

Kennington Memory Club

Registered Charity number 1179830

Trustees' report for the period ending on 30th September 2025

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 daycare and recreation in a safe and stimulating environment.

The charity helps elderly/old people and provides relief for those in need. The beneficiaries are predominantly elderly people with a diagnosis of dementia, living close to Kennington, Oxford, 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 had a good year from 1st October 2024 to 30th September 2025 with member numbers being fairly constant. Mondays proved more popular than Thursdays, so we were actively recruiting to fill the Thursday vacancies. It did give the opportunity for more of the Monday attendees to add a second day at the Club, which helped to fill the spaces, but it did mean that when a member could no longer attend the Day Centre two member-days were lost, so replacement became all the more essential.

The programme for members continued much the same with much valued volunteers providing craft activities and pianist led singing. Unfortunately Janet and Pat, our crafty ladies, announced they would be retiring from the role, and Emma, the pianist, also had to say farewell to coming regularly as she had taken up a school teaching post. We are extremely grateful to all these three for all the time and thought they put into the preparation and delivery of the activities they led.

Tasty hot lunches are still provided by Mon Choisy, the Auditcare residential home in Kennington, the only problem being that their invoicing system seems to be rather dilatory, making monthly accounts not always represent the full picture of the Club's finances.

In April the staff received their annual pay rise. This time their percentage increases recognised that the Oxford Living Wage is somewhat higher than the National Living Wage, which is what had been applied before. It was agreed to step up half way from the National to the Oxford Living Wage levels, with the promise to review whether the Club can afford to go up to the full Oxford Living Wage in April 2026. The fees for members had to go up to cover the higher staff wages, and this will be an annual process to keep income tracking the expenditure each year.

Staff

During this year Kay was the Club Organiser and ran very enjoyable sessions. She was very ably assisted by the Care Assistants. These were Kathryn and Julie until Christmas 2024 when Kathryn left us to take up full time employment with the other Day Centre where she had been working part-time up till then. She had worked at the Club since the Day Centre was founded in 2018. Her contribution to the Club had been immense and she was very experienced and empathetic. Our grateful thanks go to her for her years of dedicated service.

With Kathryn's departure another member of staff needed to be appointed. We welcomed Laura as Care Assistant in January and she soon fitted into the team, her calm and cheerful manner being much appreciated by all. Since then the staff team has been stable and long may that last! We would like to record our sincere thanks to Kay, Julie and Laura for all they do, making the Club such a cheerful, happy place, much appreciated by all the members.

Volunteers

The number of volunteers has declined slightly, so efforts were made to get some new session volunteers on board, which had some success. We could always do with more good folk prepared to give up their time in this way so recruitment is a perpetual challenge. Susan does an excellent job of filling the rota slots, so the staff are always well supported during the sessions.

Trustees and Management Committee

This year the membership of the Trustees and Management Committee has remained largely stable, the changes being the retirement from both of Molly Dewey and Janet Pottle joining the Management Committee. We thank Molly very much for the contributions she has made to the Club, including, particularly, volunteer sessions and taking minutes at Committee meetings. Janet has been doing the craft sessions for the members and was a carer for her husband who himself attended the Club for many years.

Fundraising

This year there was one sale at St Nicolas Church in Abingdon and a cream teas afternoon in St Swithun's Church, Kennington. There were also very profitable tin shake and awareness raising events at Waitrose and Sainsburys supermarkets, but the emphasis has begun to shift to raising funds by applying for grants with an increasingly aging band of volunteers less able to man events like the sales. Many thanks go to Chris Foster for leading the fund-raising efforts.

There were also several very welcome In Memoriam donations as well as the continued contributions from the Friends of Kennington Memory Club, for which we are very grateful.

Publicity

The Club website has been maintained by Louis Foster, for which many thanks, but he has found it difficult to fit in the time needed for this whilst holding down a full-time job and doing some private consultancy. Gradually the different pages of the website have been brought up to date, reflecting the current Club situation.

Posters have been produced by Isobel Birse, as well as a monthly blog to go in all the local area newsletters which keeps the Club in the public eye.

Carers Support Group

The Carers Support Group has continued to be run monthly by Gillian Cox, ably assisted by Ruth Graham. Numbers are varied and the attendance at the Monday meetings has been better than at the Thursday ones when the number of Club members was lower. So it was decided to hold them on Mondays every month for the time being. One of the local Dementia Advisors tries to attend each time.

Thanks

The Club wishes to record grateful thanks to everyone who helps in any way to keep the Club running so successfully, staff, trustees, committee members, volunteers who help at Club sessions, volunteers who help with fund-raising, Friends of Kennington Memory Club, personal donors and those who donate in memory of a member or supporter, and organisations, charities and churches which have also contributed to help the Club balance its books. Thanks also go to the members themselves without whose involvement the Club would not have been able to achieve the level of security and degree of success over time.

My personal thanks go to those who have willingly taken on an extra load over the year because I was not able to fulfil my role as Chairman adequately due to the changes in my personal circumstances. Nevertheless, the Club has continued to thrive and provide much-needed respite for carers and a welcoming, happy place for the members with dementia who attend the Club.

Isobel Birse - Chair

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 its total income increased by 18% over the previous year, with expenditure recording only a 12% increase, enabling the Charity to maintain its financial reserves at the end of this financial year, having recorded a very small loss of £60 during the year.

The Charity wishes to record its gratitude to all those who have donated so generously during the year.

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 2025
2. The Charity has no outstanding debts secured by an express charge on any of its assets as at 30 September 2025.

Hugh Fleming - Treasurer



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Kennington Memory Club

No (if any)
1179830

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Oct-24	To	30-Sep-25
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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	31,386	-00	-00	31,386	24,968
Donations	6,887	-00	-00	6,887	7,079
Fundraising Events	543	-00	-00	543	548
Grants	-	-00	-00	-00	760
Gift Aid	1,198	-00	-00	1,198	846
Bank Interest	390	-00	-00	390	450
Miscellaneous	3	-00	-00	3	234
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,407	-00	-00	40,407	34,895
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-00	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	-
Total receipts	40,407	-	-	40,407	34,895
A3 Payments					
Employment Costs	30,388	-00	-00	30,388	26,144
Meals & Refreshments	4,108	-00	-00	4,108	3,665
Premises Hire	4,116	-00	-00	4,116	4,116
Insurance	378	-00	-00	378	334
Equipment, Establishment and Training	604	-00	-00	604	974
Miscellaneous	471	-00	-00	471	524
Bank and Service Charges	402	-00	-00	402	270
	-	-00	-00	-00	-
Sub total	40,467	-00	-00	40,467	36,027
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-00	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-00	-
Total payments	40,467	-	-	40,467	36,027
Net of receipts/(payments)	-60	-00	-00	-60	-1,142
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-00	-00	-00	-00
A6 Cash funds last year end	21,330	-00	-00	21,330	22,472
Cash funds this year end	21,270	-00	-00	21,270	21,330

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

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds			
Bank Accounts	21,270	-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
Total cash funds	21,270	-00	-00

(agree balances with receipts and payments accounts)

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00
	-00	-00	-00

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00
		-00	-00

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Unrestricted		
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	
		-00	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>H. Fleming</i>	H Fleming	29/10/2025



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

Kennington Memory Club

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2025

Charity no
(if any) 1179830

Set out on pages

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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

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:

Kevin Senior

Date:

24 October 2025

Name:

KEVIN SENIOR

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.