

KINSHIP CARERS

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05943911 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1122907

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**KINSHIP CARERS
CHARITY & COMPANY INFORMATION**

Charity Name

Kinship Carers

Registered Company Number

05943911 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1122907

Registered Office

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**KINSHIP CARERS
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006 and the '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) (effective 1 January 2019)'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a registered company limited by guarantee incorporated in September 2006 and registered as a charity in February 2008. The governing document is the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Organisational Structure

The trustees, who are also directors, are appointed in accordance with procedures set out in the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

It is managed by an Executive Committee of trustees and meetings are held monthly and agenda items include finance, health and safety and staff reports.

Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute such amount as required (not exceeding £10) if the charity should be wound up.

Risk identification and management

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and, where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate

Public Benefit

When planning and programming activities for Kinship Families in Liverpool, the Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commissions guidelines on Public Benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The object of the charitable company is to provide the relief of need among families affected by drug/alcohol abuse, mental health problems and bereavement, particularly, but not exclusively, by the provision of support, advice, advocacy and education for the members of those families who may benefit from such services.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Kinship Carers Liverpool continue to go from strength to strength with a great deal of recognition both locally and nationally. We can only perform and achieve as well as we do due to the continued support and funding from Big Lottery Community Fund, Steve Morgan Foundation and The Tudor Trust. They enable us to provide a comprehensive service, to raise the profile of Kinship families and to continue with the national Kinship Carers week in October which started in Liverpool in 2016 and has now rolled out across the UK. We also receive additional funding from HAF which allows us to provide lunches to promote healthy eating and activities and has proved to significantly help our Kinship families manage the cost-of-living crisis.

The service continues to adapt and develop to meet the ever-changing challenges faced by Kinship families whose needs are often complex, long lasting, and traumatic. We have employed more sessional workers to offer specific areas of work including podcasts, emotional well – being, peer group support and meditation. A law clinic is operational once a month to offer free legal advice and pro-bono work. Volunteers and Social Work trainees also contribute significantly to the enhancement of the service we offer to Kinship families across the city.

Campaigning for the rights of Kinship Families continues to be a primary focus of the service. Following the launch of the UK's first Kinship Charter in March 2023 in conjunction with Liverpool City Council, the team has worked tirelessly with Social Care and other relevant services to raise awareness and to ensure that all Kinship Carers and Kin Kids receive an equitable service, one which meets all their needs and entitlements and represents 'best practice' of the professionals involved. The longer-term aim is for the Kinship Carer Charter to be adopted nationally; we are still working towards this through our involvement nationally on key Kinship alliance groups.

We are proud that Liverpool Kinship families continue to be a voice locally and nationally, influencing procedures, legislation, and policies. They are proactive in raising awareness by contributing to training programmes, podcasts, meeting with key legislators and educators to ensure that the rights of Kin kids and their families are fully recognised and receive the support they so rightfully deserve.

How did the team do this?

The team continue to update their training to develop their own skills and knowledge base and to ensure they can offer the best support to our Kinship families. They work in partnership with carers and year on year referrals into the project increases substantially. The service continues to grow and develop based on the needs of the families as they present.

Currently, the team provide one-to-one support, group work and peer support, health and well-being, parenting programmes and a range of educational and fun activities. In addition to this, the team contribute to the training of key professionals e.g. Social Workers.

Targets

- 100% of our Kinship Families have access to Priority One Gym passes enabling them to improve their physical and mental wellbeing.
- 100% Feel less isolated
- 95% of Kin Children had new experiences
- 100% Kin Families felt more able to get their voices heard through campaigning

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total income in the year was £145,438 (2023: £144,148) of which £130,895 (2023: £133,100) related to funding for projects upon which restrictions are placed.

Total expenditure in the year was £152,930 (2023: £156,133) leaving a deficit for the year of £7,492 (2023 deficit: £11,985).

At 31 March 2024 the charitable company's reserves stood at £126,876 (2023:£134,368) of which £77,853 (2023:£97,728) represented restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves, at a level to cover redundancy provisions and three months running costs should no further funding be received. At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £49,023 and was sufficient to cover these costs.

Plans for Future Periods

We continue to work in partnership with other agencies to ensure maximum resources and support for all Kinship Families and will always consult, involve and often take the lead from our families to ensure their issues and needs are recognised and resolved. We aim to provide a bespoke parenting course for all new carers, allowing our established carers to take an active role in this and pass on their experiences of what works and what does not. Technology will play a big part in our future plans; this is how our young people and a lot of our carers communicate and we welcome new projects that this will open up for us.

KINSHIP CARERS
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue as a going concern;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

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

By Order of the Board

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M. Thomas

Date: 27-11-24

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KINSHIP CARERS

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 9 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: S. Leonard

Date: 27-11-24

Name: Stephen Leonard BA, FCCA
Counting For Communities Ltd
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KINSHIP CARERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

		2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Note				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	14,543	-	14,543	10,048
Charitable activities	3	-	130,895	130,895	134,100
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investments	5	-	-	-	-
Total income		14,543	130,895	145,438	144,148
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	7,379	145,551	152,930	156,133
Total expenditure	7	7,379	145,551	152,930	156,133
Net income / (expenditure) for the year before transfers		7,164	(14,656)	(7,492)	(11,985)
Transfer between funds		219	(219)	-	-
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		7,383	(14,875)	(7,492)	(11,985)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	13	41,640	92,728	134,368	146,353
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		49,023	77,853	126,876	134,368

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the above two financial years. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

KINSHIP CARERS
BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2024
Registration Number: 05943911


	Note	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	-	20	20	27
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	49,878	78,883	128,761	138,830
		49,878	78,883	128,761	138,830
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(855)	(1,050)	(1,905)	(4,489)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		49,023	77,833	126,856	134,341
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		49,023	77,853	126,876	134,368
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	13			49,023	41,640
Restricted funds				77,853	92,728
TOTAL FUNDS					
				126,876	134,368

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

Directors' 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 of the Companies Act 2006
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:


M. Thomas

27-11-24
Date

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019). The charity has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102, the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

Governance Costs

These include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants and Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

Grants payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life. The following rates and methods are used:

Fixtures and Fittings - 25% reducing balance

All equipment, fixtures and fittings with an original cost of less than £750, are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred on the basis that due to the nature of the company's activities, there is no expectation that the cost of the assets will be recovered in the way of future revenues.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT. As a registered charity the company benefits from rates relief.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds - can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Note	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	14,543	-	14,543	10,048
	<u>14,543</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,543</u>	<u>10,048</u>
	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
3 Charitable activities				
Tudor Trust	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
HAF/Opal	-	28,500	28,500	32,000
Big Lottery Kinship Together	-	50,000	50,000	25,000
Picton Childrens Centre	-	1,500	1,500	-
Liverpool City Council	-	700	700	-
Grandparents Plus Support	-	5,195	5,195	-
Big Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	25,000
Cash for kids	-	-	-	3,600
Torus	-	-	-	2,500
Other small grants	-	-	-	1,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>130,895</u>	<u>130,895</u>	<u>134,100</u>
	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
4 Other trading activities				
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
5 Investments				
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Note	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
6 Resources Expended				
Charitable activities				
Governance Costs - see below	855	-	855	815
Salaries	-	95,278	95,278	90,452
Sessional staff	-	-	-	1,071
Therapist	-	640	640	760
Payroll fee	-	506	506	514
Transport	-	6,061	6,061	8,145
Materials & activities	2,724	8,861	11,585	6,040
Trips	-	11,869	11,869	18,752
Telephone	-	1,183	1,183	1,366
Training	-	290	290	383
Rent	-	3,668	3,668	3,389
Room hire	-	1,720	1,720	3,332
Sundry/other costs	-	416	416	349
Donations to good causes	3,700	-	3,700	3,898
Food & refreshments	100	9,063	9,163	8,922
Postage & stationery	-	1,768	1,768	2,109
Volunteer expenses	-	100	100	130
Insurance	-	551	551	523
IT equipment & support	-	3,570	3,570	5,173
Depreciation	-	7	7	10
	<u>7,379</u>	<u>145,551</u>	<u>152,930</u>	<u>156,133</u>
Included in Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees	855	-	855	815
	<u>855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>815</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Note	Direct Charitable Expenditure	Support & Governance Costs	Total
	£	£	£
7 Analysis of expenditure			
Total expenditure in 2024	140,116	12,814	152,930
Total expenditure in 2023	141,502	14,631	156,133
Analysed as follows:	2024	2023	
Direct Charitable Expenditure	£	£	
Salaries	95,278	90,452	
Sessional staff	-	1,071	
Therapists	640	760	
Transport	6,061	8,145	
Materials, Activities & Trips	23,454	24,792	
Donations to good causes	3,700	3,898	
Room hire	1,720	3,332	
Food & refreshments	9,163	8,922	
Volunteer Expenses	100	130	
	140,116	141,502	
Support & Governance Costs			
Governance Costs	855	815	
Payroll fee	506	514	
Telephone	1,183	1,366	
Training	290	383	
Rent	3,668	3,389	
Postage & stationery	1,768	2,109	
Insurance	551	523	
IT Costs	3,570	5,173	
Sundry/other costs	416	349	
Depreciation	7	10	
	12,814	14,631	

KINSHIP CARERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Note	2024	2023
8 Staff Costs and Employees	£	£
Wages and salaries	92,826	88,125
Pension	424	359
Social security costs	2,028	1,968
	<u>95,278</u>	<u>90,452</u>
No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year (nor the previous year)		
The average number of employees during the year was :	2024	2023
Charitable activities	5	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
9 Fixed Assets	Fixtures & Fittings	
Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	-	380
Disposals	-	-
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>380</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	-	353
On Disposals	-	-
Charge for year	-	7
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>360</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2024	-	20
At 31 March 2023	-	27
10 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments & accrued income	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
11 Cash at bank and in hand	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Account	128,731	138,623
Petty Cash	30	207
	<u>128,761</u>	<u>138,830</u>
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors	133	102
Accruals	1,772	4,387
	<u>1,905</u>	<u>4,489</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Note	Balance at				Balance at
13 Movement in Funds	31 March	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	31 March
	2023	Resources	Expended	In / (Out)	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	41,640	14,543	(7,379)	219	49,023
	<u>41,640</u>	<u>14,543</u>	<u>(7,379)</u>	<u>219</u>	<u>49,023</u>
Restricted Funds					
Big Lottery Community Fund	292	-	-	(292)	-
Tudor Trust	7,900	-	(6,256)	-	1,644
Grandparents Plus Support	1,772	5,195	(1,731)	-	5,236
Big Lottery Kinship Together	7,767	50,000	(57,527)	-	240
Steve Morgan Foundation	5,672	-	(276)	-	5,396
HAF/Opal	6,584	28,500	(27,008)	-	8,076
The Tudor Trust Fund	25,669	20,000	(7,781)	-	37,888
PH Holt Foundation	5,932	-	(4,504)	-	1,428
Covid 19 Response Lottery	7,346	-	(3,175)	-	4,171
Merseyside Play Action Council	430	-	(503)	73	-
Liverpool City Council	10,193	700	(3,123)	-	7,770
SMF	3,621	25,000	(27,679)	-	942
Garfield Weston	7,023	-	(5,484)	-	1,539
Torus	2,500	-	(497)	-	2,003
Picton Childrens Centre	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
SIB Group - DCLG Challenge	27	-	(7)	-	20
	<u>92,728</u>	<u>130,895</u>	<u>(145,551)</u>	<u>(219)</u>	<u>77,853</u>
Total Funds	<u>134,368</u>	<u>145,438</u>	<u>(152,930)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,876</u>

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023

15 Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023

16 Capital Commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 March 2024 (2023: None) either contracted for or authorised by the directors but not contracted for.