

Kayaks

**A Charity Registered in England & Wales
Registration no: 1158725**

12 months to 31st March 2025

**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
Treasurer:	Jill Osborne
KOPE Lead :	Donna Wallace

Address: 8 Horsley Hill Square
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Bankers: TSB Bank

Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2025.

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025
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 provided 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

Achievements and Performance

From April 2024 to March 2025, The Kayaks experienced meaningful growth and deeper impact across all areas of our work. As a lived-experience-led organisation, we strengthened support for disabled children, young people and their families while expanding opportunities for leadership, connection and personal development.

We increased outreach to parents and carers, offering more consistent touchpoints and widening access to early support. Families benefited from clearer communication, more opportunities to share their experiences and stronger peer networks. This reduced isolation and ensured families felt heard, valued and part of a supportive community. Young people took part in accredited training that built confidence, communication skills and practical knowledge. These opportunities enabled participants to take on new responsibilities, including volunteering and leadership roles within Kayaks, reflecting our commitment to nurturing disabled young people as leaders in their own right. This is made possible by our funders, members and volunteers.

Our 18–25 support group continued to flourish, becoming a vibrant space where young adults co-designed activities and shaped the direction of the group. Sessions focused on social skills, budgeting, wellbeing and event planning, with growing attendance and increasing ownership from members.

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


In the year ahead, we will strengthen family support, expand opportunities for disabled young adults and build partnerships that align with our mission of ensuring choice, voice and opportunity for all.

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

Print name: Alison Bland

Date:..29/1/26.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of	Kayaks		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no	1158725
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>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.</p> <p>It is my responsibility to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>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.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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; or2. 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, 2026		
Name:	Mark Thompson MAAT		
Address:	VODA Spirit of North Tyneside Wing 2nd Floor, Wallsend Community Hub & Library 16 The Forum Wallsend NE28 8JR		

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts		2025	2025	2025	2024
				£	£
Grants & Donations	4	12300	41185	53485	59767
Sponsored Events		2319		2319	3771
Raffles, Blind Cards and Tuck		360		360	423
Charity Nights		773		773	1138
Other Fundraising Activities		1189		1189	1812
Total Receipts		16941	41185	58126	66911
Payments					
Trips, Residential Weekends & Activities			16435	16435	33081
Office Costs			3113	3113	5610
Sports Activities			7320	7320	678
Transport and Travelling Costs		630		630	545
Advertising & Website		508	649	1157	415
Counselling Sessions		315		315	5800
Play Equipment, Arts and Crafts & Storage		567	981	1548	2870
Repair & Maintenance of Equipment		1541	406	1947	5356
Mini Bus Running Costs			507	507	522
Office hire (Rent) & Rates			10913	10913	7515
Classes & Venue hire		420		420	2077
Raffles, Blind Cards and Tuck Expenses		561		561	987
Printing, Postage and Stationery		130		130	625
Party Expenses		71	800	871	1180
Training Course			649	649	2887
Great North Run Places		469		469	2300
Relocation Expenses				0	0
Volunteers Exp		233		233	306
Insurance			1580	1580	1595
Accountancy & Professional Fees		465	475	940	680
Miscellaneous Expenses		42	312	354	284
Depreciation		1469		1469	1837
Total Payments		7421	44140	51561	77150
Nett Transfer between Funds				0	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		9520	-2955	6565	-10239
Funds at 1 April 2024		57277	8955	66232	76471
Funds at 31 March 2025		66797	6000	72797	66232

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	5	5878	7347
Current Assets:			
Cash at Bank & In Hand		66919	58885
Total Cash Balances		<u>66919</u>	<u>58885</u>
Net Assets at 31 March 2025		<u><u>72797</u></u>	<u><u>66232</u></u>
Represented by :			
Restricted Funds (Current Assets)		6000	8955
Total Restricted Fund		6000	8955
Unrestricted Funds (Fixed Assets)		5878	7347
Unrestricted Funds (Current Assets)		60919	49930
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>66797</u>	<u>57277</u>
		<u><u>72797</u></u>	<u><u>66232</u></u>

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

Signed  Position Treasurer

Signed  Position Chair

Date 29/11/26

Kayaks**Notes to the accounts, 2024/25****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 £400.

4. Grants & Donations**Unrestricted Grants & Donations:**

Ballinger Trust Fund	8990
Simon Side Outdoor	700
Stagecoach	500
Miscellaneous donations	2110
	12300

Restricted Grants:

Hays Travel	5105
True Colours Foundation	4260
STMBC HAF	8000
Mercers	15000
Community Foundation	7320
Karbon Homes	1500
	41185

Total Grants 53485

	Balance at March 2024	Income	Expend	Balance at March 2025
Mercers	8955	15000	17955	6000
Hays Travel		5105	5105	0
True Colours Foundation		4260	4260	0
STMBC HAF		8000	8000	0
Community Foundation		7320	7320	0
Karbon Homes		1500	1500	0

Total Restricted Funds c/fwd to 2025-26 8955 41185 44140 6000

5 Fixed Assets**Minibus**

Cost	
As at 31 March 2024	14350
Additions	0
Disposals	
As at 31 March 2025	14350
Depreciation	
As at 31 March 2024	7003
Charge for the year	1469
Disposals	
As at 31 March 2025	8472

Net Book Value at 31 March 2025 5878