

MEDWAY PLUS

(Charity No: 1163985)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

CHARITABLE INCOPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

MEDWAY PLUS

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Medway Plus

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1163985

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

**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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

08/10/2024

Name:

Peter Acott

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FCCA

Address:

10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

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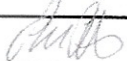
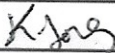
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	SIREE restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant Income	212	100,490	-	100,702	59,341
Mikulas funds received	-	707	-	707	605
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	21	-	21	24
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	212	101,218	-	101,430	59,970
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	212	101,218	-	101,430	59,970
A3 Payments					
Staff Wages	-	30,273	-	30,273	42,813
Staff pension	-	2,071	-	2,071	2,655
Rent	-	1,800	-	1,800	2,800
Donations to Something in Kent	-	7,050	-	7,050	-
Project delivery costs & materials	-	-	-	-	4,293
Project teacher/instructor fees	-	3,739	-	3,739	5,445
Project specific delivery wages	-	910	-	910	56
Sundry project/event expenses	-	55	-	55	-
Venue/Room hire	-	-	-	-	1,625
Telephone	-	720	-	720	720
Travelling & subsistence	-	-	-	-	768
Stationery & minor equipment	-	4	-	4	-
Refreshments	-	137	-	137	392
Bank charges	-	60	-	60	72
Insurance	-	385	-	385	385
Accountancy	-	870	-	870	870
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	13,750
Mikulas funds paid	-	707	-	707	605
Sundry expenses	-	40	-	40	78
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	48,821	-	48,821	77,327
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	48,821	-	48,821	77,327
Net of receipts/(payments)	212	52,397	-	52,609	(17,357)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	6,034	-	6,034	23,391
Cash funds this year end	212	58,431	-	58,643	6,034

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	SIREE restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	212	58,431	-
	Cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	212	58,431	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	SIREE restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Computer	Restricted	479	-
	2 Computers	SIREE	700	-
	Laptop	Restricted	722	181
	Monitor	Restricted	259	-
	Walkie Talkies	Restricted	269	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Shane Convey	08/10/2024
			Katie Jones	08/10/2024



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Medway Plus

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1163985

Charity's principal address Community Centre

Melville Court, Brompton Hill

Chatham, Kent

Postcode

ME4 4XL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Irene Heller	Chair	Whole period	Fellow trustees
2	Abi Jessop		Whole period	Fellow trustees
3	Carl Kroon		Whole period	Fellow trustees
4	Katie Jones		Whole period	Fellow trustees
5	Shane Convey		Whole period	Fellow trustees
6	David Smith		Whole period	Fellow trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are: -

- 1) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Medway and Kent in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- 2) The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban or rural regeneration in areas of social and economical deprivation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity has undertaken tasks and projects including: -

- 1) **Community Outreach:** Creating Community Associations empowering and strengthening residents participation, management of community facilities and resources, community safety initiatives
- 2) **Coordination and Management of projects:** Managing daily activities delivery, financial and administration of multi million pound projects.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Achievements for the period:

Ukrainian Support Fund (funded by the Freemasons' charity) (From February 2023 to January 2024)

We worked with building further relationships with the Ukrainian community in Medway and supported up to 100 Ukrainian Families. Our primary contact has been Vita Hood, a long-term Ukrainian resident who teaches English at Mid-Kent College (and has been an active volunteer for the new arrivals to the UK).

Working with Mid-Kent College, we organised a professional employment adviser and CV writer to be on-site, allowing adults who are attending their English classes to take time out and see them.

We also provided a safe community space once a month, to allow the Ukrainians spread throughout the Medway Towns to meet and socialise. Our activities included water sports and barge rides in the local area, a bus tour of Medway to further familiarise our new friends into the cultural area, cooking workshop, dancing activities and karaoke.

Ageless Art project (funded by Test Bed Fund - Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group) (From September 2022 to April 2023)

Our project addressed integration, inclusion and social isolation for young and old people by introducing them to all types of arts. We took groups from 6 schools (approx. 250 primary school children; approx. 90 sixth form students from secondary school; approx. 12 from college) to Sun Pier House (a not for profit organisation, working to support artists and creative industries in Medway) to meet artists and learn about their work. We booked the Riverside Gallery at SPH for a celebration of Islamic Art and Culture young Muslim artists had the opportunity to display their work. 75 families attended an award evening. The children were from area of high deprivation. We also took elderly people (from care and retirement homes) to have an art workshop to take them out of their isolation. At the end of the project the young people had the opportunity to take a ride on a working barge (6 barge rides in total), going along the River Medway, learning about the area where they live.

Czech and Slovak Association - Mikulas

We supported the Czech and Slovak Association with their St Nicholas event (Mikulas) on admin tasks. We attended the event this year and saw more than 100 different eastern European families celebrating their culture all together.

PLOP project (funded by Awards for All) (October 2022 to October 2023)

For several years we have delivered a water sports project, primarily for younger children with special needs. Minority ethnic groups and six schools attended the water sports centre at Chatham Maritime's Basin 2 to enjoy paddleboarding, kayaking, sailing etc. in an environment beneficial to their wellbeing.

Our purpose was to take residents with physical or mental issues to a unique environment to take part in activities that will improve their self-esteem by working alone and in teams to build self-confidence and improve their wellbeing.

Medway CAN! (funded by Medway Council) (2023)

This project is sponsored by the local authority – Medway Council. It is about healthy lifestyle and exercise. We have arranged for a small rural primary school to develop and sustain a project which will improve the health and life style of children and parents from the school, as well as the wider community. They have organised several sport sessions and healthy cooking workshops and even events where families were invited to participate.

Fit for Purpose project (funded by Sport England) (January 2023 to December 2024)

Fit for Purpose is a new project aiming to improve physical health and local sports engagement. We're targeting migrant communities and young people at risk of becoming NEETs.

We'll offer a variety of sports activities, including circus sports, water sports, climbing, horse riding, and bowling. These activities aim to encourage participants to try new things, learn new skills, and improve their social skills, especially considering the effects of lockdown.

We aim to create a safe, clean, and fun environment to help overcome initial barriers to engagement, such as health fears, anxiety, and other mental health issues.

The project will have several positive impacts:

- Increase participation in recreational and social activities to improve physical health
- Provide new learning and development opportunities
- Support continued participation in new sports and recreational activities
- Encourage participants to take control of their health conditions to be healthier and have fun together
- Engage the most isolated within the community

Just Move it – The Make Moves Fund (funded by Nike and Spotify) (March to August 2024)

Nike and Spotify have joined forces to launch a brand-new initiative to improve the mental wellbeing of girls by leveraging the power of music to get the least active girls moving.

Get ready to be swept off your feet by the “Just Move It” project! This vibrant initiative is all set to transform the lives of 340 young women from 10 to 17 inclusive, infusing them with the joy of dance and music. These are girls who have faced hardships, hailing from disadvantaged backgrounds, and we’re here to change that!

We’re thrilled to be working with refugee girls who’ve journeyed from countries like Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Syria, migrant girls originating from Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria, the Ukrainian community and those living in the high-deprivation areas around Chatham Central ward.

Our project is bursting with energy, offering at least two culturally diverse dance and music sessions each week over a six-month period. These sessions won’t just be regular classes - they’ll be a celebration of movement and rhythm, led by a professional teacher who knows how to create a fun and friendly atmosphere AND by the girls themselves.

But that’s not all! For those girls who are ready to step into the spotlight, we’re offering the chance to develop a live performance at the end of the project. This performance isn’t just about showcasing their talent - it’s about inspiring and empowering other young people from their schools and communities.

So, let’s “Just Move It” and dance our way to a brighter, healthier, and happier future!

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We want to provide a range of social activities for elderly people; older people with long-term health conditions and older people that are most isolated within the community who would not normally be able to access these activities.

We want to run a project around several activities: Afternoon Tea and Cake, Bingo; Karaoke and Talent Show, Trips Out - Beach Trip, Upnor Castle Visit, River Medway Boat Rides, Fort Amherst Tour; Art Class Taster Sessions; Chair Yoga; Dance and Bowling Sessions. We are aiming to support 1,200 older and isolated people over two years.

We will aim to work with diverse communities such as generation Ukrainians; Muslims through KMWA; Eastern Europeans; Roma; Asian community through Medway Diversity Forum and we will work with lonely elderly people such as residential care homes; residential retirement homes and RVS network.

Note : During this financial year, we have received funding from Henry Smith, Kent Community Foundation, Colyer Fergusson, Foyle Foundation (£7,000), Postcode Society Trust, Sport England, National Lottery Community Fund, Nike And Spotify. We would like to send a huge thank you to all our funders without who it would be impossible to support our diverse communities in Medway !

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's policy is to maintain a reserves level equivalent to at least 3 months of operational expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

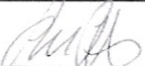
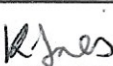
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

	
Shane Convey	Katie Jones
Trustee	Trustee

08/10/2024