



**SupERkids**

**Trustees Annual Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

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## Structure, Governance and Management

SupERkids adopted a standard charitable constitution document that sets out its purpose and governance structure.

### Founding Trustees

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| 1. Nicola Kelly      | Chairperson      |
| 2. Heather Robertson | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Claire Lovat      | Secretary        |
| 4. Paul Kelly        | Treasurer        |

### Trustee Meetings and Appointment

All founding Trustees were appointed effective from registration on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. All founding Trustees remained in position throughout the period and continue in position to-date.

Each Trustee is a parent or carer of a child (past or present) with additional support needs and contributes to the organisation on a non-remunerated volunteer basis.

Trustees meet routinely formally, normally every six to eight weeks, at which time changes to Trustees would be considered, Trustees review the financial position of the organisation and agree planned activities. Trustees also meet informally at SupERkids activities.

### Volunteers

In addition to Trustees, a number of other parents contribute directly to the administration of SupERkids. We are very fortunate to have volunteer parents who donate their time and professional expertise to support the activities that help make life better for all of our SupERkids and their families.

Every parent /carer who volunteers their time is unremunerated and motivated solely to provide fun and challenging out of school clubs for ASN kids. This commitment is driven by the needs of their own ASN kid.

It can at times be a huge responsibility especially for the Trustees. The reporting needs of funders can require a significant time commitment. Operational activities tend to be spread more evenly and while these in total take a great deal of time and effort the division between parents / carers ensures that no-one is overwhelmed.

Our charity is unusual with no paid administrative employees and no premises or associated overheads. When we defined the purpose of SupERkids, we wanted to ensure that the focus of the group was always to support the ASN kids in our community. As parents/trustees we believed that we were in the best position to define those needs and apply the funding we could raise.

All parents / carers are welcome to contribute to the Group's activities and our approach is collegiate, fully inclusive and not dependent upon any one individual. This model works because it is fully focussed on the needs of ASN kids, there are no other distractions.

While no monetary value is attributed to the services provided by volunteers, it is clearly the case that SupERkids could not operate with such low overheads without the kindness of these devoted individuals. Particular thanks go to Paul and Lynn Wylie who run the website and provide their IT expertise.

## Objectives and Activities

SupERkids was initially established in December 2011 as a constituted club (initially known as the Wednesday Warriors Parent Committee) when a group of dedicated parents and carers determined that their children should be able to access fun after school activities within their community regardless of their disability or care needs.

Encouraged by a long-term funder, who made it a condition of on-going funding, the management team applied to OSCR in mid 2019 and were formally registered as a charity on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

Our charitable purpose is:

- To provide and organise recreational activities and improve the conditions of life for young persons in need by reason of disability.

This is progressed through our charitable objectives that are:

- the advancement of opportunities for children and young people with additional support needs living within East Renfrewshire.
- the organisation of recreational opportunities for children and young people with additional support needs living within East Renfrewshire.
- to help children and young people with additional support needs living within East Renfrewshire to participate in events organised by the Charity to the best of their abilities.
- to improve the conditions of life for children and young people with additional support needs living within East Renfrewshire.

SupERkids organises and provides supported clubs and activities that are attended by children aged between 5 and 18 years who have an additional support need. These activities are provided on weekday evenings and also on Saturdays. SupERkids clubs are staffed by support workers who look after the care needs of the children as these young people cannot attend on their own without the specialist care needed for their disability.

## Achievements

SupERkids run many types of clubs to specifically cater for the different needs of the children of varying ages who attend from 5-18 years. We depend on accessing funding from many sources including; Scottish Government, national charitable trusts and institutions, local businesses and through parent led fundraising activities.

SupERkids were successful in their application to be part of the Access to Childcare Fund from the Scottish Government, which transformed our ability to respond to the needs of our SupERkids throughout 2020, 2021 and 2022.

If you do not live with a child with disabilities, it is difficult to comprehend the issues faced. Your child cannot attend activities like other children attend as their care needs necessitate someone to support them at all times.

SupERkids provide clubs with this support allowing the children to attend independently of their family. Since March 2020 we have not asked any family to pay activity “fees” to attend any club, ensuring that no financial barrier to participation exists.

We cannot exist without funding. Parents and families who live with disability in their households already are under great emotional and financial strain and need affordable activities for their kids with disabilities. Our activities need to continue to provide some of the most vulnerable children in our society with an outlet away from their home that parents can afford and where the kids are safe and supported

In 2022, SupERkids provided supported clubs to 110 children from 101 families. We do not differentiate between differing categories of need in the design of our activities but are as inclusive as possible in the range of activities which we provide.

Our aim is to provide normal childhood experiences to the children who attend our activities. In total 5,399 hours of supported activity was provided by SupERkids to children with additional support needs which had increased from 4,195 hours in 2021.

Clubs were provided throughout the week and included:

Monday Music and dance – Wee Glee Clubs (6-8.30pm)

Tuesdays Cooking, Science, Basketball and Jump Clubs (6-8.30pm)

Thursdays Minecraft and Gaming Clubs and Makaton training (6-8.30pm)

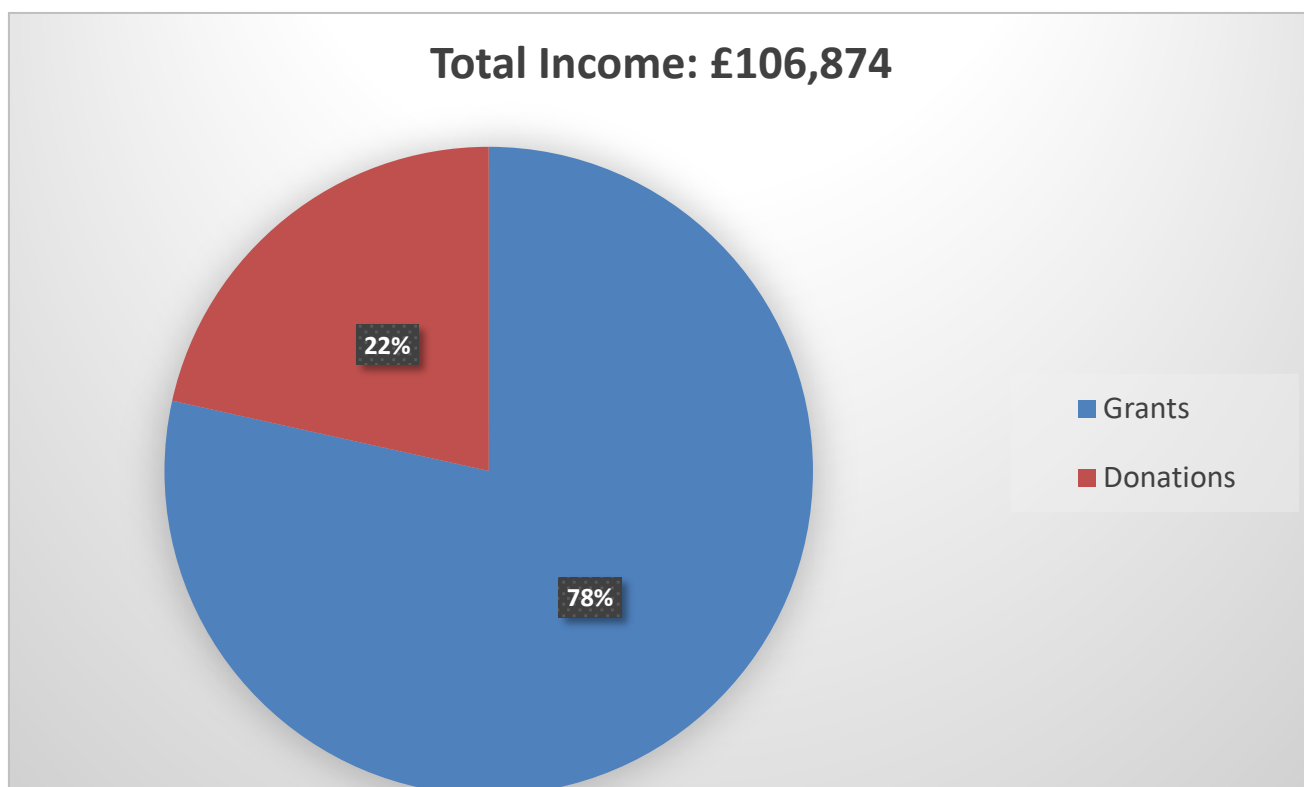
Saturday Drama – Glee Club, SupERSaturdays, Pool parties (9.15-4pm)

In addition, we ran supported holiday clubs over the long midterm break in February and SupERtrips in the summer and festive holiday breaks.

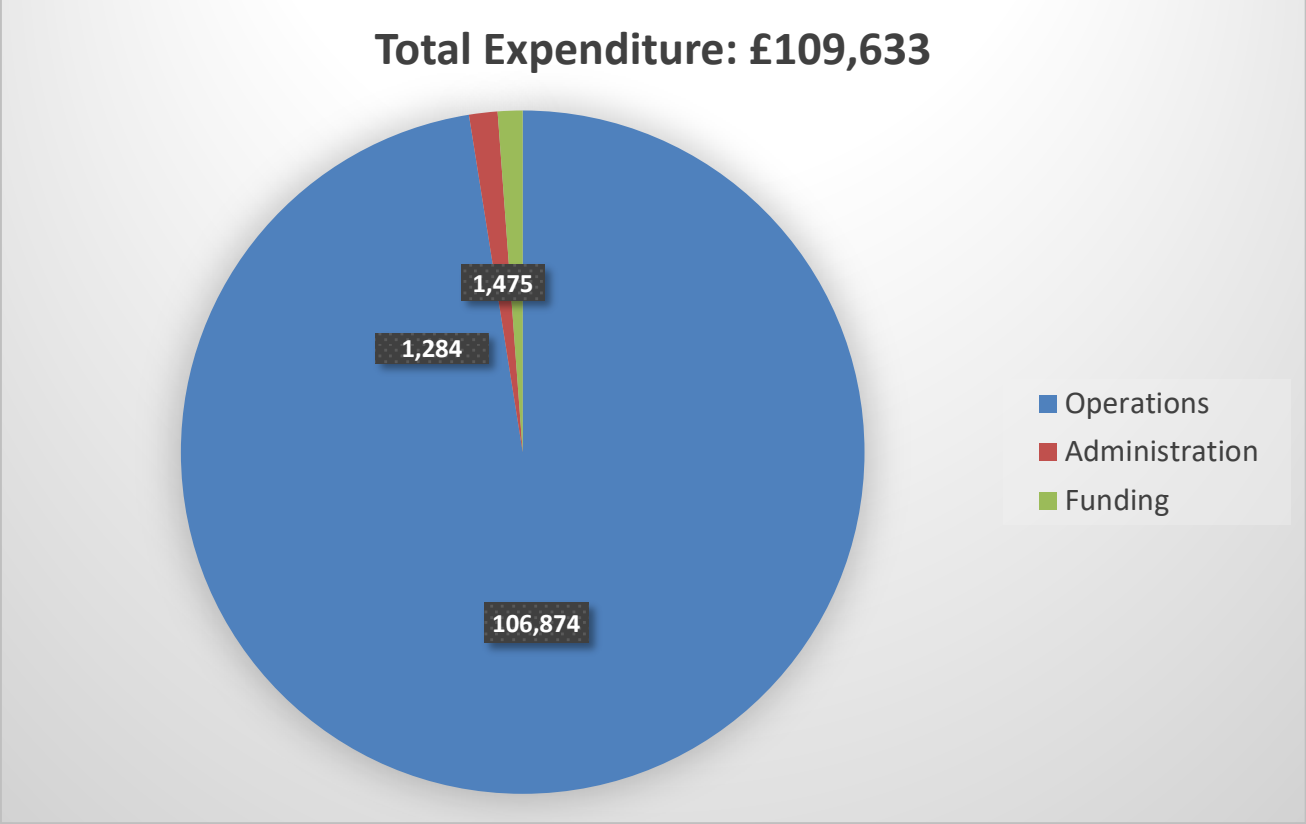
## Financial Highlights

Net assets as at 31 December 2021 were £53,996, comprising Unrestricted Reserves £39,508 and Restricted Reserves £14,488.

The deficit of income over expenditure for the 12 month period ended 31 December 2022 was £(2,793).



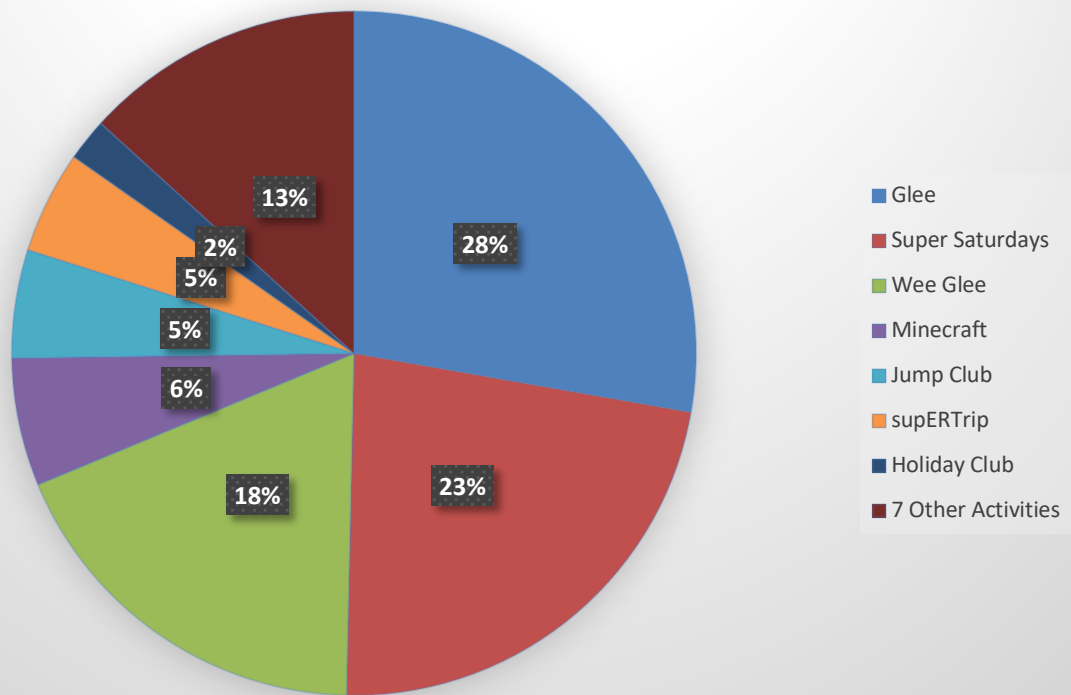
Operational activities (the costs of a child taking part in an activity) accounted for over 97% of total expenditure during the 12 month period. Non operational expenditure over this period (administrative, governance and funding charges) being 2.5% of total expenditure.



Operational activities over the 12 month period encompassed more than 15 different activities, each targeting different interests and age groups. Clubs are driven by demand from the children / young people and their parents and carers.



## Operational Activities: £106,874



Clubs tend to be run in six / eight weekly blocks. Feedback is obtained from each club, both formally and informally and this feedback together with direct input from parents and carers is built into planned activities on a rolling basis.

### Policy on Reserves

It is our intention that all funds are deployed as quickly and efficiently as possible, in order to maximise the immediate benefit to our beneficiaries. This means that once raised funds are routinely deployed within a twelve month period.

**Our organisation has no fixed overheads, no employees and no premises to maintain. As such the Trustees are determined that all available funds be effectively deployed for the collective benefit of the children and young people with additional support needs living in East Renfrewshire.**

The financial position and plans of the organisation are regularly reviewed by the Trustees and this in turn allows them to be confident in their financial commitments and their financially aggressive decision not to restrict the deployment of the organisations resources by setting a minimum level of reserves to be held.

## **Future plans**

SupERkids has funding in place or agreed with existing funders which will allow the expansion of activities during 2023.

The Trustees are confident that in 2023, we will enhance further our activities, as we believe this is what our beneficiaries need to ensure they can continue their 24/7 support needs of their ASN.

## **Additional information**

SupERkids are looking for more volunteers who can help them organise clubs and activities and increase their social media presence and would ask any suitable volunteers to contact them on [superkids2011@icloud.com](mailto:superkids2011@icloud.com).

**Declaration**

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Print name

Designation

Date