

Kennington Memory Club

Registered Charity number 1179830

Trustees' report for the year ending on 30th September 2022

Purpose and Public benefit

The objects of the Charity are to assist in the care of persons with the mental and physical illness of dementia in, near or within easy reach of Kennington, Radley and Abingdon in Oxfordshire and persons who are in need of respite as a result of such illness, by the provision of facilities for day care and recreation in a safe and stimulating environment.

The charity helps older people and provides relief for those in need. The beneficiaries are predominantly older people with a diagnosis of dementia, living within the area defined above, and who are members of the Kennington Memory Club (KMC). Their regular carers and/or family members who look after them also benefit by virtue of the respite the day care sessions provide and access to support and advice. The charity is set up specifically to meet these needs and provide these benefits.

Activities

In the year 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022 KMC was still affected by the Covid pandemic, but not as greatly as before. Member numbers had built up after the long shut-downs of the previous year and some Covid precautions were being gradually relaxed, such as taking members' temperatures on arrival. But Covid had not gone for good and, with rising Covid numbers in the Autumn, the Club again shut down from December until late January 2022. It was required of all members, staff and volunteers to accept vaccinations as they were offered them, unless medically exempt, but, nevertheless Covid struck some staff, members, volunteers and committee members. Everyone isolated and didn't return to circulation until recovered and testing negative. Fortunately, no-one was seriously affected long-term and none of the cases were related to attendance at the Club. The Club did have to shut for one day in July when the temperature was exceptionally high and the Government health warning was heeded.

We were very lucky in retaining our staff team of Club Organiser, Helen, Deputy Organiser, Kathryn, and Care Assistant, Julie. They all contribute so much to the running of the Club sessions and the care of the members whilst at the Club. But we were sad to lose a few of our members to long-term care. Fortunately, there were potential members on the waiting list so any spaces did not remain unfilled for very long.

From the Club's inception the members' lunches had been provided by the School Lunch Company and collected from St Swithun's School. The break of service during school holidays had always been problematic, so an alternative supplier was sourced. From April 2022 the lunches have come from the MacIntyre Centre in Kennington. This is a day centre for people with learning disabilities where lunches are freshly cooked on site every day. These lunches have proved successful and we are pleased to report on this ongoing co-operation between two charities operating in Kennington.

For a while the Club welcomed a young pianist who could arrange her hours of working from home to come in to play for singing. Sadly, this couldn't continue once she was required to go back into the office. There have been other volunteers offering craft sessions and other presentations of interest to members. These visits are always much appreciated. We are very grateful to the regular band of volunteers who help to keep the Club running during the sessions, and there have been one or two new people joining the ranks. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee provided an occasion for celebration and a Jubilee Tea Dance was held just before the event, to get everyone in the mood for the national Jubilee festivities.

In April, due to the pressures on the Club's finances by rising costs and staff wages going up to reflect the increase in the minimum wage, the fees for members had to be increased by 10% and the lunch cost also went up by a small amount on the change to the new supplier. Even with the increases, the fees charged are very competitive with other day care providers. In September the Club had to weather the increase in the rental charge for the Kennington Methodist Church premises.

By late summer the Risk Assessment was reviewed again and some of the Covid-specific measures could now be removed. Lateral Flow testing was not required any more by the Government when asymptomatic, so we dropped this requirement, except when someone had been in contact with a person who subsequently developed Covid.

The KMC AGM was held in person again in February 2022, after the AGM on Zoom in 2021. At this meeting the recent death of one of the Trustees, Ruth Hooper, was mentioned. Her contribution during the establishment and early days of the Club's operation was noted with gratitude. At her request the collection at her funeral and in her memory was donated to the Club. She always had the best interests of the Club at heart.

Fundraising

Fundraising is essential to the good health of the Club's finances. A successful Autumn Fayre raised nearly £800. Table top sales of Christmas items brought in some funds and another sale in July well and truly topped the £800 mark. A car boot sale in August helped the fundraising total to climb. A big 'Thank you' is due to our fund-raising supremo, Chris Foster, and her band of helpers for all the work they put in for the cause.

There have also been some very welcome gifts from individual donors, most of which could be gift-aided, and KMC was lucky to be adopted as the Charity of the month by JN Bank for October 2021, which included a welcome donation.

Carers' Support Group

Carers' Support Group meetings had resumed and were becoming increasingly well attended. As ever, they are much appreciated by the carers who benefit from sharing problems, ideas, information and news of dementia friendly events. By the end of the year a regular pattern of monthly meetings on alternating Monday and Thursday afternoons was established.

Thanks

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who contribute to the club, be they trustees, committee members, donors, staff, volunteers or fundraisers who all do so much to ensure the smooth running of the club. Carers and the members themselves also help to generate the happy, friendly atmosphere prevailing at club sessions, making them all the more rewarding and appreciated by those who attend. Long may this continue.

Isobel Birse – Chairman

Financial Report

The accounts have been prepared on a strict cash basis and reviewed by our independent examiner, a copy of whose report to the trustees is in the treasurer's file available for inspection. This has been the first full year of the Club operating normally following its reopening after the pandemic.

During the year under review the Charity received a local government grant of £1,000, the final annual instalment of a three-year grant from Oxfordshire County Council's Sustainability Fund. Together with Gift Aid recovered and donations received, this source of income has enabled the Charity substantially to maintain its financial reserves at the end of this financial year, having recorded a small loss of £1,150 during the year.

The Charity wishes to record its gratitude to all those who have continued to donate so generously during difficult times.

Notes to the accounts

1. The Charity has not given any guarantees and there are accordingly no potential outstanding liabilities in this regard as at 30 September 2022

2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 30 September 2022.

Hugh Fleming - Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Kennington Memory Club

No (if any)
1179830

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Oct-21	To	30-Sep-22
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Attendance Fees & Meals	21,292	-	-	21,292	5,961
Donations	4,315	-	-	4,315	4,107
Fundraising Events	1,301	-	-	1,301	480
Grants	1,000	-	-	1,000	11,923
Gift Aid	563	-	-	563	1,025
Bank Interest	11	-	-	11	3
Miscellaneous	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,532	-	-	28,532	23,499
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,532	-	-	28,532	23,499
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	22,708	-	-	22,708	21,994
Meals & Refreshments	2,768	-	-	2,768	494
Premises Hire	3,241	-	-	3,241	1,366
Insurance	310	-	-	310	306
Equipment, Establishment and Training	1,139	-	-	1,139	341
Miscellaneous	425	-	-	425	149
Bank and Service Charges	178	-	-	178	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,769	-	-	30,769	24,650
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,769	-	-	30,769	24,650
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,237	-	-	- 2,237	- 1,151
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,899	-	-	25,899	27,050
Cash funds this year end	23,662	-	-	23,662	25,899

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Accounts	23,662	-	
			-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,662	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		Unrestricted		
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	H. Fleming	H Fleming	7/10/22



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Kennington Memory Club

On accounts for the year
ended

30.9.22

Charity no
(if any)

1179830

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/09/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

K Rawlings

Date:

20.10.22

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