

MEDWAY PLUS

(Charity No: 1163985)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE

CHARITABLE INCOPORATED ORGANISATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**

31/03/2025

**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 / 2025**.

**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:

24/06/2025

Name:

Peter Acott

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

FCCA

Address:

10 Littlebourne Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5QP



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

MEDWAY PLUS

1163985

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant Income	208	35,324	-	35,532	100,702
Donations	20	300	-	320	-
Mikulas funds received	-	1,205	-	1,205	707
Sundry income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	68	-	68	21
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	228	36,897	-	37,125	101,430
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	228	36,897	-	37,125	101,430
A3 Payments					
Staff Wages	-	45,746	-	45,746	30,273
Staff pension	-	2,563	-	2,563	2,071
Rent	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
Donations to Something in Kent	-	3,417	-	3,417	7,050
Project venue & activity costs	-	7,691	-	7,691	-
Project transportation costs	-	7,355	-	7,355	-
Project teacher/instructor fees	-	3,923	-	3,923	3,739
Project specific delivery wages	-	-	-	-	910
Sundry project/event expenses	-	-	-	-	55
Venue/Room hire	-	92	-	92	-
Telephone	-	720	-	720	720
Travelling & subsistence	-	108	-	108	-
Stationery & minor equipment	-	-	-	-	4
Refreshments	-	506	-	506	137
Bank charges	-	60	-	60	60
Insurance	-	385	-	385	385
Accountancy	-	870	-	870	870
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	-
Mikulas funds paid	-	1,205	-	1,205	707
Sundry expenses	-	129	-	129	40
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	76,570	-	76,570	48,821
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	76,570	-	76,570	48,821
Net of receipts/(payments)	228	(39,673)	-	(39,445)	52,609
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	212	58,431	-	58,643	6,034
Cash funds this year end	440	18,758	-	19,198	58,643

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	440	18,758	-
	Cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	440	18,758	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


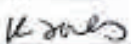
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	SIREE restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Laptop	Restricted	722	-
	Monitor	Restricted	259	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Shane Convey	24/06/2025
	Katie Jones	24/06/2025



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
From 01 04 2024 To 31 03 2025
Period end date

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

Constitution

How the charity is constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

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.

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:

The Cut of Her Cloth workshops – April and May 2024 – partnership with Xtina Lamb from Intra Arts

Medway Plus supported 4 workshops of The Cut of Her Cloth project.

Developed by Intra Arts, the project is bringing together communities across the Medway Towns to create processional textile banners, ceremonial garments, celebrating inspirational women with strong links to the area and saluting 70 years of Her Majesty The Queen's reign. The workshops explored women's stories through stitch, appliqué and embroidery.

Running the idea of the project through Medway Plus' network, we had a very positive return from our Muslim community and decided to focus on their community group. The workshops were a very big success and we had many attendees focusing on making cat embroideries and appliqué, in reference to Lorna Wing's love for cats, a psychiatrist born in Gillingham which work revolutionised thinking on autism.

Czech and Slovak Association – Mikulas, Pecenie, Easter

We supported the Czech and Slovak Association with their St Nicholas event (Mikulas), their Pecenie event and an Eastern workshop on admin tasks. We attended the St Nicholas event (Mikulas) this year which was so enjoyable. We saw more than 100 different eastern European families celebrating their culture all together.

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

Fit for Purpose aimed to improve physical health and local sports engagement. We targetted migrant communities and young people at risk of becoming NEETs.

We offered a variety of sports activities, including circus sports, watersports, climbing and horse riding. These activities aimed to encourage participants to try new things, learn new skills, and improve their social skills, especially considering the effects of lockdown.

We aimed 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 had 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

We had a total of 678 participants benefitting from this project.

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.

Our "Just Move It" project was a vibrant initiative which transformed the lives of 220 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 the project was here to change that.

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

We mainly worked with the Ukrainian community, Victory Academy school and Walderslade Girls School.

Our project was bursting with energy, offering at least two culturally diverse dance and music sessions each week over a six-month period. These sessions were not just regular classes – they were a celebration of movement and rhythm, led by professional teachers who knew how to create a fun and friendly atmosphere AND by the girls themselves.

We had amazing final showcase where parents, carers and other visitors could come and watch and it was truly amazing to see the inspiring stories through dance and music. We could truly see that the project had empower all those young girls and we were hoping this would develop throughout the two schools we worked with as they carry on the dancing sessions once the project ended.

isOLateD no more ! (funded by the National Lottery Community Fund) (May 2024 to March 2026)

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 600 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.

Fit for Water purpose project (funded by Active Kent and Medway and Kent Trust for Youth Sport, and administered by Kent County Council) (September 2024 to August 2025)

We have received funding from Active Kent and Medway & Kent Trust for Youth to support water sport activities with our migrant communities to improve their physical health and mental well-being and reduce their feeling of loneliness and isolation. Our purpose is to organise two water sport session to encourage their participation in recreational and social activities and improve their physical and mental health.

Discovering Medway project (funded by UK Shared Prosperity fund Year 3 and administered by Medway Council) (September 2024 to April 2025)

Project Goal: To provide children with special needs from schools in disadvantaged areas of Medway with valuable experiences and knowledge about their local community by taking them on trips to various landmarks and places of interest within Medway.

Project Objectives:

- To widen the children's knowledge of the towns they live in and expose them to new sights and people.
- To increase their confidence in meeting people from different environments and situations.
- To enhance the children's appreciation of their local area and inspire curiosity about their surroundings.
- To support the Medway 2040 vision and objectives by empowering the next generation of adults with greater knowledge and appreciation of their living environment.

Project Activities:

- Organize trips to various locations in Medway, including museums, historical sites such as castles, cultural places, green flag parks, etc.
- Utilize different modes of transport, such as walking, public

transport, and hired coaches, to reach the destinations.

- Involve the children in planning the journeys and researching the places to be visited to enhance their understanding and engagement.

Project outcomes:

- 456 direct beneficiaries who visited a cultural and historical place in Medway
- 8 Medway schools benefitted from the project out of the 20 schools contacted (no interest or responses from the other schools contacted)

Project Legacy:

- Develop a transferable model for future expansion and funding opportunities.
- Contribute to the long-term well-being and development of children with special needs in Medway.

Note: During this financial year, we have received funding from Chatham Maritime Trust, the National Institute for Health and Care Research, Henry Smith, Kent Community Foundation, Colyer Fergusson, Yorkshire Building Society, Active Kent and Medway, Medway Council shared prosperity fund. As always, 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)


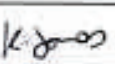
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- 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)	Shane Convey	Katie Jones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	24/06/2025	