

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

England & Wales · Charity number 1188608

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ETHOS TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND LONE PARENTS LIVING IN THE SOUTH CHESHIRE AREA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) PROVIDING CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING SKILLS TRAINING TO PARENTS; B) PROVIDING SAFE GROUP PLAY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN'S SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT;C) PROVIDING SUPPORT, ACTIVITIES AND SIGNPOSTING TO ADVICE WHICH DEVELOP THE CAPABILITIES, COMPETENCES, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING OF PARENTS; D) PROVIDING ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS;E) PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: The relief of poverty, sickness and distress and the advancement of education amongst single parents and their families in the South Cheshire area through the provision of, but not exclusively, such services as confidential listening, advice, training courses and signposting. The services provided by the organisation are within a Christian ethos.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£213,075	£200,767	-	-
2023-12-31	£198,879	£195,939	-	-
2022-12-31	£188,673	£190,442	-	-
2021-12-31	£205,620	£178,700	-	-
2020-12-31	£121,921	£105,159	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Colclough	Chair	2020-03-18
Amanda Jayne Martin		2026-04-21
GRAHAM EDWARD BUSHILL		2020-03-18
Gemma Harris		2021-01-13
Julia Helen Wood		2025-09-08
RUTH GRIMSHAW		2020-03-18
Rachel Jayne Jones		2024-07-22

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Chairman's Report

I am delighted, as CLASP's Chairman, to introduce our Annual Report for 2024.

It was another excellent year. The biggest obvious change was our move of premises from Jubilee House to Mill House. We were sorry to say goodbye after many years to our friends and colleagues at Wishing Well; however the two organisations combined had outgrown the building. We have much better accommodation and facilities at Mill House, and we have been made very welcome by My CWA.

We started the year anticipating a large in-year deficit, which was eventually bridged because of a huge fundraising effort- very well done!

The new Cheshire East contract was prescriptive, resulting in our inability to bid for the work. Our previous contract with the local authority had given us an annual income of over £40,000- for CLASP, this was a huge sum of money to lose. Our reserves meant that we could continue our activities at the same level for one year, but this is unsustainable in future.

Going forward, trustees (in conjunction with staff, volunteers and service users) must make hard decisions to ensure that CLASP remains a flourishing and viable charity.

Rachel Jones joined the Trustee Board in summer 2024; she has already made an excellent contribution to the board's role of overseeing the management of CLASP, and I look forward to our working together in the years to come.

I also say thanks once more to the rest of our trustees, as well as staff and volunteers. We have all built up a great organisation that continues to provide much-needed support to lone parent families in the local area.

John Colclough
Chairman

A Snapshot of 2024

At the end of last year we were just moving into our new Brook Street premises, we hit the ground running and since then have supported more than 300 people and received 232 new referrals.

The year has been a great success filled with exciting activities and skills building with a big focus on resilience.

Our 2024 services included our professional counselling service, 1:1 parent support, peer support groups, parenting courses, lifeskills workshops, wellbeing activities, support for children and young people, holiday activities and volunteering opportunities.

- We have completed more than 900 hours of counselling in schools and our new counselling rooms. Offering a safe and confidential space for 1:1 counselling, family therapy and play therapy.

- Our coffee n' chat groups have provided a platform for peer support, signposting and information sharing and more than 400 cups of tea and coffee!

- We worked hard to bridge the funding gap left due to the end of our commissioned contract and successfully raised over £100k in 2024.

- 29 children have graduated from primary plus and we have supported 20 young people in our therapeutic groups in High Schools.

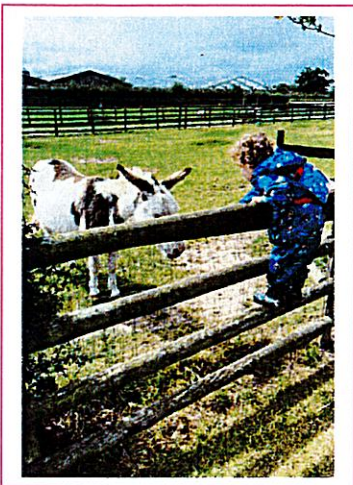
- 15 parents have received 1:1 support to help achieve the goals that they had set for themselves, increasing confidence and resilience. Many parents have received support with parenting skills, budgeting or housing issues and reduced isolation by attending groups and courses.

- We have spent the school holidays having the BEST days out with CLASP families, splashing in the sea, building sandcastles, eating ice-creams, building dens, visiting farms, kayaking and canoeing, picnicking in the park, hiking up the Cloud, picking pumpkins and booing at the bad guys at the panto!

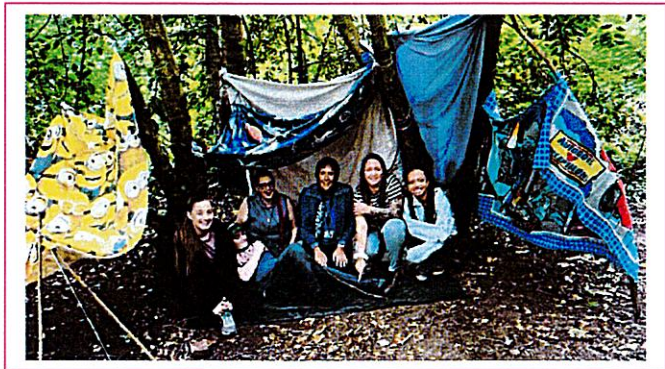
Our brilliant team have listened to the needs of the families we support and have created brilliant opportunities to learn new skills, improve their quality of life and to have fun doing it!



Thank you letter from a grateful child



Visit to the farm



Den building in the school holidays!

Achievements 2024

We have 4 main outcomes running across all of our projects, as well as additional outcomes relating to individual projects. The following shows our progress across these 4 main outcomes.

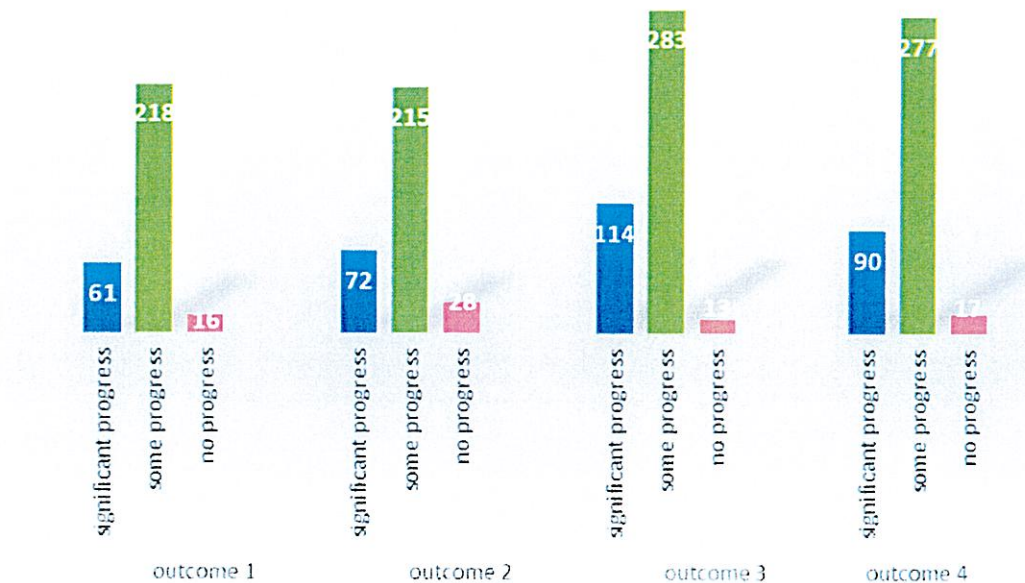
Outcome 1. Lone parents and their children will benefit from an increased ability to cope with family breakdown and/or their family situation

Outcome 2. Lone parents and their children will benefit from improved family relationships

Outcome 3. Lone parents and their children will benefit from increased confidence/self-esteem

Outcome 4. Lone parents and their children will report improved emotional health and wellbeing.

CLASP Outcomes 2024



Some feedback from lone parents and children:

Mum feels that the boys are benefitting from counselling, and they absolutely love coming.

It has been helpful to explore issues around parenting alone with a counsellor. My confidence and emotional wellbeing have increased.

K learned to use new tools she has never used before and learnt lots of new skills, to tackle DIY tasks in the home.

J feels that she can cope with her feelings better.

Mum feels that F's confidence and self-esteem has skyrocketed. Mum says he is now very easy to parent.

L brought the children to the Monkey Forest trip today, which was fun for them all, she was able to chat and interact with the other parents.

After doing the 1 to 1 PP programme, M's Mum said, "I think he understands feelings and emotions better."

Counselling has helped M to express how he feels at home and to stay away from trouble.

P is a much calmer and happier child since attending counselling.



Referrals received in 2024 for **232** families



We interacted in some way with **250** lone/step parents



We provided support to **232** children and young people

Acknowledgements & Thanks

The Trustees and Staff Team of South Cheshire CLASP wish to thank all the individuals and organisations who have supported us throughout 2023, through donations, funding support, partnership working, free training, volunteering, and advice.

- ❖ All of our wonderful volunteers
- ❖ Ann Norburn
- ❖ Anonymous donors
- ❖ Audlem Baptist Church
- ❖ CSB Compliance Group
- ❖ CVS Cheshire East
- ❖ Cheshire Community Foundation
- ❖ Cheshire Connect (Dianne Parrish)
- ❖ Cheshire East Council – Children and Families
- ❖ Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust
- ❖ Crewe Rotary
- ❖ Custom Powders
- ❖ Dunelm (staff and customers)
- ❖ Everybody Health & Leisure
- ❖ George Heath Foundation
- ❖ Henry Smith Charity
- ❖ J & R Rivers
- ❖ Jan Ferguson
- ❖ Just Drop-In
- ❖ L Gentil
- ❖ Local Primary & Secondary Schools
- ❖ Martin Corlett Moss
- ❖ Mornflake Staff donation
- ❖ Nantwich Churchwardens Merged Charity
- ❖ Peter Colyer
- ❖ St Bridget's Trust
- ❖ Stagecoach Giving for Good Community Fund
- ❖ Tesco
- ❖ Thandi and Emily
- ❖ The National Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities
- ❖ The Oakhanger Project
- ❖ Tim Setchell
- ❖ Trusthouse Charitable Foundation
- ❖ Visyon
- ❖ West St Christian Fellowship
- ❖ Wrenbury PCC

Appendix: Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report
- Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024 for Charity Number 1188608
- The set of Accounts includes a statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period, an analysis of Restricted Funds, notes to the Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report

Operating for the Public Benefit:

As can be seen from the Project report we were able to meet our aims and objectives during the year to provide support for lone parents and their children, enabling them to grow and develop.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that we have had another good year financially. Our total income for the year ending 31st December 2024 was £213,075 and expenditure for the same period was £200,767, giving us a balance of £184,146 at the end of the year of which £25,496 was in restricted funds and £158,650 in unrestricted funds.

Restricted funds are as the name implies for specific projects and cannot be spent on other things.

Our Reserve Policy is to retain sufficient to cover 5 months expenditure of approximately £83,650 and this we have been able to do.

During the year we secured additional funding from Garfield Weston, Custom Powders and Peter Colyer, Crewe Town Council, CCF, CVS and CBS. We are very grateful to these and our other funders as well as the individuals, trusts and churches who have provided financial support during the year.

We have started 2025 in a good financial position but as ever we are dependent upon securing new funding to maintain our service level especially as all our current grants end this year.

Ruth Grimshaw
Trustee/Treasurer

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	47,500	161,548	209,048	196,230
Receipts from Operating Activities	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	4,008	-	4,008	2,214
Fundraising Activities	19	-	19	435
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	51,527	161,548	213,075	198,879
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	33,586	136,833	170,419	167,443
Volunteers Expenses	91	279	370	337
DBS checks	258	-	258	211
Counselling Supervision	-	1,725	1,725	2,038
Staff Training	-	2,529	2,529	437
Travel	418	225	643	799
Parents Courses/Activities	-	406	406	-
Materials/Resources	106	656	762	899
Refreshments/meals	319	477	796	557
Parties/Activities	-	3,380	3,380	3,255
	34,778	146,510	181,288	175,976
Support Costs				
Utilities	-	10,980	10,980	7,700
Insurance	-	2,207	2,207	2,118
Subscriptions	-	-	-	303
Stationery/Telephone/Post	399	940	1,339	1,195
Repairs & Equipment	25	-	25	842
Database/IT	1,625	1,368	2,993	5,724
Advertising/Printing	250	627	877	1,479
Staff Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Other	337	-	337	202
Move	721	-	721	400
	3,357	16,122	19,479	19,963
Total Payments	38,135	162,632	200,767	195,939
Net Receipts / (Payments)	13,392	(1,084)	12,308	2,940
Transfer between Funds	699	(699)	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	14,091	(1,783)	12,308	2,940
Total funds b/fwd - 1 January	144,559	27,279	171,838	168,898
Total funds c/fwd - 31 December	158,650	25,496	184,146	171,838

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024


	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Cash and Bank Balances			
Unrestricted Funds	158,650		158,650
Restricted Funds			
CCF Coffee and Chat		2,101	2,101
CCF Trips/Outings		1,462	1,462
Crewe Town Council		45	45
Garfield Weston		9,579	9,579
National Lottery Reaching Communities		12,309	12,309
Total Cash & Bank Balances	158,650	25,496	184,146

Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-
Debtors and Pre-Payments	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	-

Assets Retained for Charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost £	Current Book Value £
Fixed Assets			
Computers	All	6,860	2,711
Furniture & Equipment	All	633	126
Total		7,493	2,837
Liabilities at the end of the year		-	-
Total Value of Assets less Liabilities			186,983

Trustee's Signature 

Print Name JOHN COLCLOUGH 28/4/25

Trustee's Signature 

Print Name RUTH GRIMSHAW 28/4/25

Date Approved

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Reserves Policy

Our current reserves policy aims to stabilise our unrestricted cash and bank balances at a level sufficient to cover our next five months worth of expenditure. This would suggest that our optimum cash balances would be £83,652. At the end of 2024 our unrestricted cash balances totalled £158,650.

Depreciation

Our furniture and office equipment is depreciated over 5 years

Trustees Remuneration

Trustees should not generally receive payment for being a charity trustee and no Trustee has received any remuneration. Janet Wenlock is employed by CLASP and her husband Christopher Wenlock is a trustee. Employment cost was £5,724 (including pension contributions). Christopher does not take part in any discussions regarding salary increases etc.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Cheshire CLASP (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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.

Signed:

AP Buchan

Name: A.P. Buchan - ACMA, CGMA

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

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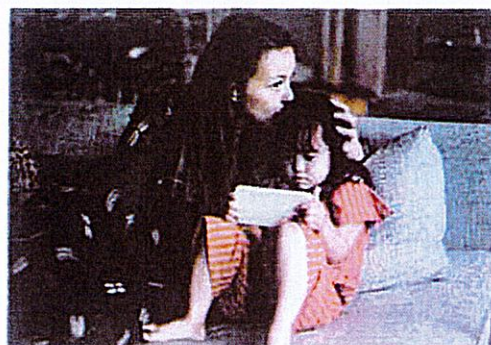
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2023 was another good year for CLASP. This was the first full year after the Covid pandemic, and our services all operated without restrictions.

Nationally, inflation and the cost-of-living crisis hit many lone-parent families, so it was no surprise that demand for our comprehensive range of support remained high. It is always encouraging to read the quarterly outcomes reports that consistently reflect high levels of satisfaction from people who access our services.

At the end of the year we moved to more appropriate accommodation, which will help us to provide a welcoming environment for counselling and group work; also to offer a better working environment for staff.

The Treasurer's report outlines the strong financial position that we were able to maintain, whilst acknowledging the challenges that lie ahead. Maintaining sufficient income from grants and other sources is a constant battle- our success rate is a testimony to both the strength of our work and the quality of our bids to funders.

Finally, I thank once again our dedicated team of workers and volunteers, and of course my fellow trustees.

John Colclough
Chairman

A Snapshot of 2023

Our Coffee n' Chat groups have offered a safe space for parents to have open discussions about the challenges they have faced over the last year. Common themes include;

- School
- bullying
- holidays
- safety
- family court and contact
- parenting children with additional needs
- applying for DLA and EHCP's
- lack of support from family
- how to cope with lack of sleep
- difficulty making friends as adults
- household fund
- moving house
- pregnancy loss
- volunteering
- healthy eating
- autism awareness
- having children when you are young
- the cost of living crisis
- experiences with social care
- planning to return to work

As a result we have been able to signpost parents for further support, share information and plan relevant courses including Autism Awareness and Life Skills for first time parents.

Therapeutic groups in schools

Primary Plus has been running in 9 different primary schools and our therapeutic group for high school children has been running in 2 high schools throughout the year. These groups are attended by children referred via the schools and provide safe group play and other activities designed to support children's social and emotional development and help them deal with the issues associated with family breakdown or bereavement. supporting 62 children and young people in 11 different schools.

Holiday Activities

We have been able to arrange an easter egg hunt, family kayaking, a day trip to the seaside, a trip to Snugburys ice cream farm, a picnic in the park, den building, family crafts, healthy eating sessions and a magical panto trip for Christmas! More than 50 families have joined us for the holiday activities.

We asked families what they enjoyed most about the activities, here's what they said;

Relaxing and spending time with friends in the sunshine

lovely to see our families relaxing & making friends, trying new things and having fun.

Really good day spent with friends - I loved paddling in the sea

Spending time with my children and seeing them enjoying themselves

Wonderful day, I enjoyed walking along the pier and paddling in the sea

Fresh air and beach - Seeing my daughter smile

It was a lovely atmosphere and there was no judgement when my son wasn't coping, only support.

Seeing the kids have so much fun - Watching my daughter gain confidence

Really appreciate the opportunity to have a day out which otherwise we wouldn't have been able to experience

1:1 parent Support

1:1 parent support has helped parents achieve goals that they had set themselves, increasing confidence and resilience. Many parents have received support with parenting skills, budgeting or housing issues and reduced isolation by attending groups and courses.

Support has included:

- Budgeting
- Making phone calls and dealing with benefits, energy companies etc
- Making and attending appointments
- Making links in the community and attending groups and social activities.
- Parenting courses (along with well being course and life skills course)
- Practical help in the home, helping families to declutter.
- Support with parenting skills, routines, and boundaries.
- Referring on to other types of support

19 families received support during in 2023

Here to listen weekly check in calls

Facilitated by CLASP volunteers and developed as a result of the success and very apparent need for check in calls throughout lockdown. This project has become a 'lifeline' for parents who may not meet the criteria for counselling but feel isolated and in need of a listening ear or to be signposted to additional support. The feedback from this service has been extremely positive.

During 2023 volunteers dedicated more than 50 hours to offer this service, completing 43 calls to parents in need.

Parenting Courses

CLASP wellbeing – 5 weeks based on the 5 ways to wellbeing

Life Skills including budgeting and healthy eating

Parenting for primary years

Counselling Service

Those who have accessed CLASP counselling most report an improvement in health and wellbeing, increased ability to make a positive change and an improvement in their relationship with their children, both in the short and long term.

We have received an increase in more complex referrals for young people and work closely with CAMHS and CWP to manage the increased complexities and risk thanks to our responsive and flexible approach. The support that the CAMHS crisis line offers is both beneficial and important to help manage risk in complex cases.

Feedback from CLASP counselling clients:

'I'm so grateful for the support-my confidence and self-awareness has changed significantly. I feel happier for the first time in a long time. I have had incredible support' (adult male)

'I have hope for the future and increased self-confidence' (adult male)

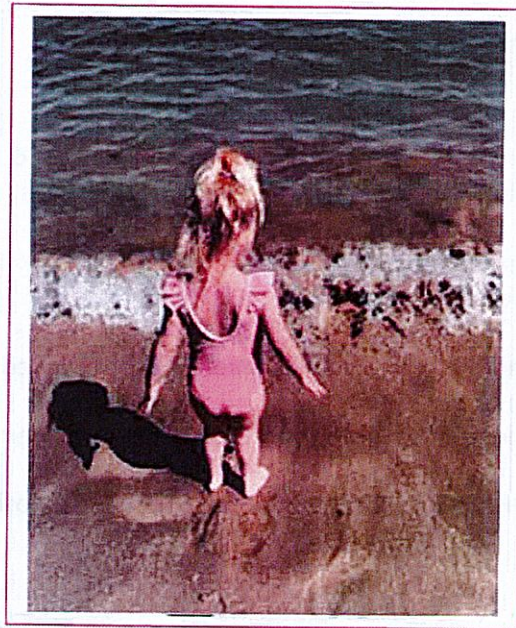
'My counsellor was really easy to approach and that helped me to open up and talk about my problems. She was very friendly and provided an atmosphere of warmth' (adult female)

'I am gaining so much from the counselling sessions, which I did not expect to happen. My emotional health and family relationships have increased significantly' (adult female)

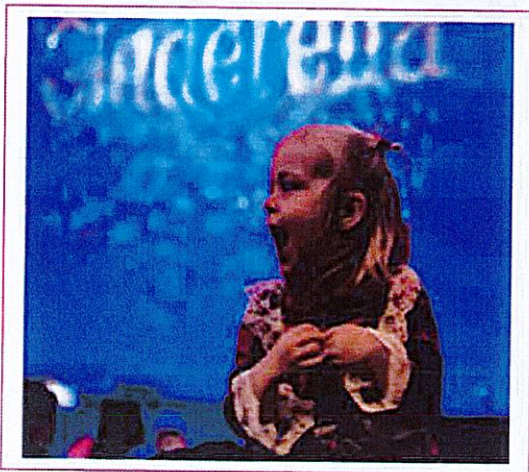
'Counselling has helped me to be more open with my issues. My confidence has increased and I can deal with my anger better' (teenage girl)

'I haven't had a panic attack since the sessions started. My mental health has improved' (teenage girl)

'My Daughters ability to handle home life and family relationships has improved' (parent 10 year old girl)



Padding in the sea
at Llandudno



Christmas treat at the
Lyceum Theatre

Ice creams all round at
Snugburys!



Achievements 2023/4

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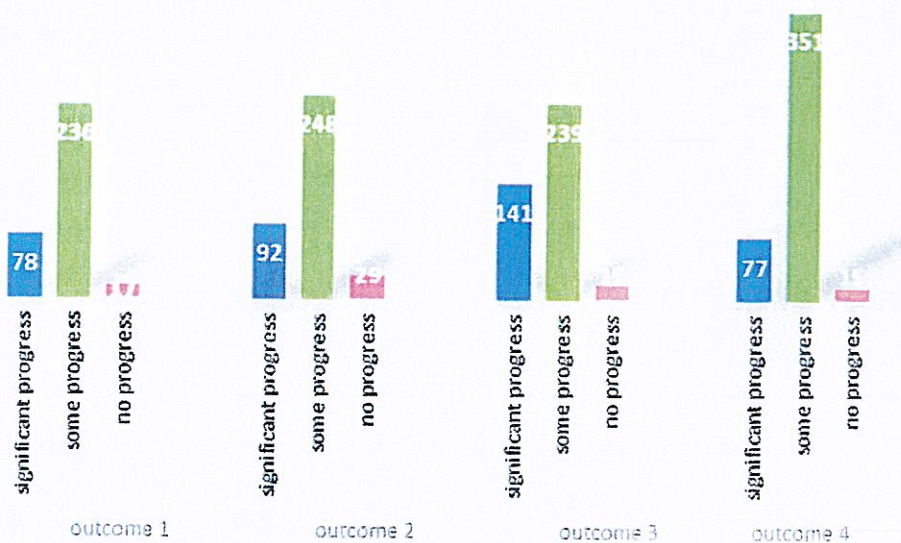
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CLASP Outcomes 2023/4



Some feedback from volunteers:

CLASP is an amazing place! As a trainee counsellor, I really believe there is nowhere else I'd have been better off at. I've had freedom, I've not felt watched, and I've been trusted.

It's just great! A really nice place to be.

Everyone's really friendly and supportive. It feels like a family. I feel relaxed and looked after here.

I enjoy coming. I really enjoy being with the children. It's a very pleasant group.

I enjoy working with the children. CLASP staff are very approachable and kind. I like doing something purposeful and continuing to use my skills.

Everyone's lovely – and everyone who attends. It brings out confidence in me. It gives me purpose. It's time for me, too.

I can help single parents, which is close to my heart. And I feel supported and included.

Everyone who works here is lovely. It's a really supportive environment. I love the clients. I like the mix – it helps my development.



Referrals received in 2023 for **289** families



We interacted in some way with **282** lone/step parents



We provided support to **296** children and young people

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Operating for the Public Benefit:

As can be seen from the Project report we were able to meet our aims and objectives during the year to provide support for lone parents and their children, enabling them to grow and develop.

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that we have had another good year financially. Our total income for the year ending 31st December 2023 was £198,879 and expenditure for the same period was £195,939, giving us a balance of £171,838 at the end of the year of which £27,277 was in restricted funds and £144,561 in unrestricted funds. Comparative figures for 2022 were income of £188,673 and expenditure of £190,442.

Restricted funds are as the name implies for specific projects and cannot be spent on other things.

The Charities Commission recommends that we keep a reserve sufficient to cover at least our next three months' worth of expenditure which is currently approximately £50,000 and this we have been able to do.

During the year we secured additional funding from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Henry Smith and Nantwich Churchwardens. We are very grateful to these and our other funders as well as the individuals, trusts and churches who have provided financial support during the year.

We have started 2024 in a strong financial position but as ever we are dependant upon securing new funding to maintain our service level especially as the grant from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS ceases part way through 2024.

Ruth Grimshaw
Trustee/Treasurer

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1188608

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	68,731	127,499	196,230	187,994
Receipts from Operating Activities	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	-	-	-	241
Investment Income	2,214	-	2,214	438
Fundraising Activities	435	-	435	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	71,380	127,499	198,879	188,673
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	31,555	135,888	167,443	164,765
Volunteers Expenses	289	48	337	228
DBS checks	211	-	211	562
Counselling Supervision	76	1,962	2,038	2,640
Staff Training	192	245	437	899
Travel	504	295	799	398
Parents Courses/Activities	-	-	-	-
Materials/Resources	730	169	899	482
Refreshments/meals	557	-	557	616
Parties/Activities	163	3,092	3,255	1,072
	34,277	141,699	175,976	171,662
Support Costs				
Utilities	3,850	3,850	7,700	7,000
Insurance	-	2,118	2,118	2,858
Consultancy - Building Capabilities	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	303	-	303	303
Stationery/Telephone/Post	851	344	1,195	1,415
Repairs & Equipment	146	696	842	3,270
Database/IT	4,974	750	5,724	2,570
Advertising/Printing	1,479	-	1,479	1,174
Staff Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Staff Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Other	202	-	202	190
Move	400	-	400	-
	12,205	7,758	19,963	18,780
Total Payments	46,482	149,457	195,939	190,442
Net Receipts / (Payments)	24,898	(21,958)	2,940	(1,769)
Transfer between Funds	(3,000)	3,000	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	21,898	(18,958)	2,940	(1,769)
Total funds b/fwd - 1 January	122,663	46,235	168,898	
Total funds c/fwd - 31 December	144,561	27,277	171,838	

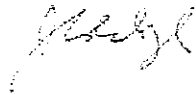
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Cash and Bank Balances			
Unrestricted Funds	144,561		144,561
Restricted Funds			
Cheshire Community Funding		2,093	2,093
CCF Trips/Outings		502	502
Crewe Town Council		1,537	1,537
Henry Smith (next instalment due early 2024)		68	68
Nantwich Churchwardens NEW AWARD		8,951	8,951
National Lottery		6,010	6,010
National Lottery Children's work		1,007	1,007
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation		7,109	7,109
Total Cash & Bank Balances	<u>144,561</u>	<u>27,277</u>	<u>171,838</u>
Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-
Debtors and Pre-Payments	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	-
Assets Retained for Charity's own use			
	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost	Current Book Value
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Computers	All	7,640	4,082
Furniture	All	633	252
Total		<u>8,273</u>	<u>4,334</u>
Liabilities at the end of the year		-	-
Total Value of Assets less Liabilities			<u><u>176,172</u></u>

Trustee's Signature



Print Name

JOHN COLCLOUGH

Trustee's Signature



Print Name

RUTH GREENAWAY

Date Approved

26/3/24

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Reserves Policy

Our current reserves policy aims to stabilise our unrestricted cash and bank balances at a level sufficient to cover our next three months worth of expenditure. This would suggest that our optimum cash balances would be between £40,000 and £50,000. At the end of 2023 our unrestricted cash balances totalled £144,561

Debtors and Prepayments are nil.

Depreciation

Our furniture and office equipment is depreciated over 5 years

Trustees Remuneration

Trustees should not generally receive payment for being a charity trustee and no Trustee has received any remuneration. Janet Wenlock is employed by CLASP and her husband Christopher Wenlock is a trustee. Employment cost was £5503.18 including pension contributions. Christopher does not take part in any discussions regarding salary increases etc.

Operating for the Public Benefit

As can be seen from the Project report, we were able to meet our aims and objectives during the year to provide support for lone parents and their children, enabling them to grow and develop.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Cheshire CLASP (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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.

Signed:



Name: A.P. Buchan - ACMA, CGMA

Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

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Date:

25 April 2024

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South Cheshire
CLASP

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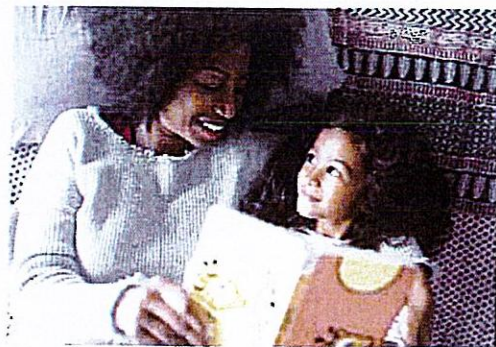
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Organisational Structure & Governance:

South Cheshire CLASP is governed by its Constitution adopted on 12th June 2020.

The governing body is the board of Trustees. As at 31st December 2022, there were 6 members. Trustees are recruited annually at the AGM or can be co-opted on to the board. Decision making takes place at bi-monthly Trustee meetings.

Trustees:

Chris Wenlock
Gemma Harris (Parent Representative)
Graham Bushill (Safeguarding Lead)
John Colclough (Chairman)
Ruth Grimshaw
Stuart Luck

Staff:

Emma Culleton (Support Worker)
Jan Wenlock (Support Worker)
Jill Lloyd (Support Assistant)
Julia Wood (Chief Executive)
Lynne Davies (Finance Officer)
Marie Harrison (Cleaner)
Rachael Doherty (Children's Work Co-ordinator)
Sandra Tatton (Parent Support Worker)
Sarah Blake-Appleton (Counsellor)
Sarah Mankazana (Administrator)
Sharon Hickson (Counselling Service Co-ordinator)
Sharon Stowell (Funding Manager)
Stuart Watson (Counsellor)
Sue Chapman (Project Co-ordinator)

Volunteers:

Anna Murray
Christel Remond
Jan Ferguson
Jean Bradshaw
Lisa Robinson
Margaret Whyley
Maureen Joy
Sue Walker
Victoria Jones

Values and Objectives

The Charity is an expression of care and support for all lone parents in the locality, whatever their circumstances and regardless of how they became lone parents.

South Cheshire CLASP was first established in 1998 and obtained charity status in 2002 under charity number 1093471. In 2020 the Charity became a CIO with the new Charity Number of 1188608.

Charitable Objects:

The objects of the CIO are:

For the public benefit and within a Christian ethos to advance the education and development of children and lone parents living in the South Cheshire area, in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) providing child development and parenting skills training to parents;
- b) providing safe group play and other activities designed to support children's social and emotional development;
- c) providing support, activities and signposting to advice which develop the capabilities, competences, skills and understanding of parents;
- d) providing activities and services designed to preserve and protect the physical and emotional health and wellbeing of children and their parents;
- e) providing or assisting in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of children and their parents with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Vision Statement:

To reach out and support those in the community who are affected by the difficulties associated with parenting alone, whatever their circumstances. We offer friendly support and encouragement to assist with the progression from crisis to wholeness, and a positive future for the whole family.

Values

- CARING
- ACCEPTING
- RESPECTFUL
- EMPOWERING

Overarching Aims and Objectives

- Lone parents and their children will experience an increase in confidence and self-esteem
- Lone parents and their children will experience improved family relationships
- Lone parents and their children will be able to better cope with family breakdown/their family situation
- Lone parents and their children will report improved emotional health and wellbeing

Chairman's Report

Thankfully 2022 was a much more peaceful year for CLASP than the turbulent times caused by the COVID pandemic in 2020 and 2021. Throughout the year we continued to re-establish our full range of support and introduced two new services as outlined on page 8.

Demand rose considerably, exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis that has impacted particularly on low-income families. The importance of our work is seen every day, but is also demonstrated in the outcome measures (page 11).

We received external endorsement by the level of new income from a wide range of funders- this contributed to our current financial position that remains relatively stable (without us ever being complacent).

Finally, I again extend my thanks to paid staff, volunteers and trustees: together we form a great team that makes a real difference for local lone-parent families.

John Colclough
Chairman

A Snapshot of 2022

- Services and support available to lone parents and their children were:
 - Counselling for parents
 - Counselling for children (aged 5 to 19)
 - 1 to 1 parent support
 - Young People group support in school
 - Primary Plus in school (groups and 1 to 1)
 - Coffee & Chat (twice weekly)
 - Parenting courses
 - Family therapy
 - Here to Listen weekly call support
- We welcomed Sarah Mankazana as our new Administrator and Sandra Tatton as Parent Support Worker, who have enhanced our already brilliant team of caring professionals!
- We were thrilled to be successful in securing funding from Cheshire Community Foundation (Bentley), Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, The Henry Smith charity and a four year grant of £185,505 from the National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.
- Demand for services, particularly counselling for children has continued to be high – we have increased resources to try and meet the demand, but have seen continually long waiting lists. We are pleased, however, that we have managed the situation and keep waiting times as short as we can.
- Two new Placement Counsellors, Anna Murray and Lisa Robinson, joined us to complete their courses and support adults and young people with therapeutic support.
- Our two new services received some really encouraging and positive feedback:

Here to Listen –

I can't access any other CLASP services, so the phone calls have really been a lifeline. They provide a safety net for the week. Knowing they're there helps me box things off. They have an impact every day. They prevent me from breaking down crying in front of my child, and then seeing the impact that has on him. The calls keep me on an even keel.

The phone service seems to me to be a very cost-effective way of reaching the most hard-to-reach parents, who can't necessarily make it to the group sessions and face-to-face events because of either lack of time or lack of transport. For those who can't get out and see people, this is the next best thing. There is nowhere else that I could get this service.

It is such a professional service. There are limits and boundaries, I feel safe, it's confidential... all with a warm human being who has got to know me. The balance between approachability and professionalism is just right. What you do at CLASP is a lifesaver. You are absolute superheroes – without the capes!

Family Therapy –

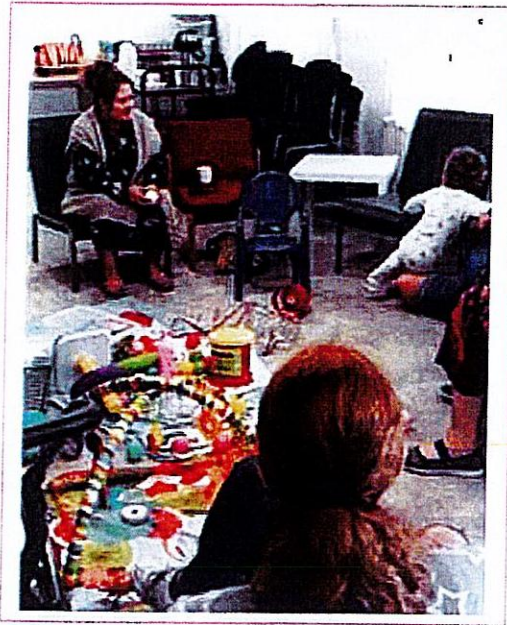
The family found new ways to communicate and at a deeper level.

A's goal was to find a way to have a better relationship with B or how to co-exist together. At the end of therapy, he said they were doing better, but this was often dependent on how they were both feeling. The counsellor noticed a shift in their relationship in the sessions, they faced each other, smiled at each other and laughed together. Mum had noticed the improvement too.

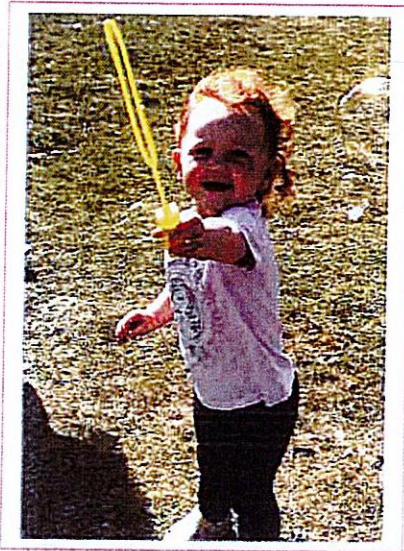
At the end of therapy, Mum said they were all communicating better.

Through the family's openness and honesty in the sessions, change happened.

- Volunteers, once again, very much enhanced our provision – where would we and our families be without them?
- Last Summer we relaunched summer holiday activities, bringing our families back together at last! Everyone enjoyed meeting for crafts, games, snacks, and also a very enjoyable day at Brereton Park with the Oakhanger Project.

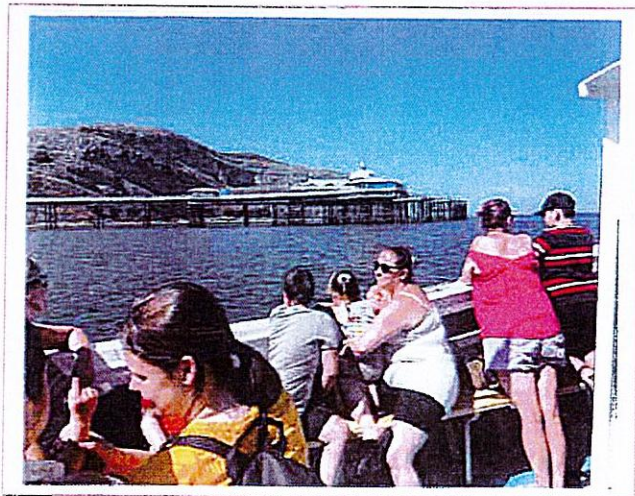


Mums and tots at coffee & chat



Fun and games in Queen's Park

Wonderful sunny day for our trip to Liandudno, funded by a generous donor



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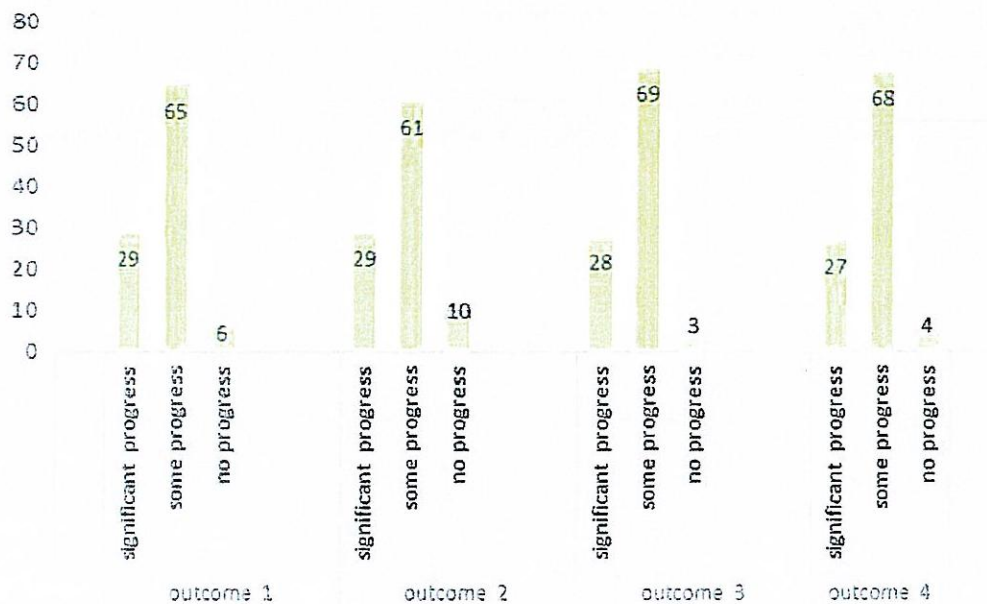
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CLASP Outcomes 2022/3 %



Some examples of how projects/services have contributed to these outcomes:

E wrote that counselling has helped her a lot to realise her worth, work through her emotions and be able to cope better with situations.

A felt better that she is beginning to address her financial issues.

T is much calmer and doesn't display the anxiety he previously did.

R has come to terms with his parents' separation and understands better the reasons why.

M said it really helped to have someone to talk to who she can trust.

E feels she looks at her emotions differently, for example she realises that underneath her anger there is sadness.

Mum has seen an improvement in L's more difficult behaviours.

X said she feels stronger and does not feel sad all the time about the loss of her Dad.

C is talking to mum about how she feels, and mum said that C has improved her emotional wellbeing.

L has benefitted from having someone to talk to about his worries, he feels lonely sometimes and is able to explore this.

J said he was feeling much happier.

T said she was feeling much more able to cope and that she is not crying as much.



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Treasurer's Report

During the year we lost our previous Treasurer, Stuart Luck, and we thank him for his hard work during the time he was with us as a Trustee and Treasurer. I have again taken up the reins until we can find a new person to take over the role.

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Ruth Grimshaw
Trustee/Treasurer

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1188608

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	50,910	137,084	187,994	197,520
Receipts from Operating Activities	-	-	-	-
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	241	-	241	470
HMRC JRS	-	-	-	7,620
Investment Income	438	-	438	10
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	-
Other Income	-	-	-	-
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PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	52,940	111,825	164,765	151,686
Volunteers Expenses	228	-	228	203
DBS checks	562	-	562	172
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	58,776	112,886	171,662	157,978
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Advertising/Printing	1,174	-	1,174	2,557
Staff Uniforms	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Staff Uniforms	-	-	-	10
Other	190	-	190	4,598
	11,961	6,819	18,780	20,722
Total Payments	70,737	119,705	190,442	178,700
Net Receipts / (Payments)	(19,148)	17,379	(1,769)	26,920
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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Cash and Bank Balances			
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Debtors and Pre-Payments	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	-
Assets Retained for Charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost £	Current Book Value £
Fixed Assets			
Computers	All	6,644	3,854
Furniture	All	633	379
Total		7,277	4,233
Liabilities at the end of the year		-	-
Total Value of Assets less Liabilities			<u><u>173,131</u></u>

Trustee's Signature

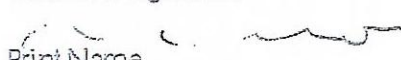


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Chairman's Report

I am delighted to write the Chairman's report once again!

Just like every other organisation, 2021 was a very difficult year for CLASP- we were frustrated by the restrictions and limitations that prevented us from offering our full range of support during the covid pandemic, even though we knew how difficult life was for lone parent families. Nevertheless so much was achieved despite the difficulties.

We continued to use the government job retention scheme as appropriate, to furlough staff who remained on full pay throughout lockdown periods. Ironically the increased income that we received actually helped us to boost reserves, which trustees committed to use wisely for our future work. Also we all used this time to evaluate the makeup of our service 'offer', to equip us for the next phase of our ongoing work.

As anticipated, pent up demand subsequently increased referrals to CLASP- a trend which continues to this day. The impact of inflation and other adverse social factors is always felt the most by people who have the least.

Throughout the year, the skill and commitment of both paid and volunteer staff has been excellent and the whole team works so well together- this is CLASP's greatest strength.

There are now two main issues confronting us, and they are interlinked. The first (as mentioned above) is how do we respond to the increasingly difficult life experiences that our service users are encountering? The second is how do we pay for it all? We have strong reserves, but they will quickly reduce unless we are successful in obtaining more grant income. Bids are being made: our strong track record of service delivery puts us in a good position as we seek further funding, but nothing is guaranteed at the moment.

Finally I thank the selfless dedication of our trustees. I formally welcome Stuart Luck and Gemma Harris, who were elected in 2021 and have truly enhanced the Board.

John Colclough
Chairman
July 2022

A Snapshot of 2021

- At the beginning of 2021 we were offering a reduced range of services:
 - Counselling for parents
 - Counselling for children (aged 5 to 19)
 - 1 to 1 parent support
 - Young People group support in school

From early Spring we recommenced with

- Primary Plus in school

And from the Summer, we gradually reintroduced:

- Coffee & Chat
- Limited parenting courses

We also piloted:

- Family therapy
- Befriending service

- 2021 also saw the year start with some staff on furlough, due to the continuation of the Covid 19 pandemic. We were not operating at full capacity during the first few months of the year, but by the end of March, most services were back to some kind of normality. We carried out a review of our offer to ensure that families were still being supported, but safety of all was still the priority. We carried out risk assessments before returning to working in schools as quickly as possible, as this was seen as a priority due to the difficulties working with children and young people at a distance. Funding became more challenging due to many grants being focused upon the response to the pandemic.

And in other news

- We were able to recruit two new Trustees – Stuart Luck joined us as Treasurer in the early part of 2021, and Gemma Harris became our new lone parent representative later on in the year. It is very important to CLASP that the voice of lone parents is heard at Board level, to influence our strategic direction and ensure that the support offered matches the needs of lone parent families.
- The targets set pre-pandemic became more difficult to achieve, but we were able to adapt (with the agreement of funders) to achieve different kinds of support for families. Substitute activities included weekly check-in phone calls and the delivery of hundreds of 'goody bags', consisting of anything from wellbeing books and sunflower seeds to Easter chocolate.
- As part of a new funding bid, we decided to pilot an offer of Family Therapy, as it became apparent, through talking to families, that there was a real need for this type of support. Two members of staff – Sharon and Sarah – completed training over a 5 week period to obtain the necessary skills to enable them to commence a pilot project towards the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. The pilot began

slowly, due to difficulties in finding suitable families, but has really begun to take off. A report will be available over the next few months to determine its success or otherwise.

- Through Cheshire Connect, we partnered with Phoenix Cellular, who very kindly provided us with a new website – take a look – www.southcheshireclasp.org.uk - we're very impressed!
- Since the pandemic, we have found, sadly, that the counselling clients referred to us (mainly children and young people) are presenting with ever-increasing complex issues. We have undertaken training to ensure we understand the level of support required, and we endeavour to prioritise all young people who are presenting with this high level of risk.
- Last Summer we relaunched summer holiday activities, bringing our families back together at last! Everyone enjoyed meeting for crafts, games, snacks, and also a very enjoyable day at Brereton Park with the Oakhanger Project.
- Our Recovery Plan, which saw us through the difficult 2 year period of Covid 19, saw us safely through to the end of 2021, ensuring that all decisions were made in a timely and safe way.
- We made the decision to take on a temporary Funding Manager for 6 months to see us through a dry period, to assist the Chief Executive in ensuring that adequate funds were available for the short-term into 2022. This role has since been made permanent.
- Volunteering activity slowly picked up and we were able to begin recruiting into new roles, such as a Play Therapist and Here to Listen Co-ordinator.
- A Reaching Communities National Lottery bid was submitted in June 2021 (stage 1), which was successful, then progressing to the 2nd stage at the end of the year. We were fortunate in being granted £185,505 over 4 years, which will enable us to continue with our counselling programme (including family therapy), the Here to Listen project, and our coffee & chat sessions.
- Additional funding was also acquired via our Emotionally Healthy Children and Young People contract, enabling us to reach more children and young people in need of mental health support.
- This brings us up to the end of the year, when unfortunately our children's Christmas party was cancelled due to Covid, but we were able to deliver hampers (generously donated by LATH), and presents to 30 families.

Achievements 2021

We have 4 main outcomes running across all of our projects, as well as additional outcomes relating to individual projects. The following shows our progress across these 4 main outcomes.

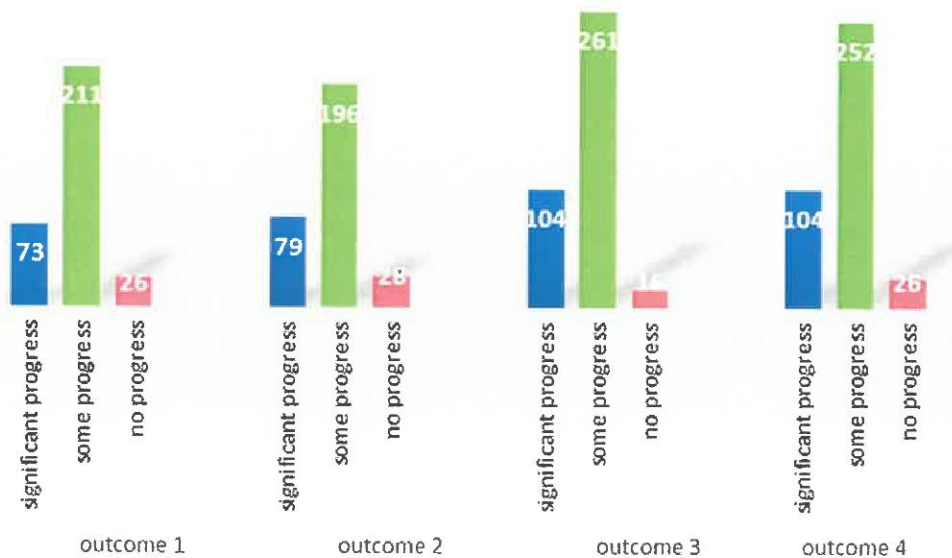
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Outcome 3. Lone parents and their children will benefit from increased confidence/self-esteem

Outcome 4. Lone parents and their children will report improved emotional health and wellbeing.

CLASP Outcomes 2021/2



Some examples of how projects/services have contributed to these outcomes:

C feels that she now has a much better relationship with her 3 year old daughter, and social care will be stepping down.

A has opened up more about her feelings and seems more secure.

J's mum said she has definitely noticed changes in him since undertaking 1 to 1 Primary Plus sessions.

J has accepted that it is ok to feel different emotions and not to bottle them up.

J is more confident and relaxed each week.

J has a better relationship with her step-mum

O has had space to explore his feelings over his Dad's death, he feels happier.

R is beginning to use new strategies with the children and this is having positive outcomes – they do jobs around the house.

C seemed much stronger today, she didn't cry at all.

R feels more confident and happier.

M now has coping mechanisms to help with her anger and she is coping better.



Referrals received in 2021 for 246 families



We interacted in some way with 446 lone/step parents



We provided support to 215 children and young people

Acknowledgements & Thanks

The Trustees and Staff Team of South Cheshire CLASP wish to thank all the individuals and organisations who have supported us throughout 2021, through donations, funding support, partnership working, free training, volunteering, and advice.

- ❖ All of our wonderful volunteers
- ❖ Ann Norburn
- ❖ Anonymous donors
- ❖ Audlem Baptist Church
- ❖ Cheshire Community Foundation
- ❖ Cheshire Connect
- ❖ Cheshire East Council – Children and Families
- ❖ CVS Cheshire East
- ❖ CWP
- ❖ Garfield Weston
- ❖ Henry Smith Charity
- ❖ LATH
- ❖ J & R Rivers
- ❖ Just Drop-In
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- ❖ Local Primary & Secondary Schools
- ❖ Nantwich Churchwardens Merged Charity
- ❖ Phoenix Cellular
- ❖ St Bridget's Trust
- ❖ St Mary's – Nantwich PCC
- ❖ The National Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities & Awards for All
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- ❖ Visyon
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- ❖ West St Christian Fellowship
- ❖ Wrenbury PCC

Appendix: Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report
- Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period 1st January 2021 to 31st December 2021 for Charity Number 1188608
- The set of Accounts includes a statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period, an analysis of Restricted Funds, notes to the Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report

Operating for the Public Benefit:

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I am pleased to be writing my first Treasurer's report since taking over the role from Ruth Grimshaw during 2021.

2021 was a challenging year with the covid pandemic restrictions again affecting the services we were able to provide but we continued to receive some assistance from Government Grants under the Job Retention Scheme relating to several of our staff who were furloughed for part of the year.

We have included two sets of Accounts in the Annual report which only differ in respect to the prior year comparative figures.

During 2020 we changed our status to a CIO with a new Charity Number. In the first set of Accounts, we only show the prior year figures for the period when we were a CIO. In the second set we show the prior year figures for the full year which include the periods before and after the change to a CIO and provide a like for like financial comparison to 2021.

Our total income for the year ending 31st December 2021 was £205,620 and expenditure for the same period was £178,700 giving us a balance at the end of the year of £170,667 of which £28,856 was in restricted funds. Full year comparative figures were income of £221,231 and expenditure of £180,785 and a closing balance of £143,747 of which £43,405 was restricted.

Restricted Funds are, as the name implies, for specific projects and cannot be spent on other things.

During the year we secured new funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Cheshire Community Foundation. We are very grateful to these and our other funders as well as the individuals, trusts and churches who have provided financial support during the year.

We have started 2022 in a strong financial position but with a substantial portion of our grant income expiring during the year we are dependent on securing new funding to maintain our service level.

Stuart Luck
Trustee Treasurer

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 12.6.2020-31.12.2020 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	99,232	98,288	197,520	111,850
Receipts from Operating Activities	-	-	-	45
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	470	-	470	242
HMRC JRS	7,620	-	7,620	9,742
Investment Income	10	-	10	2
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	40
Other Income	-	-	-	-
	107,332	98,288	205,620	121,921
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	51,416	100,270	151,686	88,675
Volunteers Expenses	203	-	203	217
DBS checks	172	-	172	316
Counselling Supervision	1,069	638	1,707	850
Staff Training	50	2,785	2,835	962
Travel	125	103	228	177
Materials/Resources	857	26	883	1,541
Refreshments/meals	264	-	264	178
Parties/Activities	-	-	-	-
	54,156	103,822	157,978	92,916
Support Costs				
Utilities	3,500	3,500	7,000	5,250
Insurance	1,450	406	1,856	3,066
Consultancy - Building Capabilities	-	1,063	1,063	893
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Stationery/Telephone/Post	716	1,526	2,242	1,236
Repairs & Equipment	-	398	398	358
Database/IT	998	-	998	478
Advertising/Printing	445	2,112	2,557	517
Other	4,598	-	4,598	444
	11,707	9,015	20,722	12,242
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Ironically, we are in a stronger financial position because of the coronavirus- funders have remained very understanding; we also made appropriate and judicious use of the job retention scheme- most staff members have been furloughed (part or full time) at some point.

As a result, we can increase our services as lockdown restrictions ease: always in line with what parents and families say are important to them.

The biggest organisational change occurred in June 2020, when CLASP became a charitable incorporated organisation or CIO. We adopted the foundation model to clarify who are voting members (trustees only). This is actually the second AGM under the new arrangement: the constitution appointed all remaining trustees for at least two years, so no trustees need to be reappointed at this AGM.

Until 2019 we used AGMs as an opportunity to showcase CLASP's work, which was valued by a number of our partners and stakeholders. Such an event was not possible last year, but an annual meeting this autumn would be very welcome to help maintain those links.

Finally, our love and gratitude is extended to Ruth Grimshaw for her enormous contribution to CLASP over many years. She can step down from the treasurer's role, knowing that a very able replacement has been found (a warm welcome to Stuart Luck).

Ruth has agreed to remain a trustee for one more year, to ease us through the transition and to give us the continued benefit of her wisdom and knowledge.

John Colclough
Chairman
May 2021.

A Snapshot of 2020

- At the beginning of 2020 we were able to offer our usual range of services:
 - Counselling for parents
 - Counselling for children (aged 5 to 19)
 - 1 to 1 parent support
 - Young People group support in school
 - Out of School Kids in the school holidays
 - Taking Steps/Volunteering opportunities for lone parents
 - Primary Plus group support in school
 - 1 to 1 Primary Plus for children aged 7 to 10/11
 - Parenting courses
 - Coffee & chat
- In February 2020 we experienced a flood in the main areas of Jubilee House which meant we had to vacate the premises for a time. Shortly after, due to Covid 19, we were faced with closing our premises, much reducing our offer of support and staff having to work from home. This crisis was one of the most serious we have faced as an organisation and left our families very much isolated and struggling with their mental health.
- As is always the case with CLASP, our Trustees, Staff and Volunteers pulled together so that we were able to continue to offer support to our families wherever possible, albeit no longer face to face. The support consisted of counselling via phone or on-line, weekly 10-minute chats to 'check-in' with those most isolated and periodic goody bags containing such delights as chocolate, wellbeing books, sunflower seeds, gift vouchers and more. The overwhelming feedback received from families was extremely positive and gratitude that we were still reaching out wherever we could.
- The staff and volunteers were amazing - adapting their working practices in any way possible to ensure that families were supported. One of my overwhelming memories still is that of counsellors providing therapy, via phone, in their cars to ensure that desperate parents at least had someone to talk to each week.
- Throughout the year we put together recovery plans, guidance for service users and staff, and health & safety assessments to ensure that we could return to a fuller range of services but continuing to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- We made use of the Job Retention Scheme at various times throughout the year, which helped enormously when staff were unable to carry out their usual work. Our existing funders were also extremely helpful and supportive, quickly adapting their requirements so that we could continue to function as effectively as possible. We

also received additional funding from the Lottery Awards for All, the Co-Op and Garfield Weston.

- Other news we updated our Employee Handbook, became a CIO, adopted a Business Continuity Plan, and accessed on-line safeguarding training.
- Sadly, due to the pandemic, we had to lose some of our highly valued volunteers as there was no tasks for some of them to undertake. We do hope to have a renewed focus on volunteering though as 2021 progresses.
- Referrals, understandably, dropped mid-year, but increased again towards the end of the year, meaning that overall referral numbers were consistent with our expectations.
- Our waiting list took a hit due to many children and parents wishing to wait for face-to-face services to be resumed. We have since increased counselling hours and reduced the number of sessions to try and manage waiting times.
- We are slowly adapting to freedoms being increased and have carried out a survey of parents and young people to make sure we are offering what families need. We will be piloting a new family therapy offer later in the year and will be putting together a summer programme that will focus on increasing emotional wellbeing and reducing isolation.

Achievements 2020

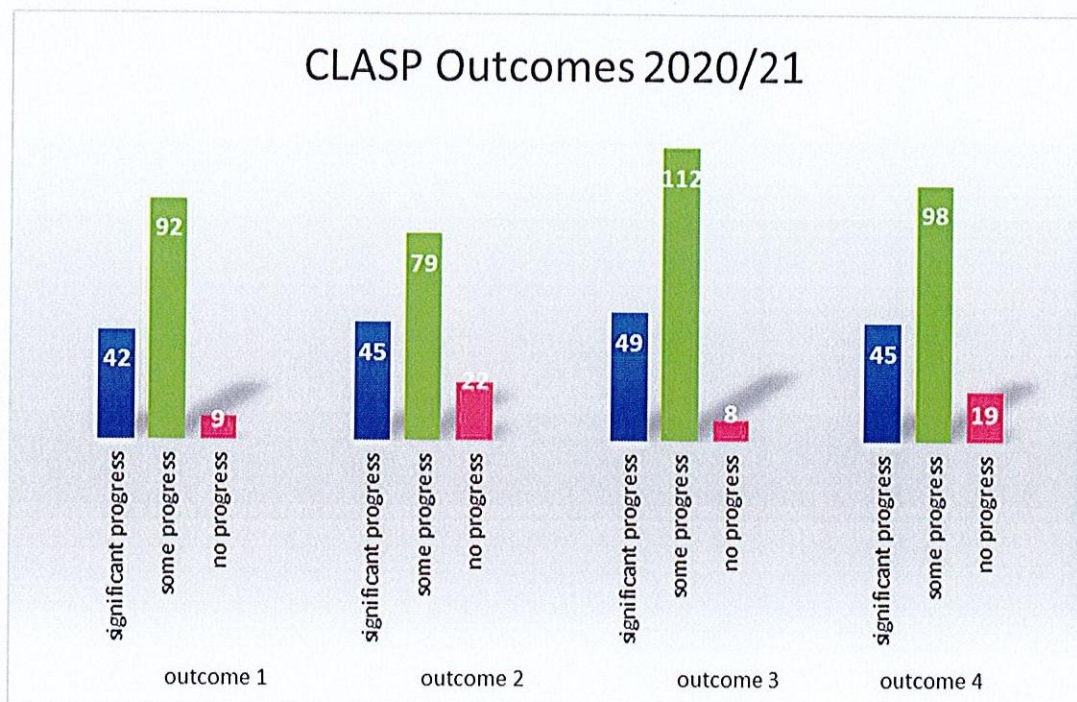
We have 4 main outcomes running across all of our projects, as well as additional outcomes relating to individual projects. The following shows our progress across these 4 main outcomes. The numbers are slightly lower this year as we did not record outcomes in the same way between March 2020 and May 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Outcome 1. Lone parents and their children will benefit from an increased ability to cope with family breakdown and/or their family situation

Outcome 2. Lone parents and their children will benefit from improved family relationships

Outcome 3. Lone parents and their children will benefit from increased confidence/self-esteem

Outcome 4. Lone parents and their children will report improved emotional health and wellbeing.



Some examples of how projects/services have contributed to these outcomes:

A said that counselling had helped him talk about his problems and to stop worrying. Mum and G talk more and Mum is more aware of G's feelings and understand them better. Dad has put strategies in place if he becomes unwell. He has a better relationship with his children – he is able to set boundaries and stick to them. He is able to ask for support from others.

Mum had spoken to the school and said that J's behaviour had improved greatly since counselling. J herself said that counselling had made her feel happier.

J doesn't get as angry as she did.

S said that 1 to 1 parent support had helped her cope in the difficult time during lockdown. She felt encouraged to socialise more, discuss with others how she feels and asks for support with parenting her child.

"I think we both have a better understanding now. G (child) hasn't been angry with me. I now understand that it is important to reach out (for support) early on."

"T is more confident in school – now he will put up his hand to answer a question."

"I can manage my anger better"

"J's self-esteem has improved. He is coming home from school with 'star of the day'"



Referrals received in 2020 for **209** families



We interacted in some way with **275** lone/step parents



We provided support to **214** children and young people

Acknowledgements & Thanks

The Trustees and Staff Team of South Cheshire CLASP wish to thank all the individuals and organisations who have supported us throughout 2020, through donations, funding support, partnership working, free training, volunteering, and advice.

- ❖ All of our wonderful volunteers
- ❖ Ann Norburn
- ❖ Anonymous donors
- ❖ All those who donated wonderful Christmas gifts
- ❖ Audlem Baptist Church
- ❖ BBC Children in Need
- ❖ Cheshire East Council – Children and Families
- ❖ CVS Cheshire East
- ❖ CWP
- ❖ Henry Smith Charity
- ❖ LATH
- ❖ J & R Rivers
- ❖ Just Drop-In
- ❖ L Gentil
- ❖ Local Primary & Secondary Schools
- ❖ Nantwich Churchwardens Merged Charity
- ❖ St Bridget's Trust
- ❖ St Mary's – Nantwich PCC
- ❖ The National Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities & Awards for All
- ❖ The Oakhanger Project
- ❖ Visyon
- ❖ Wishing Well Project
- ❖ West St Christian Fellowship
- ❖ Wrenbury PCC

Appendix: Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report
- Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period 1st January to 11th June 2020 for Charity Number 1093471
- Receipts & Payments Accounts for the period 12th June 2020 to 31st December 2020 for Charity Number 1188608
- Receipts & Payments Accounts for the year 1st January 2020 to 31st December for the combined Charities
- Each set of Accounts includes a statement of Assets and Liabilities for the period, an analysis of Restricted Funds, notes to the Accounts and the Independent Examiner's Report

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TREASURER'S REPORT

I anticipate that this will be the last Treasurer's report that I write as I will be standing down as Treasurer shortly. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity for about the last 20 years. I am sure that CLASP will be in good hands with the new treasurer and wish him and the other Trustees every success in the future.

As we are all aware, 2020 was a very strange and difficult year with Covid 19 affecting our staff and the services we provide. Several of our Staff have been furloughed and we appreciate the Government grants we received under the Job Retention Scheme. We have been able to continue some of our services on line and by telephone supporting many of our service users.

During the year we became a CIO and three sets of Accounts are included in the Annual Report. The first one is for the old Charity Number 1093471 up to the 11 June 2020, the second is for the period 12 June 2020 to 31 December 2020 and the third is for the combined charities for the whole of 2020.

Our total income for the year ending 31st December 2020 amounted to £229,469 with expenditure for the same period amounting to £189,023 giving us a balance of £143,747 at the end of the year of which £43,405 was in Restricted Funds. Comparative figures for 2019 were income of £180,522 and expenditure of £190,260 and a balance of £103,302 of which £46,488 was restricted.

The Restricted Funds are, as the name implies, for specific projects and cannot be spent on other things. In most cases the funds are received in advance.

During the year we secured new funding from National Lottery Community Fund Covid to assist with extra expenses incurred in protecting our staff, also from National Lottery Awards for All and the Co-op. We have received a grant from Garfield Weston in 2021. We are grateful to these and our other funds in addition to individuals, Trusts, Churches and Companies who have supported us financially during the year.

We expect that during 2021 we will be able to resume all our activities and we have the funds available to meet our anticipated costs.

Ruth Grimshaw
Trustee/Treasurer

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1093471

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS from 1.1.2020-11.6.2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	18,763	74,342	93,105	178,177
Receipts from Operating Activities	-	-	-	339
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	-	-	-	-
HMRC JRS	5,605	-	5,605	-
Investment Income	34	-	34	92
Fundraising Activities	7	-	7	1,881
Other Income	560	-	560	33
	<u>24,968</u>	<u>74,342</u>	<u>99,310</u>	<u>180,522</u>
PAYMENTS				
Charitable Activities				
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	10,566	55,258	65,824	162,195
Volunteers Expenses	123	-	123	687
DBS checks	-	-	-	519
Counselling Supervision	170	563	733	1,762
Staff Training	-	428	428	155
Travel	-	124	124	818
Materials/Resources	-	773	773	1,545
Refreshments/meals	38	-	38	519
Parties/Activities	-	-	-	855
	<u>10,897</u>	<u>57,145</u>	<u>68,043</u>	<u>169,055</u>
Support Costs				
Utilities	-	1,750	1,750	7,000
Insurance	681	1,443	2,124	2,164
Consultancy - Building Capabilities	-	948	948	2,908
Subscriptions	105	-	105	45
Stationery/Telephone/Post	-	1,007	1,007	2,429
Repairs & Equipment	54	191	245	1,932
Database/IT	446	-	446	1,840
Advertising/Printing	-	843	843	2,276
Other	116	-	116	611
	<u>1,402</u>	<u>6,181</u>	<u>7,584</u>	<u>21,205</u>
Total Payments	<u>12,300</u>	<u>63,327</u>	<u>75,626</u>	<u>190,260</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)	12,668	11,015	23,684	(9,738)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in Funds	<u>12,668</u>	<u>11,015</u>	<u>23,684</u>	<u>(9,738)</u>
Total funds b/fwd - 1 January	56,814	46,487	103,302	
Total funds c/fwd - 11 June	69,483	57,503	126,986	

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1093471

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 11th JUNE 2020

Transferred to Charity No. 1188608 on 11.6.2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Cash and Bank Balances			
Unrestricted Funds	69,482		69,482
Restricted Funds			
BBC Children in Need		4,742	4,742
Big Lottery		22,404	22,404
Henry Smith		18,571	18,571
Steven Morgan Foundation		974	974
Nantwich Churchwardens		4,125	4,125
National Lottery Awards For All		6,686	6,686
Total Cash & Bank Balances	69,482	57,502	126,984
Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-
Debtors and Pre-Payments	-	-	-
Investment Assets	-	-	-

Assets Retained for Charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost £	Current Book Value £
Fixed Assets			
Computers	All	7,486	3,375
Furniture	All	1,695	710
Total		<u>9,181</u>	<u>4,085</u>
Liabilities at the end of the year		-	-
Total Value of Assets less Liabilities			<u><u>131,069</u></u>

All assets and liabilities were transferred from Charity 1093471 to Charity 1188608 on June 11th 2020

Trustee's Signature

Print Name

JOHN COLCLOUGH

Trustee's Signature

Print Name

ELLEN GRIMSHAW

Date Approved

15.06.2021

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1093471

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

Reserves Policy

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Debtors and Prepayments

Depreciation

Our furniture and office equipment is depreciated over 5 years

Trustees Remuneration

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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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CW1 5LN

Date:

8.7.2021

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Charity Commission Registered Number: 1188608

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS from 12.6.2020 - 31.12.20

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS			
Donations & Grants	33,045	78,805	111,850
Receipts from Operating Activities	45	-	45
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	242	-	242
HMRC JRS	9,742	-	9,742
Investment Income	2	-	2
Fundraising Activities	40	-	40
Other Income	-	-	-
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	43,116	78,805	121,921
PAYMENTS			
Charitable Activities			
Staff Salaries/Sessional Workers/inc Creche	12,964	75,711	88,675
Volunteers Expenses	217	-	217
DBS checks	316	-	316
Counselling Supervision	25	825	850
Staff Training	-	963	963
Travel	146	31	177
Materials/Resources	501	1,040	1,541
Refreshments/meals	178	-	178
Parties/Activities	-	-	-
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	14,347	78,570	92,917
Support Costs			
Utilities	-	5,250	5,250
Insurance	-	3,066	3,066
Consultancy - Building Capabilities	-	893	893
Subscriptions	-	-	-
Stationery/Telephone/Post	82	1,154	1,236
Repairs & Equipment	54	304	358
Database/IT	478	-	478
Advertising/Printing	-	517	517
Other	444	-	444
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	1,058	11,184	12,242
Total Payments			
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	15,405	89,754	105,159
Net Receipts / (Payments)			
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	27,711	(10,949)	16,762
Transfer between Funds	3,149	(3,149)	-
Net Movement in Funds	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	30,860	(14,098)	16,762
Total funds b/fwd - 12 June			
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	69,483	57,503	126,986
Total funds c/fwd - 31 December			
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	100,342	43,405	143,747

SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £
Cash and Bank Balances			
Unrestricted Funds	100,342		100,342
Restricted Funds			
BBC Children in Need		738	738
Big Lottery		15,216	15,216
Henry Smith		13,201	13,201
Steven Morgan Foundation		670	670
Nantwich Churchwardens		7,068	7,068
National Lottery Community Fund		4,197	4,197
National Lottery Awards For All		2,316	2,316
Total Cash & Bank Balances	100,342	43,405	143,747
Other Monetary Assets	-	-	-
Debtors and Pre-Payments	1,720	-	1,720
Investment Assets	-	-	-
Assets Retained for Charity's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Original Cost £	Current Book Value £
Fixed Assets			
Computers	All	7,486	3,375
Furniture	All	1,695	710
Total		<u>9,181</u>	<u>4,085</u>
Liabilities at the end of the year		-	-
Total Value of Assets less Liabilities			<u><u>149,552</u></u>

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Trustee's Signature

Print Name JOHN COLCLOUGH

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Print Name

ALITH GRIMSLOW

Date Approved 15.06.2021

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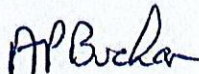
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SOUTH CHESHIRE CLASP

Combined Accounts -Charity Commission Registered Number: 1093471 to 11.6.2020,

Charity Registered Number 1188608 from 12.6.2020

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
RECEIPTS				
Donations & Grants	51,808	153,147	204,955	178,177
Receipts from Operating Activities	45	-	45	339
Tax Recovered on Gift Aid	242	-	242	-
HMRC JRS	15,346	-	15,346	
Investment Income	36	-	36	92
Fundraising Activities	47	-	47	1,881
Other Income	560	-	560	33
	<u>68,084</u>	<u>153,147</u>	<u>221,231</u>	<u>180,522</u>
PAYMENTS				
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Volunteers Expenses	340	-	340	687
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Staff Training	-	1,391	1,391	155
Travel	146	155	301	818
Materials/Resources	501	1,813	2,314	1,545
Refreshments/meals	216	-	216	519
Parties/Activities	-	-	-	855
	<u>25,244</u>	<u>135,716</u>	<u>160,960</u>	<u>169,055</u>
Support Costs				
Utilities	-	7,000	7,000	7,000
Insurance	681	4,508	5,189	2,164
Consultancy - Building Capabilities	-	1,841	1,841	2,908
Subscriptions	105	-	105	45
Stationery/Telephone/Post	83	2,160	2,243	2,429
Repairs & Equipment	108	495	603	1,932
Database/IT	924	-	924	1,840
Advertising/Printing	-	1,360	1,360	2,276
Other	560	-	560	611
	<u>2,461</u>	<u>17,364</u>	<u>19,825</u>	<u>21,205</u>
Total Payments	<u>27,705</u>	<u>153,080</u>	<u>180,785</u>	<u>190,260</u>
Net Receipts / (Payments)	40,379	67	40,446	(9,738)
Transfer between Funds	3,149	(3,149)	-	-
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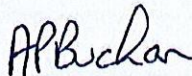
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