

# **Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1192942

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity Name: The Family & Community Group

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Principal Address: c/o 55 Poplar Road, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, Torfaen, NP44 2EQ Trustees (serving during the year):

- Mr. D. Cornish – Chair
- Mrs. R. Driscoll – Treasurer
- Mrs. C. Ward – Secretary
- Miss R.-J. Bromley – Vice-Chair

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The Family & Community Group is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), governed by its constitution under the foundation model. The charity is controlled by its trustees, who act as the only members. Trustees oversee all strategic and operational decisions through committee meetings and are responsible for governance, compliance, and policy adoption. Founding trustees serve fixed terms as set out in the constitution. New trustees may be appointed at a general meeting and typically serve for a term of three years. The trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning activities and use of resources.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The Family & Community Group supports children, young people, and families by creating and facilitating activities, opportunities, and support networks. The charity operates community facilities in Torfaen, including the rescue and management of a large community hall previously at risk of closure. These facilities now host a wide range of recreational, educational, and needs-based activities that strengthen families and build local resilience. The charity's objectives are to promote community development, support families (particularly those with young children or additional needs), and provide accessible, inclusive facilities for community use.

## **Achievements and Performance (2024)**

During 2024, the charity continued to make significant progress in expanding its services and facilities across Torfaen. With the support of the Regional Integrated Fund (RIF), an unused room at Mount Pleasant Hall was converted into a sensory room, providing vital support for children with additional and complex needs. Funding from the National Lottery Community Fund and the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund enabled the purchase of equipment such as bouncy castles and a large inflatable slide, supporting low-cost birthday parties and community events. Numerous smaller grants helped deliver a series of free family events, each averaging attendance of around 60 children and their families. The charity also established a seasonal children's disability playscheme through partnership with the Torfaen Play Service, alongside regular parent and toddler groups and children's dance sessions. The Family & Community Group also continued to enhance its digital presence,

developing its website and expanding the Mount Pleasant Hall Facebook page, which has grown significantly as a community hub for information and engagement. The trustees wish to recognise the dedication of the charity's volunteers, whose contribution remains central to its success.

## Financial Review

Total income for the year ended 31 December 2024 was £85,410.96, an increase of 56% from 2023, primarily due to successful grant applications and increased hall hire. Total expenditure for the year was £88,442.83, resulting in a deficit of £3,031.87 and a closing balance of £21,534.36. The trustees consider the charity's financial performance satisfactory and in line with planned expansion. Reserves remain sufficient to support ongoing operations.

Year	Total Income (£)	Total Expenditure (£)	Surplus / (Deficit) (£)	Closing Balance (£)
2022	17,964.91	9,514.00	+8,450.91	8,450.91
2023	54,738.68	37,409.58	+17,329.10	24,566.23
2024	85,410.96	88,442.83	-3,031.87	21,534.36

## Reserves Policy

At the end of 2024, the charity held total funds of £21,534.36, of which £5,000 is reserved to ensure the charity can continue operating for at least six months in the event of unexpected financial challenges. The trustees review the level of reserves regularly to ensure it remains appropriate for the size and scope of the charity's activities.

## Plans for the Future (2025 and Beyond)

The charity aims to secure new grant funding to sustain existing projects and expand provision for children with additional needs; develop a disused scout hall into a children's disability and carers' centre; continue growing community events and play opportunities; and increase community fundraising and hall hire income to strengthen financial sustainability.

## Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All activities undertaken during the year directly further the charity's objectives to support families, promote inclusion, and strengthen community wellbeing.

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Mr. D. Cornish – Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Driscoll". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mrs. R. Driscoll – Treasurer

Dated: 30 October 2025