

KINGTON WALKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1172022

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY ENCOURAGING AND ENABLING PEOPLE TO PARTAKE IN REGULAR WALKS AS A FORM OF EXERCISE IN KINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE.

Activities: The object of the Kington Walks CIO is to promote community participation in healthy recreation by encouraging and enabling people to partake in regular walks as a form of exercise in Kington and the surrounding area. The activities managed by the charity include two walking festivals engaging with local primary schools to encourage walking activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN KINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£15,340	£8,819	-	-
2023-10-31	£10,448	£9,141	-	-
2022-10-31	£9,355	£12,268	-	-
2021-10-31	£8,307	£6,532	-	-
2020-10-31	£4,784	£3,017	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sarah Barton Lee	Chair	2020-12-08
Helen Joy Yeomans		2025-01-29
Kevin David Robinson		2023-12-04
Paul Finch		2023-09-05
Valerie Mavis Burden		2025-01-29

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Kington Walks Annual Report

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Period: 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024

Charity Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates
Ms Sarah Lee		Full period
Mr. Adrian Wilcox		Full period
Mr Paul Finch		Full Period

Management

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Primary Activities and Achievements for Period

The primary activity of Kington Walks to date has been the establishment and development of two annual Kington Walking Festivals, taking place in April and September. The festivals continue to be a major priority but with our now sustainable group of volunteers and base of funds our focus is turning to widening our walking activities and the promotion of healthy lifestyles within our local community and improving the local footpath network.

Kington Walks, a registered charity, comprises a group of charity trustees, a 'Main Committee' of volunteers that steers its work, and several groups of volunteers that either lead and back mark festival walks, lead and back mark Walking 4 health walks, carry out footpath maintenance or assist at activities and events, for example stewarding or staffing the pop-up walking festival office. Often individual volunteers are involved in more than one of these areas. The following report seeks to cover our main areas of activity as well as recognising and celebrating the contributions made over the year

Walking Festivals

Both spring and autumn walking festivals were well supported. In the Autumn Festival, 29 walks were offered and there were 300 bookings overall. In the Spring Festival there were 14 walks and 111 bookings.

A very popular Spring Festival quiz night was held in Kington at The Swan Hotel. Participants were a mix of local people and visitors brought to Kington by the walking festival. The Autumn Festival events comprised the Goulash Evening in the Kington Market Hall, catered by local butcher and deli, Fork and Chicken; Aberystwyth-based band The Hicksters performing at Kington's Burton Hotel; a talk, 'Another Man's Shoes,' by Ellie Somme and a map interpretation workshop by Kevin Walker. All were held at Kington venues and were

well attended by a mix of locals and visitors to the town, receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback. As in 2023, the photography competition, inviting entries from both festivals, was very well supported, the winner receiving a jacket donated by Paramo.

Kington Walks continues to be very appreciative of the crucial contribution made by volunteer walk leaders. New walk leaders, from all walks of life, are welcomed and are offered training and support to undertake the role. In September 2024, a new travel expenses policy was introduced to reimburse walk leaders for travel expenses they may incur in planning, risk-assessing and leading their walks. Kington Walks was successful in applying for a grant from Kington Town Council to purchase first aid kits to issue to all walk leaders to carry during festival walks. Previously they were asked to supply their own kits. Kington Walks continues to review and seek to improve the ways in which walk leaders and backmarkers are supported and valued.

Website, Marketing and Sponsorship

The current Kington Walks website, launched early in 2023, has undergone further improvements in 2024 and is the means by which most walk and event bookings are made, with the Kington Tourist Information Centre and the Festival Office, which runs during the Autumn Festival, providing local in-person bookings.

The Walk Sponsorship Scheme has now run since September 2023 and is very well subscribed, mainly by local businesses. Walks are sponsored for a fee of £25.00, enabling Kington Walks to maintain the basic cost for a walk booking at £5.00. As well as supporting the festival financially, walk sponsorship strengthens local partnerships and gives sponsors the opportunity to publicise and get involved with their particular walk. The photography competition prize was sponsored by Paramo, and the Goulash Evening by Tarmac.

Marketing analysis based on information provided by online bookings for the Autumn 2024 Festival shows that festival-goers are reached via a range of communication and publicity, spread fairly evenly across word-of-mouth, Facebook, our emailed newsletter, and online listings, with 21% accounted for by 'other'.

Footpaths

Kington Walks' footpath work has developed considerably since it began in 2019. Its overall purpose is to promote and encourage walking locally, and so benefit health and wellbeing, in line with its charitable aims. Kington Walks seeks to do this by improving accessibility; addressing footpath and right of way problems; sharing information to celebrate, publicise and enable greater awareness of local walks. Accessibility is seen as not only a matter of addressing physical barriers, but also developing the confidence and knowledge that enable people to take part. Hence the footpath work is closely linked to other initiatives such as Walking for Health, the Free Walk at the start of each festival aimed at local people, and widely available information about local paths shared on the website, the Kington Town

Map, and via the Six Great Walks around Kington booklet, now available in mobile-friendly format.

In 2024 there were 9 footpath maintenance volunteers forming the Footpath Maintenance Team. In the course of the past year, the team installed 14 new metal kissing gates, repaired 12 damaged stiles and cleared over 20 miles of footpath undergrowth. Since 2022, when Kington Walks took on the role of Kington Footpaths Officer, the team has dealt with around 150 footpath issues.

The team covers Kington Town, Kington Rural, Titley Parish and, additionally from 2024, Huntington Parish. Kington Walks, in association with the Ramblers, has accepted responsibility for a third of the Mortimer Trail, running from Kington to Stansbach. The other two sections are covered by Ramblers groups from Mortimer Cross and Ludlow. The trail was re-opened in 2023 after several years of decline in relation to maintenance and signage. Work on the Kington Walks section of the trail has been ongoing in 2024 order to maintain the newly refurbished condition of the route.

Colour-coded way marker signs were obtained late in 2023 for the signposting of the Six Great Walks around Kington, as featured on the Kington Walks website, the Kington Town Map and the free booklet, in line with plans to promote further the Six Great Walks, and hence local walking. These have been installed in 2024 along all 30 miles of the six trails, all of which begin and end at the Town Map in the Place de Marines in Kington. Another initiative introduced this year is the Six Great Walks Challenge, a self-led challenge to complete all six walks, supported by clippers installed along the routes and a recording, reporting and certification system for those that complete it.

New Kington Walks stickers to attach to replaced and repaired gates, stiles and any other footpath furniture were obtained in autumn 2024. These feature the Kington Walks logo, a link to the website, and the information 'Installed by volunteers from Kington Walks'. They will be in use by the Kington Walks Footpath Team in 2025.

Kington Walks has been fortunate over the last 3 years to receive grants from Kington Town Council for purchase of equipment to facilitate footpath maintenance. This has significantly improved and increased capacity to tackle most footpath issues. This in turn has resulted in a close working partnership with Hereford County Council Public Rights of Way (HCCPROW) Team, which has formally recognised that the Kington Walks footpath team's ability is of a level that allows them to be provided by HCCPROW with the necessary structures for installation (stiles/kissing gates/signage).

As the Footpath Officer for Kington Town/Kington Rural, in 2024 Kington Walks prepared the applications for replacement kissing gates and self-closing gates linked to the Parish/Lengthsman scheme, which have been successful. Both councils have been granted around £1500 for the materials to be installed by the Kington Walks footpath team. This work, begun, in autumn 2024, is expected to carry on into 2025.

Walking for Health

The Kington Walking 4 health (W4h) scheme, set up and run by Kington Walks, has now been going for just over two years. It has been well supported by volunteer leaders and backmarkers, 10 in total, with more due to start in 2025. There are now 32 walkers plus the local Social Prescriber from Kington Medical centre and Occupational Therapist. As well as a weekly accessible walk on the Recreation Ground, there is a monthly social get-together for all involved held throughout 2024 at Kington's Lion Café. CIC. Participants in W4h have given strong endorsement, describing in their feedback the benefits of the scheme to their overall wellbeing and social interaction, as well as to their physical health. The scheme is publicised locally and via Kington Medical Centre and is open to anyone who wishes to take part.

In addition to the weekly short walk on the Kington Recreation Ground, there is now a need for a regular longer walk for those in the W4h group who want to increase their level of challenge. The scheme takes a short break during the winter months, and returns in the spring of 2025, when it will offer two grades of walk, as above.

Kington Walks was fortunate enough to be selected as a chosen charity for our locality by the Co-Op community charity scheme, receiving a generous charitable grant of £4,583 in November 2023, specifically to support the W4h programme. This has been of great assistance in maintaining and expanding the scheme in 2024, for example to ensure safety through training, equipment and DBS checks, and funding the social events for participants.

First Kington Scouts

Kington Walks was fortunate to receive a donation from local author Andy Johnson and from Kingspan Insulation UK. The conditions were that the money should be used locally to encourage young people to walk in our beautiful open spaces, connected to an aspect of education.

These donations will fund equipment to be used by 1st Kington Scout Group during local expeditions and whilst undertaking their proficiency badges. It will include compasses, emergency survival shelters, head torches, OS maps and a set of two-way radios for the adult leaders. Also included is the hire of a minibus from Kington's Lady Hawkins School to facilitate travel to locations identified by the Scout Group from November 2024 onwards.

The Scouts were very enthusiastic about the equipment to be donated to their group and were keen to explain how it would be used. One of the adult leaders, said, 'This is a great opportunity for our Scout Group to improve their map reading skills and to use the new equipment when undertaking hiking and overnight proficiency badge activities. We are very grateful to Kington Walks for this equipment and hope to team up with Kington Walks during the Walking Festivals'.

Thanks

Thanks go to all who contributed to Kington Walks activities in the year ending October 2024. Kington Walks continues to depend on the willingness of its volunteers and local supporters and is extremely grateful to all of them for their commitment and generosity.

Financial Review

The accounts are available on the Charity Commission website.

For the period of this report the top level financial figures were:

Income	Expenditure	Surplus (deficits) for 2024	Surplus (deficits) overall
15,340	8,819	6,521	25,006

The higher than usual surplus in 2024 is accounted for by ring-fenced grants and donations, in particular the Co-op grant of £4,583 and also the donations to fund the scouts' expeditions, where the expenditure was undertaken from November 2024 onwards. Our policy is to maintain a reserve that covers the entire cost of our Annual Festival in case extreme weather conditions lead to us having to refund all walk related income. This is approximately £7,500.

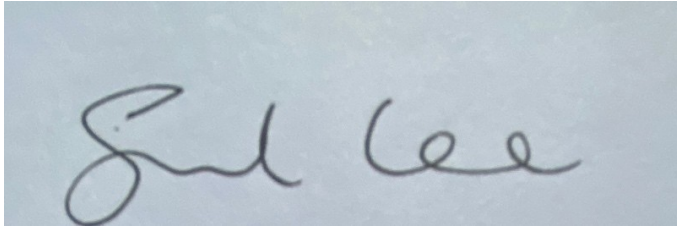
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Sarah Lee, Chair of Trustees

21st August 2025

KINGSTON **WALKS**

RECEIPT AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st October 2024

AND

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st October 2024

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2024

RECEIPTS	2023-24
Spring Walks & Events (PayPal)	1,606.20
Spring Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	98.00
Autumn Walks & Events (PayPal)	3,632.08
Autumn Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	1,059.30
Sponsors (Casserole Evening & Walk Sponsors)	875.00
Kington Town Council Grants (Website & Mortimer Trail Board)	360
Donation from Co-Op	4583.35
Donation Kingspan for Scouts (ring fenced)	500.00
Donations	700.00
Community Shop	1,357.00
T Shirt Sales	36.00
Float repayments	150.00
Sundry Income	0.00
Savings Account Interest	383.21
Total Income	15,340.14

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2024

PAYMENTS	2023-24
General Admin	1,203.49
Sundry Expenses	627.74
Floats (Festivals, Community Shop)	170.00
Promotion & Advertising (Spring Festival)	123.90
Promotion & Advertising (Autumn Festival)	470.57
Spring Walks 2023 Expenses	624.06
Autumn Walks 2023 Expenses (General)	1,762.91
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Meal)	1090.82
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Talk)	176.00
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Band)	350.00
Website Expenses	546.45
Footpath Maintenance	317.97
Walking for Health	686.18
Donations Given (Heartstart)	150.00
Donation to Scouts	493.96
Other Donations	25.00
Total Payments	8819.05

Kington Walks - Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2024

For Financial Year 01/11/2023 to 31/10/2024	
Total Income	15,340.14
Total Expenditure	8,819.05
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	6,521.09
Carried over from last year	18,485.25
TOTAL at year end	25,006.34
Transferred to Savings Account	6000.00
Portfolio consists of:	
Bank Account	8364.26
Savings Account	16,642.08
TOTALS	25,006.34
of which the following is ring-fenced	
Andy Johnson Gift	6.04
Kingspan (for Scouts)	500.00
Co-op (for Walking for Health)	3,897.17

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Mrs Barbara Barrett		Full period
Ms Sarah Lee		Full period
Mr. Adrian Wilcox		Full period
Mr Paul Finch		From 5 th September 2023

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This year has seen both walking festivals continuing to run as normal. After an immediate post-pandemic increase in bookings in September 2021, compared with previous years, September 2023's numbers have been healthy, continuing to attract new and regular participants, and are more in line with the pre-pandemic uptake. The profile of Kington Walks and its marketing continues to be enhanced by an increase in the use of social media to reach local and wider communities.

A new Kington Walks website was launched early in 2023, in time for the Spring Walking Festival. The use of a printed brochure for the walking festivals, additional to the website, was discontinued. This was in recognition that most festival participants book via the website; that the brochure represented a significant expenditure of funds; and concerns over the environmental impacts of the use of paper. As well as carrying all the information and the means of booking for the walking festivals, the new website features pages for other core activities in line with our charitable aims eg Kington Walking for Health, Footpaths around Kington, and information and links relating to the town of Kington.

The move away from the brochure and the re-development of the website are closely connected to developments in approach to advertising, sponsorship, and marketing. Advertising space was previously sold both on the website and in the brochure. Advertising has been replaced by a walk sponsorship scheme which ran for the first time in the September 2023 festival. All 29 walks were sponsored for a fee of £25, for the most part by local businesses. As well as supporting the festival financially, walk sponsorship strengthens local partnerships and gives sponsors the opportunity to publicise and get

involved with their particular walk. We recognise that there is scope for us to develop these community links further.

The Kington Walks footpath team has established a programme of regular maintenance days, and has continued to liaise with the Ramblers over maintenance of the local Mortimer Trail. Colour-coded way marker signs have been obtained for the signposting of the Six Great Walks around Kington, featured on the new website and the Kington Town Map. In addition, the team has been trained to install metal kissing gates. This will enable, where possible and by agreement with landowners, the replacement of worn-out stiles with more access-friendly kissing gates.

Kington Walks has continued to provide the role of local Footpath Officer. Our system to allow walkers to report any faults directly through footpaths@kingtonwalks.org, has been used regularly, either directly or via the Kington Tourist information Centre. All reported issues have been followed up, where possible directly by the footpath officer and team, or where appropriate referred to Hereford County Council, and then monitored by the footpath officer.

By the end of the period of this report, the Kington Walking for Health scheme, supported by the local medical practice, had been in place for a year. It has been well supported by local volunteer walk leaders and backmarkers. Individual feedback from participants emphasises the benefits of the scheme to mental as well as physical health, for example to participants who had rarely left their own homes since the pandemic. The scheme was selected in November 2022 as a chosen charity for our locality by the Co-Op community charity scheme. This will result in a grant, to be received in November 2023.

In addition to the weekly Walking for Health short walk on the Kington Recreation Ground, an emerging need for a regular longer walk was identified, requiring additional support by way of leaders and backmarkers. The scheme planned to take a short break during the winter months, to resume in the spring of 2024, with the intention of building capacity to offer two grades of walk, as above.

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10,448.37	9,141.8	1,306.57	18,485.25

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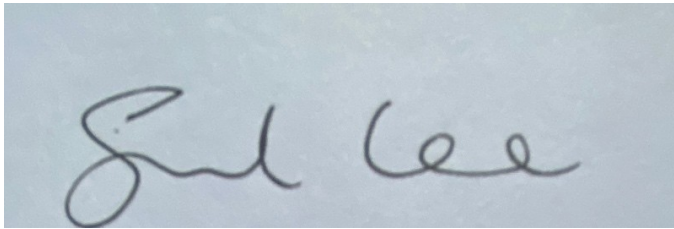
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Sarah Lee, Chair of Trustees

18th August 2023

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as at 31st October 2023

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Spring Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	182.00
Autumn Walks & Events (PayPal)	3,706.63
Autumn Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	429.50
Sponsors (Casserole Evening & Walk Sponsors)	1,150.00
Kington Town Council Grants (Website & Mortimer Trail Board)	942.00
Donations	209.41
Community Shop	1,174.60
T Shirt Sales	96.00
Float repayments	760.00
Sundry Income	64.09
Savings Account Interest	184.14
Total Income	10,448.37

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PAYMENTS	2022-23
General Admin	151.14
Sundry Expenses	1,069.80
Floats (Festivals, Community Shop)	760.00
Promotion & Advertising (Spring Festival)	322.64
Promotion & Advertising (Autumn Festival)	822.17
Spring Walks 2023 Expenses	912.10
Autumn Walks 2023 Expenses (General)	641.40
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Meal)	996.00
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Talk)	195.00
Autumn Events 2023 Expenses (Band)	555.00
Website Expenses	1,429.00
Footpath Maintenance	620.38
Walking for Health	517.17
Donations Given (Heartstart)	150.00
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Total Expenditure	9,141.8
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,306.57
Carried over from last year	17,178.68
TOTAL at year end	18,485.25
Portfolio consists of:	
Bank Account	8,226.38
Savings Account	10,258.87
TOTALS	18,485.25
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Andy Johnson Gift	500.00

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Our Footpaths Maintenance Group has a remit to ensure local footpaths are well maintained and to make footpaths more accessible by carrying out work such as repairing signage and replacing styles with gates. After limited work carried out during and immediately after the pandemic, the group has re-established a programme of regular maintenance and has liaised with the Ramblers to co-

ordinate maintenance of the regional Mortimer Trail, taking responsibility for the Kington section of the trail and replacing around 40 marker signs.

Kington Walks now provides the Footpaths Officer for Kington, following the reinstatement of this role by Kington Town Council. This has entailed running a reporting system for local footpath issues, in liaison with Herefordshire County Council, to ensure collation, monitoring and follow-up.

This year, work commenced to enable Kington Walks to reinstate and run a walking for Health programme, previously led by the Ramblers, centered on the town, and supported by the local GP surgery. Following the necessary training, checks and risk assessments, the scheme will be up and running towards the end of 2022.

Kington Town Council commissioned and in May 2022 installed a giant town map with the primary purpose of showing Kington as a hub for walking. Kington Walks liaised with the Town Council to provide them with all the required footpath mapping and information. The map signposts all the regional and national trails that pass through Kington, and a series of local footpaths that are linked through a QR code to maps and guides that describe six local walks of differing lengths and levels of challenge.

Financial Review

The accounts are available on the Charity Commission website.

For the period of this report the top level financial figures were:

Income	Expenditure	Surplus (deficits) for 2022	Surplus (deficits) overall
£9,355.4 1	£12,268	(£2,913.46)	£17,178.68

In October 2021, Kington Walks hosted the Walkers are Welcome Annual Get-together, postponed from its original date in October 2020 because of the pandemic. This entailed provision of a conference venue and programme for delegates from Walkers are Welcome towns around the UK. The costs of the conference, which for Kington was a one-off event, were borne by Kington Walks in the November 2021-October 2022 period and are the reason for expenditure exceeding income in this period.

Our policy is to maintain a reserve that covers the entire cost of our Annual Festival in case extreme weather conditions lead to us having to refund all walk related income. This is approximately £7,500.

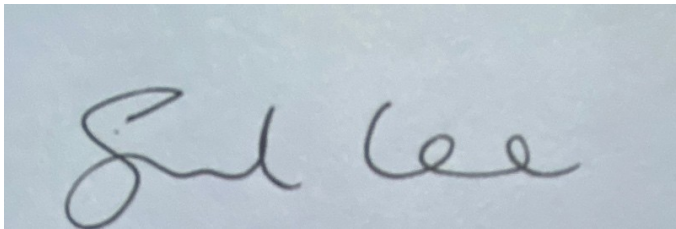
Our principal sources of income are:

- Payment for walks at our walking festivals
- Sponsors and advertisers
- Grants
- Revenue from our annual calendar sales

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored surface. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Sarah Lee'.

Sarah Lee, Chair of Trustees

18th August 2023



**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT
ACCOUNTS**
for the year ended 31st October 2022

AND

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st October 2022

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2022

RECEIPTS	2021-22
Spring Walks & Events (PayPal)	1,272.11
Spring Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	315.00
Autumn Walks & Events (PayPal)	2,657.74
Autumn Walks & Events (cash, cheques, card)	971.51
Kington Town Council Grant	500.00
Donations	426.02
Website Ads	200.00
Brochure Ads	505.00
Community Shop	1,018.75
Float repayments	888.50
Sundry Income	111.10
Calendar Sales	413.40
Walkers Are Welcome Conference	47.00
Savings Account Interest	29.08
Total Income	9,355.41

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2022

PAYMENTS	2021-22
General Admin	311.40
Sundry Expenses	658.01
Floats (Festivals, Community Shop, Food Fayre)	888.50
Kington Walks Rebranding	470.00
Promotion & Advertising (Spring & Autumn Festivals)	1,377.12
Spring Walks 2022 Expenses	626.00
Autumn Walks 2021 Expenses	170.00
Autumn Walks 2022 Expenses	1,006.96
Autumn Walks 2022 Refunds	27.00
Autumn Events 2022 Expenses (Meal)	1,033.48
Autumn Events 2022 Expenses (Band)	445.00
First Aid Training	50.00
Footpath Maintenance	675.79
Donations Made	190.00
WaW Subscription	50.00
WaW Conference Expenses	2,289.61
Walker Project	2,000.00
Total Payments	12,268.87

Kington Walks - Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2022

For Financial Year 01/11/2021 to 31/10/2022	
Total Income	9,355.41
Total Expenditure	12,268.87
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	-2,913.46
Carried over from last year	20,092.14
TOTAL at year end	17,178.68
Portfolio consists of:	
Bank Account	7,103.95
Savings Account	10,074.73
TOTALS	17,178.68
of which the following is ring-fenced	
Footpath Maintenance	90.01
Andy Johnson Gift	500.00

KINGTON WALKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1172022

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Kington Walks Annual Report

Charity Commission Number: 1172022

Email: info@kingtonwalks.org

Website: www.kingtonwalks.org.uk

Period: 1st November 2020 to 31st October 2021

Charity Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates
Mrs. Barbara Barrett		Full period
Mr. Mike Kirby		Full period
Mr. Nick Eve		Full period
Mr. Nigel Sheath	Chairperson	Full period
Mrs. Sarah Lee		Full Period
Mr. Adrian Wilcox		Full period

Management

This was the organisation's fifth period as a charity where we continued to build a sustainable volunteer community and establish a base of funds to enable us to pursue the objectives of the charity.

The overarching governance document of the charity is the "CONSTITUTION OF A CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION WITH VOTING MEMBERS OTHER THAN ITS CHARITY TRUSTEES" that is an edited and approved version of the Charity Commission's standard document. A copy of this is available on request. The Constitution defines most of our processes including the appointment and election of Trustees.

The day to day running of Kington Walks is managed by our Committee of Members that meet on at least a monthly basis and has the remit to manage most decision making within the terms of the Constitution. Decisions required outside those terms are referred back to the Trustees. In addition, one or more sub-committees manage specific activities or events e.g. our annual walking festival. These sub-committees report back to the main committee on a monthly basis and in effect are concerned with organisational matters with all decisions effecting the charity passed back for approval by the main Committee of Members. There are Terms of Reference for these Committees. During a significant part of the period the Committee met on a virtual basis using Zoom due to Covid restrictions.

Kington Walks has no formal relationship with any related parties.

Our risk management system is focused on the risks associated with walking activities and are governed by a risk management system that requires completion by all walk leaders and includes a safe guarding of children and vulnerable adults policy.

Objectives

Kington Walks is a Charitable incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the following objectives:

- (1) to provide education on the benefits of walking on health and unity within a community;
- (2) to promote a healthy lifestyle by encouraging and enabling people to partake in regular walks as a form of exercise;
- (3) to advance the development of the community in Kington through organising and facilitating regular group walks in the area including but not limited to an annual walking festival; and
- (4) to promote the protection of the environment through use of sustainable methods of transport (such as buses and trains) to and from group walks

Primary Activities and Achievements for Period

The primary activity of Kington Walks to date has been the establishment and development of an annual Walking Festival and recently a Spring Walking Weekend. The festival continues to be a major priority but with our now sustainable group of volunteers and base of funds our focus is turning to widening our walking activities and the promotion of healthy lifestyles within our local community and improving the local footpath network.

However, due to the Covid pandemic, this year has been challenging. After considerable effort by our volunteers and a not inconsiderable expense preparing for our Spring Walking Weekend, we had to cancel and refund all income leaving a significant deficit. However, we did manage to put on our September Festival, meeting all government requirements with no reported infections. The festival was a great success with many people just pleased to get out after 18 months of various lockdowns.

During the previous year we had established our Footpaths Maintenance Group whose remit is to ensure local footpaths are well maintained and to make footpaths more accessible by carrying out work such as replacing styles with gates. However, we were unable to continue due to Covid and by the end of this period the work we had carried out limited work. However, we are focused on restarting this work as soon as we are able as it is of significant benefit to local community.

Financial Review

The accounts are available on the Charity Commission website.

For the period of this report the top level financial figures were:

Income	Expenditure	Surplus (deficits) for 2020	Surplus (deficits) overall
£8,307	£6,532	£1,775	£20,092

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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Nigel Sheath, Chair of Trustees

7th August 2022



**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT
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for the year ended 31st October 2021

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BALANCE SHEET
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Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account
for the year ended 31st October 2021

RECEIPTS	2020-21
Autumn Walks & Events (PayPal)	2,823.00
Autumn Walks & Events (other)	950.59
Walkers Are Welcome Conference (PayPal)	1,578.50
Walkers Are Welcome Conference (Other)	711.50
Sponsorship	500.00
Grants & Donations	278.85
Calendar Sales	41.25
Website Ads	150.00
Calendar Ads & Sponsor	525.00
Brochure Ads	255.00
Sundry Income	332.50
WaW Donations & Sponsorship	150.00
Savings Account Interest	12.55
Total Income	8,308.74

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account
for the year ended 31st October 2021

PAYMENTS	2020-21
General Admin	630.28
Sundry Expenses	175.40
Promotion & Advertising	1,629.25
Autumn Walks General Expenses	664.90
Autumn Walks Refunds	18.00
Event Expenses (Meal)	931.16
Event Expenses (Band)	511.20
Autumn Walks PayPal	76.02
Calendar Printing	395.00
Website Maintenance	622.92
Walkers Are Welcome	300.00
WaW Conference Expenses	212.97
WaW PayPal	27.53
Footpath Maintenance	237.10
Donations Made	100.00
Total Payments	6,531.73

Kington Walks - Balance Sheet
as at 31st October 2021

Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,777.01
Carried over from last year	18,315.13
TOTAL at year end	20,092.14
Portfolio consists of:	
Bank Account	10,062.49
Savings Account	10,045.65
Unpresented Cheques	16.00
TOTAL	20,092.14
of which the following are prepayment liabilities	
Kington Walker Grant	2,000.00
Walkers Are Welcome Expenditure	2,289.61
	4,265.61
True Total after deductions	15,802.53

KINGTON WALKS

England & Wales - Charity number 1172022

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During the previous year we had established our Footpaths Maintenance Group whose remit is to ensure local footpaths are well maintained and to make footpaths more accessible by carrying out work such as replacing styles with gates. The work continued in autumn 2019 but following our winter break we were unable to continue due to Covid-19 and by the end of this period the work had yet to commence. However, we are focused on restarting this work as soon as we are able as it is of significant benefit to local community.

Financial Review

The accounts are available on the Charity Commission website.

For the period of this report the top level financial figures were:

Income	Expenditure	Surplus (deficits) for 2019	Surplus (deficits) overall
£4,784	£3,017	£1,667	£18,315

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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Nigel Sheath, Chair of Trustees

30th July 2021



**RECEIPT AND PAYMENT
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for the year ended 31st October 2020

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 31st October 2020

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2020

RECEIPTS	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Walks & Events (Paypal)				4,384.50
Spring Walks & Events (PayPal)	600.00	1,857.05	1,449.23	
Autumn Walks & Events (PayPal)	289.05	3,274.83	3,286.48	
Walks & Events (cash/cheques))				2,221.30
Spring Walks & Events (cash/cheques)	103.00	877.50	569.50	
Autumn Walks & Events (cash/cheques)	20.00	3,972.90	2,709.80	
Sponsorship		140.00	75.00	575.00
Grants & Donations	3,000.00	500.00	1,900.00	
Calendar Sales	449.00	535.50	636.07	588.50
Website Ads	0.00	175.00	255.00	125.00
Calendar Ads & Sponsor	140.00	665.00	105.00	945.00
Brochure Ads	150.00	400.00	775.00	725.00
Community Shop	0.00	1,027.00	621.95	784.21
Walking Booklet	0.00	0.00	1,044.00	35.00
Book Sales	0.00	0.00	42.95	193.60
Sundry Income (Float Repayments)	0.00	630.00	318.00	
Savings Account Interest	33.10			
Total Income	4,784.15	14,054.78	13,787.96	10,633.83

Kington Walks - Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st October 2019

PAYMENTS	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
General Admin	14.97	1525.90	1588.23	2073.43
Sundry Expenses	350.83	903.33	1226.92	187.77
Promotion & Advertising	266.81	2156.66	2014.77	2152.31
Walks Expenses:	22.79			2478.34
Leaders Social	257.25	259.20	318.20	
Spring Walks Expenses	0.00	1361.95	643.50	
Autumn Walks Expenses	57.00	1196.15	772.00	
Refunds:				71.50
Spring Walks Refunds	720.50	158.00	27.00	
Autumn Walks Refunds	0.00	58.50	64.40	
Event Expenses (Autumn):				1017.13
Event Expenses (Meal)	0.00	957.18	1033.15	
Event Expenses (Choir)	0.00	1948.20	n/a	
Event Expenses (Band)	0.00	607.80	755.40	
Event Expenses (Map)	0.00	n/a	2.00	
Event Expenses (Talk)	0.00	n/a	50.00	
Calendar Printing	0.00	1297.66		1096.48
Website Maintenance	538.96	0.00	982.19	499.96
First Aid Training	0.00	36.00	280.00	184.50
Walkers Are Welcome	70.00	232.00	60.00	40.00
Footpath Maintenance	668.53	167.71	n/a	n/a
Donations Made	0.00	200.00	n/a	n/a
Walks Booklet	0.00	n/a	n/a	1000.00
Book Sales	0.00	n/a	18.17	284.45
Walker Project	50.00			
Total Payments	3,017.64	13066.24	9835.93	11084.87

Kington Walks - Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2019

	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Surplus/(Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	1,766.51	988.54	3,952.03	(282.29)	3,084.49
Carried over from last year	16,548.62	15,560.08	11,608.03	11,890.32	8,805.83
TOTAL at year end	18,315.13	16,548.62	15,560.08	11,608.03	11,890.32
Portfolio consists of:					
	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Bank Account	8,282.03	19,554.62	15,560.08	12,577.48	14,069.46
Savings Account	10,033.10				
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	(3,006.00)	0.00	(969.45)	(2,179.14)
TOTALS	18,315.13	16,548.62	15,560.08	11,608.03	11,890.32
of which the following are prepayment liabilities:					
Kington Walker Grant	1,950.00				
Kington TC Grant	500.00				
Andy Johnson (Ring-fenced) Donation	500.00				
True Total after deduction of above liabilities:	15,365.13				