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Letter from the Chair

Dear Carers and friends of East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA)

Can you believe our charitable organisation, ESFCA, reaches 25 years of Supporting the fostering community of East Sussex County Council this year? It has to be time to celebrate!

The shape of ESFCA has constantly changed over the years, and last year the pace of change was on a whole new level with the numerous events, fundraising activities and community partnership opportunities we pursued. In the current economic climate and with increasing pressure placed upon fostering families, the committee is working hard at meeting these challenges to do our best for our children and families. Whilst our relationship with ESCC is important, East Sussex Foster Care Association is often confused with the Council. In fact we are an independent charitable entity which was started 25 years ago by foster carers to support their peers in every way possible from extending the arm of friendship, offering advice and advocacy and many other meaningful activities. Again, although the council supports us our activities are all undertaken from the funds we raise and carried out by volunteers.



What hasn't changed over the years is our commitment to the fostering community in East Sussex. It amazes me that so much can be achieved by our relatively small core group of committed volunteers; myself, 8 trustees (all foster carers), and a handful of fostering friends of the Committee together with 2 members of staff; Hannah, our Fundraising and Development Coordinator and Mandie our Administrator.

One area of development that should be mentioned is how we continue to reach out within East Sussex to add to our establish list of engaged partners. This includes our wonderful patron Jayne Torvill, and other supporters of our charity including many social workers and staff at the Council. Perhaps most excitingly of all are our partnerships with Sainsbury's Arndale Centre, as their chosen supported charity from May 2016- May 2018, as well as the Soroptimist's International, who you may have met at our Christmas Party and who donate the wonderful gifts for children to choose, wrap and offer to their foster carers.

Looking forward, it is essential that we acknowledge that our success is all about the people and networks that support us, sharing knowledge, networking and information to raise our charity status and profile.

If you are reading this can we assume that you are either a foster carer or someone with a connection to fostering? May I ask you if you could spare some time, be willing to share your Professional know-how, help at an event; hold an event (raffle, fundraising, sponsorship etc).

We welcome visitors and or new committee members to our monthly open meetings, held at 7:30pm on the second Monday of each month at Dunbar Drive, Hailsham. You can call our office anytime and speak to Hannah, Mandie or one of the trustees.

Do you have any ideas we could help you develop or contacts we could partnership work within East Sussex or ideas about other activities we might pursue or do you just want to find out more about what you could do in a voluntary capacity to support the work we do? Please let me know by dropping an email to esfca.admin@eastsussex.gov.uk ESFCA always welcomes new interest and values all contributions. Please come and help us to make a positive difference for our members and young people.

Susanne Beesley

ESFCA CHAIR



Structure

Chair Person: Susanne Beesley
Vice Chair: Mark Thornborough
Treasurer: Lysette Grosvenor

Trustees: Susanne Beesley, Mark Thornborough, Ann Holder MBE,
Ru Petraitis-Williams, Tina Henderson, Lysette Grosvenor,
Jane Hollobone, Anja Leeves, Sandra Maylam

Patron: Jayne Torvill, OBE

Trustees who stepped down prior to the end of the financial year: Chris Thornton

Aims and objectives of the charity

The objectives of East Sussex Foster Care Association as set out in the Memorandum of Association are to promote all or any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community mainly but not exclusively within the County of East Sussex and in particular the advancement of the education of the public in matters relating to substitute care. In particular the education, training and support of foster carers and their families, the relief of Looked After Children, their Carers and their Carers' families by providing facilities and services in the interests of social welfare with a view to improving their conditions of life.

The Association is to support East Sussex Foster Carers and their families in their efforts to achieve the best possible outcomes for the children in their care by working in partnership with all appropriate statutory and voluntary agencies. It undertakes this task by offering a range of events, advocacy, training and support for the both the families and the children they care for. Its membership is comprised of East Sussex Local Authority registered Foster Carers and elected Trustees/Directors' from within that membership forms the managing group is formed by elected Trustees/Directors' from within that membership.

Sunday Skate World and Cake Sale

Skate world in Eastbourne was the coolest place to be on Sunday 23rd July 2017. We had a closed event solely for Foster Families and we had the whole rink to ourselves for two hours. So we could really 'wear out' our young people with music and games.

The entertainment was non-stop with limbo poles, speed skating, jumping tricks, tag games and so on, all handled expertly by the Marshalls who were extremely young!

There seemed to be lots of novices holding on to each other and if one slipped over the whole group went down also! Some fabulous experts were also there for us all to admire, these grown-ups are just big kids showing off I think.



Many of our lovely Foster Carers made or bought cakes for the event and these we sold to raise funds for the association and we had a fantastic selection. We even sold the cakes left over at the end Of the event to the in-house café, who loved the cup cakes and the sponges.

We had face painting also which is always popular, a raffle and a lucky dip with lovely gifts, also we sold baby items to help round the event off. A small entrance contribution from all attendees plus the aforementioned activities made the whole event possible and all costs were covered making the whole event self-funded.

All had a great time.





Organised and supported by Eastbourne Lions, 17th June

The Sun was shining and the forecast for the day was 85 degrees.

Our 81-seater coach arrived on time and we all climbed aboard with some very excited children and their foster carers. We were also joined by 3 members of Eastbourne Lions (Richard, David and Julie), who had kindly funded this event and helped us organise the day.

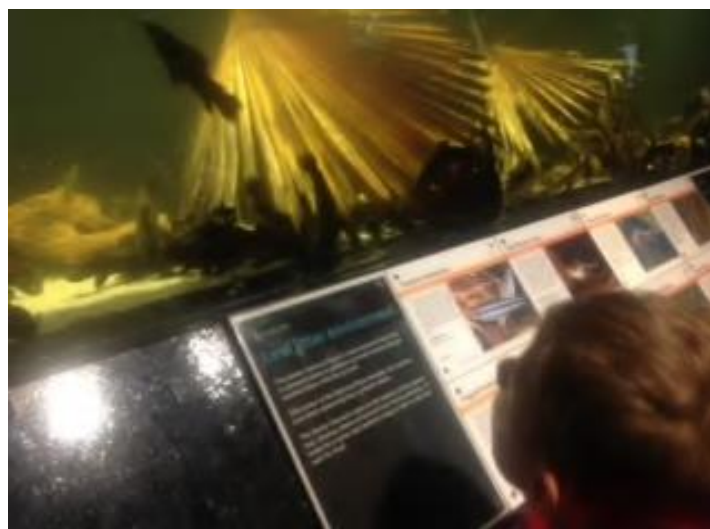
Sainsbury's in The Arndale Centre in Eastbourne had kindly agreed to provide a packed lunch for everybody. Their wonderful baker, Nigel turned up to meet the coach with lots of sandwiches, water, fruit, crisps, and much more. The highlight of the food was watching all the children munching their way through the delicious doughnuts Sainsbury's also kindly gave some sweets to all the children as well as boxes of the Lego stickers. As I travelled down the coach giving out the packets of stickers, the children could be heard trading and swapping with other foster children whom they had never met before. This was a marvelous way to start the day as it broke the ice and helped the children get to know each other and realise that there are other children in care, who have similar difficult early childhood experiences to them.

The coach driver was really lovely and very helpful. It took about two and a half hours each way travelling. There was such a lovely atmosphere on the coach and children could be heard giggling and laughing with each other. One lovely experience was as we entered near to the center of London; our coach was stopped on a roundabout for about 15 minutes. However, we were all in ore as we watched the soldiers on horseback and the bands as they progressed to trooping of the colour, to celebrate the queen's birthday. The bright colours were spectacular.



We arrived at the Zoo and our group was quickly ushered in and we went through security. The majority of the children had never been to a Zoo before and were busy planning their route around the Zoo trying to ensure they had enough time to do everything they could before the end of the day.

The zoo was really interesting with the children having a fun new experience. Tigers, Lions, Butterflies, Penguins, Camels and the Bug house were very memorable. One child spent hours in the large aquarium watching with amazement the many variety of fish and sea creatures. We also witnessed children overcoming their fear of spiders as they attended a talk by the Zoo staff and they learnt more fascinating information about life of a spider. The Butterfly house was like a giant, long bouncy castle, with the most beautiful butterflies appearing before your eyes. The Gorillas were huge and many of the children had until today, no concept of their size. They watched as the families of gorillas played and took care of their young.



Everybody arrived back at the coach and was greeted by another bottle of water and more doughnuts. The children were tired but very happy and contented. The foster carers reported what a very special day the children had experienced.

When we arrived back in Eastbourne, the Lions left the coach first and each child got off the coach and thanked them for the lovely day and shared their favorite experience with them. The foster children were so grateful to have had such a special day and these will be positive memories that these children will carry and remember forever.



Thank you Eastbourne Lions for helping make our children's dreams come true. As one of my own foster children said as we tucked her up in bed the night before, 'if you were me, would tomorrow be the best day of your life'?

We can answer that for her, yes, she had a very special, happy day.

Bluebell Walk 18th & 19th April 2017

ESFCA was invited to attend and run the cafe at
The Arlington Bluebell Walk.



This event is a fantastic opportunity to see Bluebells at their best; you can choose to have a short, medium or long walk, meet other carers and general public or just have a nice snack! The ESFCA funds the food to go for sale in the cafe and carers give their delicious home baked cakes/ biscuits/ muffins to be sold. Many carers volunteered to help at the café, from preparing sandwiches, cooking, and washing-up to cleaning the venue at the end.

The venue also has a few "baby" animals so children can enjoy being close to them. The Blue Bell Farm allows us to have 2 days there and all profits from the café go to our children in care..

**THIS SHOULD
NEVER BE
A CHILD'S
SUITCASE.**



No child (especially foster children) should have to face the distressing sight of having their belongings packed into black plastic bags, when being moved either from birth family or to new foster placements. Black plastic bags are designed for rubbish and not for children personal belongings.

We have a stock of luggage available to social workers and assessment teams and have already distributed over 200 suitcases to children that have had to be moved as an emergency or travelling to respite.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

Firstly, thank you so much to John Jackson Trust for donating £820 towards our annual East Sussex Foster Care Association Christmas party. It was a huge success and the feedback from adults and children who attended was extremely positive. We had both foster children and children who foster attend with a total of 128 children aged 2 months to 21 years of age!

It was held at the Kings Centre from 3-6pm on Sunday 10th December. We had a fantastic DJ who got all the children up dancing with various competitions and Santa popped along to give out presents to each of the children. Eastbourne Lions Club had kindly lent us the sleigh to put all the presents on and we had the Lewes and Eastbourne Soroptomist ladies attend and donate presents for the children to wrap up and give to their foster carers. This is such an important experience for the children who not only receive gifts themselves but experience the joy of giving. The children loved being able to have the opportunity to give something back to their carers. They were delighted at the recognition of their role as carers from outside of the world of fostering.

We held a raffle and cake sale as well as helium balloons for each of the children. There was face painting, cold buffet and Christmas decorations everywhere!

Watching the children's faces was a treat to behold. These Christmas parties, which have been running for nearly 25 years, provide some of the best lasting memories for our young people.

Christmas is an emotionally difficult time of year for our children who may be missing birth families or reminded of previous traumas and deprivation. The Christmas party offers fun and escapism for a few hours and enables the children to see that their own situation is not in isolation; lots of other children will be spending time away from birth families. The children that foster also appreciate the camaraderie the party offers since they will be sharing their parents, toys and home with vulnerable others. It benefits so many foster children's lives and they can take away fantastic fun and positive memories, thanks to you you have helped make this happen!!

There are some photos below, unfortunately due to the nature of our charity we are not allowed to share photographs of looked after children and hopefully these are enough to show you how much we appreciate your kind donation and how the money was used.



PANTOMIME

On 6th January 2018, excited foster carers and looked after children, from East Sussex County Council (ESCC), met representatives from the East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA) outside the Devonshire Park Theatre Eastbourne to collect their tickets for the Pantomime. How wonderful it was for ESFCA to have the privilege to hand out 200 tickets to our fostering community greatly subsidised from the Greggs Foundation.

For some children this was their first experience of live theatre, many were about to see their first ever pantomime and some who had previous experience were anticipating the fun and gaiety that such entertainment brings. For all, it provided almost three hours of escapism. For looked-after- children, the festive season can be a challenging time. Being away from birth families, and often siblings, is emotive enough, but coupled with their previous life trauma experiences and the uncertainty of their futures, this type of treat is hugely beneficial. Pantomime lends itself to whole family entertainment. The looked- after-children can attend with their foster families and the birth, or adoptive children, of those families. It enables quality time together; as well as family bonding time. The looked-after-children get a sense they are not alone in their situation, since they see their peers also attending, however all the children have their looked-after status anonymised in the hub-bub of the environment and through the discretion of carers.

As the curtain rose the children, and adults, cheered. The story of Dick Whittington and his Cat unfolded



through verse, song, dance and humour. A brilliantly cast show with lots of colour and interaction to keep everyone engaged. It is such a great experience for a carer to introduce children to Pantomime banter, to heckling, sing-a-long and other Panto routines; oh yes it is!

During the performance there is a sector where some children are chosen to go on the stage. Lazy Jack (Tucker) asks the children their name, how old they are and who they are with. One young lady said proudly she was with her foster carer. It was notable that Tucker paused, reflected briefly and said 'that's wonderful'. How true this is with so many East Sussex families giving their love, time and attention to caring for some of the most vulnerable children in society.

As the families left the theatre there was a definitive buzz in the air and a skip in the step of the children. Building and reinforcing positive experiences and memories for looked after- children is one of the key motivations of ESFCA. With the funding from the Greggs Foundation, our aim became a reality and many children have an experience of fun and enlightenment that can never be taken from them.



Urban Jump



The Hastings Round Table funded a party evening for over 20 of our older children. The evening started off with hot dogs, chips and a soft drink. A safety briefing followed then a 2 hour jump session ensued. The Activities included a jungle rope swing area, ball pits with trampolines and an array of and crash mats. The trampolines were a source of great fun added with music and a crazy light show the result was a great party vibe.



Legoland with Merlin's Magic Wand

On Saturday 14th October 2017, 52 foster children and their carers made their way to Legoland in Windsor. This had been made possible by Merlin's magic Wand, who donated 50 tickets plus £200 towards the cost of the coach.

The aim of this trip was to offer foster Children, 10 years and under, the opportunity to have a fun day out and create positive childhood memories. We were also supported by Sainsburys at the Arndale Centre, Eastbourne who kindly provided packed lunches and drinks for everybody.

The coach left Eastbourne at 8am and there was great excitement on board. As we got closer to Windsor the noise and excitement of the children got louder and louder, The children had an amazing day and everybody was raving about their experience.

The sun shone and the ques were about 45 minutes per ride. So many of the children returned to the coach wearing their Legoland Driving License which they took great pride in obtaining. All had a fantastic time.





During 2017, ESFCA provided 3 PGL residential trips.

We took 57 LAC to either Windmill Hill or Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. Many social workers and managers joined us and this allowed the social workers and senior managers the opportunity to spend quality time with their LAC. Some of the highlights were the water fights where LAC and staff were able to soak their social workers and Peter Richards and Ade Sewell, also come in for some great shots with the water cannons and balloons. (Well done kids).

Then in October 17, ESFCA re-introduced our PGL for Children who Foster. We took 25 children and young people to Windmill Hill and foster carers and the fostering team supported this. The aim was to say THANK YOU and to acknowledge the support that our own birth, adopted and SGO children offer to the fostering service.

ESFCA is pleased to announce that we have already booked 3 residential for 2018. This has been made possible with the funding from Children In Need. The dates are:-

13 – 15th April for LAC aged 11 upwards at Windmill Hill

31st Aug – 2nd Sept for LAC aged 7 – 11 at Little Canada on Isle of Wight

26th – 28th Oct – Children and young people who foster, aged 7 – 18 at Windmill Hill



Mallydams Wood

We had 4 families attend the Mallydams/RSPCA center for a one night residential. We had outdoor activities on Saturday afternoon and evening and also on Sunday up to 2pm (Nature Trails, Badger Watching, Sensory Trail) . It was a fantastic success. All families got stuck into it all and all carers contributed to food and mealtimes etc. It was truly a massive joint effort. A special mention goes to Carer Chris Burt who yet again went above and beyond with this activity. The only down side was the weather which was very wet but the children handled it well and it didn't stop them at all. Sophie our Mallydams leader was also fantastic. We are looking forward to doing this again hopefully in better weather.



Family First Nights – July & August 2017

Summer 2018 marked the third season of our charity, East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA), working with Mousetrap Theatre projects to participate in their Family First Nights (FFN) programme.

Family First Nights is a unique opportunity for families with limited resources to enjoy a great London theatre production for just £6.00 a ticket. FFN works for disadvantaged families, young people with special needs and notably for us children in care.

From late July to late August, ESFCA families are able to access the best seats for a selection of top musicals, plays and other productions. A family is the close unit that supports the child and can consist of guardians and carers but **MUST** include young people between the ages of 3 and 17. Young people **MUST** make up half, if not more of the family group and fall within one of the eligible categories mentioned above.

The FFN project serves new families only. Since Mousetrap has limited resources they must ensure they serve as many new families each summer as possible. Therefore this opportunity may be taken one time only. Mousetrap keeps a data base of families who have benefited from the experience. Families who have/will take part in the programme will continue to be updated on other exciting theatre offers and special events throughout the year. Introducing our children to the Arts and giving them the opportunity to attend pre-show workshops, behind the stage tours, experience live theatre in the audience or even attend an autistic friendly performance.



GOLF DAY—Friday 29th September 2017

ESFCA had their first ever charity golf day on Friday 29th September 2017. It was a huge success with 80 people playing (20 teams of 4 people).

The day started at 7am with bacon butties and hot drinks, followed by a round of 9 holes. For lunch it was ham, egg and chips then golfers were back out in the afternoon playing another 9 holes. There was a presentation, prizes and a trophy for the winning team followed with a raffle early evening.

Our patron, Jayne Torvill came along to support the event and had photos and chatted with everyone. Even though the weather was wet and windy all golfers remained cheerful and we made a whopping £4451.28. Twelve local businesses supported the day and sponsored holes to represent their Businesses and the golf course was kindly donated by Ray Cruttenden (Owner of Lottbridge Golf Park).

Mike Jackson (Owner of Dizzy Piggy Catering) donated all the food and it was such a huge success ESFCA are going to make this an annual event. So dust off those clubs and we will see you on the fairway.





INSPIRE 31st July—4th August 2017



During the summer break 2017 18 children aged 6-12 attend a 4 day workshop at St Mary's Magdalene in Bexhill. They learnt different dance routines, sung songs, played musical instruments, role play and performed at the end of the 4 days to family and friends.

The workshop was run by 2 trained and professional dance and drama teachers from St Richards Catholic College. It was a fun, inclusive and interactive opportunity for the children and all the feedback was positive, including "I had a fabulous time and have enjoyed every moment of it. I hope I can come back next year!" and "I made lots of new friends, thank you for being fabulous leaders and making the club fun!"

It was so encouraging to watch the children learn new skills and gain confidence. One young man didn't want to get up on stage and sing and dance on the first day, by the end performance he was at the front signing and dancing. All the children got on really well and some exchanged address and telephone numbers to stay in contact. Certificates were handed out at the end of the last day with their own unique recognition quote. We will definitely be having another Inspire in the near future as it was such a success!



COOKERY COURSE

The cookery course was offered to foster and birth children which I thought made a lovely opportunity for children not to be segregated. I gained spaces and took my birth son and a friend's foster girl, both are 13 years old Oli our College instructor gave everyone 2 choices at each of the 3 sessions. This was great as it engaged cooks and helped him or her take ownership of their own recipe. I thought I would be sitting back and observing - Oh no, I was cooking too.

We made our own pasta and turned it into ravioli; we also made apple pie and choux pastry. Our team of cooks learned about putting different flavours together and weighing, measuring and cooking times using industrial ovens. Oli was very patient and calm which was really good, as teenagers can get a bit emotional when things are not going, as they want. The young cooks all took great pride in their recipes and were very complimentary of their fellow cooks' efforts.

I would highly recommend involving your children if the opportunity arises again.



Intuitive Horse (Emma Johnson)



Intuitive horse provides Equine Assisted Personal Development through experiential learning

Children and their carers took part in this exciting project which help develop more meaningful relationships and help children and carers gain a deeper insight and understanding of themselves and horses, learn how to work with emotional awareness and a particular emphasis on learning how to quieten down the mind and 'be' in a present moment state.

ESFCA Fundraising Dinner

On Thursday 19th October 2017 ESFCA hosted a charity dinner night at Kings Restaurant, Sussex Downs College. There were 8 tables, 50 guests in total. The theme was “French Feast” as students of the college had recently been to France for work experience. The evening included canapes and a welcome drink on arrival, 3 course set meal, coffee and a raffle.

Kris Singh, professional close up magician attended and performed magic to each table, wowing his audience! The evening was a great success and after deductions we raised over £1809.



Our Patron



We would like to thank Jayne Torvill OBE for her continued patronage and support for our Charity.

Once again Jayne has joined us on events throughout the year and has remained an advocate for our association. Jayne feels passionate about making a more positive difference to the lives of children and by attending our activities and fundraisers she has certainly helped raise the profile of the ESFCA.



Support we provide to foster carers:-

- **Monthly Surgeries:-**

We offer a very successfully monthly surgery sessions for carers to discuss concerns or issues directly with the relevant senior manager of fostering and children's services. This fast track and direct face to face meetings helps solve problems quickly. Issues can be around a Child's school placement, contact, support and decision making. Foster Carers can book into the surgery and if they need additional support, a member of ESFCA will attend to support the foster carer. Foster carers have highly praised this service as giving them a voice and a direct opportunity to have open discussions with senior managers.

- **Allegations and Standard of care support:-**

Statistically, it is likely that a foster carer will have to face an allegation or standard of care issue during their fostering career. This can be a very lonely and isolating experience for carers. ESFCA recognises the need for fast and professional support during this time. ESFCA has produced an allegations pack which is given to foster carers at the time of an allegation. The pack provides step by step support and useful information that carers can digest when the time is right for them. ESFCA also holds a pot of money which can buy in independent support for a foster carer during a situation which is likely to affect their registration. Carers value the fact that this support is bought in via foster talk so all information is kept confidential and carers can feel supported by an outside agency.

- **Lobbying for Foster Cares and Looked After Children:-**

ESFCA works with both local and national government to support and raise awareness of fostering and all the associated issues. East Sussex County Council has built a positive and respectful relationship with ESFCA and we have been able to speak directly with County Councilors and local MPs to highlight issues associated with fostering and our foster children. ESFCA will continue to strive to get the very best support and services for the fostering community within ESFCA.

SOCIAL WORKER

The ESFCA recognises the hard work of all social workers invest in the children's lives and foster carers lives and as a way of rewarding those who went above and beyond duties we presented Landy Mainwood-Smith as LAC SW and Ju Miroto as SSW with a trophy. The event took place at the Boship farm hotel and was also attended by Liz Rug the Assistant Director for Children's services



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- ☐ Now you know what we achieved, why not help us achieve more....
- ☐ Have you thought about becoming a volunteer, trustee or committee member?
- ☐ Support us to continue to support the looked after children and foster families registered with the ESCC.
- ☐ If you are a funder or grant giver why not support us to continue the work we do and enable us to reach more of the children and young people in looked after care within East Sussex.

Please contact us if you are able to support us

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Financial review

Restricted funds comprise of monies donated and raised for a specific Project and the charity cannot expend these funds on activities other than those for which the money was specifically received.

East Sussex Foster Care Association has ongoing Designated funding from East Sussex County Council of £20,000 per annum, whilst it cannot be absolutely guaranteed year on year currently ensures staffing and associated costs in running the charity.

If the unfortunate situation arose due to budget restraints that the charity lost this funding, the Trustees have endeavored to keep contingency reserves which would allow the charity to continue to operate for one year, including running long standing events for the families we support such as a Christmas party and a Pantomime.

The charity has been in existence for 25 years and the Trustees are determined not to let changes in Local Authority funding effect the longevity of the charity. This time frame would allow the association time to apply for alternative funding, if the need ever arose. We can also access our reserves should the trustees wish to utilise any of the reserve fund.

The association also has restricted funding from ESCC of £10,000 per annum to support any Foster Carer facing an allegation whilst looking after foster children. This fund enables independent support for the Carers to see them through the process, which can sometimes involve a lengthy and complex investigation.

Many grants applied for are also restricted funding, to be used for the sole purpose of the original grant application. If there is a small balance left over from the project, we obtain permission from the organisation that gave the grant to move the remainder into a general fund.

We have also for a second year running been voted as Sainsbury's Arndale Centre Eastbourne, charity of the year and they have graciously supported us with a number of fundraising opportunities including quiz nights and raffles, bag packing and bucket collections, and a large donation from their plastic bag charge. Furthermore they have donated their time, gifts, vouchers, packed lunches and food and drink to many of our activities and projects.

We continue to hold stocks of new suitcases, donated from Tripp luggage and other providers, we aim to hold around 50 cases at any one time which are immediately available to specialist teams of Social Workers who can request these suitcases to assist any child that needs to move in an emergency from any location to another, enabling their personal belongings to be carefully packed and moved with them and never for their possessions to be put into bin bags or similar.

Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Donations		11,357		11,357	3,505
Core funding		20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Advocacy support		-	4,243	4,243	-
Subscriptions		1,380	-	1,380	-
Fundraising–Golf Meal Bluebell		9,778	-	9,778	4,699
Grants		200	17,500	17,700	21,112
Contributions towards events		456	6,681	7,137	-
Interest		20	-	20	8
Total incoming resources		43,192	28,423	71,616	49,324
Resources expended					
Conference Nov 18		1,184	-	1,184	-
Insurance		563	-	563	509
General running expenses		1,449	-	1,449	700
Inspire		959	-	959	632
Pantomime		-	1,768	1,768	1,863
Holiday project & PGL		-	17,814	17,814	6,326
Disability holiday		-	-	-	880
Day trips & Sibling Sunshine		1,029	-	1,029	5,116
Fundraising–Golf Meal Bluebell		2,157	-	2,157	-
Intuitive Horse		-	5,660	5,660	2,550
Advocacy support		-	2,396	2,396	4,293
Salaries & pensions		15,490	-	15,490	9,159
Christmas party		-	948	948	815
IT costs		-	-	-	252
Training		-	-	-	30
Accountants fees		1,573	-	1,573	1,688
Total outgoing resources		24,404	28,586	52,991	34,813
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year/					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		18,788	(163)	18,625	14,511
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		49,347	21,414	70,761	56,250
Total incoming resources		68,135	21,251	89,386	70,761

Funders 2017-2018

The trustees and committee would like to thank the following funders for there support during this year:

- ❖ East Sussex foster carers who make monthly donations to our charity
- ❖ East Sussex County Council
- ❖ Cllr Sylvia Tidy
- ❖ Children in Need
- ❖ Sussex Community Foundation
- ❖ Hooe Motor Club
- ❖ John Jackson Trust
- ❖ Happy Days Charity
- ❖ Hastings Round Table
- ❖ Merlins Magic Wand
- ❖ Sainsburys (Eastbourne Arndale Centre)
- ❖ Eastbourne Lions
- ❖ The Park Lane Group
- ❖ The Kings Centre
- ❖ The Lady Soroptimist International
- ❖ Brighton and Sussex University
- ❖ The Bloom Factory Eastbourne
- ❖ Tripp Luggage
- ❖ RSPCA Mallydams
- ❖ Ray Cruttenden at Lotterbridge golf club
- ❖ Mike Jackson at Dizzy Pig catering
- ❖ Kings restaurant
- ❖ Eastbourne Theatres
- ❖ Emma Ross from Intuitive horse
- ❖ Arlington Bluebell Walk and Farm Trail (John mCcutchan)
- ❖ Awards for all (National Lottery)
- ❖ Powdermills
- ❖ Skate world
- ❖ Family First Nights
- ❖ More Radio