



Purple Elephant Family Support CIO - Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st September 2022 to 31st March 2023

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 five main services are Small Steps, the Toy Library (lending service and stay and play), family activities during school holidays, befriending service 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 refugees, 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 small number of loyal volunteers, notably in the befriending service 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 becoming registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO. Purple Elephant set up as a CIC in March 2015 (having started the Children's Festival with Young People Frome in 2014) and concentrated more on targeted, direct family support from 2019. Over time it became apparent that the organisation was fully charitable in its purposes hence the change in structure. This has helped people to understand our purpose more clearly.

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

- Were supporting 6 children through our befriending service and had 4 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 150 families on our database. We ran special sessions at Christmas which included Santa and presents and a bit of magic. From February we aimed to increase the number of sessions we ran, where we have enough funding.
- Expanded Small Steps to include a second weekly support group at Frome Hospital on Mondays and we started regular outreach work at Tiny Hearts. At the end of the period we were supporting 16 children with 2 on the waiting list. Families present with parenting challenges but also issues around relationships, bereavement, accessing childcare, household budgeting and 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. Membership and borrowing dropped off since Covid and we started discussions with Frome Library about running loans in partnership with them, which will dramatically increase access for borrowing.
- Started work planning the Children's Festival for 2023, working together with young people from various schools and community groups, enabling them to gain skills and raise awareness of their chosen issue – climate change.
- Ran various projects as and when funding was available including Welcome Packs for refugee children and theatre tickets at Christmas. We also supported a family that had a house fire with a parcel of toys. 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.

Trustees and staff met in January 2023 to set our Service Plan for the next 3 years which included the following 4 priorities:

1. Youth club and support for the 8 – 13 yr old age group.
2. Additional fundraising.
3. Expanding holiday activities.
4. Coproduction of services with families.

Financial Review

While our focus over the period was on transitioning to a charity we also secured a good level of income and had a healthy balance at the end of the reporting period of £52530.

Our principal source of funds was from grants from various sources including several from Government or local authority sources. Trustees identified the need to diversify our funding strategy in the future.

We drafted a reserves policy which will assist us when planning and explaining our approach to stakeholders. It will contribute to trustees ability to balance the needs of current and future beneficiaries, to provide stakeholders with assurances that the charity is well managed and that it has, where appropriate, a strategy for building up reserves.

Without a reserves policy, the Board cannot be confident that their reserves level matches the charity's needs at the time. The charity could be holding reserves that are too high or too low for its needs.

Our free reserves at the end of March 2023 are £8635.98; restricted/designated funds are £43339.06. Our reserves policy was subsequently approved by trustees on 6th April 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

During the period we had 5 trustees who met 3 times. The Office and Service Manager attended 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.

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:
Sue Willis (chair and Office and Service Manager), Helen Fielden, Tracey Ashford, Cath Puddick (Secretary), John Clarke.


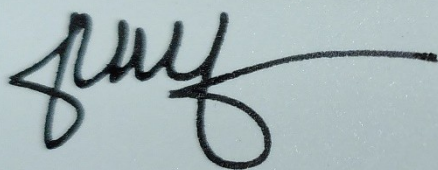
There were no corporate trustees and no trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Rachel Griffin	Helen Fielden
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Chair	Trustee
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Date

6 th March 2024

Registered Charity number
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Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)

Unaudited Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

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Trustees

The following persons served as trustees during the period:

S Willis
H Fielden
T Ashford
J Clarke
C Puddick

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



Sue Willis
Signed on 22/06/23 @ 15:13

Mrs S Willis
Trustee

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Registered charity number: 1200243
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 2023.

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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22nd June 2023

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Statement of Financial Activities
for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023

	2023
	£
Income and Endowments	56,502
Charitable expenses	(42,484)
Restricted funds	38,512
Net income	<hr/> 52,530
Movement for the period	<hr/> 52,530

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Registered number: 1200243
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	2	332
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	52,198	
Net current assets		52,198
Net assets		52,530
Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		18,992
Restricted Funds	7	33,538
Total funds		52,530

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

issue on and are signed on their behalf by;



Sue Willis
Signed on 22/06/23 @ 15:13

Mrs S Willis

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Approved by the board on

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Movement in Funds
for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	4,899	-	4,899
Grant Income	2,500	-	2,500
Other income	1,262	-	1,262
Restricted funds	-	35,289	35,289
Total Income	8,661	35,289	43,950
Resources Expended	8,661	35,289	43,950
Charitable Activities			
Charitable expenses	(2,221)	(40,263)	(42,484)
Total Resources Expended	(2,221)	(40,263)	(42,484)
Net Income for the year	6,440	(4,974)	1,466
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Fund Brought Forward at 1st Sep 2022	12,552	38,512	51,064
Total Fund Carried Forward at 31st Mar 2023	18,992	33,538	52,530

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Notes to the Accounts
for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023

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 2023.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2023

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
Additions	443
At 31 March 2023	<u>443</u>
Depreciation	

Purple Elephant Family Support (Charity)
Notes to the Accounts
for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023

Charge for the period	111
At 31 March 2023	111
Net book value	
At 31 March 2023	332

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3 Other information

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for the period from 1 September 2022 to 31 March 2023
This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

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Grant income	2,500
Donations and gift aid	4,899
Other income	13,814
Restricted funds	35,289
	<u>56,502</u>
Administrative expenses	
Employee costs:	
Wages and salaries	23,051
Staff training and welfare	105
	<u>23,156</u>
General administrative expenses:	
Project costs	7,961
Sub-contractor / Activity providers	6,574
Equipment and resources	1,422
Subscriptions	484
Insurance	912
Software	31
Depreciation	111
Sundry expenses	238
	<u>17,733</u>
Legal and professional costs:	
Solicitors fees	480
Advertising and PR	1,115
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