SupERkids

Trustees Annual Report

1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

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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

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 3rd 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 3rd 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, 2022 and 2023.

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 2023, SupERkids provided supported clubs to 131 children from 126 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 5,893 hours of activity was provided by SupERkids to children with additional support needs which had increased from 5,399 hours in 2022.

As every Trustees is a parent / carer of a child with disabilities, we ask our beneficiaries what type of support is required. A success for SupERkids is the introduction of SupERtots, where preschool kids with ASN attend activities targeted at their likes and attended with their parents/carers. This has supported both kids and parents with less isolation and a new set of friends.

Holiday Club provision

SupERkids piloted Family Fun Days throughout the summer holidays where SupERkids attended with parents / carers / siblings from 9.30-4pm. This was such a success that Festive Fun Days were ran in the week between Christmas and New Year. These holiday times are difficult for our SupERfamilies as there are few places that are accepting of our children and the Fun Days were a safe space with a hygiene room. Furthermore, these days plus lunch and snacks were provided at no charge.

Supported Clubs where kids attend on their own

Monday nights (6-8.30pm)

- Dance Clubs
- Music and dance Clubs
- Art Clubs

Tuesday nights (6-8.30pm)

- Yoga Club
- Basketball Club
- Jump Clubs

Wednesday nights (6-8.30pm)

- Minecraft and Gaming Clubs

Thursday (6-8.30pm)

- Makaton and Movie Clubs

Saturday (9am – 4pm)

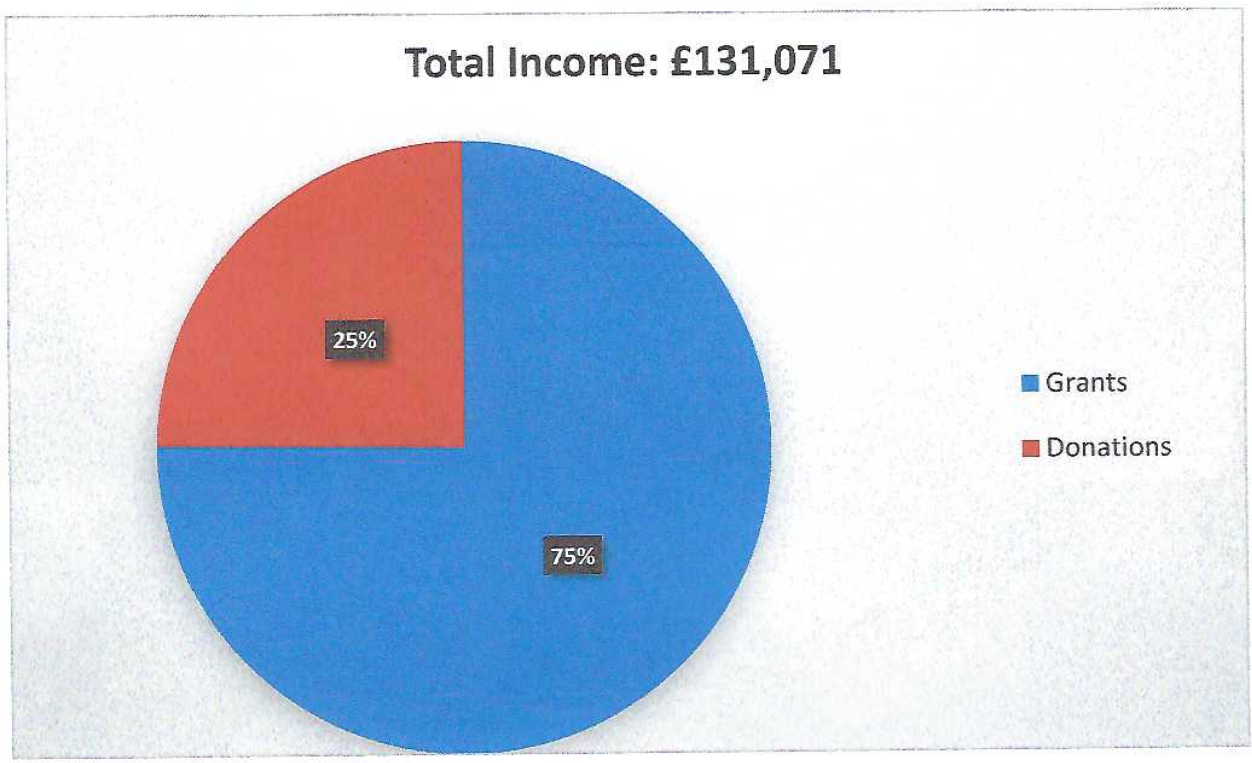
- SupERSaturday morning club
- Drama – Glee Club
- SupERSaturdays afternoon club

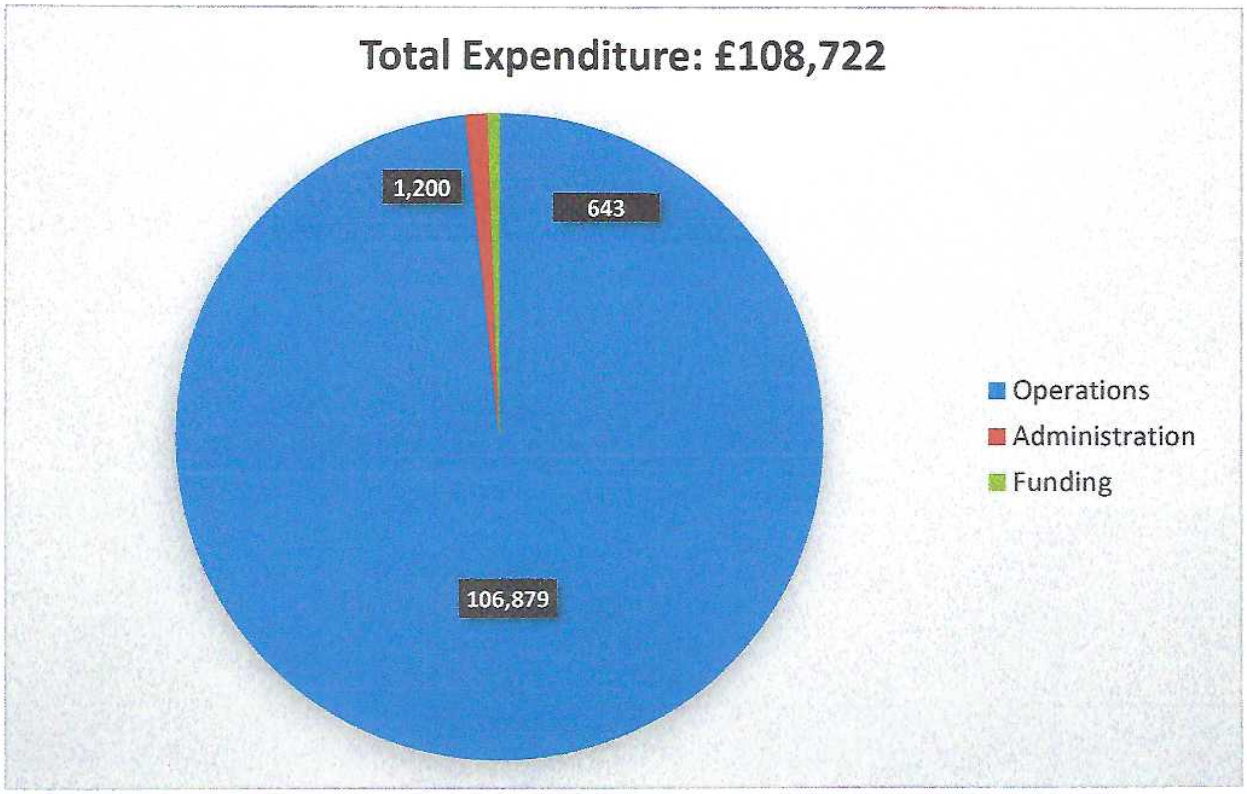
Operational activities (the costs of a child taking part in an activity) accounted for over 98% of total expenditure during the 12 month period. Non operational expenditure over this period (administrative, governance and funding charges) being 1.7% of total expenditure.

Financial Highlights

Net assets as at 31 December 2023 were £76,345, comprising Unrestricted Reserves £55,326 and Restricted Reserves £21,019.

The surplus of income over expenditure for the 12 month period ended 31 December 2023 was £22,349. Donations received late in the fourth quarter could not be deployed before the end of the year giving rise to the surplus. Year to year Total Expenditure is lower by less than 1%, therefore the increase in unrestricted reserves year to year can be attributed to the donations received



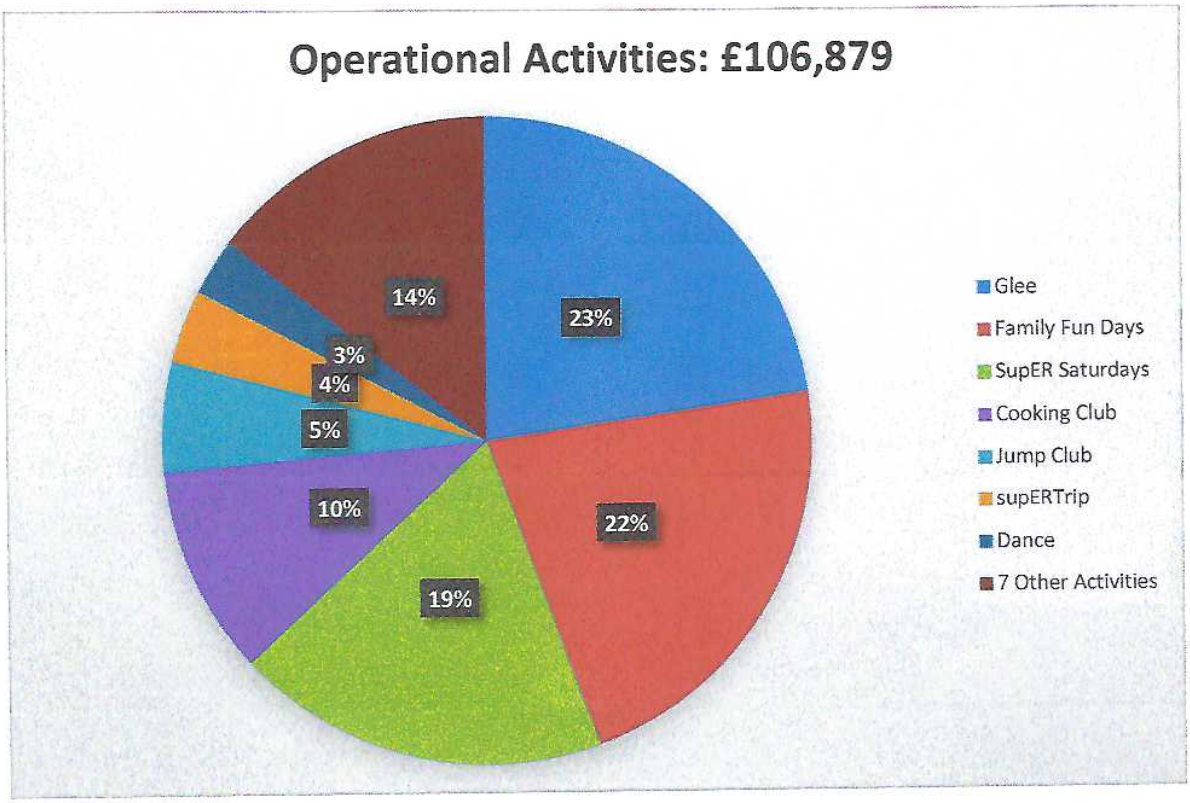


Operational activities over the 12 month period encompassed 14 different activities, each targeting different interests and age groups. Clubs are driven by demand from the children / young people and their parents and carers.

SupERkids organise their after school clubs by age and run two sessions per evening. We are able to access our preferred facility Isobel Mair School at 6pm and tend to finish around 8.30 - 9pm. We commenced unsupported Family Fun Days this year spending £23,345 during the holiday periods.

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.

There are few places that will accept a non verbal SupERkid with complex needs and autism in their club with or without support. We aim to. Ensure that our SupERkids can access activities just like their non ASN siblings and friends. SupERkids provides opportunities to remedy social isolation which is a significant part of all our services and we do this because no one else does.



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 2024. We intend to continue our family fun days as well as expand our SupERtots activities

The Trustees are confident that in 2024, 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 SupERkids.

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.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

Nicola Kelly	
Print name	NICOLA KELLY
Designation	CHAIR - SUPERKIDS
Date	19/6/2024

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This report covers the fourth full year of activity following OSCAR registration on 3rd October 2019. SupERkids began its activities as a constituted club in December 2011, when a group of dedicated parents determined that their children should be able to access fun after school activities within their community regardless of their disability or care needs.

In 2023 the activities of SupERkids provided 5,893 (2022 - 5,399) hours of activity, spending £106,879 (2022 - £106,874) directly on activities where an ASN child was engaged, "operational activities". These activities took place throughout the year with expenditure being skewed significantly towards the academic year, ensuring that all that we could do with our resources was done to support our beneficiaries.

Activity levels year over year have been constant in financial terms, although the make up of that total changes dynamically every year. Demand for our activities continues to be high and is a reflection of support previously provided to our beneficiaries from other providers pre-covid never returning post covid.

57% of our operational expenditure continues to be spent on support staff and facilities sourced from East Renfrewshire Council, specifically the Inclusive Support Team, without whom activities could not safely take place.

Administration / funding expense incurred in the year totalled £1,843 (2022 - £2,759), mainly Just Giving, Insurance, Web Domain/Storage and Printer Ink / Paper.

SupERkids have no employees, no premises and consequently no fixed overheads or long term commitments. Consequently, the Trustees have resolved not to hold a minimum level of reserves. All monies available to the charity are routinely deployed, to the benefit of our beneficiaries, within a 12 month period following their receipt. The Trustees are of the view that this commitment is what funders and donors expect when they give us their money.

Grants received during the year were:

Better Breaks	£26,000
Access to Child Care	£72,522

Fees represent direct parental contributions to attend activities. These activity charges have continued to be waived to remove any potential financial barrier to participation.

Donations at £32,549 (2022 -£22,995) include; Robertson Trust £10,000, Barrett Foundation £1,500 and numerous parent initiatives.

Total income for the year totalled £131,071 (2022 - £106,840).

The financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2023 is strong. Net Assets are £76,345 (2022 - £53,996) being Unrestricted Reserves £55,326 (2022 - £39,316) and Restricted Reserves £21,019 (2022 - £14,488). Creditors are mainly ERC and sums due to suppliers relating to the Festive Family Fun Days.

Funding currently in place or agreed with existing funders will allow SupERkids to operate throughout 2024.

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The support of our funding partners; Better Breaks and Access to Child Care has provided the financial backbone of our activities throughout the year. This is something for which we are extremely grateful.

The organisation would not operate without the ongoing determination and contribution of the parents and carers of East Renfrewshire's children with additional support needs. The contribution of the Inclusive Support Team of East Renfrewshire Council is a structural pillar to the continuation of Supported activities to our beneficiaries.

Paul Kelly BA CA

19th June 2024

Statement of Financial Position

		Actual 31-Dec-23 £	Actual 31-Dec-22 £
Bank		97,334	78,931
Cash		-	266
Funding Pending Receipt		-	12,222
Prepayments		-	200
		97,334	91,619
Creditors		20,989	37,623
Net Assets		76,345	53,996
Surplus:	B/fwd	53,996	56,789
	Current Period	22,349	(2,793)
		76,345	53,996
Of which:			
	Restricted	21,019	14,488
	Unrestricted	55,326	39,508

Nicola Kelly - Chair

Heather Robertson - Vice Chair

Date: 19 June 2024

Income & Expenditure

		Actual 12 Months 31-Dec-23 £	Actual 12 Months 31-Dec-22 £
Grants Received		98,522	83,845
Fees		-	-
Donations		32,549	22,995
		131,071	106,840
Events :	Facilities	11,457	10,193
	Support Staff	49,912	51,202
	Suppliers	26,406	36,805
	Transport	-	350
	Other	19,104	8,324
		106,879	106,874
Administrative Expense		1,200	1,475
Funding Expenditure		643	1,284
(Deficit) / Surplus of Income over Expenditure		22,349	(2,793)