



Annual Report

2022

Children and families

Our clubs and playschemes for disabled children and siblings, and drop-in sessions for all families in the community, offer an amazing range of inclusive play activities at our centre and playground.



Ninety four children & young people over the year attended our **term-time after-school clubs and holiday play schemes**, which are funded by the Tottenham Grammar School Foundation, BBC Children in Need and Local Authority Short Breaks personal budgets. Our huge accessible adventure playground with swings, trampoline, climbing structures and a zip wire enables nature and sensory play, bonfire making, water play, football and den building. Funding from the Mayor of London's Kitchen Social project has enabled us to offer healthy, nutritious meals to children and young people attending the playschemes.

Our **adventure playground**, funded by BBC Children in Need support children to develop their physical and social skills, and also enables families to connect with Markfield's support services. In addition to our long-standing Saturday session for families we also run a children's only Open Access session on Mondays after school.

Under fives stay and play: Our weekly drop-in session for children under five and their parents and carers, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and Comic Relief, enables families to access a range of inclusive play activities and connect with others in the community.

Our monthly **Saturday Family Club** is part of the SENDIAS service – see opposite. The session offers families with children who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) the opportunity to meet and socialise together, and enables parents to access advice, information and support around SEND issues.



Young people and adults

Our daytime and evening social clubs for young people adults with learning disabilities or autism are highly popular and successful, with emphasis on service users participating in running the sessions.



Markfield@Nite is a weekly Friday evening social session run by an elected committee of club members. Music and dancing are an important part of the club, where members develop their DJ skills. The session also provides a quieter art activities group, as well as a 'mocktail' bar, and cooking activities. A dance tutor works with club members to rehearse dance routines, and there are also, trips out, film screenings, and men's and women's discussion groups.

Art Engine, our Monday daytime club, gives adults with learning disabilities the chance to develop and showcase arts-based skills. Members have worked on a range of art media as well as enjoying regular yoga sessions, and working with visiting artists.

Coming to Markfield is like being with family

All for One Club is a Monday evening club for autistic and self-identifying Asperger's young people who do not qualify for Local Authority social care funding. Many members require support around their mental health. The sessions enable them to build social skills, and enjoy music, arts and sports activities and trips. The club members can discuss issues which affect their well-being in a safe and supportive group, where diversity is enjoyed and celebrated.



Cosmos Club is a daytime club which focuses on accessing activities in the community, as well as participating in art-making, gardening, well-being activities, yoga and relaxation sessions. The group allows attendees to explore their interests and develop social skills in a relaxed and individual way.

The **Independent Young Advisors (IYA)** is our participation group of young people with disabilities and siblings. It is funded by SENDIASS and St James Place. The group decide their own projects, which have included creating and delivering training foundation for other young people and staff, fundraising events, and designing consultation resources.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers make a vital contribution to the work of our charity, both working behind-the-scenes on administration and maintenance, as well as helping to deliver our frontline services. During 2021-2022 a total of over 1,350 hours were given by volunteers to support the work of Markfield.

Parents and carers

We provide a range of family support services, both face-to-face and by telephone and online. The following services benefitted a total of 1180 people over the year, and have been funded by The National Lottery, Comic Relief, Baily Thomas Fund and Haringey Council.

The **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice & Support Service (SENDIASS)**, funded by Haringey Council, offers Independent Advice and Support for parents/carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) as well as advice and support to children and young people about their rights under the SEND legislation. Our Advice workers offer surgeries, outreach, individual casework support, a telephone helpline and training workshops for parents. We have had a partnership with the Haringey Educational Psychology (EP) service to offer free consultations to parents at Markfield.

Advice surgeries: We offer surgeries to help families with Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claims and appeals, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and Henry Smith. We also help with other issues including behaviour management and support in accessing other services.

Training workshops: We have adapted all our training workshops to be delivered online. Topics include: 'Understanding the SEND system', 'Positive behaviour management', 'Communication and developmental play', 'Understanding autism' and 'Communication and visual aids'. The trainings support parents and carers to understand their rights and to feel more confident in working positively and productively with health, education and social care professionals.

'Stepping stones' is our specialist language and sensory play programme for children under 5 years old who have additional needs in language, communication and social skills and is funded by Comic Relief. Parents attend the 10-week course with their children held at Markfield and in outreach venues. The course equips them with knowledge and skills to interact more confidently with their children through play and music.

Parent/carer support groups: Our parents support drop-ins enable families to build local support networks, share skills and experiences, improve access to information, and also give opportunities to relax and have fun.

Volunteers befrienders

Thanks to funding from Henry Smith Charity we have been able to run our befriender scheme, and 28 families have been matched with a volunteer over the year. Befriender volunteers receive a five day training and meet families two hours each week over a period of 6 months, supporting families in a personalised way.

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC)

The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington funds three SFSC programmes a year. SFSC is a parenting programme accredited by the Race Equalities Foundation and has a strong evidence base built over several decades for being particularly effective in reaching and benefitting parents from marginalised communities, including black and minority ethnic parents, and those facing extra parenting challenges. Markfield delivers the course with additional content tailored to the needs of parents of disabled children.



Who we are and what we do

Markfield is an inclusive community hub where people can play, socialise and get information & support. We provide a range of services for disabled children, young people, adults and their families.

Our purpose is:

- To enable disabled people to be themselves, take risks and live life to the full
- To focus on the needs of the whole family and break down isolation
- To promote respect of disabled people and support their full participation in society

The core values that underpin our work are:

- **Inclusive** - We are for disabled and non-disabled people
- **Innovative** - We explore new ideas
- **Empowering** - We enable participation
- **Connected** - We are part of our community

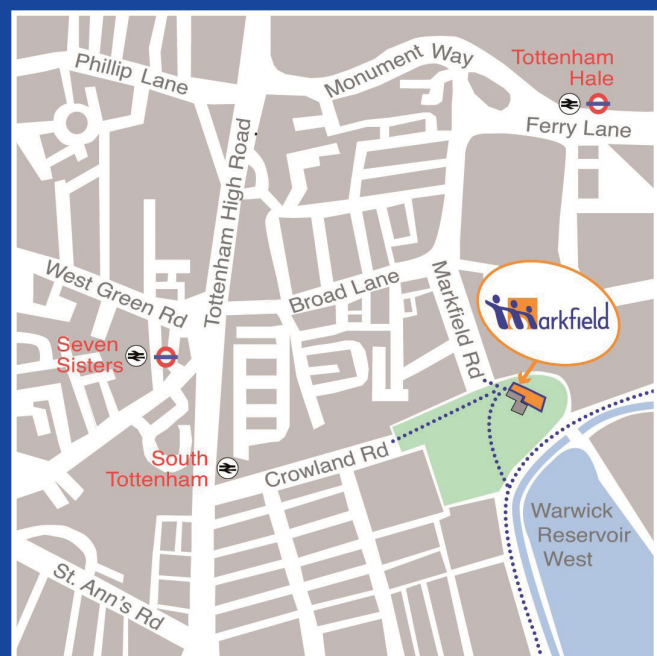
This report shows the highlights of our work during the year April 2021 to March 2022.

We are very grateful to all our funders who make this work possible – see back page for details of our funders.



Our centre – a Grade II listed former Victorian pump house – is within the award winning Markfield Park. Walking access is either through the park or via Markfield Road, or along the River Lea towpath. If driving approach via Markfield Road. Parking is available next to the centre.

You can hire Markfield's amazing building and playground for your party or event. We have a huge double height hall, a large split level soft play room, outdoor adventure playground, kitchen facilities, and much more.



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Statement of financial activities (summary income and expenditure account) for the year ending 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants, donations and legacies	21,967	18,970	40,937	110,872
Income from charitable activities	288,579	245,847	534,426	548,883
Income from other trading activities	20,966	-	20,966	11,090
Investment income	79	-	79	290
Total Income	331,591	264,817	596,408	671,135
Expenditure				
Cost of raising funds	11,909	-	11,909	11,943
Expenditure on charitable activities	283,088	348,612	631,700	566,812
Total Expenditure	294,997	348,612	643,609	578,755
Net income and net movement in funds for the year	36,594	(83,795)	(47,201)	92,380
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds, brought forward	202,701	151,926	354,627	262,247
Total funds, carried forward	239,295	68,131	307,426	354,627

Members of the Executive Committee

Markfield is governed by an Executive Committee which is made up of volunteers, service users, parents and carers, who are elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The following people served as members of the Executive Committee during the year 2021-22: Claire Bendall, Clare Croft-White, Warren Hoskins (Treasurer), Dee Kushlick-Williams (Chair), Melian Barbara Mansfield, Michelle Simmons-Safo, Natalie Sutherland. Haringey Council representatives without voting rights: Councillor Barbara

Blake, Councillor Felicia Opoku.
Company Secretary: Keith Fair.

Our funders during 2020-21 were:

Haringey Council, BBC Children In Need, National Lottery Community Fund, Bloomfield Trust, Comic Relief, Henry Smith Charity, Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, Jack Petchey Foundation, Laureus Sport for Good, The Leathersellers' Company, The Mayor's Fund for London, London Play, the Charity of Sir Richard Whittington, Council for Disabled Children, St James's Place Foundation, Tottenham Grammar School Foundation, Charles S

French, Green Hall Houndation, Screwfix, Tottenham Youth Fund, Public Voice, Mike Davies and other individual donors.

Opinion

In our opinion the summarised financial statement is consistent with the full financial statements and the Executive Committee's Annual Report of the Markfield Project for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Ramon Lee and Partners,
September 2022



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