

Kittiwake Trust

(Registered Charity Number: 1165318)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Kittiwake Trust Annual report for 2022

Board of Trustees: Chair: vacant -Amina Marix Evans (Acting Chair), Pamela Gibson (Treasurer)
Kate StClair Gibson (Secretary), Jola Olafimihan, Rosie Jennings, Sjaak van Rijn (Netherlands)

We continued to hold our Trustees meetings on Zoom as this proved more convenient due to lack of obtaining new premises for the library as yet.

Grants:

May 2022-The Shears Foundation	£5000
May 2022-The Hadrian Trust	£1000
May 2022-Arnold Clark	£1000
July 2022-SJP CH Foundation	£2500
July 2022-J Knott Trust	£5000
August 2022-Joicey Trust	£1200
October 2022-Localgiving Ltd	£500
December 2022-GMBC	£275

Total **£16475**

Borderline Books

As last year as far as Gateshead Council is concerned, we are not in danger of being moved out of Unit 1B, Stonehills for Borderline Books. T3 is a less certain situation.

2022 saw us achieve another record breaking giveaway of 28,900 books.

Literacy Arc 2022

The work in the Literacy Arc has continued to snowball over the course of 2022. We were delighted to extend our reach to give 18,586 books to 96 different organisations and individual families which is a marked improvement on the previous year in 2021 where we gave 16,082 books to 77 different groups.

A fifteen per cent increase in book donations is pleasing but in real terms we are also beginning to feel that our reach is increasing in terms of awareness of the project. More and more agencies including schools, hospital wards and aid groups are coming to us in response to recommendations by others who have had books from us. This natural growth by word of mouth has been doubly pleasing, it not only reaffirms that the work that we do has value in itself for the people we engage with most directly, it also reinforces our belief that this work will create positive ripples in the communities we most want to help.

A brilliant example of the power of this snowballing can be seen in the fact that schools are now taking our model of book donation and distribution and adapting it to create what are effectively smaller branches of Borderline Books within their own contexts. This started at South Stanley Primary where their staff are working hard to create a powerful environment where reading for pleasure is celebrated and protected in a learning context where there are a number of barriers to

learning and book ownership. We have worked with the school for well over a year now and have managed to create a positive dialogue where we have a good knowledge of the books needed and have given texts to create reading spaces and widen the reading experiences of the students in the school. South Stanley have taken our recipe to create a book space and have used this to create their own initiative where they collect, collate and reallocate books through donation with a target of giving 1000 books away a year. They gave 250 books away in one event recently. This has been so successful and celebrated by the school that other schools have decided to set up their schemes. Whilst this is early days, it is very pleasing for two schools to have set up book sharing hubs with our support, one in Newcastle and one in County Durham. We will continue to support both with books for children and for adults and will continue to be an active agent in however these projects evolve over time.



South Stanley Juniors' reading initiatives...



This year, South Stanley Juniors have been working with **Borderline Books**, a project run by the **Kettlewell Trust**, as one of their 'reading for pleasure' initiatives.

This has allowed them to add hundreds of books to our classrooms, and - more importantly - pass on hundreds more to pupils!

Here's what some pupils have to say:

Isabella said,

"I like we learned doing these swaps and giveaways with the books. From Borderline Books, it's helped children expand their imaginative and education."

David said,

"When the school books are not enough, different genres and types of books and formats are available."

Michaela said,

"I'm really enjoying choosing some new books from the selection. Usually, I prefer fiction but I've been able to try some science books with helping and what teachers you know in the different experiments."

We would also like to thank Kirstie and her colleagues at Borderline Books who work tirelessly to support schools and other community groups.

We hope to be able to continue to work with the project over the coming academic year and further develop our pupils' love of reading.



Great stuff!



South Stanley Junior School

2 Dec 2022 · 🌐

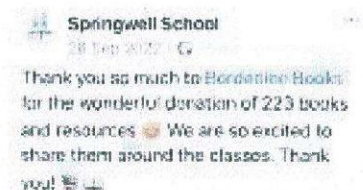
A few photos of the family book giveaways. As well as over 100 junior-age books, families chose another 150+ adult and infant books!

We have about 50 remaining for this afternoon, for any further takers! And don't worry - Mr. Forster and some little helpers are off to Borderline Books this afternoon to start building the stocks back up...



Other work in schools has continued to develop well across a large area including schools in Newcastle, Gateshead, County Durham, Northumberland, Cumbria, Sunderland and Hartlepool. Some schools are still reporting that reading levels have fallen as a consequence of lockdown and are fighting the ubiquity of screen devices. Many are choosing to find ways to create spaces where students can encounter and inhabit books in a different way. Primary schools that promote the Forest Schools initiative have been looking to create outside reading spaces filled with books that tell children about the world that they live in. We have supported and stocked outside reading areas filled with visually interesting nonfiction books located in science teaching areas as well as outside fiction reading spaces. Other schools have wanted books to fill break time reading sheds where the hope is that children will choose not to return the books once they get hooked in. One school has invested money in a book vending machine (filled with our stock) which they are promoting as part of their rewards system. A child who has worked well or has done something worth celebrating will get a coin to use in the machine to choose a book as a reward. We continue to be open to whatever our partnership schools may suggest.

Our work with older children continues in secondary schools and increasingly in special schools or departments with a specific learning focus. We have been contributing to different reading initiatives and continue to affirm our focus on book ownership and on creating book rich homes. We are finding that schools are increasingly receptive to the idea to providing books for parents and regularly offer stock to offer to adults in parent's meetings and other visits to schools. Our work with different autism schools has been very powerful. We are able to respond to specific learning needs and special interests and have had really positive feedback from selections we have made. Two of the volunteers in the Literacy Arc have autism and their input has been invaluable in making appropriate selections that meet special interests. We were delighted to be able to find a book on pylons though sometimes we have to be more creative to meet a brief!



The other large area of our groups and holiday clubs schools are not open. We donations to the food banks

recent report on the West End Food Bank in The Guardian that the books we had given them recently (though we were not credited explicitly by the journalist) were on display and well received:

"People gathered in the church on Wednesday were getting welfare advice and picking up food parcel vouchers, but also so much more. There was a representative from the city council and from the Homeless charity Shelter. Or for people who needed a haircut, a barber.

work has come from community supporting communities when the have continued to give large and were delighted to read in a

Free mobile phone Sim cards, two per person, were also available and also books were laid out on tables for people to help themselves to.

One of those looking through the books was Nicola Telford, 39, whose family, including two children, was recently made homeless after getting behind with the rent. She is now in a council house with no carpets. "I am back to square one, we've had to start all over again," she said. "We were in a fully furnished house but now I'm having to spend money for this new house. It's hard. We wouldn't cope without the food bank."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/nov/10/newcastle-food-bank-struggles-with-fall-in-donations>

We have responded to the cost of living crisis by thinking creatively about the books that we put into our donations to different projects and regularly include books about budget cookery, parenting, mindfulness, gardening etc alongside books that just give a welcome escape into elsewhere.

 **Key to Life Foodbank**
21 Nov 2022 · 🌐

What an impressive donation of 160 books towards our Christmas appeal. Thank you to Amina and Kristie from [Borderline Books](#) in Pelaw, these will be a fabulous addition to our Christmas gifts.

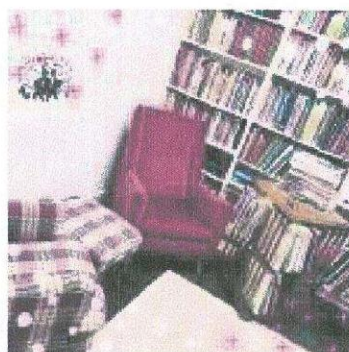
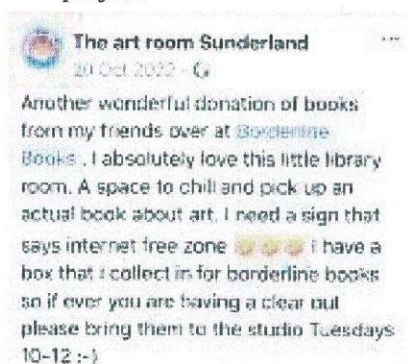


 **Eastlea Community Centre**
15 Aug 2022 · 🌐

Fancy a good read? Our new community library, with books generously donated by [Borderline Books](#), is a new reason to pop in to Eastlea Community Centre. Borrow a book, return it, or drop off one of your own. This is just a selection of the titles on offer.



Holiday clubs have reported that our books just disappear when offered and most have come back repeatedly for more. We have been able to initiate working relationships with artists working at Baltic to provide books to distribute in workshop sessions as well as resources in terms of broken and old books that can be used to create art in the sessions themselves. This builds on the work that we continue to do with The Art Room, Sunderland who run a wide range of community art making sessions for children, adults and teachers. Kerry Cook, who runs the project, has used our stock to help build a comprehensive library of Art books that are in active circulation amongst the young people she is working with. She has celebrated the resources that we have given her for giving students opportunities to find the art that they will fall in love with when they encounter them in texts. Search engines require you to know what you are looking for and have fewer opportunities to accidentally encounter something new and different. As a consequence, her students have developed a wider visual vocabulary and a really good idea of what they love and why. She has also set up a book sharing hub in her space which provides a welcome and unexpected benefit that the overflow of books comes to us. We have had a number of high quality donations of children's books from this project.



Going forward, we have identified a couple of areas where we would like to develop our connections further. We are continuing to develop our links with local groups providing support to refugees and would like to strengthen existing links to offer books and support to refugee families currently staying in hotel accommodation. This would link to the Kittiwake Trust's other wing of the Multilingual library (that should be reopening soon) but will also stand alone as part of the Literacy Arc.

We have also noticed post lockdown that many schools are reporting that they would like resources to support conversations around positive mental health. Some accounts from teachers have made it clear that some children are struggling. We would like to work with partnership schools to build strategies through reading to create safe places for children who need them.

We are also picking up that there has been an increase in the number of families who are opting to home educate to accommodate some of these difficulties that schools are not always able to meet whether it be mental health or other special needs such as autism spectrum disorders. Many of these families are not affluent and are struggling to adjust to these necessary changes. We would like to develop links with the home education networks and start a conversation about where we can help.

Feedback:

"We are overwhelmed by your generosity and those books will certainly be put to good use in our school." Pittington Primary

"Thank you so much for the books, they are great! Thank you for such a wonderful selection. The children will love them." Westerhope Primary

"Thank you so much for the books you have supplied us with. Our library is looking so much better and we are starting to have the children borrow the books and take them home. I wondered how I would go about requesting some more of similar books, we are running an Author of the Term" St Cuthberts Primary, Crook

"Your donations have ensured that every child in our school has a book this World Book Day, building up their own personal libraries as well as sharing those that are at school. I still can't comprehend how generous you are and will continue to send letters of appreciation as they write them." Redrow Primary

"We have had a lovely few months distributing out last collection of books from you. Every child received a book for Christmas and we now have a large book case in our hall for children to take a book whenever they like. We also have free book Friday this week and fear that that will be us empty!" The Drive, school

"Thank you so much for last night's very productive introduction to Borderline Books for our staff. They were all very surprised at the wealth of wonderful reading materials Borderline has and a very grateful that they could take some books for their classrooms. It will really make a big difference to our pupils." Larkspur Primary

"Thanks again for all of the great books supplied. It's been amazing!" Ann Cleaves project

"I have returned to work to more wonderful books, Thank you so much!

Oh my goodness you make SUCH a difference. We've really seen a huge improvement post pandemic of children getting back into books and loving that quiet reading time, all thanks to the amazing donations that you continue to give us! They have books on the shelf at home, library and in the classroom now." Kelvin Grove Primary

"Your donation was greatly received by Harry Watts Academy Sunderland and I imagine that they will contact you again when they set up their second site at Harraton. I am moving on to set up an Autism base at Bede Community Primary. The head of Bede has said that they have had excellent donations from you in the past and I'd be really keen to source some high interest texts for my new Autism base." Chloe Gillie, teacher

"It was lovely to visit the book space and choose the books for myself. We put them into classrooms and into the library at Beamish Primary School." Beamish Primary

"I couldn't believe the size of the warehouse on arrival and how many books you had! The books that you selected for me were perfect for what I was trying to achieve within our school and have been of course put to good use already. I also picked a few books on arrival that were suitable for my class. I am a strong believer in reading with the children and providing them with good quality books to enjoy and use. My science library (what I came to you for) is now thriving and being put to good use.

Thank you again for the wonderful donation I received from you and for your help in sourcing the books" EYFS teacher Cumbria

"We absolutely loved the books we received!" Northumbria Primary

"Borderline Books provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils who do not have the luxury of parents with enough disposable income to buy books. Each child took home 2 books of their choice and came to thank me personally for having the opportunity to do so. One child said 'Thank you for the books Mrs Power, I can't wait to read these tonight.' The books encouraged what we promote at school which is a love of reading and being able to read for pleasure. Thank you." Christchurch Primary

"The previous books we got have been brilliant as they are in our whole school reading shed that can be accessed by everyone. However we do know that we, in early years, find it difficult to access it due to the ratios needed. I have spoken to the rest of the team and we think it would be a lovely idea if we could set up our own lending library for both early years children and their adults too that would be based in our early years department. Your selection of books was brilliant last time and if

we could have some more we are more than happy for you to choose them for us." Sugar Hill Primary

"Thank you for the donation of books we received before Christmas. We've used the books during our whole school reading during registration time that we run weekly and to start building up a stock for a library. Students have borrowed the books and shown a great interest in the selection you gave us. We'd love to build a partnership with you as we are always in need of books for our students, many of whom do not have access to books at home." Tanfield School (Secondary)

"The books we received last time were of huge value. Reception Team set up their very own library and would like more books from you. You also made a little girl's world with the Enid Blyton books. It encouraged children to read more. I also loved my book! I love your organisational skills and preparation." Fell Dyke Primary

"Thank you very much for the books. They were very well received." Greenside Cafe Church

"Just a note to say a big thank you from Strathmore Road Methodist Church for the large number and fantastic range of books you supplied to us to offer children and families attending our Brighten the Day sessions over the summer. The books were laid out at the end of our sessions and the children and the parents/cares collecting them were able to choose a book to take home. The children were very excited about this and were asking before the end of the sessions "Will there be any books today?" The adults were also appreciative of the cookery, gardening, wildlife/nature and fiction books made available. Some of the older children were also very interested and took advantage of the wildlife books.

There were a number of books left over and some will be made available in the warm space that are being offered locally and some are being offered to those attending the Pickle Palace market held at the church on Mondays.

Thanks again for all of you help and for the wonderful work that you do" Strathmore Road Methodist Church.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you! As always you come up trumps and have sent some lovely books for our school library and reading scheme. Thank you so much! Your kindness is hugely appreciated." Larkspur Primary

"I just wanted to drop a very quick thank you from this morning's visit to the book space. It was amazing!" Bellingham Middle School

" Just wanted to thank you for all of the wonderful books we received before the holidays. The younger children adored their presents and all of the books for adults were taken during our Christmas performance coffee mornings - success! The hope is now to get a library hut outside for parents and pupils on the yard to donate and take from at the end of each school day. Many thanks for all your support! Kelvin Grove Primary.

Prisons

In August we lost Clare but Anna returned to the Trust to take over Clare's work and has made a fantastic impact,

Borderline Books Prison Project 2022

Numbers:

Sent books to 100 UK prisons

840 individual requests fulfilled, as well as bigger deliveries to prison libraries, wing libraries, prison theatre groups, probation services etc.

6784 books into prisons

738 prisoners contacted us directly, but the books reached well over 1000 through libraries and being passed on (see quotes below)

A selection of thank yous:

'A book is not just a book & what you do is not just donating reading material to help fill hours behind bars. When used to the best of its ability, what you do is offer hope and opportunity to those who have none & need it the most.'

5.10.22 - HMP The Verne

'I would like to thank all of you for what you are doing, as books are a lifeline for us in many cases, and with a weekly library visit of 10 minutes (if it isn't cancelled due to lack of staff), and nowhere to order books, you are filling a necessary void.

'I remember being given a book in my previous jail and once finished, I passed it on. After a while and word of mouth, cons who didn't usually read for fun were waiting their turn to read it and hearing them excitedly discussing excerpts from a book in the food queue was great'

12.10.22 - HMP Hull

'Thank you very much again, I know it's only a book but in prison it's like somebody shining a light in the darkness when you receive a book'

08.12.22 - HMP Forest Bank

'I just wanted to thank you again for my books. I have enjoyed them very much and they were a Godsend recently when we had a couple of cases of covid on the wing and we were locked down for a couple of weeks. Your kind donation helped me keep my sanity while locked behind my door for days on end! I have passed the books onto friends and once they're finished they leave them on the bookcase on the wing. They're not there very long before they're snapped up by another avid reader ... On a sunny day it's heart-warming to see a dozen or so guys sitting on the yard reading, often titles I recognise as books I left out for others that you sent me'

31.05.22 - HMP Ashfield

'First of all I would like to thank you. I myself have only recently come into the prison environment and because of the pandemic I'm locked up 22-23 hours a day, so reading has been a major part of helping me deal with prison life.'

14.05.22 - HMP Parkhurst

'Just to say a massive thank you for all your support and encouragement! I've just had my module result for my Open University year and I passed with distinction!'

01.08.22 - HMP Oakwood

'Thank you so much for the wonderful books you sent us 6 months ago. They have been devoured and loved (not in that order). It is making a huge difference as it has allowed us to share books and recommend to others what they may enjoy reading. The need of on wing libraries has been surprisingly essential, as after COVID things have yet to return to 'normal'. Staffing issues have now become a present and real threat. Which is a long way of saying - thank you! And please pass on our thanks to your trustees.'

01.09.22 - HMP Dartmoor (wing library)

'Let me finish by thanking you for the kindness of finding these books and sending them to me as a gift - no small gift... There is much quiet, often unremarked kindness out there, and you and Borderline Books stand out in this regard. Thank you immensely.'

21/ 12/22 HMP Ashfield

'Thank you so very much for sending me [the books], you are truly amazing. You make such a welcome difference, my lads here I am helping all send you their gratitude and best wishes.'

31/ 12/ 22 HMP The Verne (a Shannon Trust mentor)

'What a year its been! Somehow we've made it through and I hope that as you look back you give yourselves credit for the difference you've made to so many people living behind the wire.'

31/12/22 HMP Oakwood

Multilingual Library

Unfortunately, the library remained closed during 2022. We were finally allocated premises in the former Gloucester Public House by Gateshead Council at the end of June-the 11th building we had considered since moving out of Eldon Garden two years earlier. All kinds of work needed to be carried out before we could move in but, eventually, we were allowed to move our stock out of storage by November, saving us £500 a month. We started repainting and planning how to arrange the space, but it would be another nine months before we would be allowed to open. A long slow rebirth.

We continue to search for a Chairperson for the Board of Trustees as well as more trustees who can bring skills to the Board.

We have come a long way since we set up the Trust as a constituted community organisation in 2009 and became a charity in 2016.

Kittiwake Trust

(Registered Charity Number: 1165318)

Independent Examiners Report

Year ended 31st December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Kittiwake Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31st December 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.


Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

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:

- * 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 & fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and 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.



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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31st December 2022

Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total this year	Total last year
Incoming Resources				
Fundraiser				
Library Income:				
Donations	669		669	205
Memberships				
Use of Verb				
Other	2,479	0	2,479	
Donations received - Borderline Books	340		340	487
Refunded postage			0	173
Gifts received	700.2		700	-
Grants		16,475	16,475	24,500
Covid Grants			0	58,703
Other income	0		0	-
Total Income	4,188	16,475	20,663	84,067
Resources Expended				
Kittiwake Trust - General: Advertising and Promotion				
Kittiwake Trust - General: Bookfairs & Conferences				
Kittiwake Trust - General: Insurance				
Kittiwake Trust - General: Office	0.00	149	149	108
Kittiwake Trust - General: Other Expenses				13
Kittiwake Trust - General: Postage	0.00	231	231	
Kittiwake Trust - General: Legal & Prof fees	95	395	490	330
Kittiwake Trust - General: Training			0	63
Kittiwake Trust - General: Parking				
Kittiwake Trust - General: Travel	10		10	
Kittiwake Trust - General: COVID donations & purchases			0	1,203
Kittiwake Trust - General: Bank charges	2		2	4
Kittiwake Trust - General: Website				
sundry	88		88	
Borderline Books: Literacy	99		99	48
Borderline Books: Website	94		94	133
Borderline Books: Business Rates	2,550	0	2,550	2,684
Borderline Books: Insurance	15	453	469	1,500
Borderline Books: Freight				
Borderline Books: Utilities	(59)		(59)	
Borderline Books: Household	883		883	89
Borderline Books: Office Supplies	179		179	467
Borderline Books: Postage	461		461	20
Borderline Books: Printing & Publicity	79		79	28
Borderline Books: Prison Work	3,012	1,000	4,012	2,513
Borderline Books: Prison Work Salaries	2,967	5,000	7,967	8,161
Borderline Books: Repairs & Maint	4		4	54
Borderline Books: Salary	0.00	6,747	6,747	8,584
Borderline Books: Telephone & Internet	346		346	249
Borderline Books: Volunteers Expenses	254		254	42
Multilingual Library: Books	72	0	72	1,258
Multilingual Library: Furnishings	278		278	8
Multilingual Library: Household	241		241	
Multilingual Library: Salary		0	0	7,513
Multilingual Library: Office	40		40	429
Multilingual Library: Printing				
Multilingual Library: Repairs	222	0	222	3,540
Multilingual Library: Library Supplies				
Multilingual Library: Storage	5,500	0	5,500	4,000
Multilingual Library: Subscriptions				
Multilingual Library: Telephone	20		20	140
Multilingual Library: Utilities	72		72	1,741
Multilingual Library: Transport	1,167		1,167	2,582
Multilingual Library: Website	260		260	56
Multilingual Library: Volunteers	5		5	146
	18,956	13,975	32,931	47,706
Net Surplus	(14,768)	2,500	(12,268)	36,361
Adjustment			0	0
Funds brought forward	69,291	17,155	86,446	50,085
Funds carried forward	54,523	19,655	74,178	86,446

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Total this year	Total last year
Current Assets				
Debtors		108.5	108.5	
Cash at bank and in hand		74,070	74,070	88,730
Total current assets		<u>74,178</u>	<u>74,178</u>	<u>88,730</u>
Current Liabilities				
Amounts falling due in one year				
Wages control		0	0	2,195
PAYE		0	0	75
Pension control		0	0	14
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,284</u>
Net Assets		<u>74,178</u>	<u>74,178</u>	<u>86,446</u>
Capital Funds				
Restricted Funds		19,655	19,655	17,155
Unrestricted Funds		54,523	54,523	69,291
Total Funds		<u>74,178</u>	<u>74,178</u>	<u>86,446</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board and authorised for issued on , and are signed on behalf of the board by:

P Gibson

Pamela Gibson
Trustee