



West Kent Community Radio

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Charity Number: 1180738

Companies House: CE 015639 registered externally as 1180738

Address: 1b Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2PS

Annual Report and Financial Statement

Year Ended 31 March 2021



Report of the trustees for the year ending 31 March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report and financial statement for the charity to 31 March 2021.

On 25th March 2020, West Kent Community Radio was offered the licence for a community radio service in the Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells area.

Under the terms of the offer of a licence from Ofcom, the service is required to launch within two years.

The trustees noted that this offer of a licence was made two days into the first Coronavirus lockdown.

The lockdowns and associated laws, rules and regulations, made preparations for the radio station difficult during the year. The trustees were unable to meet physically for most of 2020, resulting in holding meetings via Zoom. Nor were the trustees able to actively search and identify a suitable premises during the lockdown and restricted period.

Work towards the launch of the radio service and to commence the charity objects, continued during the year. The expectation is that the radio service will launch in late 2021.

A bank current account and bank reserve account were both opened in July 2020.

Fundraising started during the year in review. Grant applications were made to several organisations, with good results. During this period, many grant funders would only provide funding for Covid related reasons and the charity did not fall into that category. This restricted applications to some funders. Nevertheless, over £11,000 was granted and received in the period.

Several donations were made to the charity, along with the receipt of gift aid.

Membership subscriptions for the year commencing 1 April 2021 (beyond this report) started to arrive in March and their value is reflected in the financial statement.

The trustees acknowledge the help and assistance of the membership in what has been a difficult year of preparation under exceptional circumstances.

Nigel Peacock
Trustee Chair



Reference and administration details

West Kent Community Radio, of 1b Camden Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2PS (formally of 23a Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AH) is registered with the Charity Commissioners (Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1180738). The charity is administered by a board of trustees comprising, as at 31 March 2021:

Claire Backhurst
William Dunn
Anthony Finn
Arthur Hosmer
Philip Kidby
Christopher Manser (Chair)
Philip Mills
Nigel Peacock

Structure, governance, and management

The charity is governed by a constitution dated 16 November 2018. Trustees are elected by the membership at General Meetings for renewable terms or appointed by the trustees for a fixed term, in accordance with the constitution.

Objectives and activities

The Charity was established in November 2018 in order to:

- apply to Ofcom for a Community Radio license for the areas of Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells
- operate the Community Radio license if and when it was granted.

The objects of the Charity are:

(1) the relief of sickness, poor health and old age amongst people living in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Pembury, Sevenoaks and surrounding areas of West Kent by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes and similar institutions, and for patients receiving community care; and

(2) the advancement of health and prevention or relief of sickness for the public benefit through the promotion of the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle, and the importance of maintaining good personal mental and physical health by (mainly, but not exclusively) the means of broadcasting health education messages to people living in Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge, Pembury, Sevenoaks, and surrounding areas of West Kent, using FM radio, digital radio, online and through social media.

Achievements and performance

The licence was offered on 25 March 2020, with the requirement that the radio station launch within two years. Work continued during the year towards the launch of the radio station, due in late 2021.

The impact of COVID-19 related control measures

The licence was offered two days in to the first Coronavirus lockdown in March 2020. This curtailed much of the preparation work in the year.

Financial review

A bank account was opened during the year. Although fundraising was difficult during the year due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the charity received several grants, membership fees and donations, as reported in the financial statement.

Approved by the trustees on Wednesday 19 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

Nigel Peacock

Nigel Peacock, Chair



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Financial Statement for the year to 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 31 Mar 2021
RECEIPTS	£	£	£
Grants and Donations			
Grants received	-	11,131	11,131
Donations	1,613	-	1,613
Gift Aid	206	-	206
	1,819	11,131	12,950
Activities to generate funds			
Membership fees	660	-	660
Fund-raising events	39	-	39
	699	-	699
Investment Income			
Interest on deposits	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,518	11,131	13,649
PAYMENTS			
Charitable activities			
Equipment	60	1,689	1,749
Transmission	642	500	1,142
Programming	100	-	100
Total payments	802	2,189	2,991
Net payments for the year			
Cash funds at 31 March 2020	-	-	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2021	1,716	8,942	10,658

Statement of assets and liabilities as 31 March 2021

Cash funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 31 Mar 2020
	£	£	£
Bank current account	1,716		
Bank reserve account		8,942	
			10,658

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Static and mobile equipment £1,749

Notes to the accounts

Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Capital expenditure is charged to the receipts and payments account for the year in which it is incurred.

Charitable funds

Restricted funds represent awards for specific projects. Unrestricted funds are available for any of the purposes of the charity.

Trustees' expenses and remuneration

No members of the trustees have received, or any person connected with them has received, or is due to receive, any remuneration or expenses for the year directly or indirectly from the charity's funds.

Restricted funds

The funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held of trust for specific purposes.

Project	Source	Balance
News	Garfield Weston	£ 3,000
Transmission costs	KCC Community Fund	£ 1,500
Computers	Whitehead Monckton	£ 1,000
Transmitter costs	KCC Members Fund	£ 2,000
Station launch	Aviva	£ 1,442
Total restricted funds		£ 8,942

Approved by the trustees on Wednesday 19 January 2022 and signed on its behalf

Christopher Makey

Christopher Makey, Finance