

King of Hearts Creative Outreach

(Charity number – 1147489)

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023

Introduction

This Trustees' Annual Report is set out using the Charity Commissions' model TAR as a template. The Report should be read in conjunction with the charity's audited accounts for the period in question.

The period referred to above reflects the Trustees' decision in March 2013 to change the accounting period from the calendar year to the tax year.

Section A: Reference and administration details

Charity name	King of Hearts Creative Outreach (KHCO)
Registered charity number	1147489
Charity's address	2 Coronation Way, Kidderminster, Worcs. DY10 3BA
Name of Trustees who manage the charity	
Philip Bentley	(Chairman)
David Thomas Underhill	(Treasurer)
Lyn Archer	(Trustee)

Names and addresses of advisers

Bank: Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale. WN8 6WT

Auditor: D T Nock, Chartered Accountant, Heightington, Bewdley, DY12 2XP

Section B: Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Trust deed (adopted 8 th March 2012)
How the charity is constituted	Charitable trust
Trustee selection methods	New Trustees selected and appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues

Child protection (safeguarding children) and health and safety procedures are in place. Although the charity does not as yet formally use volunteers, it is envisaged that this may change in the coming year, and accordingly a policy for working with volunteers has been drawn up.

Section C: Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of KHCO as set out in its governing document

Object 1 To advance in life and help young people through:

- (a) providing recreational and leisure time activities to further their social welfare and improve their conditions of life;
- (b) providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

Object 2 To advance the Christian religion through the communication of the Christian faith by the use of creative, visual and interactive methods.

Note: in considering the means by which these two objects are fulfilled, the Trustees have sought to ensure the integrity of each object, and in particular that activities designed to support object 1 should not be used to further object 2.

Summary of main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Object 1

Activities designed to carry out the first object focus on the 'Barrel of Fun' drop-in centre in the Comberton area of Kidderminster, and in local schools.

Activities in the drop-in centre focus particularly on encouraging interaction between young people in a safe social environment, through providing recreational activities after school hours and during school holidays. These activities are based on educational games and art and craft activities designed to exercise and improve motor skills, spatial awareness, maths, communication skills and to build up confidence.

Where parents or other adult family members visit the drop-in centre, then the opportunity is taken to encourage interaction with the young people as a way of building confidence in the way the young people relate to adults. Sometimes help is provided for adult family members by linking them and their families with relevant support services.

Sessional activities are offered in schools mainly Kidderminster and Wyre Forest areas. These include activities such as 'maths magic', circus and juggling workshops and storytelling. These activities may, as agreed with the school in question, be offered particularly to young people experiencing difficulties with their educational, social and behavioural development. Circus, puppetry and ventriloquism workshops and face-painting are offered as a means of building confidence and enhancing positive relationships in young people.

All of these activities are offered without charge to the young people who engage in them. KHCO is careful to ensure that participation is welcomed whatever the backgrounds, beliefs or other circumstances of the young people and their families.

Object 2

A major way in which the second object is carried out is by supporting schools in the provision of assemblies. The way this is done focuses particularly on the use of visual and interactive methods, and the use of the kind of activities mentioned in relation to object 1. Again, these activities happen mainly in schools in the Kidderminster and Wyre Forest areas, and are carried out in a manner that complies with the policies of the schools to provide a service whatever the circumstances or backgrounds of the children.

Opportunities will be taken to undertake presentations at special events and services at churches and other venues, including 'Christian cabaret', gospel magic shows together with circus, magic and puppet workshops.

Note: in considering the means by which these two objects are fulfilled, the Trustees have sought to ensure the integrity of each object, and in particular that activities designed to support object 1 should not be used to further object 2.

Additional details about objectives and activities

In the activities undertaken to fulfil objects 1 and 2, the Trustees note that there appears to be no identifiable detriment or harm that is likely to arise from carrying out these objects. No views have been expressed by others suggesting that such detriment or harm might arise.

The Trustees confirm that they have had in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and overseeing the charity's activities, and that they have considered this guidance specifically at the meeting at which this Report was adopted.

Section D: Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements and performance of KHCO during the year

- The KHCO was first registered as a charity in May 2012. Trustees in April 2022 were Phillip Bentley (Chairman), David Underhill (Treasurer) and Lyn Archer (trustee). On 7th Feb 2023 Lyn Archer resigned as a trustee and Paul Griffiths was voted in as a trustee. We have been very grateful to Phyll Chesworth for attending our meetings and for the help and advice she has given us. We are very sorry to see Phyll decide to give up this roll in April 2022.
- KHCO has continued to focus on two main areas of work.
 - The Barrel of Fun drop-in centre in the Comberton area of Kidderminster.
 - Taking assemblies in local schools.
 - Peter and Simon also deliver Gospel magic shows, circus workshops and other events for churches and other organisations, as a means of fund raising but sadly Covid has greatly reduced this work.
- During the Covid outbreak the Barrel of Fun drop-in centre was closed, but from March 2022 the numbers using the centre have slowly increased so that once again the drop-in centre provides a service for young people in the Comberton area of Kidderminster that is not provided by anyone else. While the young people who attend reflect a wide range of ages and needs, many of them have particular needs in their educational and social development, and sometimes present a challenging group to work with. The skills and wisdom of Peter and Simon Cooper are crucial to the success in working with the young people who attend.
- The Barrel of Fun is usually open after school hours on week days during term time, and all day during school holidays and Saturdays. The number of children attending the Barrel slowly increased through the year with 10-15 regulars in November. Through the year, more than 50 different children have used the services of the drop-in centre. From week to week, 20 to 30 children have attended. Peter & Simon have a good relationship with parents and some regularly come to the centre.
- Anti-social behaviour in the area of the Barrel of Fun is still a concern but has improved because of the work of the Barrel of Fun and a better relationship with the local primary school. Peter and Simon are building a stronger relationship with local schools, parents and police in attempting to address the problems.
- Financial pressures faced by families of the young people attending the Barrel of Fun, is always a problem. From time to time, Peter and Simon have become involved in offering advice and help to families at points of financial crisis, particularly about winter heating. During the Christmas period 2022 we were able to help the local church to distribute gifts to 17 local families to help with their heating bills. We were able to charge their electricity and gas meter cards, thus taking the pressure off the rest of Christmas. It is through the work of KHCO that we can identify such families and make sure the money goes to those truly in need.
- Covid stopped Peter being able to go into local schools and take assemblies but gradually more schools have admitted visitors and by November Peter was taking assemblies in 7 local schools. This increased to 10 schools by March 2023 taking about 50 assemblies over the year. This work contributes to the fulfilling of both of KHCO's charitable objects.
- KHCO has continued to support and take a leading role in organising the Borrington Bash. This is an annual community festival in July for the Comberton and Offmore areas of Kidderminster, with many free events for children funded by local councillor grants.
- In Feb 2022 Fran Oborski on behalf of OCAG successfully bid for funds from a Government

Project – “Community Renewal Fund”. Part of this project was to deliver Money Coaching Courses to local people, which Peter Cooper did. He was paid for this work and donated the £11,287 he earned to KHCO. This greatly helped finance KHCO during this year.

- Securing grants from the various grant-making bodies continues to be very difficult with limited success. About 40% of the income is from friends and supporters by regular monthly giving. The rest of the income is from various one-off donations and other sources. A local councillor gave £250 in recognition of the good work done in the Barrel of Fun; St. Chad's Church gave £1,440. One-off donations raised £1,507; Fletcher's collecting tin raised £172 while Peter and Simon's magic shows and circus workshops raised £390.
- Rent and other expenses for the Barrel of Fun (which in many ways represents the heart of what Peter and Simon are trying to do with young people) costs about £8000 per year. Covering this figure and supporting Peter & Simon continues to be our greatest financial challenge.
- A major factor in the continued existence of KHCO is the continuing, faithful encouragement from individual supporters, most of whom live locally. This year Peter reached retirement age and now receives his state pension. He now does not receive any remuneration from KHCO funds except for expenses. This has enabled us to increase the remuneration paid to Simon Cooper to a more realistic amount of £1,000 per month. Positively, the level of income we have received from individual donors has remained stable.
- The Trustees wish to express their continued appreciation for the dedicated work of Peter and Simon Cooper. In their work in the drop-in centre in particular, they have daily contact with young people who present challenging attitudes and behaviour. They show courage, patience and great wisdom in their relationships with these young people and their families.

Section E: Financial review

Policy on financial reserves

KHCO holds all of its reserves in one bank account. It is the policy of the Trustees that this account shall not be overdrawn, and therefore that no commitments shall be entered into that would make this likely.

Income and Expenditure

For the period in question, the basic financial information to be submitted in the charity's Annual Return to the Charity Commission is as follows.

- Income £26,289.92
- Expenditure £20,323.90
- Total assets at 5th April 2023 were £11,771.51

(Other information on aspects of the financial situation of KHCO is contained in the general review in Section D.)

Sources of income

KHCO's income is derived from three main sources:

- Regular and one-off giving by individual donors has enabled the monthly remuneration to the two children's workers, both of whom are self-employed. They are responsible for the day to day work through which KHCO's objects are fulfilled. This income represents the stable core of the income KHCO receives.
- Grants from a variety of bodies. Most of these have been relatively small sums given to support the activities at the drop-in centre. A more substantial grant and a large gift, given in the years immediately before KHCO became a charity, paid for the rental and other expenses of the drop in centre. Securing a replacement for this income is a major financial

objective for the coming year.

- Schools work and presentations. Work in schools, including assemblies, provided a small source of income; much of the work in schools has been done without remuneration being expected. Some income has been gained from presentations at churches or other venues.

Trustees

Trustees give of their time freely, and no Trustee has received any financial remuneration or expenses from the charity during the year.

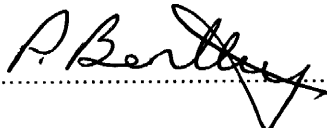
Section F: Other optional information

None.

Section G: Declaration

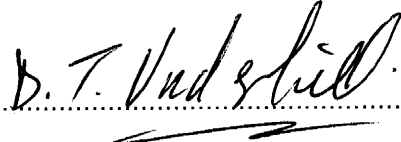
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees:

Signature . 

Full name Philip Bentley

Position Trustee / Chairman

Signature 

Full name David Thomas Underhill

Position Trustee / Treasurer

Date 24th May 2024

	Bank Interest	Expenses paid	Easy Funding & Amazon	Travel Expenses	Misc Expenses	
Apr-22	£0.00	£0.00				
May-22	£0.00	£46.69	£10.27			
Jun-22	£0.00	£0.00	£15.64			
Jul-22	£0.00	£0.00				
Aug-22	£0.00	£468.32	£9.65			
Sep-22	£0.00	£457.38		£7.65	£449.73	Wix & Vacuum cleaner etc
Oct-22	£0.00	£0.00				
Nov-22	£0.00	£0.00	£9.16			
Nov-22	£0.00	£0.00	£18.91			
Dec-22	£0.00	£212.97				
Jan-23	£0.00	£0.00				
Feb-23	£0.00	£0.00	£11.30			
Feb-23			£17.31			Heater & Magic Conf
Mar-23	£0.00	£138.54		£98.55	£39.99	
Apr-23	£0.00	£0.00				
Total	£0.00	£1,323.90	£92.24	£106.20	£489.72	
	Average / month	£101.84				

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of King of Hearts Creative Outreach on the Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2023

I report on the Annual Financial Statement of the Trust for the year ended 5 April 2023, which comprise the total income of £26,289.92 (2022 £18,187.33) and total expenditure of £20,323.90 (2022 £15,557.95).

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



D T Nock - Chartered Accountant
23 May 2024