



SNAAP

(Special Needs Advisory and Activities Project)

**ANNUAL REPORT
and
ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended
31st March 2010

Registered Charity No. 1107944



A parent led charity that provides a range of services all year round for children and young people with disabilities ranging from learning and physical difficulties to Autistic Spectrum Disorders. This is unique in East Kent.

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Advice, Support & Information

Specialist Talks and Training

Resource Directory for East Kent

Library of Specialist Toys, Book & DVD's

SNAAP-EY's Parent & Toddler Group

Zone-Out Youth Club

ZAG (Zone-Out Action Group)

The Inclusive Youth Club

Sports Club

School Holiday Activities

After School Drop in sessions

Weekend trips & Sleepovers



Legal Status

SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project) was formed in 2003 and was registered as a charity by the Charities Commission on 3rd February 2005 (Registered Charity No. 1107944). Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project has continued to be known as 'SNAAP' and that acronym has been used throughout the report.

Relevant Information

Registered Office and Operational Address

Windchimes, Reynolds Close, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6DS

Accountants

Larkings, Chartered Accountants, 31 St George's Place, Canterbury CT1 1XD

Bankers

Lloyds TSB, 49 High Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2SE

Insurance Advisors

Keegan & Pennykid (Insurance Brokers) Ltd, 50 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 3NS

Trustees

Marilyn Smalley (Chairperson)

Vanessa Boukharouba (Vice Chairperson)

Paula Richardson (Treasurer)

Sarah Whitney

Lisa Whiteing

Serena Kemp (Secretary)

Staff

Carrie Wood, Project Manager, is responsible for the running and development of SNAAP's services. She is the focal point of contact with SNAAP's families and provides a range of services including support, advice and information.

Hester Hathaway, Leisure Events Coordinator, organizes all school holiday activities.

Natalie Simmons, Leisure Development Coordinator, runs clubs and coordinates volunteers.

Angela Ralph, Early Years Coordinator, runs both parent & toddler groups.

Trina Mears, Lead Play Support Worker, plans and runs mini-bus days out and after school drop in sessions.

A team of Play Support Workers also assist with all activities.

Chairperson's report

Once again it has been a busy year for SNAAP. All our clubs are still very well attended and school holiday activities were as busy as usual with a wide range of appeal to all our families.

Two new services that deserve a special mention are our Mini-Bus Days out where, during each school holiday, we take disabled children for days out in the local community. The aim was to build confidence by being away from their parents and developing friendships whilst giving their parents and carers a short break. They have proved successful beyond expectation with children.

And secondly, Magical Winter Wonderland! This event provided disabled children an accessible, safe and non-judgmental environment to explore and have fun. Activities included making gingerbread men, listening to stories and feeding reindeers, ice skating and of course, meeting Santa himself! Taking full capacity of 200 children, but with a lengthy waiting list, next year we plan to run the event over 2 days enabling us to cater for more children.

Windchimes celebrated its second birthday this year with an exciting Fun Fair and SNAAP was very much involved in the planning and running of this event. Children enjoyed the merry-go-round, coconut shie, circus skills, art and craft and the winning of lots of lovely gifts they then got to take home.

Whilst the leisure side of the project continues to provide exciting opportunities for disabled children, the invaluable parental support we offer still plays a vital role, being there for whatever they need and whenever they need it. Last year over 500 parents and carers regularly received support through the telephone helpline, home-visits, training courses, specialist toy and book library, drop-in clinics, days out and activities.

The incredible achievements that SNAAP have made would not have been possible without the support of our many funders. We are extremely grateful for their continued support to maintain this vital service for parents and carers of special needs children and in particular would like to thank Canterbury City Council for their continuing support of our work.

We are extremely pleased to welcome a new Trustee, Serena Kemp, to our Board. As Trustees we try hard to listen to all of our families requests, the evaluation sheets we send out are our way of finding out what they would like us to provide, which in turn helps us shape what SNAAP delivers to families in the future.

Looking ahead, the biggest challenge is raising the funds to keep the excellent work going especially given the pressure on government national and local spending. Community fundraising is therefore incredibly important and we shall be doing everything we can to increase our income in this area.

I would like to end my report by extending my heartfelt thanks to our Project Manager, Carrie Wood, and all the staff and volunteers for their dedication, passion and hard work, as well as the members of the board for their continued support and commitment to the project.

Marilyn Smalley
Chairperson

Aims, Objectives and Achievements

SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory & Activities Project), a Charity which supports disabled children aged 0-19 years, and their families living in the Canterbury District. Disabilities range from learning and physical difficulties to Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Since 2004, we have helped hundreds of families cope with the difficulties faced by parents and carers of disabled children. The charity currently has over 600 families on its database and every week new families turn to SNAAP for help. Existing families remain with SNAAP because as their children become older they face new challenges. Consequently, there is a continuing need for advice and support.

In January 2008 SNAAP moved to new premises, Kent County Council's new disabled children's resource centre, Windchimes. A purpose built building housing a 6 bedded overnight short breaks unit plus day facilities including a soft play room, sensory room, spa pool, multi function play room, computer suite and outside play area. This move increased the demand on SNAAP's services as new families are finding us on a daily basis and we are working in partnership with the Statutory Agencies in providing events and activities at Windchimes.

Although SNAAP's services remain focused on the Canterbury District, it has always been a vision for the Trustees to expand into other districts in East Kent. With this in mind we were delighted when Kent County Council approached us to roll out our Parents Guide to Services with funding from Aiming High for Disabled Children. This new Resource Directory enables us to reach out to families across all six districts in East Kent.

How Our Services Deliver Public Benefit

The Trustees referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing SNAAP's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. SNAAP's charitable purposes are for the public benefit and fall within the description "*the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage*" in the Charities Act 2006.

We constantly monitor the performance of the charity and ensure that our work remains focused on our stated aims and objectives. Feedback from our families is continuously sought along with monitoring and evaluation, and this indicates that we are providing high quality services.

SNAAP also works with a wide range of members of the public such as professionals, supporters, funders, interested parties and volunteers and therefore also benefits these sections of the public.

Services

Advice, Support & Information. The helpline is open weekdays with an answering service operating when the office is closed or unavailable and support is also available through office drop-in and home visits. We can give information on local services; negotiate with other agencies such as health, education or social services, help to access welfare benefits or other sources of financial help and support at key transition points such as starting school and moving to adult services.

Resource Directory. This comprehensive directory of useful contacts and information is now being funded by KCC Aiming High for Disabled Children and being rolled out across the whole of Kent.

Specialist Toy, Book & DVD Lending Library is an extensive collection of sensory toys and specialist books on issues relating to disability as well as all the Makaton resources. A drop-in session runs every 4 weeks from Windchimes.

SNAAP-EY's provides young children aged 0-5 years with a weekly drop-in group where they can play and develop essential skills. Parents can also talk to each other about any concerns and loan specialist toys. SNAAP-EY's is held at Windchimes in Herne Bay & The Riverside Children's Centre in Canterbury

Zone-Out Youth Club held fortnightly in partnership with KCC Youth & Community Centre at their Youth Centre in Whitstable we provide a place for young people to make friends, develop new skills & gain independence.

ZAG (Zone-Out Action Group) developed to give disabled young people a voice and involve them in shaping both SNAAP and local services. They meet 6 weekly to plan future activities and discuss opportunities as they arise.

The Inclusive Youth Club held weekly in partnership with KCC Youth & Community Centre at their Youth Centre in Canterbury and gives disabled young people the chance to integrate with their mainstream peers in a safe, supported environment.

Sports Club. For children aged 8 years and over and offers sports such as football coaching, trampolining, Boccia, New Age Kurling and Badminton.

School Holiday Activities continue to be hugely popular with both parents and children and include family fun sessions, taster sessions (where disabled children get to try something new such as horse riding, skiing or sailing) as well as days out.

The SNAAP Website gives up to date information about all of SNAAP's services as well as an online version of the new Resource Directory.

Summary of Financial Statements for year ended 31st March 2010

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>2008</u>
Incoming resources				
Voluntary income				
Grants	24,503	6,793	31,296	13,639
Donations	7,999	173,396	181,395	99,553
Activities for generating funds				
Fundraising	672	-	672	7,741
Investment income	-	-	-	252
Total incoming resources	33,174	180,189	213,363	120,915
Total resources expended	40,336	113,836	154,172	109,836
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	(7,162)	66,353	59,191	11,079
Gross transfers between funds	18,456	(18,456)	-	-
Fund balances as at 1 April 2008	9,349	20,792	30,141	19,062
Fund balances as at 31 March 2009	20,643	68,689	89,332	30,141
Summary Balance Sheet				
	<u>2009</u>		<u>2008</u>	
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		1,215		1,409
Current assets				
Debtors	792		8,351	
Cash in bank and in hand	108,072		21,461	
	108,864		29,812	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20,747		1,080	
Net current assets		88,117		28,732
Net assets		89,332		30,141
Funds				
Restricted Funds		20,643		9,349
Unrestricted Funds		68,689		20,792
		89,332		30,141

This financial summary is for information only and may not contain sufficient details to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of SNAAP. Full financial statements can be provided by application to SNAAP at Windchimes, Reynolds Close, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 6DS.