

THE KEARNS FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1174340

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-08-23

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:A) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;B) PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.2) TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHARITIES AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF CHARITABLE RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC3) SUCH OTHER PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF ENGLAND AND WALES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE

Activities: Established to make a positive contribution to personal development for community benefit through: a small grants programme (Max 250.00) supporting young people, community volunteers and groups, a programme of training and support for voluntary organisations and new groups and the management of a residential activity centre and campsite (established under reg no 1156557 and incorporated in 2017)

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Finland
- Cambridgeshire
- Essex
- Norfolk
- Peterborough City
- Suffolk

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £5,175 | £6,334 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £2,540 | £6,344 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £4,420 | £7,068 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £13,449 | £7,625 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £21,414 | £2,171 | - | - |

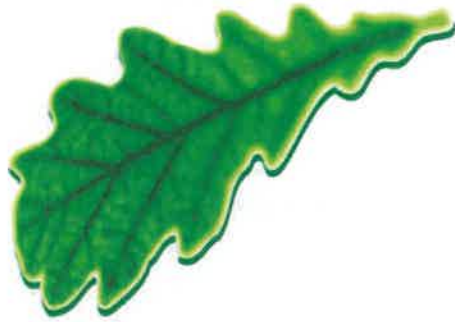
Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------|-------|------------|
| ANDREW COPELIN | Chair | 2017-08-23 |
| Alex Kearns | | 2017-08-23 |
| Chris Willett | | 2018-07-15 |
| Karen Willett | | 2018-07-15 |
| MICHAEL TINGLEY | | 2017-08-23 |
| Will Kearns | | 2021-07-04 |
| james Kearns | | 2017-08-23 |

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Trustees' Report:

This report covers the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and highlights the achievements within the three core areas of work set out above as a way of achieving the charitable objectives.

Small Grants Programme

During the period covered by this report, the Foundation received 12 applications for assistance under our small grants programme from voluntary and community organisations and from individual young people.

Of these applications 7 were ineligible, 5 were approved and 0 were rejected.

The following grants were awarded:

- £250 – BBC Children in Need – a discretionary donation on behalf of the Trustees to support projects benefitting children and young people in the UK.
- £900– awarded to 4 individual young people to attend separate international youth events in Sweden, Morocco, Portugal and Ireland

Community Support Service

The Foundation's has long held the view that small charities in Norfolk were missing out on support and recognition and they seek to address this through the organisation and hosting of the annual Norfolk Small Charities Showcase events.

The second such event took place on Saturday 22nd June 2025 to coincide with the national Small Charities Week.

The event targeted Norfolk based and Norfolk serving community groups and charitable organisations with an annual income of less than £100,000 with free stalls to promote their services, attract new volunteers and potential funding.



This reduction in income threshold from the previous £250,000 in 2023 aimed to specifically target the really small organisations. Strangely it saw a reduction in the number of organisations attending with 11 groups represented.

The event also brought together two county based voluntary sector infrastructure support organisations for Norfolk (Community Action Norfolk, and Voluntary Norfolk) who through the Norfolk County Council funded Empowering Communities Partnership took stalls to provide small charities with advice and information.

As part of the event, four free to attend workshops were available providing advice and information:

- Workshop 1 - Staying Safe with Cyber security for charities was delivered by Rik Martin, CEO of Community Action Norfolk using a presentation provided by HM Government Cyber Security Centre and co-hosted by Trustee Alex Kearns. 9 people pre booked a place on the workshop 4 people attended.
- Workshop 2 – Good Governance was delivered by Clare Fiander of Community Action Norfolk and co-hosted by Trustee Andrew Copelin. 7 people had pre-booked, 3 people attended.
- Workshop 3 – Norfolk’s Vision for Volunteering and the Get Involved Volunteer Recruitment Portal was presented by Nicky Stainton and Laura Holland of the Voluntary Norfolk Communities Team and co-hosted by Trustee James Kearns. 9 people had pre-booked 3 people attended.
- Workshop 4 – Finding Funding online was delivered by James Kearns of MaDGiraffe Management & Development. James also hosted this session. 10 people were pre-booked 5 people attended.



The event was fully funded by the Kearns Foundation at a cost of £909 from within the Community Support budget to ensure that community organisations need not redirect their funds away from frontline services and could maximise the opportunity within a high profile, high footfall city centre location.

The event had also provided an opportunity for the Kearns Foundation to promote its Small Grants programme, Community Support Programme and Log Cabin and Campsite facilities to a much wider audience at both the event and surrounding publicity.

Following the event, a full review, involving feedback from those who had participated, was considered by Foundation Trustees ahead of making changes to the 2025 event by hosting it in the Autumn and increasing the income threshold back up to £250,000 of annual income.

No additional requests were received for specific community support, and no training workshops took place during this period.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre

Managed entirely by volunteers, both within and supporting the Foundation, use of the centre during 2024-25 increased, despite schools and youth groups continuing to experience low levels of take up for programmes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and residential camping.



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The continued annually licensed use of the Beacon Field (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Frank Mason) for occasional camping meant that larger groups were able to re-engage.

Overall the Log Cabin and campsite produced an operating surplus of £1,843.26 during the financial year (2024-25) compared with an operating loss of £1,261.11 in 2023-24 although this included extensive planned maintenance costs.

The following table shows the use of the log cabin and camping fields.

| Year | Total Bookings | No of Groups | No of young people | Cabin nights | Campsite nights |
|------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2024 | 9 | 8 | 187 | 12 | 216 |
| 2023 | 5 | 3 | 120 | 6 | 110 |
| 2022 | 8 | 6 | 66 | 89 | 64 |
| 2021 | 4 | 4 | 99 | 8 | 218 |
| 2020 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 4 | 160 |
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Fundraising

The Foundation did no direct fundraising during this period but received £68.56 through affiliations with Easyfundraising sales.

Governance and Administration of the Charity

The Board of Trustees have met regularly, and always quorate, during the year to ensure the effective management of the agreed projects, and to diligently review reports on income, expenditure and budget forecasts in relation to its core activities.

During this year the Trustees sought to widen the diversity of their membership to increase a better gender mix within the Board and additional female trustees are planned to be appointed in 2025-26.

Much of the day to day operation of the charity, including grant applications, centre management and finances are delegated to the Managing Trustee to prepare, with four named trustees being signatories to any outgoing payments, and the Board being regularly updated through meetings and e mails between them on major issues.



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2024-25 Income and Expenditure

| INCOME | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Budget Heading | Amount | Note |
| Donations | - | |
| Fundraising | 68.56 | 1 |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | 5,106.50 | 2 |
| Total | 5,175.06 | |

| EXPENSES | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Budget Heading | Amount | |
| Fundraising | - | |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | 3,263.24 | 3 |
| Community Support | 766.98 | 4 |
| Grants | 1,150.00 | 5 |
| Marketing | 138.89 | |
| Subscriptions | - | |
| Governance & Admin | 1,014.68 | 6 |
| Total | 6,333.79 | |

Summary

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Income received | 2024-25 | 5,175.06 |
| Expenditure | 2024-25 | 6,333.79 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 2024-25 | - 1,158.73 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance brought forward | 1st April 2024 | 34,852.82 |
| Balance carried forward | 31st March 2025 | 33,694.09 |

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Restricted funds | - |
| Unrestricted funds | 33,694.09 |

Notes to the Accounts:

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2. These are funds received from buildings and camping hires at the Trimingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
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4. These amounts relate to funds approved by the Foundation to support community organisations, primarily through the Norfolk Small Charities Showcase and any additional services.
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6. These are primarily insurance costs and bank charges of £6 per month and stationery costs.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not considered a formal reserves policy for the charity to date, but consider this to be equivalent to three months operational costs.

Audit and Independent Examination Policy

The Charity's income is below the Charity Commission's £500,000 gross income threshold for the requirement for a statutory audit.

As the gross income for the current accounting period is below the Commission's £25,000 threshold, these accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis without the need for independent examination or audit.

Trustees regularly review all income and expenditure on a quarterly basis and will make its full accounts available, on receipt of a valid and reasonable request. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts will be made publicly available as part of the Annual Return to the Charity Commission and published on their website.

Declaration

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Trustee and Chair



8th June 2025

Alex Kearns
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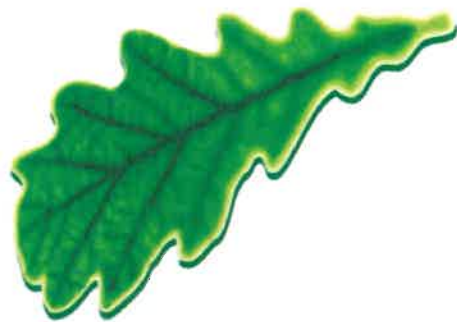


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Trustees' Report:

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Small Grants Programme

During the period covered by this report, the Foundation received 8 applications for assistance under our small grants programme from voluntary and community organisations and from individual young people.

Of these applications 5 were ineligible, 3 were approved and 0 were rejected.

The following grants were awarded:

- £250 – Take Our Hand – a small charity supporting bereaved children with our grant being used to fund the development of promotional materials.
- £250 – BBC Children in Need – a discretionary donation on behalf of the Trustees to support projects benefitting children and young people in the UK.
- £250 – awarded via a registered youth group to an individual young person, and their family to enable him to attend an organised residential youth activity week with his peers.

Community Support Service

The Foundation's long held view that small charities in Norfolk were missing out on support was addressed with the delivery and review of the first Norfolk Small Charities Showcase in April 2023.

The event was delivered on Saturday 22nd April at The Forum, Norwich with 24 community organisations taking part.

The event targeted Norfolk based and Norfolk serving community groups and charitable organisations with an annual income of less than £250,000 with free stalls to promote their services, attract new volunteers and potential funding.

The event also brought together the three county based voluntary sector infrastructure support organisations for Norfolk (Community Action Norfolk, Norfolk Community Foundation and Voluntary Norfolk) who through the Norfolk County Council funded Empowering Communities Partnership took three of the stalls to provide small charities with advice and information.

As part of the event, four free to attend workshops were available providing advice and information on maximising digital opportunities, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and retention and making the most of the media through marketing.



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The event was fully funded by the Kearns Foundation at a cost of £1,243.53 from within the Community Support budget to ensure that community organisations need not redirect their funds away from frontline services and could maximise the opportunity within a high profile, high footfall city centre location.

The event had also provided an opportunity for the Kearns Foundation to promote its Small Grants programme, Community Support Programme and Log Cabin and Campsite facilities to a much wider audience at both the event and surrounding publicity.

Following the event, a full review, involving feedback from those who had participated, and Foundation Trustees planned a second event for June 2024 making some changes to eligibility, administration and targeting. Feedback had been positive and included ideas for additional workshops

No additional requests were received for specific community support, and no training workshops took place during this period.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre

Managed entirely by volunteers, both within and supporting the Foundation, use of the centre during 2023 remained low as schools and youth groups continued to experience low levels of take up for programmes like the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and residential camping.

The continued annually licensed use of the Beacon Field (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Frank Mason) for occasional camping meant that larger groups were able to re-engage.



Following ongoing and regular building maintenance reviews the Board agreed to carry out repairs to the roof, and surrounding structures, of the Log Cabin.

During May 2023 four Trustees carried out the installation of a new roof covering for the Log Cabin, designed as a 5-10 year temporary arrangement at a fraction of the cost of a full roof replacement. This involved repairing and replacing some guttering, and using the opportunity to trim over-hanging trees given that the landowner had

withdrawn permission to have them reduced in height, having originally approved the works to be done.

Also during the year the Log Cabin had a full electrical system test, new lighting and new smoke alarms installed.

The Board had been kept informed of continuing issues with the landowner who continues to be subject to legal action by the local authority for breaches of planning law on parts of the site that he operates.

During the Autumn of 2023 the Managing Trustee made direct contact with every Norfolk School registered as operating the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, as well as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme contacts in Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Peterborough. In addition marketing was directed at Scout and Girlguiding Groups in Norfolk and Suffolk in an attempt to promote wider use of the Log Cabin and Campsite.

Overall the Log Cabin and campsite produced an operating loss of £1,261.11 during the financial year (2023-24) compared with a surplus of £711.50 (2022-23). Taking into account the planned maintenance costs of the roof and electrical works (£1,076.01) the operating loss should be seen as more modest at £185.10.

The following table shows the use of the log cabin and camping fields.

| Year | Total Bookings | No of Groups | No of young people | Cabin nights | Campsite nights |
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*Based on bookings held at 30th June 2024 (for the year)

Fundraising

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Governance and Administration of the Charity

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2023-24 Income and Expenditure

| | | INCOME | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------|
| Budget Heading | | Amount | Note |
| Donations | | 27.39 | |
| Fundraising | | 108.23 | 1 |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | | 2,404.01 | 2 |
| Total | | 2,539.63 | |

| | | EXPENSES | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|---|
| Budget Heading | | Amount | |
| Fundraising | | - | |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | | 3,665.12 | 3 |
| Community Support | | 477.63 | 4 |
| Grants | | 750.00 | 5 |
| Marketing | | 76.68 | |
| Subscriptions | | - | |
| Governance & Admin | | 1,374.73 | 6 |
| Total | | 6,344.16 | |

Summary

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Income received | 2023-24 | 2,539.63 |
| Expenditure | 2023-24 | 6,344.16 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 2023-24 | - 3,804.53 |

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balance brought forward | 1st April 2023 | 38,657.35 |
| Balance carried forward | 31st March 2024 | 34,852.82 |
| Restricted funds | | - |
| Unrestricted funds | | 34,852.82 |

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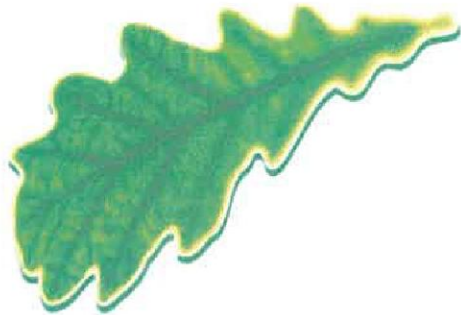
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Small Grants Programme

During the period covered by this report, the Foundation received 11 applications for assistance under our small grants programme from voluntary and community organisations and from individual young people.

Of these 5 applications were ineligible, 6 were approved and 0 were rejected.

The following grants were awarded:

- £250 - The Spinning Wheel Theatre
- £1,250 – split between 4 young people for individual self-development projects

Community Support Service

The Foundation's long held view that small charities in Norfolk were missing out on support was addressed with the planning for the Norfolk Small Charities Showcase 2023. The event was delivered on Saturday 22nd April at The Forum, Norwich with 24 community organisations taking part.

Whilst the event delivery will be reported in next year's annual report, the Trustees agreed a grant from the Community Support Fund to cover its costs so that small charities could attend free of charge and also access training workshops with no charge.

The cost of the event, and hence the grant awarded was £1,243.53

No additional requests were received for specific support, and no training workshops took place during this period.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre

Managed entirely by volunteers, both within and supporting the Foundation, use of the centre during 2022 remained low as schools and youth groups re-adjusted their plans post pandemic.

The temporary use of the Beacon Field (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Frank Mason) for occasional camping meant that larger groups were able to re-engage. Temporary toilets and additional grass cutting added additional expenditure but provided additional space to welcome back some of the larger groups who had left us once we lost the fields around the cabin through the private sale by Norfolk County Council in 2019.

The unexpected arrival of rare birds on a local adjoining site meant that the RSPB hired the Log Cabin for most of the summer period (July-September) to house their wardens providing welcome additional revenue.

Following a building maintenance review the Board agreed to carry out repairs to the roof, and surrounding structures, of the Log Cabin.

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Having considered a quotation of £15,000 to replace the roof and facias completely, and given that there remains uncertainty over the long term future of the site (see below), it was agreed to purchase a specialised heavy duty, extreme weather tarpaulin with a 5 year guarantee to secure the roof in the short to medium term. The purchase of this covering is included in this financial year but it's installation and other associated costs will be shown when actually installed in May 2023.

The Board experienced continuing issues with the landowner who continues to be subject to legal action by the local authority for breaches of planning law on parts of the site that he operates.

The Foundation having sought seeking its own legal advice (to confirm understanding of its own position being that it is not affected by the proposed enforcement) continues to operate within the terms of the lease of the land on which the Log Cabins (which they own) sit and such lease that applies until 2040.

Overall the Log Cabin and campsite produced an operating profit of £711.50 during the financial year (2022-23) compared with a deficit of £2,304.84 (2021-22)

The following table shows the use of the log cabin and camping fields.

| Year | Total Bookings | No of Groups | No of young people | Cabin nights | Campsite nights |
|-------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2023* | 5 | 3 | 120 | 6 | 110 |
| 2022 | 8 | 6 | 66 | 89 | 64 |
| 2021 | 4 | 4 | 99 | 8 | 218 |
| 2020 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 4 | 160 |
| 2019 | 9 | 6 | 173 | 14 | 289 |
| 2018 | 16 | 13 | 333 | 33 | 697 |
| 2017 | 15 | 11 | 349 | 29 | 588 |
| 2016 | 16 | 14 | 266 | 27 | 452 |
| 2015 | 11 | 9 | 170 | 13 | 292 |

*Based on bookings held at 30th June 2023 (for the year)

Fundraising

The Foundation did no direct fundraising during this period but received £49.60 through affiliations with Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile sales.

Governance and Administration of the Charity

The Board of Trustees have met regularly, and always quorate, during the year to ensure the effective management of the agreed projects, and to diligently review reports on income, expenditure and budget forecasts in relation to its core activities.

Trustee attendance records for this period show as follows:

| Trustee Name | Meetings Held | Meetings Attended | % attendance |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Andrew Copelin | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Alex Kearns | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| James Kearns | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Chris Willett | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Karen Willett | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Will Kearns | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Michael Tingley | 4 | 2 | 50 |

Much of the day to day operation of the charity, including grant applications, centre management and finances are delegated to the Managing Trustee to prepare, with four named trustees being signatories to any outgoing payments, and the Board being regularly updated through meetings and e mails between them on major issues.

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2022-23 Income and Expenditure

| Budget Heading | INCOME | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| | Amount | Note |
| Donations | - | |
| Fundraising | 49.60 | 1 |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | 4,370.32 | 2 |
| Refunds | - | |
| Total | 4,419.92 | |

| Budget Heading | EXPENSES | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------|
| | Amount | Note |
| Fundraising | - | |
| Trimingham Log Cabin and Campsite | 3,659.52 | 3 |
| Training | - | |
| Grants | 2,174.00 | 4 |
| Marketing | - | |
| Subscriptions | - | |
| Governance & Admin | 1,234.08 | 5 |
| Total | 7,067.60 | |

Summary

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Income received | 2022-23 | 4,419.92 |
| Expenditure | 2022-23 | 7,067.60 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 2022-23 | - 2,647.68 |
| Balance brought forward | 1st April 2022 | 41,305.03 |
| Balance carried forward | 31st March 2023 | 38,657.35 |
| Restricted funds | | - |
| Unrestricted funds | | 38,657.35 |

Notes to the Accounts:

1. These are funds generated from the revenues generated from Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile on-line reward payments
2. These are funds received from buildings and camping hires at the Trimingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
3. These are the costs associated with the management and operation of the Trimingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site. (They include advance costs of £1,196 for roofing materials purchased for works carried out in May 2023).
4. These amounts relate to grants awarded by the Foundation to community organisations and individuals. (This amount includes £924 of a total grant of £1,243.53 allocated from the Foundation's Community Support Grant budget for the Norfolk Small Charities Showcase 2023)
5. These are primarily insurance costs and bank charges of £6 per month and stationery costs.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not considered a formal reserves policy for the charity to date, but consider this to be equivalent to three months operational costs.

Audit and Independent Examination Policy

The Charity's income is below the Charity Commission's £500,000 gross income threshold for the requirement for a statutory audit.

As the gross income for the current accounting period is below the Commission's £25,000 threshold, these accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis without the need for independent examination or audit.

Trustees regularly review all income and expenditure on a quarterly basis and will make its full accounts available, on receipt of a valid and reasonable request. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts will be made publicly available as part of the Annual Return to the Charity Commission and published on their website.

Declaration

This annual report and accounts have been received, considered, and accepted by the Trustees of the Kearns Foundation as being an accurate representation of the receipts and payments occurring within the financial year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and the balances shown provide an accurate representation of the current assets and liabilities of the funds held by the charity.

Andrew Copelin
Trustee and Chair



9th July 2023

Alex Kearns
Trustee and Vice Chair

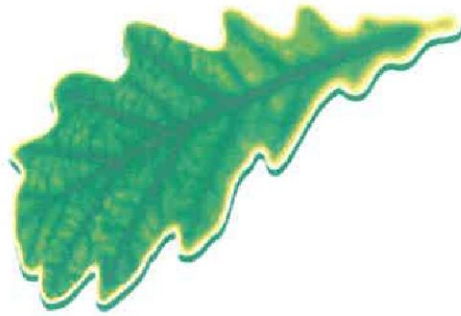


9th July 2023

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Charity Name: The Kearns Foundation

Established: October 2007 (under Charity 1156557)

Principal Address: c/o 21 Garrett Court, Gertrude Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 4SD

Trustees:

Andrew Copelin – Chair

Alex Kearns – Vice Chair

James Kearns – Treasurer and Managing Trustee

Mick Tingley

Karen Willett

Chris Willett

Will Kearns – Appointed 4th July 2021

Shirley Sinclair – Resigned 4th July 2021

Employees: The charity is run entirely by volunteers and has no employees.

Governance structure: The charity was originally constituted as an unincorporated association under a constitution initially adopted in 2007.

It is now registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) as registered and approved by the Charity Commission of England & Wales on 23 August 2017.

Appointment of Trustees: Trustees are appointed annually at, or between General Meetings, in line with the governing document, such that the membership of the Board of Trustees reflects the skills, knowledge and experience required for both the effective management of the charity, and its resources, and with due regard to the discharge of the charitable objectives.

Board membership seeks to reflect a wide range of experiences of working, or volunteering with the charity's beneficiaries.

Charitable Objectives:

1. To advance in life and help young people through:
 - (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
 - (b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

2. To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and the effective use of charitable resources for the benefit of the public
3. Such other purposes as are exclusively charitable in accordance with the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time decide

Charitable Activities:

The Charity has a priority of making a positive contribution to personal development for community benefit and this is delivered through three core strands of its work:

Small Grants Programme – Grants of (normally) between £50 and £250 awarded to individuals, and organisations, meeting set criteria who, as the result of our investment, can make a direct, and positive impact on the communities in which they live, or serve.

Community Support Service – providing information, advice and guidance from its network of trustees, contacts and supporters, to community based voluntary organisations which enable them to grow, progress and improve their communities. This may be through training workshops, mentoring or support with fundraising.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre – the provision of a log cabin residential centre and camping grounds in North Norfolk provided at a subsidised rate to predominantly youth and community groups to support educational, and developmental projects for young people and community volunteers, as well as providing low cost accommodation for families, and children in need supported by the appropriate agencies.

Trustees' Report:

This report covers the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and highlights the achievements within the three core areas of work set out above as a way of achieving the charitable objectives.

Small Grants Programme

In response to the low level of applications received the Board implemented a wider promotional programme for its Small Grants and Community Support services via a Norfolk wide "Empowering Communities Partnership" newsletter promoted by three infrastructure organisations supporting charities and community organisations in Norfolk. These being Community Action Norfolk, Voluntary Norfolk and the Norfolk Community Foundation.

The Board also promoted the programme via its own website, social media and connections with the Sir Norman Lamb Foundation linking with community organisations supporting young people across the county.

The Foundation launched a specific programme of grants to support organisations and families who had experienced financial loss as a result of the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

During the period covered by this report, the Foundation received 25 applications for assistance under our small grants programme from voluntary and community organisations and from individual young people.

Of these 5 applications were ineligible, 15 were approved and 5 were rejected.

The following grants were awarded:

- £500 - The Lavender Hill Mob Theatre Company
- £225 - The Slow Theatre Company
- £1,550 - to 13 young people and adult volunteers attending the 2022 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea

Community Support Service

Plans for a major conference and workshop to support small charities in Norfolk was further delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. However this event has now been re-scheduled for Saturday 4th February 2023 at The Forum, Norwich where small charities will be able to promote their services in a high profile public venue, as well as attend a series of training workshops on fundraising, volunteering and governance.

No requests were received for specific support, and no training workshops took place during this period.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre

Managed entirely by volunteers, both within and supporting the Foundation, use of the centre during 2021 was very low as schools and youth groups avoided residential activities due to impacts of the global Covid-19 pandemic. Due to national restrictions, the centre was only able to re-open properly on 17th May 2021.

Overall the Log Cabin and campsite produced an operating deficit during the financial year (2021-22) of £2,346 compared with a deficit of £1,938 (2020-21)

The Board experienced further issues with the landowner regarding maintaining the height of trees surrounding the Log Cabin initially being given permission to reduce their height as they were causing damage to the buildings, then having it withdrawn, and being told that the landowner would carry out remedial work, that was never done.

The landowner continues to be subject to legal action by the local authority for breaches of planning law on parts of the site that he operates. The Foundation is now seeking its own legal advice to confirm understanding of its own position, but continues to operate within the terms of the lease of the land on which the Log Cabins (which they own) sit and such lease that applies until 2040.

The following table shows the use of the log cabin and camping fields.

| Year | Total Bookings | No of Groups | No of young people | Cabin nights | Campsite nights |
|-------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2022* | 8 | 6 | 94 | 59 | 129x |
| 2021 | 4 | 4 | 99 | 8 | 218 |
| 2020 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 4 | 160 |
| 2019 | 9 | 6 | 173 | 14 | 289 |
| 2018 | 16 | 13 | 333 | 33 | 697 |
| 2017 | 15 | 11 | 349 | 29 | 588 |
| 2016 | 16 | 14 | 266 | 27 | 452 |
| 2015 | 11 | 9 | 170 | 13 | 292 |

*Based on bookings held at 30th June 2022 (for the year)

Fundraising

The Foundation was restricted in its ability to generate funds from events due to the Covid-19 global pandemic however it was able to access compensation funding grants from the UK Government through NNDC.

Governance and Administration of the Charity

The Board of Trustees have met regularly, and always quorate, during the year to ensure the effective management of the agreed projects, and to diligently review reports on income, expenditure and budget forecasts in relation to its core activities.

Some trustee meetings (2) during this period were held remotely via video-conferencing when Trustees, were visible and audible. Trustees who have been unable to attend

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meetings on a regular basis have been engaged through e mail, and have been given the opportunity to contribute to decisions.

Trustee attendance records for this period show as follows:

| Trustee Name | Meetings Held | Meetings Attended | % attendance |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Andrew Copelin | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Alex Kearns | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| James Kearns | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Michael Tingley | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Shirley Sinclair* | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Chris Willett | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| Karen Willett | 4 | 3 | 75 |
| Will Kearns | 4 | 4 | 100 |

*Resigned July 2022

Much of the day to day operation of the charity, including grant applications, centre management and finances are delegated to the Managing Trustee to prepare, with four named trustees being signatories to any outgoing payments, and the Board being regularly updated through meetings and e mails between them on major issues.



Andrew Copelin - Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

17th July 2022

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2021-22 Income and Expenditure

| INCOME | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|------|
| Budget Heading | Amount | | Note |
| Donations | 520.00 | | 1 |
| Fundraising | 100.32 | | 2 |
| TLC - Restricted | - | | |
| TLC - Hire | 1,860.00 | | 3 |
| Refunds | 2,671.40 | | 4 |
| Covid Compensation Grants | 8,297.50 | | 5 |
| Total | 13,449.22 | | |

| EXPENSES | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Budget Heading | Amount | | |
| Fundraising | - | | |
| TLC | 4,206.84 | | 6 |
| Training | - | | |
| Grants | 2,275.00 | | 7 |
| Marketing | 7.18 | | |
| Subscriptions | - | | |
| Governance & Admin | 1,136.44 | | 8 |
| Total | 7,625.46 | | |

Summary

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Income received | 2021-22 | 13,449.22 |
| Expenditure | 2021-22 | 7,625.46 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 2021-22 | 5,823.76 |
| Balance brought forward | 1st April 2021 | 35,481.27 |
| Balance carried forward | 31st March 2022 | 41,305.03 |
| Restricted funds | | - |
| Unrestricted funds | | 41,305.03 |

Notes to the Accounts:

1. These funds are represented by the unrestricted donations linked to Kearns family and other individual donations.
2. These are funds generated from the revenues generated from Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile on-line reward payments
3. These are funds received from bookings at the Trimmingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
4. These funds are represented by refunds from Toilets Plus for cancelled bookings and following fraudulent activity on the account by a third party.
5. These funds are the Covid compensation grants received from the UK Government via North Norfolk District Council.
6. These are the costs associated with the management and operation of the Trimmingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
7. These amounts relate to grants awarded by the Foundation to community organisations and individuals.
8. These are primarily insurance costs and bank charges of £6 per month and stationery costs.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not considered a formal reserves policy for the charity to date, within this accounting period but will consider setting a formal policy within the next accounting period likely to be equivalent to three months operational costs.

Audit and Independent Examination Policy

The Charity's income is below the Charity Commission's £500,000 gross income threshold for the requirement for a statutory audit.

As the gross income for the current accounting period is below the Commission's £25,000 threshold, these accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis without the need for independent examination or audit.

Trustees regularly review all income and expenditure on a quarterly basis and will make its full accounts available, on receipt of a valid and reasonable request. A copy of the

Annual Report and Accounts will be made publicly available as part of the Annual Return to the Charity Commission and published on their website.

Declaration

These accounts and notes have been received, considered, and accepted by the Trustees of the Kearns Foundation as being an accurate representation of the receipts and payments occurring within the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 and the balances shown provide an accurate representation of the current assets and liabilities of the funds held by the charity.

Andrew Copelin
Trustee and Chair



17th July 2022

Alex Kearns
Trustee and Vice Chair

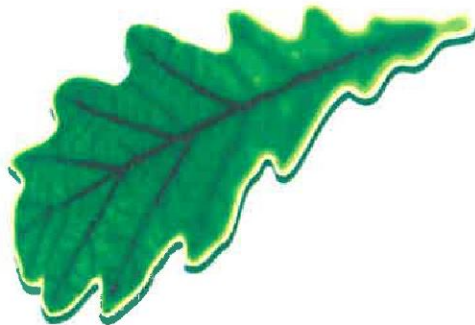


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Charity Name: The Kearns Foundation

Established: October 2007 (under Charity 1156557)

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Trustees:

Andrew Copelin – Chair
Alex Kearns – Vice Chair
James Kearns – Treasurer and Managing Trustee
Shirley Sinclair
Mick Tingley
Karen Willett
Chris Willett
Sarah Diver – resigned 19th July 2020

Board Advisers

Sarah Diver – appointed 19th July 2020
Cathy Corneille
Will Kearns
Stephen Rogers – resigned 19th July 2020

Employees: The charity is run entirely by volunteers and has no employees.

Governance structure: The charity was originally constituted as an unincorporated association under a constitution initially adopted in 2007.

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Appointment of Trustees: Trustees are appointed annually at, or between General Meetings, in line with the governing document, such that the membership of the Board of Trustees reflects the skills, knowledge and experience required for both the effective management of the charity, and its resources, and with due regard to the discharge of the charitable objectives.

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Charitable Activities:

The Charity has a priority of making a positive contribution to personal development for community benefit and this is delivered through three core strands of its work:

Small Grants Programme – Grants of between £50 and £250 awarded to individuals, and organisations, meeting set criteria who, as the result of our investment, can make a direct, and positive impact on the communities in which they live, or serve.

Community Support Service – providing information, advice and guidance from its network of trustees, contacts and supporters, to community based voluntary organisations which enable them to grow, progress and improve their communities. This may be through training workshops, mentoring or support with fundraising.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre – the provision of a log cabin residential centre and camping grounds in North Norfolk provided at a subsidised rate to predominantly youth and community groups to support educational, and developmental projects for young people and community volunteers, as well as providing low cost accommodation for families, and children in need supported by the appropriate agencies.

Trustees' Report:

This report covers the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and highlights the achievements within the three core areas of work set out above as a way of achieving the charitable objectives.

Small Grants Programme

In response to the Covid-19 global pandemic and the planned loss of revenue by the closure of the Log Cabin and Campsite, the Small Grants programme was suspended in May 2020.

The Foundation received 2 applications for assistance under our small grants programme during this period from voluntary and community organisations and from individual young people. Neither application was qualifying under the advertised criteria and were generic appeals from national charities.

Community Support Service

Plans for a major conference and workshop to support small charities in Norfolk was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. No requests were received for specific support, and no training workshops took place during this period (in line with UK Government guidance).

Board Review of the Small Grants and Community Support Programme

In response to a poor number of applications received, over many years, and most not meeting the criteria for funding, Trustees carried out a full 2010-2021 review of its grant-making and support programmes in March 2021 and concluded the following:

- ✓ 67 applications or requests had been received of which only 43% were eligible under the criteria
- ✓ In total 15 community groups and 8 individuals have been offered support
- ✓ Grants awarded - £6,092.88
- ✓ Support Value awarded £750.00

The Board reviewed the needs for funding based on an assessment of other funding opportunities available locally for small and medium sized charities and community organisations. It also looked at ways in which it could support its communities using the compensation funds received during the Covid-19 related closure of the Log Cabin and campsite.

As a result it refreshed its criteria to specifically target organisations with an income below £100,000 per annum, and smaller, as well as individual young people and community volunteers.

It recognised an emerging need for supporting small organisations recovering from the impacts of the Covid-19 global pandemic by introducing two specific funding schemes as follows:

- *Post Covid -19 Comeback Fund* – To help cover venue hire, equipment replacement or marketing to enable youth and community groups to re-engage with their communities as we exit the pandemic effects.
- *Family Support Fund* – where organisations can recommend specific needs for individual young people, and families who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the impact of a loss of family income through the Covid-19 pandemic

These programmes were launched in May 2021.

Trimingham Log Cabin Youth & Community Resource Centre

Managed entirely by volunteers, both within and supporting the Foundation, the following table shows the use of the log cabin and camping fields.

| Year | Total Bookings | No of Groups | No of young people | Cabin nights | Campsite nights |
|-------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2021* | 4 | 4 | 99 | 8 | 218 |
| 2020 | 1 | 1 | 40 | 4 | 160 |
| 2019 | 9 | 6 | 173 | 14 | 289 |
| 2018 | 16 | 13 | 333 | 33 | 697 |
| 2017 | 15 | 11 | 349 | 29 | 588 |
| 2016 | 16 | 14 | 266 | 27 | 452 |
| 2015 | 11 | 9 | 170 | 13 | 292 |

*Based on bookings held at 30th June 2021 (for the year)

The Centre and campsite remained closed for most of 2020-21 unable to operate within the UK government restrictions linked to the global Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst one school used the centre for day only use in September 2020, the centre was only able to re-open properly on 17th May 2021.

Overall the Log Cabin and campsite produced an operating deficit during the financial year (2020-21) of £1,938 compared with a loss of £2,330 (2019-20) and surpluses of £1,679 in 2018-19, £1,829 in 2017-18 and £557 in 2016-17. These losses are directly

attributed to the loss of the larger camping area (up to March 2019) and the Covid-19 global pandemic subsequently.

Following the sale of the land, (leased by the Foundation until 2040), by Norfolk County Council to a private individual in July 2019, the Foundation lost use of the camping fields to the north of the site and camping became restricted to the area immediately surrounding the log cabins.

An offer from a local farmer for annual use of an adjoining field for camping was gratefully accepted by the Foundation but unable to proceed after a long, and protracted series of negotiations with the planning authority, North Norfolk District Council (NNDC), who could not grant planning permission for a change of use due to local planning restrictions.

This proposal received full support from the Trimmingham Parish Council, local elected members and residents but contravened development restrictions. Recognising that they had not acted to their own standards NNDC refunded the planning application fee.

Taking into account the impact of this much reduced area for operation, proposals for land use surrounding their site by the new private land-owner, and the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trustees conducted a full review of the purpose and potential of the site for future use.

They concluded that the site should be retained, and maintenance carried out on the building in terms of management of adjoining trees and repairs to the roof and surrounding timbers.

A programme of maintenance and repairs was planned for the summer and autumn of 2021 to meet the expected demand from post Covid-19 returning customers in 2022.

Fundraising

The Foundation was restricted in its ability to generate funds from events due to the Covid-19 global pandemic however it was able to access compensation funding grants from the UK Government through NNDC.

Additional funds were raised through funeral tributes received in memory of the late Sally Kearns, a former founding trustee and Chair of the Board of Trustees who died in October 2020, a private family donation, and income generated from on-line shopping.

Governance and Administration of the Charity

The Board of Trustees have met regularly, and always quorate, during the year to ensure the effective management of the agreed projects, and to diligently review reports on income, expenditure and budget forecasts in relation to its core activities.

Board Advisers (Will Kearns, Sarah Diver and Cathy Corneille) received copies of all Board papers and comments were invited. Will Kearns attended all meetings.

All trustee meetings during this period were held remotely via video-conferencing when Trustees, and Advisers were visible and audible. Trustees who have been unable to attend meetings on a regular basis have been engaged through e mail, and have been given the opportunity to contribute to decisions.

Trustee attendance records for this period show as follows:

| Trustee Name | Meetings Held | Meetings Attended | % attendance |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Andrew Copelin | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Alex Kearns | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| James Kearns | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Michael Tingley | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Shirley Sinclair | 5 | 2 | 40% |
| Chris Willett | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Karen Willett | 5 | 5 | 100% |
| Sarah Diver* | 1 | 1 | 100% |

(*Sarah Diver resigned as a Trustee in July 2020 and was appointed as an Adviser to the Board.)

Much of the day to day operation of the charity, including grant applications, centre management and finances are delegated to the Managing Trustee to prepare, with four named trustees being signatories to any outgoing payments, and the Board being regularly updated through meetings and e mails between them on major issues.



Andrew Copelin - Chair

On behalf of the Board of Trustees

4th July 2021

2020-21 Income and Expenditure

| INCOME | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|-------------|
| Budget Heading | Amount | | Note |
| Donations | 528.21 | | 1 |
| Fundraising | 49.03 | | 2 |
| TLC - Restricted | - | | |
| TLC - Hire | 58.44 | | 3 |
| Refunds | 70.68 | | 4 |
| Covid Compensation Grants | 20,708.00 | | 5 |
| Total | 21,414.36 | | |

| EXPENSES | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Budget Heading | Amount | | |
| Fundraising | - | | |
| TLC | 2,026.55 | | 6 |
| Training | - | | |
| Grants | - | | |
| Marketing | - | | |
| Subscriptions | - | | |
| Governance & Admin | 143.97 | | 7 |
| Total | 2,170.52 | | |

Summary

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Income received | 2020-21 | 21,414.36 |
| Expenditure | 2020-21 | 2,170.52 |
| Surplus/Deficit | 2020-21 | 19,243.84 |
| Balance brought forward | 1st April 2020 | 16,237.43 |
| Balance carried forward | 31st March 2021 | 35,481.27 |
| Restricted funds | | - |
| Unrestricted funds | | 35,481.27 |

Notes to the Accounts:

1. These funds are represented by the unrestricted donations linked to funeral tributes in memory of the late Sally Kearns
2. These are funds generated from the revenues generated from Easyfundraising and Easysearch on-line pay per click advertising
3. These are funds received from bookings at the Trimmingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
4. These funds are represented by refunds from British Gas following fraudulent activity on the account by a third party.
5. These funds are the Covid compensation grants received from the UK Government via North Norfolk District Council.
6. These are the costs associated with the management and operation of the Trimmingham Log Cabin Youth and Community Resource Centre and Camping site.
7. These are primarily bank charges of £6 per month and stationery costs.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have not considered a formal reserves policy for the charity to date, within this accounting period but will consider setting a formal policy within the next accounting period likely to be equivalent to three months operational costs.

Audit and Independent Examination Policy

The Charity's income is below the Charity Commission's £500,000 gross income threshold for the requirement for a statutory audit.

As the gross income for the current accounting period is below the Commission's £25,000 threshold, these accounts have been prepared on a "Receipts and Payments" basis without the need for independent examination or audit.

Trustees regularly review all income and expenditure on a quarterly basis and will make its full accounts available, on receipt of a valid and reasonable request. A copy of the

Annual Report and Accounts will be made publicly available as part of the Annual Return to the Charity Commission and published on their website.

Declaration

These accounts and notes have been received, considered, and accepted by the Trustees of the Kearns Foundation as being an accurate representation of the receipts and payments occurring within the financial year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 and the balances shown provide an accurate representation of the current assets and liabilities of the funds held by the charity.



Andrew Copelin
Trustee and Chair

4th July 2021



Alex Kearns
Trustee and Vice Chair

4th July 2021

