

Kennington Memory Club

Registered Charity number 1179830

Trustees' report for the year ending on 30th September 2023

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

Kennington Memory Club was operating for the full year October 2022 to September 2023, not like the previous year when the Club had been closed during the worst of the COVID pandemic. Some precautions were still in force, like staff, members and volunteers being asked to use lateral flow tests on themselves if they were at all unwell before attending the Club.

The numbers of members attending had recovered after the shutdowns and the Club was running at near capacity, with a waiting list being operated. Later in the year the number of members able to attend sessions was increased from 10 to 12, but unfortunately the demand for places slowed down. Sadly quite a few members could no longer attend the Club for varying reasons and we didn't manage to fill the spaces left, so we never managed to get to the full capacity of 12. We were sure the demand was still there, so we upped our efforts to publicise the Club and reach those who would benefit from attending.

Our staff team remained the same throughout the year and we are very grateful to Helen, Club Organiser, Kathryn, Deputy Organiser and Julie, Care Assistant, for their efforts in making the Club such a cheerful, stimulating place. Their dedication to providing interesting activities and care for the members is immense and much appreciated. They also continued to update or extend their training throughout the year. Many thanks to the three of them.

During the year a programme of monthly craft sessions was established, much appreciated by members. We also welcomed a new pianist to provide more interactive singing sessions than following along to a recorded CD.

For the previous year the Club lunches had been provided by the MacIntyre Centre in Kennington. In Spring 2023 they informed us that they could not continue this service due to pressures on their staff with an increase in the numbers attending their Day Centre. We then had a search to find an alternative provider and were very lucky that Auditcare, the company running two residential care

homes in Kennington, offered to cook lunches for the Club as well as for their own residents and staff. This is working well with one of the KMC volunteers collecting the lunches from the Mon Choisy care home nearby.

The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla provided an occasion for celebration. Two right royal tea dances were held, one on the Monday and one on the Thursday just before the event itself, with Union Jacks, cake, and red, white and blue balloons, to get everyone in the mood for the ceremony itself.

In April having reviewed the Club's finances and income, we again had to raise the fees to cover the costs of increased staff salaries and other expenses, but only to a level which still makes the cost of Club membership comparable with other local providers.

During the year we were sad to lose the services of both Sheila Prior and Dilys Cale from our Trustees and Management Committee, but were very pleased to welcome Susan Williams and Kathleen Cahill to the Management Committee and, subsequently, Susan has joined the Trustees as well. The Trustees have continued their work, in particular looking after the finances of the Club, under the expert guidance of our Treasurer, Hugh Fleming, and updating the Club's policies when required. The Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessment came in for particular scrutiny in respect of Covid avoidance at the Club. The Management Committee looked after the month-by-month operation of the Club successfully.

Fundraising

Fundraising continued throughout the year with an Autumn Fayre and Spring Sale in St Nicolas Church, Abingdon, and a Cream Tea and associated Sale at St Swithun's Church Hall in June. These events all proved very profitable. A pre-Christmas table top sale at the Apple Café in Kennington and a Christmas table at the Club during December also raised useful funds.

We were very grateful for the donations or grants from various outside bodies. These included St Nicolas' Church, Abingdon, St John's College, Oxford, Christ's Hospital of Abingdon Charity, Kennington Parish Council, Oxford Society of Friends, Abingdon Lions Club, and several local businesses. These helped to make up for the fact that the tapering Sustainability Grant from Oxfordshire County Council was coming to an end.

Chris Foster, our fund-raising supremo, is due a massive vote of thanks for all her hard work in co-ordinating the fundraising efforts and organising her team to staff the events.

The contributions from Friends of Kennington Memory Club are greatly valued. Also in memoriam collections were received following the funerals of several past members, relatives or Trustees, which were very gratifying, indicating in how much regard the Club was held by the individuals and their families.

Publicity

During the year measures were taken to raise the profile of the Club. This was geared to making more of the public aware of the Club's existence and what it can offer to those with dementia and their carers. Hopefully these efforts would produce interest from potential members and carers and also encourage more volunteers to come forward. The Club Newsletter was produced and distributed

twice during the year A monthly article was produced to be published in local newsletters which is also now added to the website. Fundraising events have been posted on the Facebook groups of the local area as well.

A colourful screen display of eight slides showing the Club in action was produced and is now being shown in various local GP practice waiting rooms.

Carers' Support Group

The Carers Support Group met once a month for a tea party, alternating between Mondays and Thursdays. Numbers varied, but the sessions were always enjoyed by those attending. Many thanks to Gillian Cox for arranging and hosting these, aided initially by Sheila Prior, then Susan Williams.

Thanks

In addition to those mentioned by name previously, I would like to thank all those who contribute to the Club in any way, Trustees, Committee Members, staff, volunteers, Friends, fundraisers, and donors. They all play their part in ensuring the success of the Club and its continuing future. Along with the members and carers, everyone involved with Kennington Memory Club should be proud that it continues to provide a friendly, happy place for people with dementia, and that ever valuable respite for their carers.

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.

During the year under review the Charity received a £500 grant from the local Parish Council. 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 £1,190 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 2023
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 30 September 2023.

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	Period start date 1-Oct-22	To	Period end date 30-Sep-23
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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	23,423	-00	-00	23,423	21,292
Donations	6,064	-00	-00	6,064	4,315
Fundraising Events	535	-00	-00	535	1,301
Grants	832	-00	-00	832	1,000
Gift Aid	843	-00	-00	843	563
Bank Interest	275	-00	-00	275	11
Miscellaneous	6	-00	-00	6	50
	-	-00	-00	-00	-00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,978	-00	-00	31,978	28,532
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-00	
	-	-	-	-00	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	-
Total receipts	31,978	-	-	31,978	28,532
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	24,468	-00	-00	24,468	22,708
Meals & Refrshments	3,209	-00	-00	3,209	2,768
Premises Hire	4,032	-00	-00	4,032	3,241
Insurance	323	-00	-00	323	310
Equipment, Establishment and Training	537	-00	-00	537	1,139
Miscellaneous	356	-00	-00	356	425
Bank and Service Charges	243	-00	-00	243	178
	-	-00	-00	-00	-
	-	-00	-00	-00	-
Sub total	33,168	-00	-00	33,168	30,769
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-00	
	-	-	-	-00	
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	-
Total payments	33,168	-	-	33,168	30,769
Net of receipts/(payments)	-1,190	-00	-00	-1,190	-2,237
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-00	-00	-00	-00
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,662	-00	-00	23,662	25,899
Cash funds this year end	22,472	-00	-00	22,472	23,662

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	22,472	-00	
			-00	
			-00	-00
	Total cash funds	22,472	-00	-00

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22,472

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Unrestricted
funds

Restricted
funds

Endowment
funds

Details

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value
(optional)

**B4 Assets retained for the
charity's own use**

		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

Details

Fund to which
liability relates

Amount due
(optional)

When due
(optional)

B5 Liabilities

	Unrestricted		
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

	H Fleming	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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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

30th September 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1179830

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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

Signed:

Date:

30.10.23

Name:

Kate Rawlings

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACA

Address:

200 Poplar Grove, Kennington, Oxford. OX1 5QT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.