



Annual Trustee Report

May 1st 2024 - 30th April 2025

Introduction: A New Chapter for Our Growing Community

Celebrating Five Years of Impact

This year marks a special milestone — five years since Andover Twenty1 became a registered charity. In that time, we've grown into a vibrant, supportive community that now reaches 45 families, with more joining each year.

Reflecting Our Wider Reach

As our work has expanded beyond Andover into Hampshire, Wiltshire, and West Berkshire, we felt it was time for our name to evolve too. We are proud to announce that, from June 1st 2025 we are using a new working name:

Raising Twenty1

Raising Hopes. Raising Expectations. Raising Awareness.

This name better reflects the inclusivity, ambition, and reach of our community. While "Andover Twenty1" remains our official charity name, you'll now see Raising Twenty1 across our website, social media, training, and events.

What's Staying the Same

- Our services and support remain unchanged.

- Andover will continue to be our geographic hub.
- Our commitment to our families is stronger than ever.

Updated Contact Details

Starting June 1st 2025, please contact us at our new email address:

raisingtwenty1@gmail.com

Don't worry — we'll continue to monitor andovertwenty1@gmail.com to ensure no messages are missed.

Looking Ahead

Thank you for being part of our journey. We are so excited to begin this new chapter as Raising Twenty1, and we look forward to growing, learning, and supporting families together in the years to come.

Raising Twenty1 Aims & Purposes

Raising Twenty1 is a volunteer-led charity dedicated to supporting individuals with Down's Syndrome and their families, beginning at birth and continuing throughout their school years. Our mission is to help each child reach their full potential—both socially and academically—by offering tailored support that grows with them. While our current focus is on children and their families, we are committed to extending our support into adulthood as our members grow.

We work closely with families and educational settings to ensure children with Down's Syndrome receive the best possible learning experience. Our aim is to promote full inclusion in schools and communities, helping others see each child as a friend and equal—not someone who is different or misunderstood. We believe that with the right support and opportunities, children with Down's Syndrome can thrive.

Andover holds a special place in our identity, not only as the birthplace of the charity but also as the central hub of the area we serve. Our support extends to families living in North Hampshire and the surrounding areas of Wiltshire and West Berkshire.

Membership

Over the past year, we have consistently provided support to our members. We have a total of **43 members** enrolled with us, including **11 families** who have joined since last year.

Our members are offered appropriate educational services. This includes Early Development Groups, Nursery Service and a School Outreach Service for those attending mainstream education.

Our membership provides families with access to a variety of events throughout the year. By facilitating these gatherings, we aim to foster engagement and build lasting friendships within our community.

Our training sessions are provided to all members at no cost. Our goal is to provide relevant educational courses to members and the professionals responsible for their care and education.

All new members receive a welcome gift relevant to the age of their child. Our aim is to ensure they feel warmly welcomed into our Raising Twenty1 community.

Member Events

Member Events Purpose

This past year, our member events have been refreshed. The goal is to provide members and their families with safe and appropriate events that enhance their understanding of the world and support their social and emotional development. Therefore, we are focusing on standalone events that offer new experiences or learning opportunities.

Tennis Skills Event

Our new events schedule started in September with a tennis skills event hosted by Andover Lawn Tennis Club. The club provided their time, coaches, venue, and equipment free of charge. They offered a range of adapted resources for member use. This afternoon was open to all member families and featured a rotation of various skill activities. Older members engaged in rallying games with each other. The event was attended by 11 families.

Cost: Andover Lawn Tennis Club hosted this event free of charge.



Winter Wonderland Event

Our last event of 2024 took place in November. We held a winter wonderland themed party with a disco, games, buffet food and children's entertainer. The entertainer made sure the music volume was suitable, and the games were appropriate for our members.

We had 14 families attend.

Cost: £476.53



Bowling & Pizza Night

Our next event took place in February, for members aged 11 and up. It was a bowling and pizza night, kindly subsidised by Riverside Bowl Andover. This evening allowed them to enjoy their community and practice their social skills. Although parents were nearby for support, it was wonderful to see them chatting, catching up, and sharing information over drinks.

We had 6 members attend this event.

Cost: £51



Forest School

With the arrival of spring, we organised an outdoor Forest School morning. A local primary school kindly provided their facilities, and we were assisted by Clare Matthews, a qualified forest school practitioner, who developed a comprehensive schedule of activities for the morning. Activities included potting sunflowers, sawing, wood cookie decorating, sandpit play, tree swinging, den building, and mud kitchen, ending with s'mores around the fire. It was a busy morning filled with new experiences for members to explore.

We had 13 families attend.

Cost: £131.14



Sensory Room Morning

We held this event in June. It was open to babies and preschool children. We have had a small influx of younger children to our membership since the new year. This gave us an opportunity to utilise a local resource at the Purple Oak Support centre, Andover. Our sensory mornings have a focus on parent support. Especially for those who are new to our community and looking for some support and reassurance. It also offers our young members an opportunity to learn through their senses in a calm and safe environment.

3 families attended

Cost: £20

Dance workshop

Our summer event is due to take place in June. We're hosting a dance workshop, in partnership with The Larondina Dance Company. The dancers in this troupe have Down Syndrome and have travelled internationally to perform for professionals and others from the Down Syndrome community. They will present a short show before inviting our members to join them for an afternoon of dance. This is a special opportunity for our members to meet and engage with others from their community.

Cost: Hall cost waived by St Thomas Church, Charlton.

Larondina Dance Company is doing this event free of charge.

Upcoming Events

Our autumn schedule is already confirmed.

September – Cricket skills event

October- Forest school morning with pizza making

December- Interactive Christmas Panto

Summary

Refreshing our events has resulted in increased member engagement and positive feedback from families. We will continue to provide interesting and meaningful events as we move into the new academic year.

We will ensure our events offer opportunities to all ages and where appropriate we will host exclusive age and developmentally appropriate events to ensure all our members can partake successfully.

Our member events are for the whole family. It's imperative that our families have a safe and supportive environment where they can leave behind any worries or social expectations. A place where they can talk openly with others who can completely understand. We have a wealth of knowledge to share with each other. These events foster those interactions.

Cost for all events:

£678.53

Awareness

World Down Syndrome Day 2025

Raising twenty1 is dedicated to enhancing awareness and advocacy throughout March, culminating in World Down Syndrome Day. We actively engage our members and the broader community to promote understanding of Down Syndrome, provide support for individuals living with DS, and showcase our efforts at Raising Twenty1 to facilitate the development and integration of our members into their communities.

This year we had a creative sock competition. The idea was to design their most unique and creative sock design, to share with us on social media. Socks are a widely understood mascot of the DS community due to the 21st chromosome resembling a sock under a microscope. We had a great reaction to this initiative with families sharing their best work for the chance to win our prize.

We believe knowledge is the key to the successful integration of our members in their chosen educational setting. This is why we head out into schools throughout the month of March and host assemblies that give an overview of what Down Syndrome is, why it happens, how it affects those people who live with it and to answer all those questions young people may have but don't know how to ask.

Teaching children from a young age that people with Down Syndrome are more alike than them than not, we can encourage that natural acceptance and care for our members.



Andover Carnival

Love Andover is a volunteer-led community events initiative who raise funds for various charities each year. 3 years ago, we were fortunate to be that chosen charity and since then we have continued to support the carnival by having a float with our members on board spreading joy and awareness through music and dance. Last year we took a break from the carnival procession, however we had an awareness tent on the carnival grounds with a giant paint by numbers art board that local children could come and add too to make a circus scene. This was great fun for the children, and it did start conversations about who we are and what we do. However we felt that more could have been done to share facts and information about Down Syndrome. For this reason, we have taken a break from the carnival this year and hope to be back in 2026 with an awareness tent full of interactive ways to learn about Down Syndrome.

Educational Services

Early Development Groups

Raising Twenty1 offers Early Development Groups to support young children with Down's Syndrome in achieving key developmental milestones.

For babies aged 6 to 18 months, monthly sessions provide parents and infants with expert-led support in early learning and development. For preschool children aged 18 months to 4 years—including those who are decelerated—fortnightly sessions are facilitated by LETS Go! UK. These sessions are designed to promote essential skills across a wide range of developmental areas, laying a strong foundation for future learning.

During the last year we provided Early Development Groups for the following numbers of children:

During the period - May- September 2024 - **5 children**

During the period - September 2024 - May 2025 - **4 children**

Nursery Service

This year we have introduced the nursery service. For all preschool children attending a nursery we offer termly visits with Lets Go! UK. These visits compliment the Early Development Groups giving support to the nursery staff to ensure the best possible outcomes for the children whilst at nursery.

This year we have provided Nursery service to **2 children**

School Advisory Service (SAS)

All school-aged members of Raising Twenty1 attending mainstream education are eligible to apply for our fully funded School Advisory Service, with approval from their school.

The SAS serves as a specialist link between the child, their family, and the school. Recognising that not all mainstream schools have the expertise required to support children with Down's Syndrome, Raising Twenty1 funds a specialist advisor from LETS Go! UK to provide termly visits. Each visit includes classroom observation, one-to-one assessments, and consultation with teaching staff and families. The advisor helps develop tailored educational targets to support each child's progress.

Where a child is transitioning from a mainstream to a specialist school, a dedicated handover session is offered to ensure a smooth transition and effective sharing of information.

While LETS Go! UK currently does not provide ongoing advisory support to specialist schools, the transition session is seen as a valuable opportunity to share insights and strategies for continued success.

During the last year we provided Early Development Groups for the following numbers of children:

During the period - May- September 2024 - **16 children**

During the period - September 2024 - May 2025 - **20 children**

Training

Raising Twenty1 provides targeted training for parents, preschool settings, and both mainstream and specialist schools. Training is delivered in person and online, offering accessible support for families and educators.

The training focuses on the specific learning profile of children with Down's Syndrome, sharing practical strategies and successful teaching methods. Topics covered include: Inclusion; Differentiation; Communication, speech, and language; Literacy and numeracy; Memory; Play, cognition, and social skills; Behaviour management; Promoting independence

These sessions aim to empower families and educators with the knowledge and tools to support children's learning and development effectively across all environments.

In this financial year we provided 1 training session, conducted by LETS Go.

This training was a full day for professionals and parents, held at The Lights, Andover. **30 people** attended this session with representation from most schools supporting our members. This training session will be repeated annually in September for new primary school staff.

Lending Library

The lending library is open to all families and professionals supporting our members. We have a range of resources to loan for no set time to return. Our members all learn at different speeds. Knowing they can borrow these key resources for no set time ensures the child can maximise their learning.

We have a comprehensive set of See and Learn packs.

Including-

See and Learn: Saying words 1 , 2 & 3; Speech sounds; Combining words; Vocabulary 1,2,& 3; Phrases 1,2 & 3; Sentences 1

We also have a range of educational books related to Down Syndrome.

There is a wide range of educational games, including phonics cards, number games and fine motor support tools.

We were using an online catalogue that our members could access via our social media or email. However the uptake was minimal and meant professionals only heard about it through families. We have now refreshed this format. Our committee members take the resources to Early Development Groups once a month. We also set up a lending library area at all events and training we offer. This is working well. Our see and learn packs are now in homes being utilised frequently. Our ambition is to continue adding to our library with guidance from members and professionals on what they would benefit from most.

Marketing and Social Media

Our Marketing and social media efforts have grown significantly since the start of 2025.

The results have been really encouraging. With a more consistent and creative approach to content, we've steadily grown our follower base and increased general engagement.

Campaigns tied to awareness days, fundraising events and community highlights have all contributed to greater visibility.

These improvements have helped boost sign up for member events, enabled us to connect with more people, helping to build stronger relationships, and reinforce the sense of belonging that Andover (Raising) Twenty1 is all about.

Fundraising

Raising Twenty1 is entirely dependent on grants and donations to provide services to its members.

We look to raise money by putting on Fundraising events, applying for grants and partnering with businesses.

During this financial year we have been supported by the following event.

World Down Syndrome Day 2025

Although this Day is not specifically a fundraising Day we have received donations of the generous people and schools celebrating World Down Syndrome Day throughout our community.

Cream Tea Event

On March 23rd 2025 we held a cream tea at Littleton Village Hall. 55 people attended and were served warm scones, cream, jam and cups of tea by our members. It was a wonderful event where we were able to raise money and demonstrate inclusion at the same time. The wonderful Danielle held a stall at the event selling her own candles and soap, and there was a raffle. We managed to raise over **£2000** from the event.





The CO-Op Community Fund

We were lucky to be chosen as a recipient of the CO-Op Community Fund last year . We received the second amount of money from the Fund this year: **£1,477**

In the coming year we have the following events planned:

Erdem Event - June 2025

We are holding a sale of discounted fashion items by the fashion designer Erdem, at the Hambledon shop in Winchester.

Christmas Carol Concert - December 2025

We are holding a Carol Concert at St Paul's Church in Winchester with candlelit carols and makaton choirs. This event will be a wonderfully inclusive event that we hope will also raise funds for the charity

Andover soap box - June 2026

We have been chosen as the charity of the year for the Andover Soap Box. We will have the opportunity to race a soap box and shake buckets, to raise as much funding as possible on the

day.

We have also been supported with generous donations from Joseph Joseph and regular annual personal donations.

Thank **you** to all those who volunteered to help us raise funds and those who generously donated!

Financial Review

(Part of the Trustees' Annual Report – for Receipts and Payments accounts)

1. Overview of Financial Activity

In the financial year ended 30th April 2025, the charity received total cash income of £34,352, and made payments totalling £16,222, resulting in a net cash surplus of £18,130.

The main areas of spending were the educational services, and there was a major donation of £20,000 from Joseph Joseph.

2. Income Summary

Break down income by major categories:

- Donations and legacies: £29,551
- Fundraising events: £4,800
- Other income: £1 from Paypal Charity

Major donors - there were 3 large donations received during the financial year, £20,000 from Joseph Joseph (who are a longstanding sponsor of Raising Twenty1), £4,888 from a personal donation from a long standing supporter of Raising Twenty1, and £2,000 from The Michelle Shepherd Practice Ltd (this donation is related to an upcoming fundraising event in September 2025).

3. Payments Summary

Spending Activities:

- Services provided to members (including Early Development Groups and School Advisory Services): £14,563
- Community event costs for members: £1,034
- Fundraising costs: £170
- Administration and governance: £455

The Educational Services are always the biggest payments, and there is now VAT to pay on top of these services so these costs have gone up 20%.

4. Cash Funds at Year-End

At the end of the financial year, the charity held £51,546 in cash funds.

These funds were held in:

- Bank account: £51,233
- Cash in hand: £120
- Paypal Account: £193

Distinguish between:

- Unrestricted funds: £50,069
- Restricted funds: £1,477 donated by the Co-Op during a fundraising event is earmarked for “Youth-related activities”.

5. Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain reserves of £45,500 to cover 18 months of running costs. At year-end, the level of free reserves was slightly above this target. This is deemed appropriate as we have experienced a significant increase in membership towards the last part of this financial year, and anticipate a potential increased annual running cost within the next few years.

6. Risk Management

The trustees have reviewed the main risks to the charity, including [e.g. funding, safeguarding, operational risks], and have taken steps to mitigate them through [e.g. policies, insurance, training and assessing/ estimating the following 5 year financial outgoings each year.)

7. Independent Examination

As required by the Charities Act 2011, the accounts were subject to an independent examination by Frances Wilde FCCA MBA DChA PgDip of Warner Wilde Ltd. Their report has been submitted to the Charity Commission along with the Trustee Annual Report 24-25.

Structure, Governance & Management

In January 2025 the committee and trustees held a special meeting to discuss 'Delivering our purpose'.

The outcome of this Meeting was that we agreed to change the name to Raising Twenty1 and we removed the mention of a 25 mile radius from the purpose.

Both of these changes were then approved by the Charity Commission and put into force on June 1st 2025.

Then we assessed the upcoming services in a 5 Year plan.

An estimate of how many children will receive Educational services and who will leave the educational services during the next 5 years, and the estimated financial commitment of providing those services. With this information the team then agreed that the total number of children taking Educational services would be limited to 32 and reviewed on a yearly basis depending on how much money was raised in the previous year.

Raising Twenty 1 is a Foundation CIO in which its only voting members are the trustees. A committee composed of trustees and volunteers manage the day to day running **of** the charity. Andover Twenty 1 is a registered charity in England & Wales No. 1183166 and the working name used is Raising Twenty1.

Trustees:

Anna Fauvelle - Trustee Chairperson

Louise Benning -- Trustee responsible for Safeguarding

Rowen Gower

Kerry Mackenzie

The Committee :

Anna Fauvelle - Chair and Fundraising

Georgie Bassnett - Secretary and Governance

Aram and Mark Shortland - Treasurers

Kerry Mackenzie - Membership and Member Events

Liberty Nicolas - Services and Operations

Vanessa Morley - Marketing and Social media

In the 2024/25 Financial year the committee met 11 times overseen by 3 trustees. All trustees were invited to Trustee Update meetings, 3 times across the year. All Trustees were consulted for decisions throughout the year.

Trustee Annual Report signed and dated by 2 Trustees:

Name

Anna Fauvelle

Anna Fauvelle 27.01.26

Signature

Name

Kerry Mackenzie

Signature

KMackenzie 27.01.26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Andover Twenty1

On accounts for the
period ended

Year ended 30 April 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1183166

Set out on pages

1 and 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended **30/04/2025**.

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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:

F J Wilde

Date:

30 January 2026

Name:

F J Wilde

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA DChA

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Andover Twenty1

1183166

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/05/2024

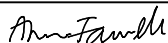
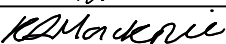
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30/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Donations (major, ccs, education and event donations)	29,551	-	-	29,551	8,499
Fundraising events (corporate, chuffed and donations personal)	3,323	1,477	-	4,800	6,967
Schemes (Smile, Gift aid, Paypal etc)	1	-	-	1	1,212
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,875	1,477	-	34,352	16,678
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,875	1,477	-	34,352	16,678
A3 Payments					
Services	14,563	-	-	14,563	14,977
Events	1,034	-	-	1,034	191
Fundraising costs	170	-	-	170	27
Insurance/Overheads	455	-	-	455	217
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,222	-	-	16,222	15,412
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,222	-	-	16,222	15,412
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,653	1,477	-	18,130	1,266
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	33,416	-	-	33,416	32,150
Cash funds this year end	50,069	1,477	-	51,546	33,416

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Charity Bank Account (HSBC)	49,756	1,477	-
	Paypal Account	193	-	-
	Petty Cash	120	-	-
	Total cash funds	50,069	1,477	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name	Date of approval	
 		A Fauvelle K.A. Mackenzie	29.1.26 29.01.26	