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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date: 25/06/2024 – 24/06/2025

Charity name: THE SPARKLE FOUNDATION UK

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The Sparkle Foundation UK – TAR 24-25

Structure, Governance, and Management

Our Lived-Experience Model

Our approach is deeply rooted in lived experience. Every one of our trustees and volunteers has direct personal experience of the issues we address. We operate a peer-led model where the majority of service delivery is run by previous service users. We have actively upskilled former service users, many of whom have progressed to become committed volunteers and trained facilitators. Currently, one-third of our trustees and group facilitators are themselves former service users. We are all volunteers.

Governance & Compliance

We maintain strong working relationships with GPs, schools, colleges, local authorities, social prescribers, social services, community groups, and partner charities. We operate fully in accordance with Charity Commission guidance and regularly seek professional advice to ensure we deliver the best possible service while remaining compliant.

Partnership with Grant Makers

We work in close partnership with our grant makers, who regularly visit us and engage directly with our groups. Together, we collaborate to evidence our work and clearly demonstrate the impact made possible through their support.

Objectives and Activities

The Sparkle Foundation UK provides vital, compassionate support to individuals and families facing poverty, crisis, mental health challenges, and trauma, providing clear and measurable public benefit.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. This year has been exceptionally demanding; the persistent cost-of-living crisis and rising financial pressures have driven a significant increase in demand. Many people are experiencing working poverty, while others have been pushed deeper into hardship. We have worked creatively and tirelessly to ensure timely, dignified help is available when it is needed most.

Achievements and Performance

We continue to buddy with other charities to complement each other's services and fill critical gaps in immediate care.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

- * Steve's Legacy: Continued to expand this therapist-led men's mental health and wellbeing programme with additional groups and pop-up sessions across the UK. Service users have shared that they "would not be here today" without this support.
- * Women's Support: Opened additional women's groups this year, providing safe spaces for group therapy, peer support, and tailored wellbeing activities.
- * Crisis & Trauma: Extended specialist support to families bereaved by suicide and those living with long-term trauma, including therapy and financial assistance.
- * Lemon-Aid (Wales): Successfully launched this wellbeing, crisis, and signposting service led by trustee Dave Colley, establishing itself as a highly valued community resource.

Community Outreach & Practical Aid

- * Signposting Service: Now reaches into remote and rural communities, helping people connect with appropriate help when local services are limited or unavailable.
- * Practical Assistance: Increased support including help with prescriptions, food vouchers, shopping, and food parcels.
- * Lunch Clubs: Continued our community lunch clubs as important safe spaces for connection and further support.
- * Corporate Partnerships: Sustained local sports clubs by providing commercial kitchens, building materials, clothing, travel assistance, and event support.

Awards & Recognition

- * Winner: Community Group Award (BBC Make a Difference Awards)
- * Winner: Most Supportive Poverty & Crisis Foundation of 2025
- * Runner-up: Radio Cornwall Unsung Hero

The Trustees are proud to share that The Sparkle Foundation UK has been nominated for The King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS), the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK. This nomination serves as a testament to the exceptional commitment of our volunteer team and the positive difference they continue to make in our local community. While we await the official announcement in November, we are deeply honoured that the impact of our work has been recognised at this national level.

Financial Review

Overview

In many cases, we remain the only accessible and timely support available, particularly for those in acute crisis or facing long waiting lists. For the financial year ending 24 June 2024, our total income was £84,792 and total expenditure was £87,229. For the financial year ended 24th June 2025 our total income was £131,428 and total expenditure was £108,754.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of unrestricted reserves appropriate to meet our charitable objectives in the event of a temporary shortfall in income.

Looking Ahead

It remains a very tough time for charities, but we recognise that it is even tougher for our service users. We will therefore continue to support them wherever we can, with grit, a great sense of humour, and the outstanding commitment of our supporters, volunteers, and trustees. We remain as strong as ever and are truly grateful to you all.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leigh Yates', written in a cursive style.

Signature:

Name: Leigh Yates BEM, BCa

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the period 25 June 2024 to 24 June 2025

	Notes	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Donations	2	-	5,352	5,352	16,456
Restricted Grants	2	104,972	-	104,972	47,006
Unrestricted Grants	2	-	21,103	21,103	21,330
Fundraising Income	2	-	1	1	-
Total incoming resources		<u>104,972</u>	<u>26,456</u>	<u>131,428</u>	<u>84,792</u>
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds	3	-	10,742	10,742	7,822
Crisis Fund Spending	3	55,873	15,160	71,033	57,868
Governance costs	4	<u>8,248</u>	<u>18,731</u>	<u>26,979</u>	<u>21,539</u>
Total resources expended		<u>64,120</u>	<u>44,634</u>	<u>108,754</u>	<u>87,229</u>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year/net (expenditure)/income for the year		40,852	- 18,178	22,674	- 2,437
Total funds brought forward		<u>5,252</u>	<u>- 4,294</u>	<u>958</u>	<u>3,395</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>46,104</u>	<u>- 22,472</u>	<u>23,632</u>	<u>958</u>

BALANCE SHEET
For the period 25 June 2024 to 24 June
2025

		£	2025 £	£	2024 £
	<i>Notes</i>				
Fixed assets	9		18,900		
Current assets					
Cash at bank		6,271		1,266	
Cash in hand		-		-	
		6,271		1,266	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	- 477		518	
Net current assets			24,724		1,783
Total assets less current liabilities					
Accruals and deferred income	8	- 1,090		- 825	
Net assets			23,635		958
Funds	11				
Restricted funds			46,104		5,252
Unrestricted funds			- 22,472		- 4,294
Total funds			23,632		958

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 24th June 2025**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards

1.2. FUND ACCOUNTING

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3. INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

1.4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £100 are capitalised

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold property	-	Over life of lease
Session equipment	-	10% per annum
Plant & Machinery	-	10% per annum
Computer Equipment	-	33% per annum

2 DONATIONS

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
General donations	0	5,352	5,352	16,456
Interest Income	0	1	1	0
Restricted Grants	104,972	0	104,972	47,006
Unrestricted Grants	0	21,103	21,103	21,330
	<u>104,972</u>	<u>26,456</u>	<u>131,428</u>	<u>84,792</u>

3 COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising & promotions	0	10,742	10,742	7,822
Direct Charity Spending	55,873	15,160	71,033	57,868
	<u>55,873</u>	<u>25,903</u>	<u>81,775</u>	<u>65,690</u>

4 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Interest Income	0	1	1	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy and bookkeeping	0	1,690	1,690	1,691
General Administrative Costs	8,248	17,041	25,289	19,847
	<u>8,248</u>	<u>18,731</u>	<u>26,979</u>	<u>21,538</u>

6 NET INCOME

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received expenses
During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind.

7 STAFF COSTS

The charity has no employees other than the Trustees, who did not receive any remuneration.

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in the year.

8 CREDITORS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	518	- 638
PAYE/NI/Pensions/wages	- 71	120
Accruals and deferred income	1,090	825
	<u>1,537</u>	<u>307</u>

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 25th June 2024	90	-	-	90
Additions	-	21,000	-	21,000
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 24th June 2025	<u>90</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,090</u>
Depreciation				
At 25th June 2024	90	-	-	90
Charge for the year	-	2,100	-	2,100
As at 24th June 2025	<u>90</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,190</u>
Net book value				
At 25th June 2024	-	-	-	-
As at 24th June 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,900</u>

10 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
General fund	- 4,294	26,456	44,634	- 22,472
Restricted funds	<u>5,252</u>	<u>104,972</u>	<u>64,120</u>	<u>46,104</u>
Total of funds	<u>958</u>	<u>131,428</u>	<u>108,754</u>	<u>23,632</u>

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	46,104	- 20,810	25,293	1,266
Current liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>- 1,662</u>	<u>- 1,662</u>	<u>- 307</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>- 22,472</u>	<u>23,632</u>	<u>959</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Sparkle Foundation UK

On accounts for the year
ended 24th June 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1192213

Set out on pages 1 - 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis
of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 24/06/2025

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 24/04/26

Name: Ralph Gabbatiss

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

N/A

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

At the Balance Sheet date Restricted Funds were used to supplement unrestricted expenditure to the amount of £22,472 due to the Charity buying items at favourable prices.

This was corrected the following month by unrestricted donations.