

Easy Read Annual Report 2022 - 2023



The Chair of Directors Amy Rutland said that 2022 to 2023 was a tough year but the charity continues to be in a good place



A learning disability is to do with how someones brain works which makes it harder to learn or do things



At East Kent Mencap we provide choices and opportunities for people with a learning disability so that they can lead the life they want



360 people with a learning disability were supported at East Kent Mencap and 660 family members and carers benefitted from its support



East Kent Mencap also supports the local community with jobs and green projects



East Kent Mencap worked with East Kent College and The Community Renewal Fund to give away 106 laptops



Our employees say that they enjoy working with people with a learning disability

A year in photos



East Kent Mencap celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee in style thanks to funding from the Arts Council England



The GOLD Group started Learning Disability Week in June by yarnbombing the bandstand in Ellington Park Ramsgate



The first Spring Forward Campaign was launched showcasing the many talents of people with a learning disability and raised £2300



The Easy Read Group worked with Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust and was awarded Group of the Year by the Patient and Carer Partnership Team



The Swale Hub welcomed a speaker from the Bumblebee Conservation as part of their Bee Road Project funded by Sheerness Town Council



Funding from the Lets Get Digital Project helped our GOLD group to learn about producing a podcast giving them a platform to express their views



East Kent Mencap employees accepted three awards for excellence in social care with five finalists overall in the KICA Care Awards

A year in photos



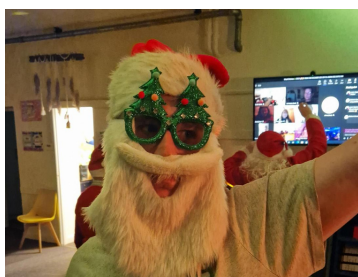
There was a celebration at Ashford Mencap to start planning more events going forward



East Kent Mencap worked with the Community Renewal Scheme to give away free laptops to local families to help them get online



East Kent Mencap partnered with Books Beyond Words to run a Book Club in Thanet



There was a virtual Christmas disco that everyone from across East Kent could enjoy



Work was completed on a new roof and toilets at Foresters Hall thanks to funding from the Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust



The GOLD project received funding for 3 more years from the National Lottery Community Fund



The East Kent Mencap Jubilee Film was a runner up in the Smiley Charity Film Awards and three people that use our services attended the awards ceremony



The Members Committee works on behalf of all the people who use East Kent Mencap services and they have done some great work this year



The total amount of money East Kent Mencap received for the year was £3017203 and this was less than the year before



The charity spent £3257229 most of this money was used to employ people

There was an overspend of £21459



Over half of the money East Kent Mencap received was from Kent County Council



The organisation which checks our accounts is happy with them and the money we have in the bank keeps us in a strong place



CEO Jason Gerlack thanked everyone for their support this year