

Kayaks

A Charity Registered in England & Wales
Registration no: 1158725

12 months to 27th March 2024

Financial Statements
and Trustees' Report

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Kayaks**

Reg'd Charity No: 1158725

Structure Registered Charity

Management Committee Members: Trustees

Chair:	Alison Bland
Vice Chair :	Fay Cunningham
Treasurer:	Jill Osborne
KOPE Lead :	Malcolm Osborne

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Independent
Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 27 March 2024.

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 27 March 2024

Structure

The Kayaks is a charity for children and young adults with SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities). We are based in South Tyneside and serve the North East of England

Legal and administrative information including details of trustees is set out in the annual accounts.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The objects of the KAYAKS are:

The objects as set out in the Charities Governing Document CONSTITUTION ADOPTED 07/06/2014

- To provide opportunities for children and young adults with special needs to help develop their potential through a range of educational, social, recreational and leisure activities in a safe supporting environment.
- To provide practical help, support and advice to parents and carers.
- To promote information, education and awareness on special needs issues to the wider community.
- To develop services and activities appropriate to the needs of the group. □
- To develop partnerships and friendship opportunities with other groups and organisations having similar objects.

We support families who are struggling to obtain an EHCP (Education & Health Care Plan) via volunteers who are IPSEA trained

Summary of the main activities in relation to the public benefit

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider these activities, summarised below, provide public benefit to the community with regard to Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

The KAYAKS have an office in South Shields with a large community education room and a smaller café/teenage section.

It is here where we hold parent/carers support groups, adult education and training sessions, home education sessions, family cooking sessions, sewing & crafting sessions, youth meetings and pizza & gaming club. Our younger members often find friendships more difficult, mainly due to their school not being local to the area in which they live.

We have weekly family activity sessions at Harton Academy in South Shields, , we have an adult sized bouncy castle, arts & crafts, games, PS5, sensory toys and role play toys. We also have use of outside space where we offer a range of outdoor activities weather depending.

We believe that to nurture a family you strengthen the community.

Achievements and Performance

The North East is a region which is impacted greatly by austerity through funding and the cost-of-living crisis. We offer our services to the whole of the North East and have members from some of the hardest hit localities.

We secured a three-year funding scheme from The Mercers which allowed us to rent our office and education rooms. Here is where we really make a difference to our parents and carers. They learn new valuable skills on top of what skills they already have. We hold a lot of social and educational events as it is common for parents/carers of children with additional needs to feel isolated. Having our own premises allows us to expand our services to meet the needs of our members.

The feedback from our members is so valuable and shows us how much our service is needed.

“Being part of a group has really changed how I feel about myself and my situation, I feel I belong to something now”

“I loved cooking with my child, we never get the time at home”

We have recently moved to holding all of our information online and we are collecting data to improve how we evidence our work.

Concerns, Complaints and Compliments

We love to get feedback. A complaint or concern helps us to improve and make changes. A compliment tells us we have it right. If anyone would like to contact us we can be reached via our website www.thekayaks.org.uk All of our complaints or concerns are treated with the confidentiality and our policies and procedures will be followed.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. Their policy is to aim to hold enough funds to meet three months operating costs of the Charity.

Future Plans

If we look at our increasing number of members, how far some families are travelling to join us along with our positive feedback, we acknowledge and have the evidence to show we are needed.

We are always on the lookout for new ventures and new initiatives. Our trustees spend a lot of time searching for funding to enable us to provide for our members. We will continue to explore and develop new activities ensuring that those who use us have excellent experiences.

The Kayaks are looking to introduce a trading arm to their charity to enable us to raise funds to support our expenses including rent for The Hub.

Volunteers

At Kayaks no-one gets paid, our work is entirely voluntary. We have 6 trustees, 11 committee members and 15 adult volunteers. All give their time freely. The volunteers get to choose what area is of interest to them and they lead on that activity. Without our volunteers we would not be where we are today, the delivery of our activities is at times labour intensive. We seek honest feedback from our volunteers and take on board what they say. We listen and deliver activities they suggest giving us a diverse range of indoor and outdoor activities.

Signed:....., on behalf of Trustees

Print name: Alison Bland

Date:.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Kayaks

On accounts for
the year ended

27 March 2024

Charity no 1158725

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent
examiner's
statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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:



Date: 27 January, 2025

Name:
Address:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 27 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
				£	£
Receipts					
Grants & Donations	4	11750	48017	59767	72748
Sponsored Events		3771		3771	4370
Raffles, Blind Cards and Tuck		423		423	827
Charity Nights		1138		1138	1399
Other Fundraising Activities		1812		1812	650
Total Receipts		18894	48017	66911	79994
Payments					
Trips, Residential Weekends & Activities		6141	26940	33081	17879
Office Costs		2818	2792	5610	6079
Sports Activities		678		678	588
Transport and Travelling Costs		545		545	301
Advertising & Website		26	389	415	31
Counselling Sessions		1460	4340	5800	6635
Play Equipment, Arts and Crafts & Storage		1070	1800	2870	4999
Repair & Maintenance of Equipment		1456	3900	5356	40
Mini Bus Running Costs		522		522	450
Office hire (Rent)			7515	7515	5657
Classes & Venue hire		2077		2077	0
Raffles, Blind Cards and Tuck Expenses		987		987	1126
Printing, Postage and Stationery		263	362	625	18
Party Expenses		1180		1180	0
Training Course		998	1889	2887	713
Great North Run Places		2300		2300	830
Relocation Expenses				0	5000
Volunteers Exp		306		306	0
Insurance			1595	1595	1767
Accountancy		330	350	680	330
Miscellaneous Expenses		284		284	135
Depreciation		1837		1837	2296
Total Payments		25278	51872	77150	54874
Nett Transfer between Funds				0	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		-6384	-3855	-10239	25120
Funds at 28 March 2023		63661	12810	76471	51351
Funds at 27 March 2024		57277	8955	66232	76471

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Balance Sheet as at 27 March 2024

		2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets	5	7347	9184
Current Assets:			
Cash at Bank & In Hand		58885	67287
Total Cash Balances		58885	67287
Net Assets at 27 March 2024		66232	76471
Represented by :			
Restricted Funds (Current Assets)		8955	12810
Total Restricted Fund		8955	12810
Unrestricted Funds (Fixed Assets)		7347	9184
Unrestricted Funds (Current Assets)		49930	54477
Total Unrestricted Funds		57277	63661
		66232	76471

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee :

Signed ABland Position chair

Signed Joane Position treasurer

Date 27/1/25

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Notes to the accounts, 2023/24

1. Basis of accounts

The financial statements 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) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Kayaks meet the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.1 Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are depreciated over a useful lifeline at the following rates:

Motor Vehicles 20% reducing balance

2. Trustees and Staff

No Trustees were remunerated or received expenses payments.

3. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £375.

4. Grants & Donations

Unrestricted Grants & Donations:

Spectrum	8600
Groundworks	1000
Autismable	510
Miscellaneous donations	1640
	11750

Restricted Grants:

South Tyneside Council - HAF	22517
Mercer	20000
Community Foundation	3000
Ballinger Charitable Trust	1000
Nissan Grant	1500
	48017

Total Grants 59767

	Balance at March 2023	Income	Expend	Balance at March 2024
Henry Smith Charity	2500		2500	0
YHA Trip	10310		10310	0
South Tyneside Council - HAF		22517	22517	0
Mercer		20000	11045	8955
Community Foundation		3000	3000	0
Ballinger Charitable Trust		1000	1000	0
Nissan Grant		1500	1500	0

Total Restricted Funds c/fwd to 2024-25 12810 48017 51872 8955

5 Fixed Assets

Minibus

Cost	
As at 28 March 2023	14350
Additions	0
Disposals	
As at 27 March 2024	14350
Depreciation	
As at 28 March 2023	5166
Charge for the year	1837
Disposals	
As at 27 March 2024	7003

Net Book Value at 27 March 2024 7347