

Charity number 1104141
Company number 4649786

Kent Play Clubs
Trustees' Report and Accounts
31 January 2024

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Legal and Administration Details

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1104141

Company number

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024.

The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, The Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014.

Objectives and activities

The charitable company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of a non-profit making enterprise providing management of after school clubs and playgroups for children.

The objects are to:

1. To promote, maintain, improve and enhance the education and development of children and young people ages 2-14 by the development of new, and the support of existing, out of school childcare clubs and holiday schemes.
2. To advance the education and training of persons involved in the provision of such care, recreation and educational facilities.
3. The relief of poverty by provision of advice, information and support to lone parent families and families on low income in deprived and rural areas.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Structure, governance and management

Kent Play Clubs (KPC) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having share capital on 28 January 2003 and was registered as a charity (no. 1104141) with effect from 4 June 2004. It is established under its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended by special resolutions dated 9 May 2004 and 28 May 2010.

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the administration of the charity. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and must consist of a minimum of 3 trustees and shall not be subject to a maximum level. A trustee appointed may be appointed by ordinary resolution. Only trustees retiring by rotation can be appointed at a general meeting.

In accordance with the charitable company's articles of association, P Dawson retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

T Roper and D Kellers attend committee meetings to input but have no right to vote. However both of them make decisions on running the club on a daily basis in line with best practice and situations that arise.

Trustees

The trustees, (who are also directors for the purposes of company law), who served in the year are shown on page 1.

Achievements and performance

The charitable company has continued to focus on service delivery and embedding its services within local and particularly rural communities, with emphasis on supporting the sustainability of after school clubs located in hard to reach communities.

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The trustees/directors of Kent Play Clubs would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and volunteers for their contribution to the success of Kent Play Clubs and the support that they provide to ensure the sustainability and success of the After School Clubs that KPC supports.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Financial review

Income for the year amounted to £113,684 (2023: £105,609). Expenditure was £114,776 (2023: £101,832) resulting in a deficit for the year of £1,092. Funds at 31 January 2024 are £123,885 (2023: £124,977), of which none were restricted.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable the charity to lessen or mitigate those risks. The main risks that affect the charity are as follows:

The biggest threat to the charitable company's sustainability is the closure of clubs and difficulty in opening new clubs with the biggest burdens to bear being:

The impact of the Living Wage on After School Clubs

We have consulted with all clubs advising them of what we think their fees should increase to in order to keep them sustainable

The reduction in government funding but at the same time increases in legislative demand to have qualified staff running after school clubs

We have tried to aid and encourage staff to apply for whatever finance (like student loans) there is available to pay for any training they need.

The absence of key personnel from the office at KPC

It would be hard to replace the childcare and KPC knowledge of a couple of members of staff by just employing someone new to cover the job of the manager or recruitment officer. The trustees have done their best to retain staff by a holistic approach to management, as it is not only about salaries, though these are reviewed regularly.

Reserves policy and plans for the future

As detailed in Note 11 on page 12, the trustees have decided to cease operations at 31 August 2024. The trustees will consult with the Charity Commission regarding the use of any residual funds.

Pay policy for key management personnel

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee received remuneration in the year. Employee pay is reviewed on an annual basis.

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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 January 2024

Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company and charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By order of the Board

Mr P H Dawson
Trustee
12 June 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 January 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations					
Donations (incl Gift Aid)		973	973	2,000	2,000
Charitable activities					
Primary purpose contributions		71,025	71,025	69,692	69,692
Reimbursement of expenses		14,548	14,548	14,539	14,539
Other re-charges		1,702	1,702	1,315	1,315
Other income		22,570	22,570	16,994	16,994
Investments					
Bank interest received		2,866	2,866	1,069	1,069
Total income		113,684	113,684	105,609	105,609
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	2	114,776	114,776	101,832	101,832
Total expenditure		114,776	114,776	101,832	101,832
Net movement in funds		(1,092)	(1,092)	3,777	3,777
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total Funds at 1 February 2023		124,977	124,977	121,200	121,200
Total Funds at 31 January 2024		123,885	123,885	124,977	124,977

The Notes to the Accounts form part of the Financial Statements

Kent Play Clubs**Company no 4649786****Balance Sheet
as at 31 January 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		-		1,866
Current assets					
Debtors	5	2,295		7,599	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>123,110</u>		<u>117,941</u>	
		125,405		125,540	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
	6	(1,520)		(2,429)	
Net current assets			<u>123,885</u>		<u>123,111</u>
Net assets			<u><u>123,885</u></u>		<u><u>124,977</u></u>
Represented by:					
- General unrestricted fund			48,885		49,977
- Designated funds			75,000		75,000
Total Funds	8		<u><u>123,885</u></u>		<u><u>124,977</u></u>

For the financial year ended 31 January 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities;

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;

- the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 12 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr P H Dawson
Trustee

The Notes to the Accounts form part of the Financial Statements

Kent Play Clubs
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 January 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued on 16 July 2014), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Fund accounting

The Unrestricted Fund is available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are those that the trustees have designated for specific purposes but remain unrestricted funds.

Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty of receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grant income is received from various sources. The grant is usually awarded for a specific period. If any proportion of the grant does not relate to the accounting period in question, the amount is deferred to the period to which it relates.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in delivery of its activities. It includes both costs allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Only assets costing more than £100 are capitalised.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives. A full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition.

Fixtures & fittings	25% reducing balance
Office equipment	25% reducing balance

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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Going concern

As explained in note 11 to the financial statements, the charitable company will cease operations on 31 August 2024 and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than the going concern basis. This basis includes, where applicable, writing the charitable company's assets down to net realisable value. No provision has been made for the future costs of terminating the charity unless such costs were committed at the reporting date.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

2 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	81,963	69,761
Other staff costs	598	617
Expenses paid on behalf of other clubs	14,557	14,538
Rent	5,460	5,415
Service charges	1,608	1,616
Light and heat	1,483	1,552
Repairs, maintenance & small equipment	196	190
Printing and stationery	1,364	1,898
Postage	570	423
Telephone	1,996	1,695
Computer and internet costs	1,178	1,910
Insurance	483	416
Accountancy and independent examination	1,020	1,020
Other legal and professional costs	48	48
Sundry expenses	2	(1)
Loss on disposal of assets	60	112
Depreciation	2,190	622
	<u>114,776</u>	<u>101,832</u>

3 Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross salaries	80,139	68,181
Employer's pension costs	1,824	1,580
	<u>81,963</u>	<u>69,761</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 5).

No member of staff earned more than £60,000 during the year (2023: none)

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration, benefits in kind or reimbursed expenses (2023: £nil).

The trustees consider that they comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

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4 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 February 2023	3,557	1,269	4,826
Additions	383	-	383
Disposals	(188)	-	(188)
At 31 January 2024	<u>3,752</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>5,021</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 February 2023	1,872	1,088	2,960
Charge for the year	2,009	181	2,190
On disposals	(129)	-	(129)
At 31 January 2024	<u>3,752</u>	<u>1,269</u>	<u>5,021</u>
Net book value			
At 31 January 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 January 2023	<u>1,685</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>1,866</u>

5 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors	-	5,359
Other debtors and prepayments	<u>2,295</u>	<u>2,240</u>
	<u>2,295</u>	<u>7,599</u>

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Due to suppliers	-	70
PAYE & NI	-	462
Other creditors	500	398
Accruals	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,499</u>
	<u>1,520</u>	<u>2,429</u>

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7 Company limited by guarantee

The charitable company has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

8 Movement in Funds

	At 1 Feb 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Jan 2024 £
General unrestricted fund	49,977	113,684	(114,776)	-	48,885
Designated funds					
- General reserve	<u>75,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>75,000</u>
	<u>124,977</u>	<u>113,684</u>	<u>(114,776)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,885</u>

	At 1 Feb 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers	At 31 Jan 2023 £
General unrestricted fund	46,200	105,609	(101,832)		49,977
Designated funds					
- General reserve	<u>75,000</u>	-	-	-	<u>75,000</u>
	<u>121,200</u>	<u>105,609</u>	<u>(101,832)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,977</u>

General reserve

This fund is to ensure the charity could meet its obligations for 6 months wind down costs and redundancy payments.

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9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund £	Designated funds £	2024 Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Cash at bank	48,110	75,000	123,110
Other net current assets	775	-	775
	<u>48,885</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>123,885</u>
	General fund £	Designated funds £	2023 Total £
Tangible fixed assets	1,866	-	1,866
Cash at bank	42,941	75,000	117,941
Other net current assets	5,170	-	5,170
	<u>49,977</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>124,977</u>

10 Related party transactions

The charitable company currently supports a network of 7 (2023: 8) after school clubs in rural and socially deprived communities surrounding Ashford and Shepway. During the year it received primary purpose contributions for this support totalling £71,025 (2023: £69,692). Kent Play Clubs also received income totalling £14,548, in respect of reimbursement of invoices raised to individual after school clubs relating to costs paid on their behalf and £1,702 in respect of re-charges of postage, photocopies, stationery and travel costs etc. Kent Play Clubs does not make a surplus on these.

11 Closure of Kent Play Clubs

Following extensive discussions regarding the longer-term sustainability of Kent Play Clubs, the trustees have resolved to cease operations at 31 August 2024. The Charity Commission will be consulted regarding the use of any residual funds.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
for the year ended 31 January 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Kent Play Clubs (the Charitable company) for the year ended 31 January 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commissioner under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Daniel Valentine ACA

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