



Making fun matter for  
children with additional needs

# KIDS OUT ABERDEEN

## Trustees' Annual Report

From 1/1/2025 to 31/12/2025



## Charity Contact Information



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## **Charity Trustees**

1. Stewart Busby
2. Edwin Duncan – Elected 23 Feb 2026
3. Dawn Chalmers -Elected 23 Feb 2026
4. Bob Rose – Left 26/06/2025
5. Ellen Smith
6. Julien Brown

## **Objectives and Activities**

The principal activity of the charity is to provide an annual fun day out for primary school children who suffer from mental and/or physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties (Additional Support Needs). We provide this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in June. Whilst we have been in operation since 1994 providing an annual event for children, we formally became a charity on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 and transferred to a SCIO in January 2025

This year's event was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Four hundred and thirty five children attended from twenty-three primary schools in and around Aberdeen. Apart from the children there were 270 school staff, 135 Rotarians and around 150 other helpers (including Cults Academy pupils who dressed up as clowns entertaining the children on the day).

The activities experienced by the children included, pony and trap rides, giant footballs, pet goats, petting ponies, petting sheep, various bouncy castles and crossing a rope bridge supported by 46<sup>th</sup> Aberdeen Scout Group. The children enjoyed games at the funfair stalls provided by Westhill Rotary. This year there were also new events for the children to have fun with and these included the Critter Keeper, climbing tower, bungee trampoline, musical puppets. The community organisations of the Ambulance Service, Mountain Rescue Support and Rescue Assistance Dogs, Police Scotland and the Fire Service Scotland also helped to provide an engaging and interactive experience. The magicians also presented a touch of magic to the day out and many children were determined to get a hug and photo with Angus the Bull.

Wearing their coloured KidsOut hats the pupils followed a busy programme before having a picnic snack and drink and this included a Mackie's ice cream. Finally, before boarding their buses back to school the boys and girls enjoyed the traditional open-air disco.

During the event we were visited by Ron McKail (Aberdeenshire Councillor), and David Cameron (Aberdeen Lord Provost).

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### Type of Governing Document

We are governed by a constitution that was approved by OSCR in January 2025 for us to operate as a SCIO and we are managed by the charity members who elect a Chair Person, Secretary and Treasurer and other trustees each year.

### Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

There were no new trustees during 2025, however, one resigned in 2025 and two were elected in Feb 2026. Trustees tend to be Rotarians from Rotary Clubs in the areas covered, though we are open to non-Rotarians. Trustees are required to read our Kids Out Aberdeen "Trustees Induction Information".

## Achievements and performance

After 7 months of planning, we ran a very successful day for the ASN Primary School children on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025. There were no reported incidents during the day.



Fund raising is a year round activity to enable the fun and games to be provided to those deserving children.

Serious planning for the event starts in November with the reservations for transport and the event providers. In the early part of the year schools are asked if they want to take part and in March they let us know how many children will be coming from their schools and any specific needs of individual children. We can then start to plan the bus routes for picking the children up.

Following this we plan the site, ordering snacks for the children and ensuring all the events are correctly insured. Rotary insurance covers the event and the volunteers.

After the event we seek feedback from the schools. The school returns are generally very positive about the effect this event has had on the children, but they also include suggestions as to how we might make improvements for the following year.

## Financial review

### Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

With regards to reserves, the Charity aims to have sufficient funds in place to be able to commit to the following year's event when the present event has been completed.

### Details of any deficit

When our event was held in 2025, we found that we had insufficient funds for 2026. Fund raising activities have been underway and at the time of writing, funding for the 2026 event is now guaranteed and we are raising funds for 2027.

### Donated facilities and services

The MoD have allowed us to use the Bridge of Don Barracks for our event free of charge.

In addition to Rotarians, the following groups volunteered their time to help on the day:

- ABB Ltd,
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Pupils from Cults Academy,
- Deeside Garden Services,
- Grampian Fire Service,
- Police Scotland,
- Scottish Ambulance

## Future plans

Our 2026 Event will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and we are changing the location to Bogenraith Equestrian in Durris.

## Additional information

We are grateful for the financial support given to Kids Out by the following:

- 18 Rotary Clubs in and around Aberdeen.
- Bauer Media Cash for Kids
- Kids in Mind Charity
- Brimond Financial Planning
- The Barbers Pole
- Oil States Limited
- Tax Assist
- Helix
- Total Energy

We are also grateful to those organisations that provided supplies and events free of charge

- Ross the Bakers
- Mackies Ice Cream
- Malcolm Ross for the goats

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julien K Brown', written over a horizontal line.

Print name: Julien K Brown

Designation: Trustee/Treasurer

Date: 26th April 2026