



Purple Elephant Family Support CIO - Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity registration number: 1200243

Objectives and Activities

Our charitable objectives are:

To relieve the needs of children and their families in Frome and the surrounding rural area arising from their additional needs, disability or social and economic disadvantage primarily through providing:

- a) early intervention and family support services;
- b) signposting to other organisations for more complex support when required;
- c) recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life.

Main Activities

Purple Elephant runs services for families local to Frome who need support, through activities, events, weekly support groups, 1:1 work, befriending and signposting. Our main services are early years - Small Steps and the Toy Library (lending service and stay and play), family activities during school holidays, child befriending service, the Key Club (youth work) and the Children's Festival project. The families we support face challenges including low income, additional needs and disabilities, poor mental and physical health, substance and domestic abuse, and may be displaced, have behavioural challenges or need parenting support.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit when planning and delivering our services.

Contribution made by volunteers

We are lucky to be supported by a number of loyal volunteers, notably in the befriending service, holiday activities and the Toy Library. The Children's Festival is supported by several helpers. We couldn't run our services without them and we are grateful for their contribution.

Achievements and Performance

One major achievement over the period was starting a youth club for 8 to 13 year olds, which launched in October 2024. We carried out extensive consultation work with young people and liaised with other organisations who have relevant experience. We partnered with Young Somerset to get the youth club off the ground and it has been very successful, supporting a number of local young people to develop their skills and confidence.

We also delivered our 10th Children's Festival and had a record number of people attend, with lots of joyful activities for families to mark our special event. We included activities from the first ever Children's Festival and supported families with additional needs to attend the event.

We continued to build our support for vulnerable families before and on the day with support workers available to enable families to access the event.

We have also continued to deliver our core services together with ad hoc projects as appropriate. At the end of the period we:

- We're supporting 8 children through our befriending service and had 6 on our waiting list. The service has continued to support children with their mental health, with many coming to us with low self-esteem, anxiety and difficulty socialising. Our support is long term, upwards of a year, and we have seen improvements for the children we support, gaining confidence and improving their wellbeing.
- Continued our partnership with Fair Frome to run activities with meals in each school holiday. Our format is well established now and really appreciated by families, who feel supported and safe, having something positive to do together and having access to free meals. We see around 16 children attend each session and run at least 3 sessions each holiday week. We have over 140 families on our database. We ran special sessions at Christmas which included Santa and presents and a silent disco.
- Moved the Small Steps drop-in weekly support group to the Key Centre on Wednesdays and continued outreach work at Tiny Hearts. At the end of the period we were supporting 20 children with 3 on the waiting list. Families present with parenting challenges but also issues around relationships, bereavement, accessing childcare, household budgeting and many with additional needs. Many describe the service as a lifeline.
- Continued the Toy Library stay and play sessions which were very well attended with sessions regularly being full (6 – 8 families) both at Vallis and the Library. Families from varying backgrounds come along and benefit from parenting support, socialising and spending quality time with their children. We were hopeful that the lending service would pick up following a move to Frome Library but, following changes at the Library this was put on the back burner until more appropriate arrangements can be found to reinvigorate it.
- Continued planning year-round on the Children's Festival and for 2024's event we worked together with young people to design and deliver it, celebrating our 10th birthday. The Children's Festival was joyful and impactful for the many families that attended.
- Enhanced our partnership with Fair Frome and started running a supervised play area at some of their services (community pantry and Food @ 5) where children can play in a safe place while their adults access food and advice from both Fair Frome and Purple Elephant, allowing more families to access these services.
- Ran various projects as and when funding was available including Welcome Packs for displaced families and theatre tickets at Christmas. Our Welcome Packs have been very well received and refugee families gave their thanks for the support we have given them, helping them to settle in the country – we also add them to our referred families list and invite them to our holiday activities. We received an increased number of general enquiries from families who aren't referring to a specific service but just asking for our help. This shows that we are well known in the local area and that families are comfortable approaching us directly when they need support.

Trustees and staff met in January 2025 to set our Service Plan for the next 3 years which included the following 4 priorities:

1. Fundraising - with a focus on community fundraising events and collections, securing monthly donations, increasing corporate support and sponsorship, and developing partnerships with local businesses.
2. Consolidation - embedding our services and structural changes to ensure resilience and sustainability.
3. Fair Frome - continue and embed our partnership with Fair Frome including use of their premises.
4. Toy Library lending service - reach more families within the limitations of existing capacity.

Financial Review

While our focus over the period was on consolidation, we also secured a good level of income and had a healthy balance at the end of the reporting period of £136,269.

Our principal source of funds was from grants from various sources including several from Government or local authority sources and a large grant from the National Lottery Community Fund under their Reaching Communities program and a smaller grant from Awards For All. We also received grants from Somerset Community Foundation, Fairfield Charitable Trust, Albert Hunt Foundation and Joyce Fletcher Charitable Trust. We also received an increased amount from community fundraising and local donations. Trustees agreed a Fundraising Strategy which focusses on diversifying our income streams.

Our unrestricted income during the period was £35,014 and restricted/designated funds were £122,567. We opened a fixed term bond of £11,000 to help build our reserves and comply with our reserves policy.

Structure, Governance and Management

Purple Elephant Family Support is a CIO governed by a Foundation Model Constitution.

During the period we had 5 trustees (increased to 6 in February 2025) who met 6 times. The Service Manager and the Office and Finance Coordinator attend the meetings.

Purple Elephant runs some of its services in partnership with other organisations, notably the family activities during school holidays, which are run together with Fair Frome, and the youth club, which is run together with Young Somerset.

We adopted a new Business Continuity Plan and Risk Register, and started work on our Impact Assessment Framework.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Purple Elephant Family Support CIO
Registered charity number	1200243
Charity's principal address	Cheese and Grain, Justice Lane, Frome, Somerset BA11 2HU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity during the period:

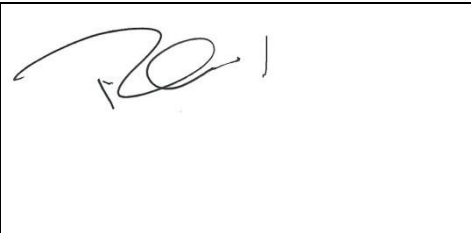
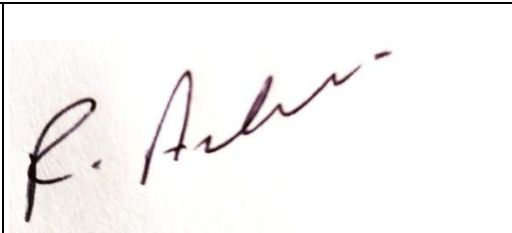
Rachel Griffin (chair), Helen Fielden, Robert Ashford, Karen Stewart, Cath Puddick (Secretary), John Clarke, Jonathan Amis.

There were no corporate trustees and no trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rachel Griffin	Robert Ashford
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date

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Registered Charity number
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Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)

Unaudited Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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R Ashford
J Clarke
C Puddick
K Stewart
J Amiss

This report was approved by the board on1st December 2025.... and signed on its behalf.



R Griffin
Trustee

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
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Independent Examiner's Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000, there is no requirement for your examiner to be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination. Also I am a registered member of CIMA (Chartered Institute of Management Accountants) which is a listed body on the Charity Commission panel.

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; or
3. the accounts do 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.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and Endowments	157,581	239,368
Charitable expenses	(114,237)	(183,773)
Net income	43,344	55,595
Movement for the financial year	43,344	55,595

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Registered number: 1200243
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	4,203	5,473
Investments	3	11,000	-
		<u>15,203</u>	<u>5,473</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		136,269	102,655
Net current assets		<u>136,269</u>	<u>102,655</u>
Net assets		<u>151,472</u>	<u>108,128</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted Funds		71,568	42,828
Restricted Funds	7	79,904	65,300
Total funds		<u>151,472</u>	<u>108,128</u>

The financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for

issue on9th December 2025..... and are signed on their behalf by;



R Griffin
Trustee

Approved by the board on

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Movement in Funds
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Donations	20,088	-	20,088
Grant Income	11,289	-	11,289
Other income	3,637	-	3,637
Restricted funds	-	122,567	122,567
Total Income	35,014	122,567	157,581
Resources Expended	35,014	122,567	157,581
Charitable Activities			
Charitable expenses	(6,274)	(107,963)	(114,237)
Total Resources Expended	(6,274)	(107,963)	(114,237)
Net Income for the year	28,740	14,604	43,344
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Fund B/F at 1st Apr 2024	42,828	65,300	108,128
Total Fund C/F at 31st Mar 2025	71,568	79,904	151,472

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulative depreciation and any accumulative impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	25% straight line basis
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Trustees Remuneration

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2025.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2025.

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	7,445
Additions	789
At 31 March 2025	<u>8,234</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	1,972
Charge for the year	2,059
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,031</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>4,203</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>5,473</u>

3 Investments

	Other investments £
Cost	
Additions	11,000
At 31 March 2025	<u>11,000</u>

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4 Other information

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This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

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	£	£
Income and Endowments		
Grant income	11,289	2,000
Donations and gift aid	20,088	25,139
Other income	3,637	2,243
Restricted funds	122,567	209,986
	<u>157,581</u>	<u>239,368</u>
Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Wages and salaries	69,100	69,517
Staff training and welfare	158	234
	<u>69,258</u>	<u>69,751</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Project costs	5,594	5,944
Sub-contractor / Activity providers	26,116	82,250
Equipment and resources	1,255	14,023
Subscriptions	808	284
Insurance	802	1,064
Depreciation	2,059	1,861
Sundry expenses	4,220	5,194
	<u>40,854</u>	<u>110,620</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	718	-
Advertising and PR	3,407	3,402
	<u>4,125</u>	<u>3,402</u>
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