to support children with requesting preferred items or activities.
- Put in practice basic knowledge of some principles of behaviour (e.g., motivation).
- Knowledge of autism and social communication difficulties
- Practical application of an evidence-based teaching method
- Valuable experience working with children with disabilities
- Teamwork skills and working with professionals
- Child/person-centred care approach.

The majority of volunteers are 18 and over and come from varied backgrounds: people with family members with autism; university students studying psychology and education; carers; college students and people looking to gain work experience in childcare. In the reporting period volunteers also included a sibling of a current attendee at the club, who volunteered for her second term as part of her Duke of Edinburgh volunteering component achieving both bronze and silver awards.

Many of our volunteers are neurodiverse themselves. We encourage inclusivity and equal opportunities at Focus Surrey.

One volunteer is Aliza, a high school student with social communication needs herself who said: "When I'm older I want to be a teacher for early years for special needs students and I'm trying to get as much work experience as I can."

"I loved that every week the children liked doing different things. I got to see what they were and weren't interested in. I helped to engage with them in the four different areas - outdoor play, the playroom, art room and music room... We would help them and encourage them to speak and use words. Some children needed to be calmed down and required support to help from feeling dysregulated. We kept notes and provided feedback to parents."

"Overall, I learnt a lot about how to play with and encourage autistic children in a safe setting. I look forward to doing this again in the next term at Focus Surrey."

University College London student Michelle who volunteered for three terms in total said of her experience at Focus Surrey: "I've continued to volunteer because the team are really supportive and I see that the children, the parents and the volunteers get a lot of positive experiences and a sense of community out of it!"

"It's also important to me as someone who studies special and inclusive education as an academic subject to interact with SEN children in real life, and I've really seen the value of communicating and connecting with children through play from volunteering here."

Volunteer Aban, who worked full-time as a teaching assistant in a SEN school while volunteering at Focus Surrey said: "The leaders are so open-minded and they always convey a pleasant and fun-based energy and are constantly supportive. When asking any question, they perfectly explain and teach you how to redirect the child."

Volunteers play with the children in four different areas: the art room, playroom, dance and music room and outdoor space where the children work towards targets set by a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst in consultation with parents.

We request feedback on all training and at the end of each term. Feedback included that training was: "informative"; "educational"; "helped me identify my students' motivations better at work" and that volunteers enjoyed the "role play".

"The training days are so helpful when they introduce you to ABA. Their methods are brilliant and the children love them. They teach a unique approach that I had rarely seen within SEN settings. The affectionate nature of the club inspires you to return and look after this important part of our society, the SEN population who deserve to be very much respected."

Parents and families

We encourage all parents to attend both of the two full-days of training and volunteer with their child. The club benefits parents who can volunteer with their child and receive training for the 2 hours each Saturday they are at the club.

While other parents benefit from networking together in the parents' room – while the children are playing and learning, parents have the chance to relax and take time to be with others going through similar life experiences with children with autism.

When asked why parents enjoyed attending the club, parents said they enjoyed going somewhere their children are accepted and understood.

Parent Zahraa said: "I can relax for the two hours we are at the club as I know that (my child) is in good hands. He enjoys his time there, and all the volunteers are lovely. They play some

great games and there is a fantastic outdoor area with a large trampoline that all the children love”.

“(My child) is listening better now and accepting no. He is no longer trying to eat inedible items, and he is using PECS more to communicate” (PECS = picture exchange communication system).

Parents feel supported with useful information and advice and being able to share knowledge.

Another parent said: “Honestly, it’s been so amazing to be part of Focus, I learned so much from other parents who had been through a similar journey...so a very heartfelt thank you for having us.”

The club is unique in that each child works towards targets set by the consultants and data is taken by the volunteers documenting children’s achievements at the club. Parents have also noticed their children “becoming more interactive”, “starting to engage with other children” or develop friendships and “starting to use full sentences rather than one or two words”.

2. Guest Speaker Talks

After taking our Guest Speaker series online after the Covid Pandemic we have continued to be able to support more families from throughout the UK with our online guest speaker series. Between July 2023 and June 2024, 148 families benefited from our online guest speaker series with 60 people attending talks online and a further 88 people viewing the talk at a later date via a recording.

Where possible Focus Surrey also offers in person talks for the parents who attend the club. We held one in-person workshop for parents at the club; a yoga therapy session with qualified yoga therapist Claudia Nagorni, who treated the parents to a popular self-care workshop reminding them all that they should find time in their days for themselves, something which is often tough for carers to do. A total of 26 parents participated in this in-person workshop whilst their children played at our Saturday club.

Many of the attendees of our online guest speaker series were from the greater London area or Surrey, however overall, the attendees originated from a wider area than in past years. For example, we reached people located in Berkshire, Brighton, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxfordshire, Shropshire and Sussex. As word spread we also reached parents and professionals from outside England such as in Wales, Scotland and Canada.

Between July 2023 and June 2024, out of the 148 total attendees; 55% were parents; 31% were professionals (e.g., SLTs); 6% were both parents and professionals; and 3% were students. Out of the 148 attendees, 23% were currently associated with our Saturday club, with the remaining 77% having no current connection to our Saturday club.

Through our range of guest speaker talks, all attendees received advice and information on therapies and strategies for children and families with autism. This means that with each professional attending receiving advice and information to inform their future work with people with autism or SEN families; the impact of our Guest Speaker talks is more widespread than just the total number of attendees alone.

Guest speakers included:

- Carrie Caceres-Taguiang – “Autism and Eating” with Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (November 2023)
- Jane Johnson – “PBS - What is it and how can it support behaviours?” with Speech and Language Therapist Jane Johnson (November 2023)

- Patricia Guerrero – “ABA strategies and Natural Environment Teaching” with BCBA Patricia Guerrero (April 2024).
- Claudia Nagorni – Yoga therapy self-care workshop – in person at the club (May 2024)
- Ben Meadows – “Gestalt Language Processing (echolalia) – A different approach to learning language” with speech and language therapist Ben Meadows (June 2024)

Parents and guests were all impressed with the calibre of the speakers, the majority of who gave their time for free. We shared the talks with volunteers to increase their understanding of autism and the different interventions, therapeutic input and strategies that are available to children. We survey all attendees of the talks. All respondents said they were pleased they joined the talk and gave positive feedback.

Advice was shared both formally through the guest speaker series as well as informally through the Q&A sessions after the talk. Attendees appreciated being connected and being given access to professionals contact details for any further queries.

These talks enabled the charity to continue raising ambitions and outcomes for children, young people and families. They enabled parents to help themselves, develop resilience and assist their children to live inclusive and independent lives.

In addition, many of the parents/carers and volunteers go on to use these principles and ideas while playing and caring for their own family members. Focus Surrey is fostering a community who are committed to supporting children with autism.

Attendees from the guest speaker talks over the reported period said:

- “Ben explained GLP clearly and broke down the steps of this type of processor. Had a great style of talking so easily understood.”
- “Patricia covered a variety of areas (of behaviour analysis) that are now clearer for us to understand.”
- “The entire presentation (on PBS) was quite educating, but my take-home point was the coping strategies”.
- “Jane covered everything that I needed. The signposting to other services was really helpful.”
- “Great presentation (by Carrie), very logical and research-based, I also picked up some creative tools.”
- Carrie provided “a detailed intervention plan. So useful and thorough.”
- “Very informative and look forward to trying out some of the strategies with individuals I work with.”

3. SEN discos

Focus Surrey started running discos for children and young adults with disabilities in December 2021. After the overwhelming success and positive response to the first disco we continued to run Summer, Halloween, Christmas and Easter discos with the venue kindly supplied free of charge by Frames Sports Bar in Coulsdon. The discos were open to all people with disabilities and provide an inclusive environment where everyone can dance, spin and let their hair down with no judgement. As well as having a professional DJ and lights the discos provided other activities and a quiet place for people to take time out from the dance and lights if needed. As well as face painting and glitter tattoos, the children could also take part in themed arts and crafts. At Christmas the children were treated to a visit by Father Christmas who gave everyone a small gift and at Easter they all received an Easter egg.

The benefits of our SEN discos are plenty - some young people experience their first disco ever, while others bring their wider family who are all able to enjoy a dance in a safe space

where everyone feels comfortable. Our SEN disco is purely for fun and enjoyment, a traditional experience of childhood in an inclusive, accepting and relaxed space. Our discos also enable families to network and build friendships as we have regular attendees who look forward to seeing each other and the volunteer team each time they attend.

Looking forward

In order to streamline our activities and focus on the key work of the club it was decided that we would step away from organizing SEN discos for now. Our Saturday Club and Guest Speaker series will continue and we will pursue opportunities to widen our offer such as therapies and well-being opportunities for parents and carers who attend the club.

Recently we have begun seeking funding for more activities to benefit carers including therapies to help carers with their personal well-being. Currently we are providing group therapies such as dance psychotherapy, yoga therapy, massage and aromatherapy – all free of cost to parents and carers whilst their children attend the Saturday club.

This recent project aims to improve mental well-being; offering respite to parents and carers who are more likely to be under increased stress; are more likely to feel isolated and have fewer opportunities to practice self-care due to the high support needs of one or more children with SEN in their family.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

The trustees have taken into account the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are confident its activities fit that criteria outlined by The Charities Act 2011 definition of a charitable purpose, explicitly, as one that falls within numbers 4 and 12 of its descriptions of purposes.

4. The advancement of education

12. The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Contribution made by volunteers

Focus Surrey is volunteer-based with no staff costs for management. All trustees provide expert advice from their fields to support the running of the club.

The majority of guest speakers are professionals or parents who voluntarily give their time and advice for free.

Volunteers also support with recruitment events and fundraisers.

Focus Surrey pays contractors to support the running of the club including the key role of the autism professionals (BCBAs) and experienced ABA tutors who supervise the club. We also paid an operations lead to support with some administration tasks and to support with operations on club days.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Focus Surrey is an in-demand service. It currently has 63 children on its waiting list (as of 25th April 2025). There are no other opportunities locally for children with autism to socialise and develop targeted social, communication and play skills using the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA).

The charity is giving children specific ASD support which improves engagement in learning and social communication. For some children it is the only ABA and/or targeted one to one support they receive.

The charity aims to support parents to gain practical information and training, and these families are empowered to help their family member with autism progress their social development and understanding. We are also equipping parents with legal advice from independent SEN advocates and referring parents to legal charities such as SOS-SEN who assist them to update and improve EHCPs and thus improve the long-term education and care of their children. We also frequently provide information-sharing with people who do not join the club by answering queries that come via email, on social media or through our website.

An important support network is developed between parents and carers attending the club, which enables them to help themselves, develop resilience, reduce social isolation for them and their children and enabled friendships to be created and a community maintained.

Guest speaker Talks

The Guest Speaker series provides a vital element of support and continues to educate parents on different strategies and therapies for children with autism. It also gives practical advice and provided advice for professionals who attended.

Due to the talks being online and recorded their impact is now more widespread, as it is not limited to one locality. During the reporting period, the popularity of the talks increased further as we attracted attendees from a wider geographic area of England, than in previous years, with nearly 70% of attendees connecting with our Saturday club for the first time.

Most importantly we were still able to support our charitable aims by providing information for parents/carers through organised talks on autism-related subjects, ABA and other interventions. This indirectly helped children with autism to develop their language, play and social skills to reduce isolation, and empower children and families. It also provides a way of supporting parents on our waiting list before their children are able to join the club, as well as parents outside of our immediate geographical area.

Training and volunteer opportunities

The provision of Focus Surrey's overall training and volunteer experience has supported volunteers to pursue careers in many different special education-related fields. We are aware of the variety of job roles volunteers move onto, as we are regularly asked to provide references for volunteers applying for jobs in professions such as social care, education, different therapies, psychology and childcare. The club is teaching them not only about ABA and autism but a range of transferrable skills that can be carried through to many different career paths. It is heartening to know that our charity has made an impact on the lives of not only autistic children but also developing practitioners, while also fostering inclusion for all.

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set

All funds derived from fundraising activities were used to subsidise membership fees and to pay for the costs of running the club as well as provide valuable new equipment. Fundraising activities included a raffle, quiz night; four SEN discos and using a bid writer to apply to charitable trusts to support the charity.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

See Report of the Trustees and Independently examined Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

Focus Surrey aims to have 50% of the cost of running a term in reserves to cover the costs of the next term with further fundraising to continue. At a bare minimum Focus Surrey should have reserves to cover support and governance costs.

Amount of reserves held: See Report of the Trustees and Independently examined Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)

The principal source of funds was from membership fees, grants, donations and fundraising activities.

Significant grants in this period from charitable trusts included those from the Masonic Charitable Foundation and other generous charitable trusts of which we are incredibly grateful.

We had significant corporate donations as well as donors running a ticketed club night playing Garage music. The night of Pure Garage Music with an array of DJs at Frames Sports Bar in Coulsdon had more than 300 people attending, who danced the night away. We are appreciative to the organisers and all the DJs who gave their time for free to support Focus Surrey.

Other fundraising activities included a Christmas raffle with generous donations of prizes from local businesses and the local community. These prizes were sourced by Focus Surrey parents and trustees.

We received a corporate donation of £957 and many private donations linked to the club, our guest speaker series and SEN discos.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity

The national cost of living crisis and the strain on spending for average families means there has been a decline in raffle sales.

We have benefited from the investment in a bid writer who supported us by writing for charitable bids.

Additional measures that were put in place after returning to operations after the pandemic are retained included ensuring air circulation, stricter cleaning protocols for any toys that were used or mouthed by children. We now provide home-made disposable playdoh each

club day and many other measures to ensure everyone stays safe. We also reminded attendees to ensure anyone who was ill did not attend the club.

We managed the risk of injury and incidents by completing risk assessments each term and reviewing incident reports to ensure we further mitigate risks. We also organised a first aid training session for the trustees and staff at the club to ensure that we had more than one first aider available at all times.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)		Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g., unincorporated association, CIO)		Foundation Model Constitution
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g., election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees		Elected by majority decision

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The Management Committee is required to have a minimum of three and a maximum of 12 members at any one time and one third of them are to be re-elected annually by rotation at the Annual General Meeting.

Safeguarding, child protection and risk management.

Focus Surrey recognises its responsibilities in the management of risk, particularly in respect of the children attending and the volunteers trained by the paid staff as well as in its fundraising policy. Focus Surrey's policies are reviewed and updated every term. They include:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Risk Assessment
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Privacy and Data Protection policy
- Safeguarding and Criminal Convictions Disclosure Form
- Codes of Conduct (for staff, volunteers and parents/carers)
- Financial Control policy

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Focus Surrey
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1178378
Charity's principal address	37 Stanhope Rd, Carshalton, SM5 4LH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Susan Archdall	Chairperson	Entire year	
2	Amanda West		Entire year	
3	June Goh		Entire year	
4	Lisa Masarati		Entire year	
5	Kunhui Rimington		Entire year	
6	Tracey Tibbals		Entire year	
7	Sam Rahman		Entire year	
8	Louise Simon		Entire year	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Trustee 1

1. Full Name and Position: Susan Archdall, Chair of Trustees
2. Signature *Susan Archdall*
3. Date: *29/04/2025*

Trustee 2

1. Full Name and Position: Louise Simon, Trustee
2. Signature *Simon*
3. Date *29/04/2025*

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Income Statement	<u>Year End</u> <u>June 2024</u>
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Income

Club Fee	17,850
Grant	4,800
Donation - Gift Aid	5,058
Donation - Localgiving	970
Donation - Easy fundraising	24
Donation - People's fundraising Raffle	833
Donations - Other	1,692
Total Donations	8,576
Fundraising income	5,974
Net income from fundraising	5,132
Other Income	-
Net income	37,200

Overheads

Staff - Consultant	(13,891)
Staff - Room lead	(5,625)
Staff - Dance teacher	(1,888)
Staff - Other	-
Staff costs (contractor costs)	(21,404)
Staff - Admin/Management	(1,952)
Rent	(9,917)
Storage	-
Property costs	(9,917)
Professional services - Legal/advice	(340)
Professional services - Guest speakers	-
Professional services - Insurance	(525)
Professional service costs	(4,385)
Operation costs - Food/Drink	(365)
Operation costs - Toys/Equipment	(2,089)

Operation costs - Subscriptions/tools	(513)
Operation costs - Zoom	(187)
Operation costs - Printing/Design	(708)
Operation costs - Telecoms	(72)
Operation costs - DBS checks	(577)
Operation costs - Gifts	(289)
Operation costs - Art award	(61)
Operation costs - Admin	-
Operation costs - Care for carers	-
Operation costs	(4,863)

Other costs (yoga for parents)	(120)
Fundraising costs	(842)
Net Overheads	(43,481)

<u>Net funds raised</u>	<u>(6,282)</u>
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Net funds raised once allocated (6,282)

FOCUS SURREY

Registered Charity Number: 1178378

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Registered Name Focus Surrey

Registered Charity Number 1178378

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

I report on the accounts of Focus Surrey for the year ended 30 June 2024 which are set out on pages three to five.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

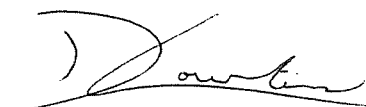
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

I 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Date 29/04/2025

Community360, Winsley's House
High Street, Colchester, Essex



FOCUS SURREY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	8,576	11,617
Grants	4,800	18,713
Subscriptions	17,850	17,050
Fundraising events	5,974	3,411
Total income	37,200	50,791
Expenditure		
Fundraising events	842	430
Fundraising costs	3,520	3,590
Contractor costs	21,404	19,187
Management (operations)	1,952	586
Equipment and storage	2,089	654
Facility hire fees	9,917	10,203
Training	-	240
Professional fees	340	-
Insurance	525	420
Hospitality	365	286
Gift expenses	289	662
Operation costs	2,238	2,205
Total expenditure	43,481	38,463
Net income/(expenditure)	(6,281)	12,328
 Total funds brought forward	 30,915	 18,587
Total funds carried forward	24,634	30,915

FOCUS SURREY

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30 JUNE 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<u>Monetary assets</u>		
Cash at bank and in hand	24,634	30,915
Total Monetary Assets	24,634	30,915
Unrestricted funds	24,634	30,915
Total funds	24,634	30,915

Non monetary assets and liabilities

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals		
Accountancy fee	340	340
	340	340

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Susan Archdall

Date:

29/04/2025

FOCUS SURREY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. Accounting policies

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, following best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2019) issued in 2019, with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis. Non-monetary Assets and Liabilities are shown as actual values at the end of the year.

Accounts prepared on a cash basis.

Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Related Parties

There were no related parties during the year.

2. Resources expended

These have been analysed using a natural classification.

3. No remuneration was paid to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them. Expenses incurred on behalf of the charity have been reimbursed to the total of £396.14

4. Movement in funds

	Balance at 01/07/2023	Income resources	Outgoing resources	Transfer	Balance at 30/06/2024
Unrestricted					
General	30,915	37,200	43,481	-	24,634
	<u>30,915</u>	<u>37,200</u>	<u>43,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,634</u>

