



SupERkids

Trustees Annual Report

**1st January 2025 – 31st December
2025**

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Structure, Governance and Management

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

Current Trustees

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| 1. Timothy Lovat | Chairperson |
| 2. Heather Robertson | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Claire Lovat | Secretary |
| 4. Lindsay Gall | Treasurer |

Trustee Meetings and Appointment

All Trustees remained in position in 2025.

Each Trustee is a parent or carer of a disabled child 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

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parents who donate their time and professional expertise to support the activities that help make life better for all 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 disabled children. This commitment is driven by the needs of their own disabled child/ children.

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 focused on the needs of disabled children, 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.

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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 ongoing 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 disabled children and young people living within East Renfrewshire.
- the organisation of recreational opportunities for disabled children and young people living within East Renfrewshire.
- to help disabled children and young people 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 disabled children and young people within East Renfrewshire.

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SupERkids organises and provides supported clubs and activities that are attended by disabled children aged between 5 and 18 years. These activities are provided on weekday evenings and on Saturdays. SupERkids clubs are staffed by Playworkers and Playleaders who plan and deliver a diverse range of fun activities. SupERkids purchase in a support staff team from the East Renfrewshire Social Work Inclusive Support Team (IST) to look after the personal care needs and medical needs of children attending who require this support. By working collaboratively with IST we can offer supported clubs to every disabled child in East Renfrewshire.

SupERkids also organises a range of unsupported clubs and events for children aged between 0 and 18 years where parents and care givers attend alongside their young person to provide support.

In addition to these clubs and events, SupERkids has an alumni volunteer project where young adults aged between 18 and 20 are supported to work at our sessions and learn leadership skills.

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Achievements

SupERkids runs many types of clubs to specifically cater for the different needs and interests 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 has transformed our ability to respond to the needs of our SupERkids since 2020. Our funding is secured until March 2027.

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 disabled child. 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 children are safe and supported.

In 2025, SupERkids provided supported clubs to 120 children. We supported 205 families across our supported and unsupported services. 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.

This year, we began a model of full governance for our weekly supported youth club sessions; across the allocation of spaces, rotas, risk assessments and care plans. This has allowed the charity to maintain

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consistency and control over decision making meaning we can be more agile in response to the changing needs of staff, children and facilitators.

SupERTots continues to be a much used and valuable service. We provided 10 sessions for parents/carers to bring their child and siblings to fun, safe and accessible sessions in a warm and welcoming environment. This has supported both children and parents with less isolation and a new set of friends. On average, 28 children attended with a total of 1260 unsupported hours provided to the families.

Our aim is to enable normal childhood experiences to the children who attend our activities. 3406 respite hours of supported activity were provided to our SupERkids in conjunction with 6291 unsupported hours from 18 family fun sessions, nine family events and 10 SupERTots sessions, totalling 10,957 hours, increasing from 8942 hours in 2024.

New to SupERkids

SupERkids has grown steadily in the 15 years it has been running, under the management of our volunteer trustees. Access to Childcare funding has allowed us to significantly increase the number of respite hours we can offer across supported and unsupported clubs and events. This increase has put huge demands on the trustees. SupERkids also moved towards a model of full governance with our supported youth club which, while being a hugely positive step for the charity, brings with it an extra administrative workload. The decision was made to employ a full time Team Manager to assist the Trustees in the day to day running of the charity. Kirsten McCormick started in this role in June 2025. Kirsten has worked with SupERkids for 10 years and has assisted with coordinating and running sessions and fun days since 2023. Her experience,

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professionalism and dedicated passion for excellence is an enormous benefit to the charity.

SupERkids had been running as a free service since 2020. In 2025 Access to Childcare changed their funding requirements meaning that all funding partners must charge for each session they run. The charity made the decision to implement a membership scheme to make attendance as affordable to all as possible. Membership is £10 per month, per SupERkid with a reduction to £5 for families accessing Universal Credit. Families can attend all our supported and unsupported sessions and one-off events for this monthly fee. SupERkids currently has 132 members. The trustees are confident that this offers the lowest cost option giving every East Renfrewshire family the same opportunity to access high quality care for their disabled child.

A pay as you go option remains in place to accommodate families wishing to attend unsupported events without joining as members.

Holiday Provision

We ran eighteen of our hugely popular Family Fun events throughout 2025 where SupERkids attended with parents / carers / siblings. These were held during the winter break; mid-term breaks and summer holidays. Holiday times are difficult for our SupERfamilies as there are few places that are accepting of our children. The Fun Days are a safe space with a hygiene room, sensory space, physical play, art room, gaming room, science, baking and much more. Thanks to our funding from Access to Childcare, we were able to provide all activities, as well as snacks, with attendance included as part of our membership fee. An average of 63 children attended.

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Supported Clubs where children attend on their own

Monday nights (6-8.30pm)

- Gymnastics Club
- Dance Club
- Movement Clubs

Tuesday nights (6-8.30pm)

- Gaming Club
- Youth Club

Thursday (6-8.30pm)

- Disney Club
- Cooking Club

Saturday (9am – 4pm)

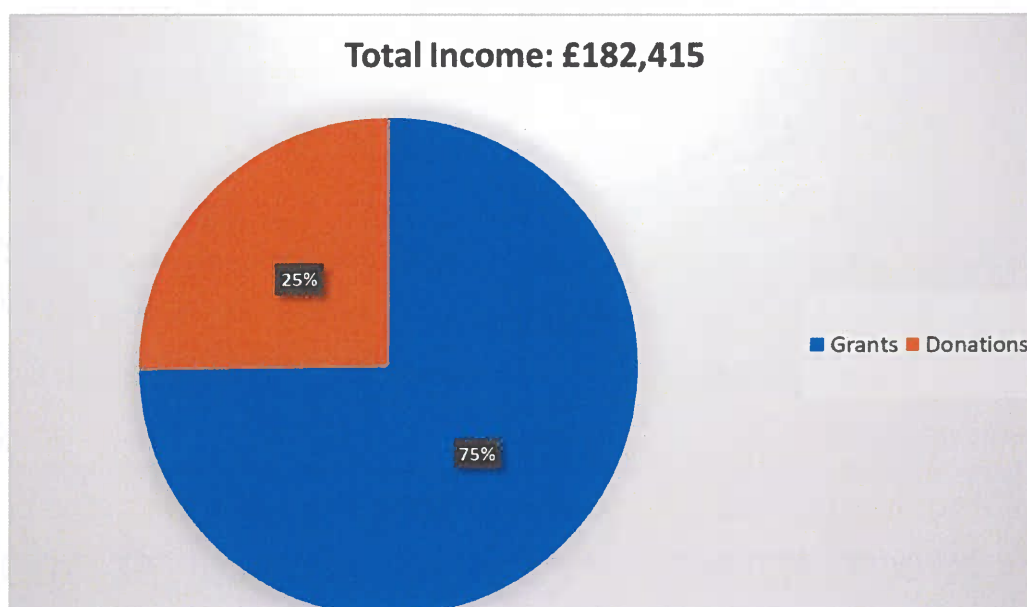
- SupERSaturday morning club
- Drama – Glee Club
- SupERSaturdays afternoon club
- Forest Club

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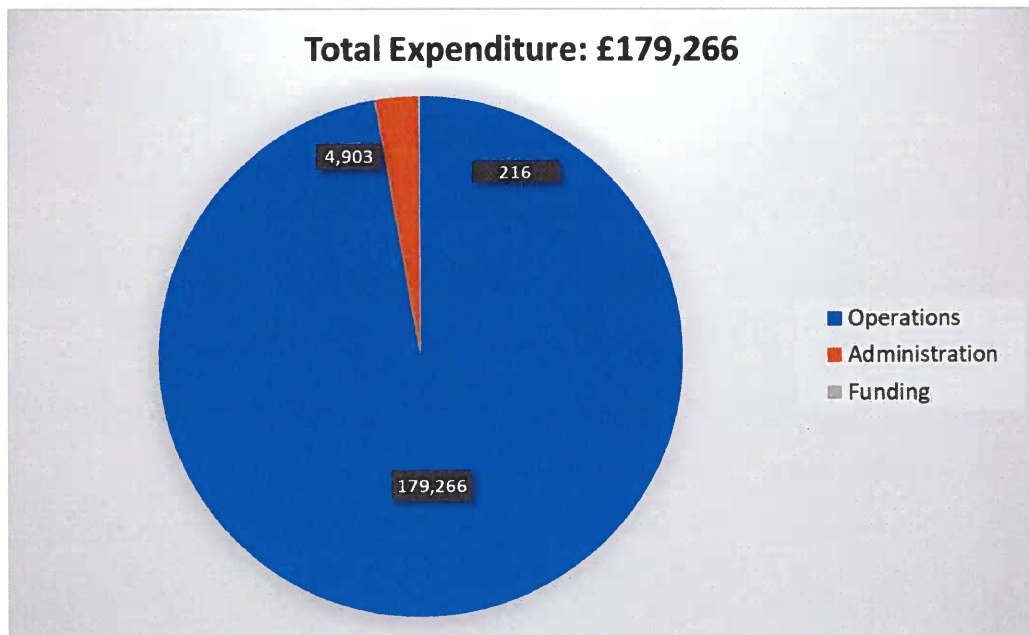
Financial Highlights

Net assets as at 31 December 2025 were £77,772, comprising Unrestricted Reserves £56,353 and Restricted Reserves £21,419.

The deficit of income over expenditure for the 12 month period ended 31 December 2025 was (£1,970).



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Operational activities over the 12 month period encompassed more than 23 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 runs two sessions per evening on a Monday and Thursday. Youth Club runs as a 1.5 hour Tuesday evening sessions for teenage children. We access our preferred facility, Isobel Mair School, at 6pm and finish around 8.30pm for Monday and Thursday sessions, 7:30pm for Tuesday Youth Club.

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.

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There are few places that will accept a SupERkid with complex needs in their club, with or without support. We aim to ensure that our SupERkids can access activities just like their non disabled siblings and friends. SupERkids provides opportunities to remedy social isolation which is a significant part of all our services and we do this to give our families and children choice and control over how they structure their free time.

Policy on Reserves

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

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 2026. We intend to continue our

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unsupported family fun weeks, our term time supported clubs, and our SupERtots sessions. We also plan on running one off family events during holiday periods and supported day trips.

The Trustees are confident that in 2026, we will further enhance our activities, as we believe this is what our beneficiaries need to ensure they can continue their 24/7 support needs of their disabilities.

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 at contact@superkids.org.uk.

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

HEATHER ROBERTSON

Designation

TRUSTEE

Date

29/06/2026

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This report covers the fifth full year of activity following OSCR 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 2025 the activities of SupERkids provided 10,957 (2024 - 8,942) hours of activity, spending £179,266 (2024 - £153,144) 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.

30% 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 £5,119 (2024 - £2,283), 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	£25,989
Access to Child Care	£110,425

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 £32,299 (2024 - £20,833) include; Robertson Trust £10,000, The Donald Foundation £10,000, The Clothworkers Foundation £5,000, The Wood Foundation £2,500, and numerous parent initiatives.

Total income for the year totalled £182,415 (2024 - £137,835).

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The financial position of the charity as at 31 December 2025 is strong. Net Assets are £77,772 (2024 - £79,742) being Unrestricted Reserves £56,353 (2024 - £63,790) and Restricted Reserves £21,419 (2024 - £15,952).

Funding currently in place or agreed with existing funders will allow SupERkids to operate throughout 2026.

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.



Treasurer

22nd July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SupERkids

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Logan CA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Date: 25 September 2026.

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Income & Expenditure

	12 Months 31-Dec-25 £	12 Months 31-Dec-24 £
Grants Received	136,414	117,002
Fees		
Donations	46,001	20,833
	<u>182,415</u>	<u>137,835</u>
Events : Facilities	20,310	13,798
Support Staff	33,037	51,249
Suppliers	112,954	65,349
Transport	0	508
Other	12,965	22,242
	<u>179,266</u>	<u>153,144</u>
Administrative Expense	4,903	2,085
Funding Expenditure	216	198
(Deficit) / Surplus of Income over Expenditure	<u><u>(1,970)</u></u>	<u><u>(17,592)</u></u>

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Balance Sheet

	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
	£	£
Bank	77,772	79,742
Cash	0	0
Funding Pending Receipt	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
	<u>77,772</u>	<u>79,742</u>
Creditors	0	(0)
Net Assets	<u><u>77,772</u></u>	<u><u>79,742</u></u>
Surplus: B/fwd	79,742	97,334
Current Period	(1,970)	(17,592)
	<u><u>77,772</u></u>	<u><u>79,742</u></u>
Of which:		
Restricted	21,419	15,952
Unrestricted	56,353	63,790
Access To Child Care Fund	21,419	
Better Breaks		15,952

