

Knitted Knockers UK

Annual Report and Accounts for the

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Charity Number:

1161125



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Charity Details

Charity Name: Knitted Knockers UK

Also known as: KKUK

Registered Charity Number: 1161125

Address: 25 Aylesbury Drive
Sunderland
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Current Trustees:	Mrs Deborah Wright	Chair	
	Mrs Sandra Ground		12 June 2023
	Mrs Pamela Blythe	Secretary	13 July 2023
	Mrs Gillian George		13 July 2023

Other Trustees serving during the financial period:

Mrs Lynne Hawsworth	Deceased 8 June 2023
Mrs Mary Mochan	Resigned 11 July 2023

Trustees Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management

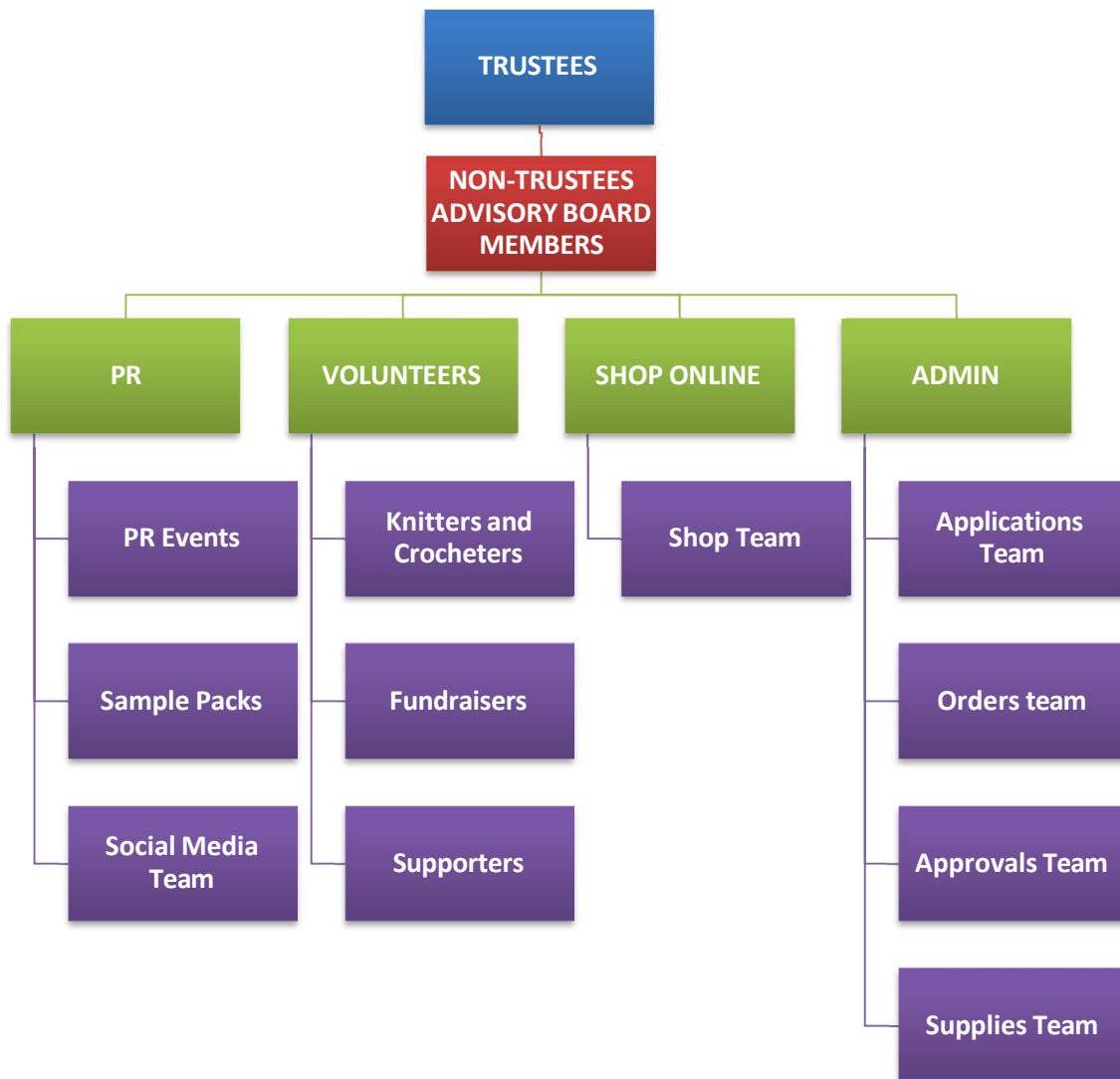
The charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation which is governed by a constitution dated 10 January 2015, updated December 2016, October 2019 and September 2023.

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.

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

- consolidated volunteers numbers and continued growth including welcoming our first male knitting volunteer (102 approved knitting and crocheting volunteers)
- number of individual knockers made and delivered were 5320 in the year to 31 March 2023 (4620 31 March 2022)
- total orders were 3762 (3234 31 March 2022)
- restarting of publicity events in John Lewis stores and talks at WI groups (following suspension due to COVID)
- continued success of the online shop with limited edition minis and specially designed notecards being offered for sale

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. They can be bought along with our specially designed notecards and Christmas cards from our online shop at www.knittedknockersuk.com

Financial Review

Receipts increased from £19,579 in the year ended 31 March 2022 to £28,228 in this financial year. However this is still lower than pre-COVID years (Year ended 31 March 2020 £39,976). This year we also benefited from a large donation of £6,879.

Voluntary donations increased from £16,960 last year to £21,590 this year (year ended 31 March 2020 £30,358). Fundraising and Trading Activity Income increased from £2,619 to £6,638 (year ended 31 March 2020 £9,618).

The cost of our charitable activity increased from £11,617 to £18,459.

We managed to end the financial year with a surplus of £9,769 and the charities unrestricted funds carried forward to next year are £81,221 (£71,452 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.

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

Funds are used to purchase yarn and distribute it to volunteers to make the prosthesis, small/medium organza bags which are used to hold the knitted knockers and also mailing bags for posting knockers are sent to recipients. Volunteers purchase stuffing for the knockers and incur the costs of posting the knocker orders to the recipients. These costs are claimed back on a monthly basis via an expense claim form.

Reserves

The charity's unrestricted reserves are £81,221 (2022: £71,452)

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 orders, 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 new website will be developed during 2023/24. The reserves currently held will be used to develop this resource.

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

Signed

Dated 18.12.2023

Mrs Deborah Wright

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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 2022 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

Doug Maltman FMAAT
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Date: 18.12.2023

Receipts and Payments Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Year to 31 March 2023		Y/E 31 March 2022 Total Funds
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations	4	21,590	21,590	16,960
Receipts from Funding & Trading Activities	5	6,638	6,638	2,619
Total Receipts		28,228	28,228	19,579
Payments				
Cost of Generating Funds (Fundraising & Trading to Raise Funds)	6	1,489	1,489	1,126
Cost of Charitable Activities Governance Costs	7	16,970	16,970	10,492
Total Payments		18,459	18,459	11,617
Net Receipts/(payments)		9,769	9,769	7,962
Transfers to/(from) Funds		-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for year		9,769	9,769	7,962
Opening Cash & Bank Balance		71,452	71,452	63,491
Closing Cash & Bank Balance		81,221	81,221	71,452

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognized in the year. All receipts and payments derive from fundraising and charitable activities.

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

The notes on pages 11-15 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	At 31 March 2023		At 31 March 2022
		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Cash, Bank and Deposit Balances at start of year Movement in the Year		71,452	71,452	63,491
Surplus/(deficit) of Receipts over payments for the year		9,769	9,769	7,962
Cash, Bank and Deposit Balances at end of the year	12	81,221	81,221	71,452
Other Assets Estimated				
Gift Aid Recoverable	11	400	400	400
Total Other Assets Estimated		400	400	400
Liabilities	13			
Volunteer expenses for March 2023 for Post & Packing & materials to fill knockers.		793	793	972
Independent Examiners' Fee	9	144	144	-
Total Estimated Liabilities		937	937	972

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

The notes on pages 11-15 form part of these accounts

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Signed

Dated 18.12.2023

Mrs D Wright

Notes to the Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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 2023		Year to 31 March 2022
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Corporate Donations		3,261	3,261	6,020
Voluntary Donations direct to Charity		11,392	11,392	3,110
Donations via Just Giving		1,966	1,966	2,943
Gift Aid via Just Giving		378	378	473
Donations via Virgin Money		-	-	50
Donations via Charitable Giving		123	123	39
Donations via PayPal		4,450	4,450	3,892
PayPal Giving Fund		20	20	434
Total Donations		21,590	21,590	16,960

5. Analysis of Fundraising & Trading Receipts

		Year to 31 March 2023		Year to 31 March 2022
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Sales of Mini Knocker Keyrings		5,658	5,658	1,785
Sales of Cards/Notelets		63	63	99
Postage charges for online sales		612	612	307
Easy Fundraising		112	112	254
Amazon Smile		193	193	174
Total Fundraising & Trading receipts		6,638	6,638	2,619

6. Analysis of Cost of Raising Funds

		Year to 31 March 2023		Year to 31 March 2022
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Fundraising Events		-	-	-
Cost of Mini Keyrings		324	324	603
Cost of Cards		100	100	4
General online shop costs		475	475	129
PayPal/Just Giving Cost		591	591	390
Total F/R Activities Costs		1,489	1,489	1,126

7. Analysis of Cost of Charitable Activity

		Year to 31 March 2023		Year to 31 March 2022
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
Cost of Knitted Knockers				
Cost of Yarn		3,650	3,650	1,507
Cost of Filling for Knockers		1,289	1,289	830
Postage & Packaging Knockers		8,835	8,835	5,885
Cost of Sample Packs		198	198	120
Cost of Helpful Hearts				
Beads		41	41	13
Postage		179	179	98
Other Postage		431	431	372
Promotional materials		141	141	-
Educational Events		423	423	
Phone		202	202	164
Insurance		415	415	415
Website, software & IT		992	992	1,065
Accounting		90	90	-
Bank Charge		83	83	22
Total F/R Activities Costs		16,969	16,969	10,492

8. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration was paid to any trustee or related party

Trustees received expenses of £632 which were reimbursement of costs incurred for KKUK.

9. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	144	-
Total	144	-

10. Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

11. Assets (receivable within 1 year)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid receivable	400	400
Total	400	400

12. Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current Account	80,737	70,309
Paypal Account	485	1,143
Deposit Account	-	-
Cash in hand	-	-
Total	81,221	71,452

13. Liabilities (payable within 1 year)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Volunteer expenses	793	872
Accruals		
Independent Examination of accounts	144	-
Total	937	872

14. Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

15. Analysis of Charitable Funds**Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds**

As at 31 March 2023

Unrestricted Funds	Fund Balances Brought forward	Incoming Resource	Resources Expended	Transfers	Fund Balances Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General Unrestricted Fund	71,452	28,228	(18,549)	-	81,221
Totals	71,452	28,228	(18,549)	-	82,221

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds
As at 31 March 2022

Unrestricted Funds	Fund Balances Brought forward £	Incoming Resource £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Fund Balances Carried Forward £
General Unrestricted Fund	63,491	19,579	(11,617)	-	71,452
Totals	63,491	19,579	(11,617)	-	71,452

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted funds: Free reserves of the charity