

## Presentation to Mistley Parish Assembly from Mistley Kids Club : April 2023

Mistley Kids Club, as most of you know, runs a thriving after school and holiday club for local children; including children with additional social, emotional, and medical needs. We have been running now for 25 years, at first in Mistley Norman School, but most of the time in Mistley Village Hall.

We are rated Good by Ofsted, with some of our areas of work rated Outstanding, and we are licenced by them to have up to 60 children at each session. We aim to empower both mainstream children and those with additional needs in a fully inclusive play environment and all our staff are trained and qualified. Providing a creative play environment for such a mixture of children can be hard work! We employ on average 30 staff through the year; the number varies between school term and holidays.

Our Club supports working families, enabling them to pursue employment or training. For the parents and carers of children with special educational and developmental needs we provide an essential opportunity for a short break of a few hours. To that end, we are part of a new consortium of providers ( called SENDSensation); together we offer a range of opportunities for such short break activities, and we have just won a major contract from Essex CC.

So that our service can be affordable for regular working families, we rely on grants to pay our costs, as well as charging attendance fees. The County Council supports our work with the special needs children who come to us, as does Colchester Catalyst. We are extremely grateful to the local charities who support us, Stour Valley Rotary, Manningtree Beer Festival, the Jack Petchy Foundation and several generous individuals.

*Here is the whole list:*

Essex County Council	CVTS
Active Essex	Local Giving Magic Grant
Jack Petchy Foundation	Grassroots
Colchester Catalyst	Provide Community
Hyper Local Fund	Essex community foundation
Local individuals	EALC Food Fund
Manningtree Beer Festival	Sport England
Manningtree & Stour Valley Rotary	

We structure our School Holiday work to make it fun and wide-ranging and Claire, our Manager, puts the holiday programme on Facebook before each holiday and half-term. I hope you've seen it. If you haven't, do look out for it. I think you'll be impressed.

Rosemary Smith  
Chairman  
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