FYLDE KIDS FOUNDATION

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

Period 2nd January 2025 – 1st January 2026

Fylde Kids Foundation Annual Report – Year ended 1st January 2026.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name: Fylde Kids Foundation

Registered charity number: 1207265

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Trustees who served during the reporting period:

Samantha Hilton

Tracey Weldrake

Philip Hilton

Current trustees at the date of approval:

Samantha Hilton

Philip Hilton

Penelope Jane Davies

Key staff: None. All work is carried out by trustees and volunteers on a voluntary basis.

Independent examiner: Kayleigh Tismond

Bankers: NatWest Bank, Blackpool branch.

Governing document: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Financial period covered by this report: 2 January 2025 – 1 January 2026.

Date approved by trustees: 28th August 2026

Signature: S. Hilton

Structure, Governance and Management

Fylde Kids Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (charity number 1207265). The charity is governed by its constitution, which sets out the objects and powers of the CIO.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the provisions of the constitution. New trustees are recruited by invitation of the existing board, subject to approval, and are provided with an induction on the charity's objects, governance requirements and duties as trustees.

During the reporting period, the charity experienced an unexpected change in leadership following the departure of the previous Chair. The remaining trustees worked together to maintain the charity's services and establish a stronger and more sustainable structure.

Trustees meet regularly and maintain ongoing communication through a dedicated group chat. This approach allows trustees to communicate in a way that is accessible to everyone, including those with disabilities, and enables decisions to be made quickly when urgent requests for support arise.

Trustees work collaboratively, sharing responsibilities according to their experience, skills and availability.

The trustees are committed to good governance and ensure that decisions are made in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries. Risks are reviewed on an ongoing basis, particularly around safeguarding, financial sustainability, and compliance with Charity Commission regulations.

Objectives and Activities

The charitable object of Fylde Kids Foundation, as set out in its constitution, is:

"For the public benefit, the prevention or relief of poverty in Fylde Coast, Blackpool and the surrounding areas, by providing funds and material support for (including but not limited to) food, clothing, education and other related expenses to support children and young people."

In planning the charity's activities for the year, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The trustees confirm that all of the charity's activities are carried out in pursuit of this charitable purpose and for the benefit of the public.

Fylde Kids Foundation provides practical and financial support to children and families experiencing hardship across the Fylde Coast. Support is provided to those in genuine need and is considered according to individual circumstances and the needs of the children involved.

During the reporting period, the trustees delivered a range of activities to support children and families, including:

- Providing emergency essential household items and appliances to families who could not afford to replace them.
- Supplying beds, bedding and clothing to children and families in need.
- Providing food parcels, emergency food vouchers and assistance with essential household costs.
- Supporting children with school uniforms, educational resources and opportunities.
- Organising clothing drives and community initiatives to make donated items freely available.
- Providing Christmas support, including gifts, food assistance and festive activities.
- Supporting extracurricular activities, education and personal development through partnerships and funding.
- Working with local businesses, organisations and community groups to identify families in need and improve access to support.

All support is provided free of charge, ensuring that children and families can access assistance regardless of their financial circumstances.

Achievements and Performance

During the financial year, the trustees are pleased to report that Fylde Kids Foundation continued to make progress in delivering its charitable objectives, relieving poverty and supporting children and young people across the Fylde Coast, Blackpool and surrounding areas.

Uniform and education support

- Provided 15 brand new school uniforms.
- Distributed 30 second hand school uniforms.
- Organised five clothing drives, supporting approximately 80 children.
- Funded one child to attend a Year 6 residential school trip.

Clothing provision

The charity continued to make donated clothing freely available to families through clothing drives and community initiatives. These activities supported approximately 80 children.

Food and emergency support

- Provided approximately 50 food parcels and emergency food vouchers.

Household support

- Supplied 43 essential household appliances, including 10 washing machines, 8 fridge freezers, 6 cookers, 15 microwaves and 4 tumble dryers.

- Provided beds and bedding for 32 children.

Christmas support

The charity developed its Christmas support into a more structured scheme, helping 120 children receive Christmas packages. These included gifts, Christmas Eve boxes, personalised Nice List Certificates and the opportunity to attend Meal with Santa.

- A further 30 families received support towards their Christmas dinner.

Access to opportunities

The charity continued supporting local opportunities for children and young people through sponsorship and partnerships with UTC Blackpool, Hope Music and JFT Boxing.

Partnerships and development

The charity received support from 13 new businesses during the Christmas campaign and built new connections with local organisations, businesses and members of the public, helping raise awareness of its work.

The charity secured a dedicated donation centre, providing space to receive, sort, organise and store donated clothing, gifts and essential items. The charity also welcomed two new volunteers, strengthening the support available to its work.

The trustees are proud of the support provided to children and families during the year and remain committed to strengthening the partnerships that will support the charity's work in the years ahead.

Financial Review

Income

During the financial year, Fylde Kids Foundation received total income of £27,157.23. This comprised donations of £3,639.72 and fundraising event income of £23,517.51. The donations figure includes an additional £45.30 allocated to donations to reconcile the income records with the closing bank balance. An internal transfer of £5,575.24 from the charity's previous bank account to its new bank account has not been treated as income.

Income was received through donations and fundraising activities, including support from local businesses, organisations and the community.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £26,273.22, focused on delivering the charity's objectives and supporting children and families. Key areas of expenditure included:

- Office costs, bills and expenses: £2,640.18.
- Food support: £983.57.
- Beds and bedding: £836.77.
- Household appliances: £884.99.
- Sponsorships: £2,340.00.
- School uniforms: £996.96.
- Events and associated expenses: £17,008.38.
- Christmas support: £582.37.

All expenditure was incurred for genuine charitable purposes and in line with the charity's objectives, ensuring that funds raised were used to provide benefit to children and young people in the community.

Reserves Policy

The trustees aim to hold sufficient reserves to cover essential operating costs and enable the charity to respond quickly to urgent needs. At the end of the financial year, the charity held a bank balance of £9,662.85. The trustees will continue to monitor reserves in light of the charity's activities and future commitments.

Financial Governance

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper financial records and ensuring that the charity's resources are applied appropriately and effectively. The charity's accounts are subject to independent examination in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Fylde Kids Foundation

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 1 January 2026

Receipts

Income Source	£

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Donations	3,639.72
Fundraising events	23,517.51
Total Receipts	27,157.23

Payments

Expenditure category	£
Office costs, bills and expenses	2,640.18
Food support	983.57
Beds and bedding	836.77
Household appliances	884.99
Sponsorships	2,340.00
School uniforms	996.96
Events and associated expenses	17,008.38
Christmas support	582.37
Total Payments	**26,273.22**

Summary

	£
Total Receipts (Income)	27,157.23
Total Payments (Expenditure)	26,273.22
Surplus (Net Movement in Funds)	884.01

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at Year End

Cash Funds

Description	£
Bank balance	9,662.85
Cash in hand / floats	0.00
Total Cash Funds	**9,662.85**

Other Significant Assets (Fixed Assets)

Asset description	£
Chair sashes	99.04
Clothing rails	9.98

Storage boxes	18.00
Roller banner	35.00
Event backdrop	220.00
Gazebo	44.99
Charity collection tubs	83.96
Folding table	38.50
Shelving	73.98
Laptop 1	199.00
Laptop 2	423.00
Mobile phone 1	79.00
Mobile phone 2	79.00
Total Fixed Assets	**1,403.45**

Liabilities

The charity had no outstanding debts or unpaid bills at the year end.

Summary of Year-End Position

	£
Total cash funds	**9,662.85**
Fixed assets	1,403.45
Total assets held at year end	**11,066.30**

An internal transfer of £5,575.24 was made from the charity's previous bank account to its new bank account during the year. The old account was closed with a nil balance. The transfer is excluded from receipts and payments to avoid double counting.

Approved by the trustees on 28th August 2026
and signed on their behalf by
Samantha Hilton, Chair

Plans for the Future

The trustees are committed to continuing and expanding the charity's work to relieve poverty and support children and young people across the Fylde Coast, Blackpool and surrounding areas.

In the coming year, the trustees plan to:

- Continue working towards securing and developing a permanent community hub, building on the dedicated donation centre already established.
- Improve the organisation and storage of donated clothing, gifts and essential items.
- Grow the trustee and volunteer team, building on the two volunteers who joined during the reporting period.
- Continue providing household essentials, clothing, food, school uniform and educational support to children and families in need.
- Develop relationships with local businesses, schools, organisations and community groups.
- Continue fundraising through community events, partnerships, grants and donations.
- Monitor and maintain the charity's reserves and financial sustainability to ensure long term effectiveness and responsiveness to urgent needs.

The trustees remain committed to measuring and reporting the impact of activities, ensuring transparency and demonstrating clear public benefit in every aspect of the charity's work.

Reflections on the Year

This reporting period was a year of change, learning and rebuilding for Fylde Kids Foundation. Following an unexpected change in leadership and periods of illness within the team, the charity had fewer opportunities to carry out some of its usual hands on activities.

The trustees instead focused on maintaining essential services, strengthening relationships and establishing a more sustainable way of working. A particularly positive development was the support received from 13 new businesses during the Christmas campaign. The charity also built many new connections with local organisations, businesses and members of the public, helping raise awareness of its work and the support available to families.

Securing a dedicated donation centre was another important achievement, providing a much needed space to organise and manage donated items. The addition of two new volunteers also helped strengthen the team.

Although the year brought challenges, the trustees continued working hard to ensure that children and families could access the support they needed. The trustees are grateful to every volunteer, business, organisation, donor and member of the public who supported the charity throughout the year.

Trustees' Responsibilities and Approval

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities SORP have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;

- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th August 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Samantha Hilton, Chair
Date: 28th August 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Fylde Kids Foundation

Charity Name: Fylde Kids Foundation
Registered Charity Number: 1207265
Accounting Period: 2 January 2025 – 1 January 2026

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 1 January 2026, which are set out in this report.

Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the charity is small and is not subject to audit under the Charities Act 2011.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission.

Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

I have carried out such checks as I considered necessary to ensure that:

- The accounts are consistent with the accounting records; and
- The accounts comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting standards, and the Charities SORP.

Findings

- During the reporting period, Fylde Kids Foundation experienced changes and challenges while continuing to develop its trustee and volunteer team, internal structure and working practices.
- The trustees have worked hard to maintain the charity's services, establish a stronger team, build sustainable ways of working and develop relationships with local businesses and community organisations.
- The charity has made positive progress through support from new businesses, the addition of volunteers and the establishment of a dedicated donation centre.
- It is clear that the trustees have a genuine passion for helping children and young people in their community. Despite the challenges experienced during the year, their commitment and determination to support children and families have remained evident.

I have observed the charity's activities and reviewed the reports and information provided. I have no concerns regarding the trustees' ongoing commitment to the charity's purposes and the work being undertaken to strengthen the organisation.

Report

In my opinion:

- The accounts of Fylde Kids Foundation for the year ended 1 January 2026 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities for the year and its financial position at the year end;
- The accounting records were sufficient to allow the accounts to be properly prepared; and
- The accounts are in agreement with the accounting records.

I confirm that I am in no way related to the charity. I am an experienced business owner and consider that my experience and capacity in running businesses provides me with the knowledge and understanding necessary to carry out this independent examination competently.

Independent Examiner:

Name: Kayleigh Tismond

Qualification: None (experienced business owner)

Digital signature: K Tismond

Date: 28 August 2026