

Kington Walks Annual Report

Charity Commission Number: 1172022

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Period: 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022

Charity Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates
Mrs Barbara Barrett		Full period
Mr Nigel Sheath	Chairperson	Full Period
Ms Sarah Lee		Full period
Mr. Adrian Wilcox		Full period

Management

This was the organisation's sixth 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. The Committees have returned to meeting in person during this period, with some exceptions, where subcommittees have met virtually for purposes of convenience.

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 safeguarding 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 more recently a Spring Walking Festival. 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.

After the uncertain period of the Covid pandemic, 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, this year's numbers have been healthy, continuing to attract new and regular participants, but are more in line with the pre-pandemic uptake. The profile of Kington Walks and its marketing have been enhanced by an increase in the use of social media to reach local and wider communities.

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
£9,355.41	£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.

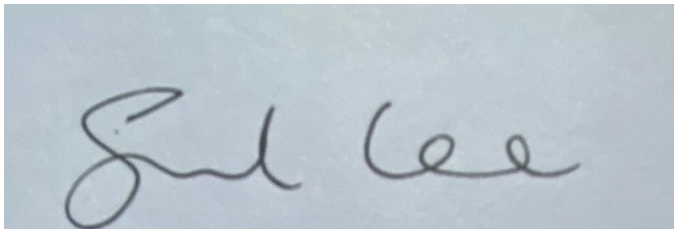
Our principal sources of income are:

- 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 dark ink on a light blue background. 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