

# Knitted Knockers UK

Annual Report and Accounts for the

Year Ended 31 March 2022

Charity Number:

1161125



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## Charity Details

**Charity Name:** Knitted Knockers UK

**Also known as:** KKUK

**Registered Charity Number:** 1161125

**Address:** 426 Liverpool Road  
Birkdale  
Southport  
Merseyside  
PR8 3BA

<b>Current Trustees:</b>	Mrs Lynne Hawsworth	Chair	
	Mrs Mary Mochan		
	Mrs Deborah Wright	Secretary	12 July 2021

**Other Trustees serving during the financial period:**

Mrs S Simpson	Resigned 26 September 2021
Mrs M Birse	Resigned 31 October 2021

# Trustees Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2022

## Structure, governance and management

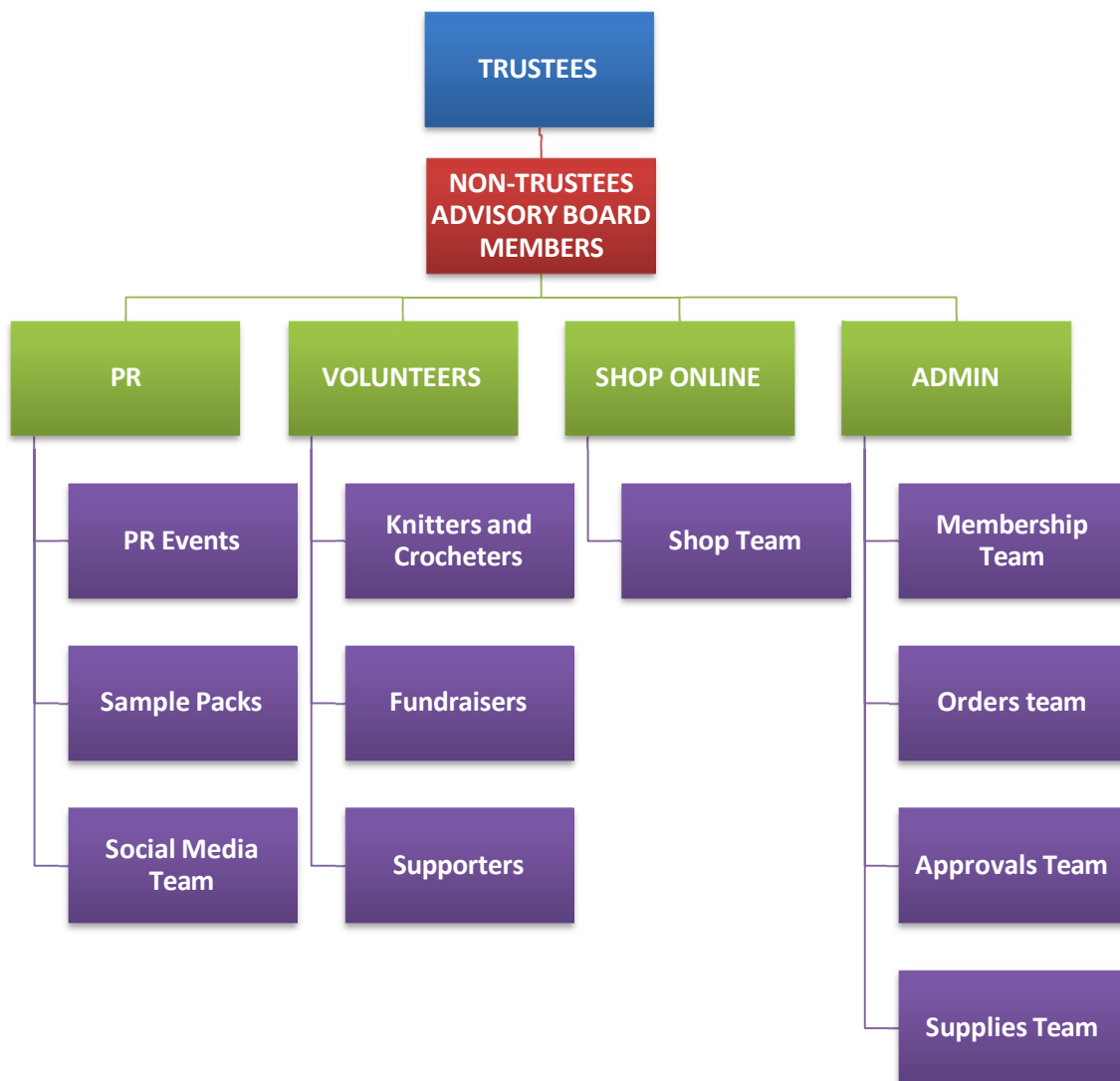
The charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is governed by a constitution dated 10 January 2015, updated December 2016 and October 2019.

The charity is governed by its Trustees. In addition, advice is available from Non-Trustee Advisory Board members.

New Trustees are invited and voted by majority to Board.

The charity has no employees, with everyone acting in a voluntary capacity in all roles.

The charity's organisational structure is given below:



## Objectives and activities

The objective of KKUK is to 'provide free of charge, a prosthetic to any lady who has undergone mastectomy or lumpectomy due to breast cancer'.

Summary of activities:

- **Provision of knitted and crochet prosthetics for recipients**

In order to do this, our teams of volunteers are involved in:

- responding to general enquiries received via the website 'enquiry' forms
- collating and filling of orders from recipients for knitted prosthetics
- selection, approval & mentoring new volunteers and ensuring the required product standard is met & maintained

- **Provision of sample packs of knitted and crochet prosthetics to healthcare and other services aimed at women who have undergone mastectomies or lumpectomies**

- collating and filling sample pack requests for organisations requesting sample packs
- Liaising with these organisations, and offering speakers to talk to health professionals, staff and potential recipients

- **Raising Awareness of Knitted Knockers UK and the service we provide**

In order to do this, our teams of volunteers are involved in:

- advertising and promoting KKUK CIO through website, direct contact with healthcare organisations, support groups, retail outlets & bespoke lingerie stores
- profile raising through social media & mainstream media

- **Organisational admin and management**

In common with all charitable organisations behind the scenes a huge volume of other work goes on, to keep the organisation running and develop it to meet the needs of beneficiaries now and in the future

- ordering and purchasing yarn and other items to make the prosthetics
- developing and building on the Charity's identity – developing 'house style' for flyers and promotional material
- engaging with volunteers with skills or knowledge not held by Trustees or Board members for the advancement of the charity (e.g. web design)

The charity is reliant on the hard work and effort of our volunteers: without whom the charity would not exist. The charity continues to rely primarily on the work of our approved volunteers to:

- knit & crochet
- fundraise
- raise awareness by attending events across the country

Whilst providing the prosthetics is the key purpose of KKUK, a real depth of understanding and the spirit of community has developed amongst the volunteers.

Being spread all over the UK has made it difficult for every volunteer to meet up but efforts continue for 'pockets' of volunteers to meet.

## Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

## **Achievements and performance**

The year ended 31 March 2022 has once again been an unusual year as it will have been for all charities. We started the year with operations suspended due to the COVID Pandemic and Government regulations.

Since our charity provides items for ladies who have had major surgery, we had a duty of care to them in the first place. We also had a duty of care to our volunteers, thus sadly we closed during periods of lockdown. We used Government guidance and were told we could follow the same principles as companies dealing with mail order items which could be returned. We put in place appropriate policies and procedures to ensure that our volunteers and beneficiaries could feel as safe as possible making and receiving the knitted prostheses. These procedures are regularly reviewed. We were able to reopen to orders on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. However, our face to face fundraising activities did not restart until after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

The Trustees consider the following to be the key achievements during the year:

- number of individual knockers made and delivered were 4,620 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (1,034 in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)
- total number of orders was 3,234, much higher than year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (718) but still less than pre-COVID years.
- Online sales matched those of year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and we benefitted from corporate donations from King Cole

## **Raising Funds for the Charity**

When KKUK was established it relied upon the donations and the generosity of its volunteer members to operate. We soon became aware that the unique design of our prosthesis made a talking point, and as they could be made smaller, we started to make and sell mini knocker keyrings. They are 'made with love and filled with hope' by the knitters in the same way as the standard knockers.

These mini knocker key-rings are normally on display at events, and special editions are made for Christmas and Breast Cancer Awareness month. However due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all external events that KKUK volunteers usually attend, were cancelled, and sales were reduced as a result.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions that included stay at home and uncertainty early on in the pandemic regarding transmission routes, we also stopped online sales during lockdown periods. This obviously had a negative impact on our sales income. Since re-opening the mini-knockers can be bought, along with the special edition ballerina notecards and Christmas cards from our online shop at [www.knittedknockersuk.com](http://www.knittedknockersuk.com).

Due to the pandemic very little in the way of other external fundraising was possible, as events such as 10k and marathon runs were cancelled. This has led to a reduction in donations via fundraising sites such as Just Giving.

### Financial Review

Receipts increased from £8,933 in the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to £19,579 in this financial year. However this is still lower than pre-COVID years (year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £39,976).

Voluntary donations increased from £6,170 last year to £16,960 this year (year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £30,358) Fundraising and Trading Activity income reduced from £2,763 to £2,619 (year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 £9,618).

Due to the re-opening mentioned earlier in the report our expenditure has also significantly increased. The cost of our charitable activity increased from £3,889 to £10,492.

We managed to end the financial year with a surplus of £7,962 and the charity's unrestricted funds carried forwards to next year are £71,452 (£63,491 last year)

We rely predominantly on donations with a significant source of donations being recipients, family or friends who choose to donate in thanks for the prosthesis they have received. All prostheses are supplied free of charge to recipients.

The other source of donations comes via fundraising sites, which supporters use to collect donations as sponsorship for undertaking a challenge type event. With most events being cancelled during the pandemic fundraising from these sources was reduced.

Fundraising is primarily from sales of mini knocker keyrings and cards via the online shop. The mini key rings are replicas of the real prosthesis but knitted in 4ply yarn, with a tag bearing the charities strap line and logo attached to a key fob. These are available at information events at a price of £3, with a post and packing charge added when purchased online. The cards are in a pack of 5 for £2.50 plus p&p.

Funds are used to purchase yarn and distribute it to volunteers to make the prosthetics. Small/medium organza bags which are used to hold the knitted knockers and also mailing bags for posting knockers are sent to recipients.

### Reserves

The charity's unrestricted reserves are: £71,452 (2021: £63,491)

Currently the charity does not have an official policy regarding reserves, and in general only incurs expenditure when funds are available.

Up until now, the charity has relied heavily on Facebook in order to manage volunteers, and supplies of knitted knockers, however, our plan is to move to a more suitable website based management system, where the trustees will have more oversight of the operations of the whole organisation. The reserves currently held by the charity will be used to develop this resource.

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Signed

*L. Hawksworth*

Dated

11/01/2023

Mrs Lynne Hawksworth

## **Independent Examiners Report**

The income of the charity has been under £25,000 for the last 2 years and therefore there is no requirement for an Independent Examiner.



## Receipts and Payments Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

		Year to 31 March 2022		Y/E 31 March 2021 Total Funds
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	4	16,960	16,960	6,170
Receipts from Funding & Trading Activities	5	2,619	2,619	2,763
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>19,579</b>	<b>19,579</b>	<b>8,933</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Cost of Generating Funds (Fundraising & Trading to Raise Funds)	6	1,126	1,126	1,289
Cost of Charitable Activities Governance Costs	7	10,491	10,491	3,889
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>11,617</b>	<b>11,617</b>	<b>5,178</b>
Net Receipts/(payments)		7,962	7,962	3,755
Transfers to/(from) Funds		-	-	-
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for year</b>		<b>7,962</b>	<b>7,962</b>	<b>3,755</b>
Opening Cash & Bank Balance		63,491	63,491	59,736
<b>Closing Cash &amp; Bank Balance</b>		<b>71,452</b>	<b>71,452</b>	<b>63,491</b>

At present the charity only holds unrestricted funds and therefore no restricted funds column is shown

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	At 31 March 2022		At 31 March 2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>Cash, Bank and Deposit Balances at start of year</b>		63,491	63,491	59,736
<b>Movement in the Year</b>				
Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over payments for the year		7,962	7,962	3,755
<b>Cash, Bank and Deposit Balances at end of the year</b>		<b>71,452</b>	<b>71,452</b>	<b>63,491</b>
<b>Other Assets Estimated</b>				
Gift Aid Recoverable		400	400	400
<b>Total Other Assets Estimated</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Volunteer expenses for March 2022 for Post & Packing & materials to fill knockers.		972	972	-
Suppliers Bills due		-	-	-
Independent Examiners's Fee		-	-	-
<b>Total Estimated Liabilities</b>		<b>972</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>-</b>

As the Charity holds only unrestricted funds, no restricted column is shown.

The notes on pages 11-13 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Signed L. Hawksworth Dated 11/01/2023

Mrs L. Hawksworth

## Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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### 1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts are prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

### 2. Fund Accounting

**Unrestricted** Funds are funds which can be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

**Restricted Funds** are funds which can only be used for specific purposes as specified by the donor or when funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

Currently the charity holds only unrestricted funds.

### 3. Debts and Guarantees

The charity has not given any guarantees where there is an outstanding liability at the date of this statement

The charity has no outstanding debts at the date of this statement which are secured on the assets of the charity.

### 4. Analysis of Donations Receipts

		Year to 31 March 2022		Year to 31 March 2021
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Corporate Donations		6,020	6,020	-
Voluntary Donations direct to Charity		3,110	3,110	2,038
Donations via Just Giving		2,943	2,943	469
Gift Aid via Just Giving		472	472	100
Donations via Virgin Money		50	50	-
Donations via Charitable Giving		39	39	-
Donations via PayPal		3,892	3,892	3,037
PayPal Giving Fund		434	434	526
<b>Total Donations</b>		<b>16,960</b>	<b>16,960</b>	<b>6,170</b>

## 5. Analysis of Fundraising & Trading Receipts

		Year to 31 March 2022		Year to 31 March 2021
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Sales of Mini Knocker Keyrings		1,785	1,785	1,833
Sales of Cards/Notelets		99	99	115
Postage charges for online sales		307	307	363
Easy Fundraising		254	254	299
Amazon Smile		174	174	153
<b>Total Fundraising &amp; Trading receipts</b>		<b>2,619</b>	<b>2,619</b>	<b>2,763</b>

## 6. Analysis of Cost of Raising Funds

		Year to 31 March 2022		Year to 31 March 2021
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Fundraising Events		-	-	-
Cost of Mini Keyrings		603	603	746
Cost of Cards		4	4	21
General online shop costs		129	129	168
PayPal/Just Giving Cost		390	390	354
<b>Total F/R Activities Costs</b>		<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,289</b>

## 7. Analysis of Cost of Charitable Activity

		Year to 31 March 2022		Year to 31 March 2021
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>Cost of Knitted Knockers</b>				
Cost of Yarn		1,507	1,507	340
Cost of Filling for Knockers		830	830	185
Postage & Packaging Knockers		5,885	5,885	1,623
Cost of Sample Packs		120	120	194
<b>Cost of Helpful Hearts</b>				
Beads		13	13	12
Postage		98	98	29
Other Postage		372	372	353
Phone		164	164	136
Insurance		415	415	142
Website, software & IT		1,065	1,065	875
Bank Charge		22	22	-
<b>Total F/R Activities Costs</b>		<b>10,492</b>	<b>10,492</b>	<b>3,889</b>

## 8. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee or related party  
No trustees received any expenses