CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 July 2025 **Period start date To** 30 June 2026 **Period end date**

Charity name: Kingston Coding for Kids

Charity registration number: 1208175

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Kingston Coding for Kids (KCK), as set out in its governing document, are to advance in life and help children and young people aged 7–17 through:

- Providing volunteer-led computing coding club or clubs that provide informal opportunities for engagement and interest in exploring coding, digital making and step topics and projects designed to improve their conditions of life.
- Providing opportunities to develop key skills in communication, collaboration and problem solving to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Main Activities in Relation to Charitable Purposes
To further these charitable purposes, KCK operates a Club (CoderDojo Kingston University, or CoderDojo KU) which holds free monthly coding and digital skills sessions on one Saturday each month during school term time. These sessions are open to young people aged 7 to 17 and are designed to promote digital literacy, creativity, and confidence in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment.

Typical activities include:
- Block-based coding with Scratch
- Text-based programming with Python
- Electronics using Micro:bit and Raspberry Pi
- Web development using HTML/CSS
- Robotics and physical computing
- Game design and AI projects using Unity and other platforms

Sessions are based at Kingston University (Penrhyn Campus), hosted at no charge by the University's STEM Outreach Team, where we welcome up to 100 young people per session.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The trustees have considered this guidance when reviewing the charity's aims and planning future activities. During the reporting period, KCK carried out through CoderDojo KU the following key activities in support of its charitable objectives and for the public benefit:

- Delivered free monthly coding sessions for young people aged 7–17, helping them to develop valuable digital and life skills.
- Supported up to 100 attendees per session in learning programming languages and tools such as Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS, and robotics.
- Recruited and supported a team of volunteer mentors who shared their expertise and enthusiasm for technology with young participants.

Contributions made by Volunteers

Trustees during the reporting period were:

- Peter Wolf - Chair of Trustees; Club Leader until 31.12.2025
- Parco Cheng - Secretary
- Chantelle Mukalazi - Treasurer
- Anthony Dhanendran - Operations
- Jaroslaw Francik - Advanced coding skills adviser
- Richard Hayler - Safeguarding Lead
- Katerina Papamichael - Deputy Safeguarding Lead; Club Leader from 01.01.2026
- Spiro Spyropoulos - Technology and Risk Management Lead
- Dave Brunton - Volunteer Lead

The trustees are responsible for overseeing the strategic direction, governance, and financial oversight of KCK. Each trustee plays an active role in the charity's operations, including supporting activities, managing partnerships, and ensuring compliance with safeguarding and data protection procedures.

During the reporting period, KCK established a Steering Group as the operational team responsible for supporting the Club Leader in the day-to-day management and practical delivery of CoderDojo KU sessions and activities. The Steering Group has responsibility for areas including session and programme planning, membership development, liaison with Kingston University, volunteer coordination and management, logistics and IT, membership and bookings, and ensuring compliance with policies adopted by the Trustee Board. The Trustee Board retains overall responsibility for the governance, strategic direction, financial oversight, legal compliance, and policy of the CIO, while the Steering Group focuses on the operational delivery of club activities.

During the year, CoderDojo KU was supported by a team of more than 25 volunteer mentors (including the trustees) who are integral to its activities. The volunteers contribute in various capacities, including:

- Supporting and leading young people in coding projects during sessions
- Preparing and setting up resources and equipment
- Providing mentoring in areas such as Scratch, Python, web development, and robotics
- Helping to maintain a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment for all attendees

The time, energy and expertise of our volunteers make it possible to continue delivering high-quality sessions. The trustees are grateful for their contribution and commitment.

Achievements and Performance

During the 2025/26 academic year, the CoderDojo KU club operated by KCK continued to run steadily, though it was a quieter year for major developments compared to the previous period. Key achievements and milestones from this year include:

- January 2026 – Peter Wolf retired from the position of Club Leader, handing over responsibility to Katerina Papamichael. At the same time, a Steering Group was formed to manage the day-to-day running of the club and to support the Club Leader in planning and coordinating sessions. The transition to this new structure was established and completed smoothly.
- April 2026 - Received the first regular corporate donation from the employer of a trustee, in support of their volunteering, amounting to £438 in total this year
- May to June 2026 – Raised approximately £440 from individual donations.
- June 2026 – Registered for Gift Aid, enabling us to reclaim tax on eligible donations going forward.
- Grew our volunteer-led social media presence, including a new Instagram account, helping raise awareness of the club and its activities.

As a charity, we continue to grow as a team of volunteers bringing in new levels of expertise. We have developed a new online presence through Instagram, and also attended a volunteer fair this year to help raise publicity for the club and attract new mentors and attendees. Our mentor numbers continue to grow at a steady pace, with new mentors replacing those who move on, keeping a good flow of fresh energy and sustained interest in the club.

During this reporting period, we also carried out a full stock check of our laptops, updating and maintaining them to ensure we can continue to offer them to families, as they remain in high demand at each session. Since June 2026, we have had to remove many older machines from our stock, as they can no longer reliably run the software tools needed for current coding activities.

Achievements Against Objectives Set

KCK set out to achieve the following charitable objectives during the reporting period:

- Fundraising initiatives to support the continuation and growth of our coding and digital skills activities.
- Re-launching parental representation, strengthening communication and collaboration between families and the CoderDojo KU team.
- Developing a long-term attendance data analysis project to help monitor engagement trends and inform future planning.

This year we raised £878 across the year from individual and corporate donations. This has enabled us to continue running the club smoothly and to meet our ongoing running costs.

We were not able to relaunch a parental representation group this year. We did, however, run a parental survey, which gave us valuable insight into feedback from families, helping to inform our decisions going forward. For example, partway through the year we were able to run "From Scratch to Python" sessions, bridging the gap between the two languages and supporting young people in progressing from one language to the other.

Within the Steering Group, we now have active roles overseeing membership and attendance data. This information is provided to the trustees and steering group after each session, enabling us to review engagement on an ongoing basis. From this data, we are able to monitor both mentor and mentee engagement and make reasonable adjustments to future sessions, for example, expanding capacity of popular activities or introducing new ones.

New Goals

For the coming year, KCK will continue to review its activities and priorities in line with its charitable purposes. Key goals and areas of focus for the next reporting period will include:

- Securing a new set of loan laptops, to replace those being removed and disposed of
- Updating the online and physical activity library, refreshing and expanding the catalogue of coding challenges and projects available to mentors and young people.
- Expanding volunteer mentor recruitment and training, to widen the ratio of mentors to young people and build resilience against volunteer turnover.
- Introducing a structured progression pathway for returning attendees, so young people can move from beginner to more advanced projects over time.

Financial Review

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th June 2026

Receipts	Restricted funds £	unrestricted funds £	Net £
Opening Balance	180	71	251
Donations		878	878
Total Receipts	**180**	**949**	**1129**
Payments			
Operating costs		300	300
Net Receipts	**180**	**649**	**829**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2026	**£**
Bank balance	829
Gift Aid Tax refund receivable from HMRC	80
Assets	908
Less: liabilities	0
Net Assets	**908**

Notes: 1) No value is attributed to the stock of donated laptops for use by club participants.

2) Donations by UK taxpayers that are eligible for Gift Aid amounted to £320.

Principal Sources of Funds

During the year, KCK received donations of £878, which were used to support the charity's activities and administrative costs. We do not currently engage in public fundraising but continue to seek small grants and donations to sustain and develop our activities.

Reserves and Sustainability

Our reserves policy is to maintain an operating reserve sufficient to cover three years of minimal running costs, estimated as:

- £130 (URL domain and website)
- £30 (registered office service)
- £10 (printing/miscellaneous admin)

This totals £170 per year, giving a reserves target of £510. We are pleased to report that this is covered by the unrestricted funds balance of £649.

These funds are held to ensure the charity can maintain its core administrative and digital presence should income temporarily decline. As a volunteer-run organisation with no paid staff or contractual supplier commitments, our risk of financial exposure remains low.

The restricted funds carried forward from 2024/25 represent the balance of the grant received in that year to support our robotics programme. These funds are ring-fenced and will be used for replacement parts and consumables for that project in accordance with the terms of the grant.

Funds in Deficit

The charity holds no funds in deficit.

Going Concern Statement

There are no identified uncertainties regarding the charity’s ability to continue as a going concern. The charity remains financially stable and continues to operate with low overheads and strong volunteer support.

Principal Risks

KCK has identified the following key risks:

- Loss or reduction of venue space, which may limit session capacity or continuity.

- Decline in volunteer mentors, which could affect the quality or delivery of sessions.

Mitigation strategies include ongoing venue relationship-building and active volunteer recruitment and onboarding. The trustees include three staff members of Kingston University.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

KCK is governed by a constitution adopted in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustee Selection and Appointment

Trustees are appointed through a process of majority voting by the existing trustee board, in line with the provisions set out in the constitution. Trustees are selected based on their skills, commitment to the charity's mission, and ability to support its governance and operations. There are no individuals or organisations with automatic rights to appoint trustees.

Safeguarding

All trustees of KCK and volunteers at CoderDojo KU are required to complete STEM Ambassador induction training and safeguarding training as part of their onboarding process. Enhanced DBS checks are conducted through STEM Learning, and all volunteers must hold a valid DBS certificate while working with children.

New mentors and volunteers are given opportunities to shadow experienced team members during sessions to build confidence and familiarity with the environment. They also receive a digital copy of the charity's constitution, an outline of their safeguarding responsibilities, and access to key organisational policies relevant to their role.

Organisational Structure and Networks (SORP 1.51)

KCK and its club are volunteer-led. KCK is overseen by a board of trustees who manage governance, fundraising, safeguarding, and operational oversight. Day-to-day running of the club is managed by a steering group, which supports the Club Leader in planning and coordinating each session. The CIO delivers monthly coding sessions through its club with the support of a growing team of volunteer mentors. The club owns and maintains a small inventory of 50 laptops, Micro:bits, and robotics equipment, all of which are stored securely at Kingston University's STEM outreach centre and used during monthly workshops.

CoderDojo KU is an affiliated member of the global Code Club network of Raspberry Pi Foundation. The club benefits from community updates and shared resources.

CoderDojo KU works closely with several key partners:

- Kingston University generously provides venue space for our monthly sessions and provides additional in-kind support, including the assistance of two student helpers for setup assistance at each session, as well as safe on-site storage for a range of laptops and equipment used during our workshops.
- The club maintains an active relationship with the Raspberry Pi Foundation and Code Club, both of which support our volunteer community and programme development.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Kingston Coding for Kids
Other name the charity uses	CoderDojo Kingston University ('KU')
Registered charity number	1208175

Charity's principal address	82a James Carter Road Mildenhall IP28 7DE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Dates acted from
1	Peter Wolf	10 May 2024
2	Parco Cheng	10 May 2024
3	Chantelle Mukalazi	28 November 2024
4	Anthony Dhanendran	10 May 2024
5	Jaroslaw Francik	10 May 2024
6	Richard Hayler	10 May 2024
7	Katerina Papamichael	10 May 2024
8	Spiro Spyropoulos	10 May 2024
9	David Brunton	27 April 2026

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Approved by the Charity Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Peter Wolf - Chair of Trustees

Date: 28th October 2026