

Trustee Annual report

1st April 2022 to

31st March 2023



Geek.Zone

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Geek.Zone HQ

Geek.Zone/Coventry

Geek.Zone/Chelmsford

Geek.Zone/London

Twitter @GeekZone

Facebook /OurGeekZone

Twitter @GeekZoneCov

Facebook @GeekZoneCov

Meetup GeekZoneCoventry

Twitter @GeekZoneChelms

Facebook @GeekZoneChelms

Meetup GeekZoneChelmsford

Twitter @GeekZoneLondon

Facebook @GeekZoneLondon

Meetup GeekZoneLondon

Trustees

James Geddes: Chair & CEO

Hannah Geddes: Secretary and Coventry Regent

Matthew Wadland: Treasurer

Trustees Retired

Chris Parry: General Trustee September 2022

Amanda Brock: General Trustee January 2023

Dr Amy Pollard: General Trustee September 2022

Volunteers

CEO Shane P September 2022

Developers committee Lead: James Geddes

Team: Sam W, Jack B, Giulio G,

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit of the public who are socially and economically excluded on grounds of mental ill-health, who experience high levels of social anxiety and difficulties with social interaction by providing assisting in the provision of advice, guidance, support and educational activities.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, including access to employment, as a result of disability or mental ill-health.

Aims:

Geek.Zone runs events in the community to promote social inclusion and mental well being by giving members a likeminded social network to become part of, including but not limited to board gaming, LAN parties, coding education.

Activity:

This year we carry on with in person events and online events with Pint night with change of venue, Alton tower, Coventry comic con, Solo card game online, and movie nights online. We also started event Board games Parlour at Geek retreat.

Constitution:

The Geek.Zone governing document is the Geek.Zone Constitution. This is available at [Geek.Zone/Constitution](#).

Organisational Structure

Geek.Zone is comprised of Four Districts;

Geek.Zone/Coventry

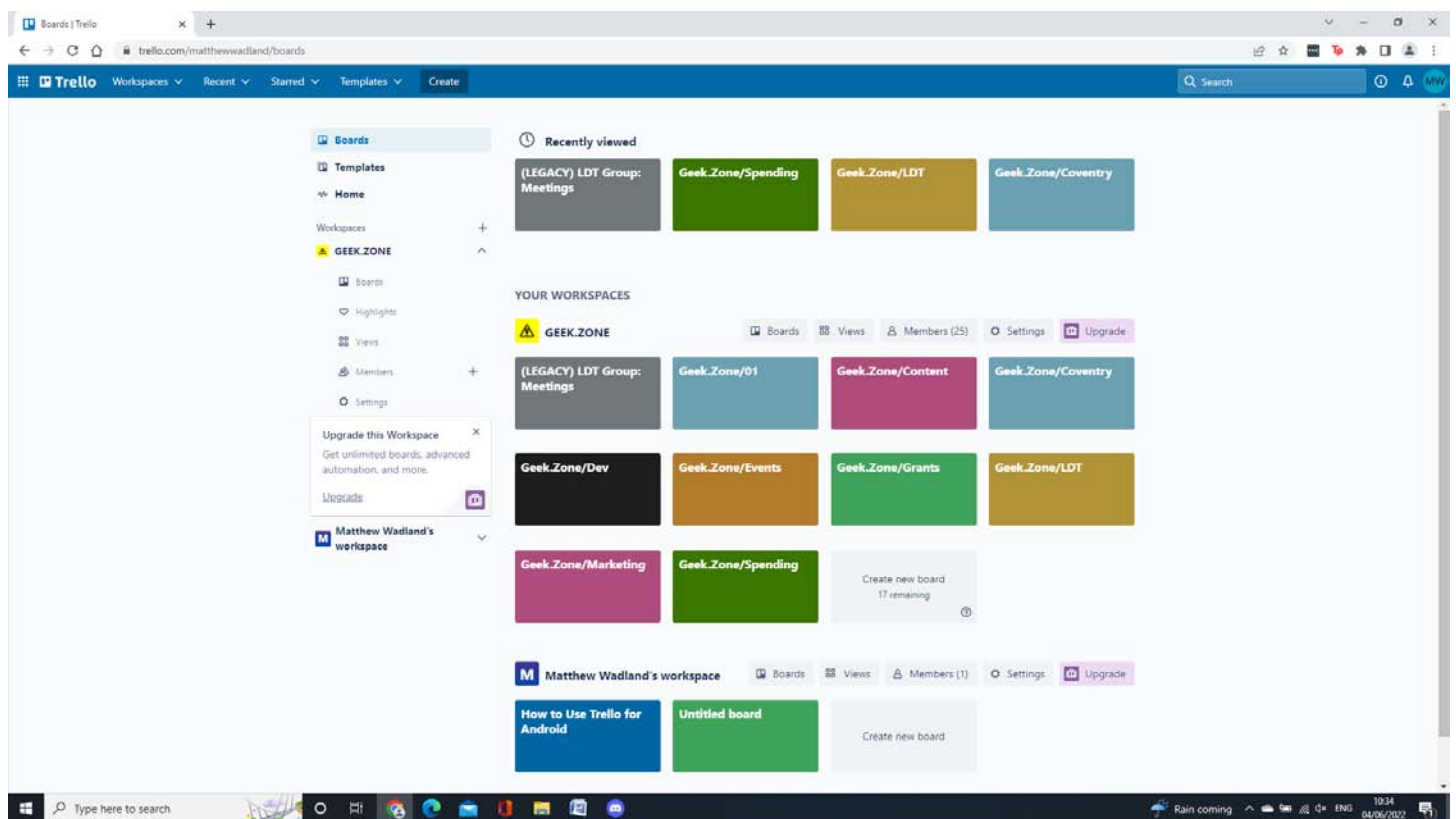
Geek.Zone/Chelmsford

Geek.Zone/London

Geek.Zone/Discord

These Districts work together to build the community as a whole, they are not separate charities.

Geek.Zone has a Trustee board and a "Let's Do This" or "LDT" team. The LDT team might also be known as a steering committee elsewhere. Together, they ensure that the day-to-day tasks are executed. This is coordinated using "Trello" boards at trello.com/geekzone and discord.



Decision Making:

Major decisions are made by way of a ballot of all Geek.Zone members. This includes but is not limited to;

The appointment of Trustees Constitutional amendments:-Day-to-day decisions are made by a way of a show-of-hands at "Let's Do This", LDT, team meetings. Also some decisions have been done on discord text chat service this allowed our member to get more involved in decisions of where the charity goes.

Related Parties Geek.Zone does not have any subsidiaries.

Risks:

As with all organisations, there are many risks that Geek.Zone faces. The trustees have identified the following as major risks and mitigate them as described.

Damage to Reputation:

Geek.Zone has always worked hard to build an excellent reputation in its communities. This has taken years to achieve, and could be destroyed in moments. Damage to the Geek.Zone reputation could lead to;

- Loss of members
- Loss of partners
- Cease of operations

In order to mitigate this risk, the Geek.Zone Trustees think very carefully about who Geek.Zone forms any type of relationship with. Full "due diligence" research is carried out before entering into a relationship. Criteria include but are not limited to;

- Financial conduct
- Leadership & membership conduct
- Third party reviews
- Incorporation data
- Known associations

For example, an organisation that has;

Seen allegations of abusive leaders

Published member data against GDPR

Aggravated third parties

Would not be one that Geek.Zone would ever partner with. Even if those problems were resolved, the damage to the reputation of that organisation would clearly be so severe that it could not be ameliorated overnight. Allowing Geek.Zone to associate with such an organisation would negatively impact the good reputation that Geek.Zone has worked hard to build.

Funding Decline

Geek.Zone currently receives 100% of its financial support from its members. A decline in Geek.Zone membership would impact the funds available to carry out Geek.Zone activities, seriously limiting what could be achieved. In order to mitigate this risk, the Geek.Zone Trustees and LDT team advertise to key target groups through Facebook and Meetup and our Membership system for those who have tick GDPR box and advert on discord and our Just Giving page which we have added.

During covid 19 we saw a decline in donations and other income. We saw a rise after lockdown, then we have had cost living crisis which has hit funding and donations. We have also signed up to 'easy fundraising'.

Inadequate Insurance:

As an unregistered charity at the time, Insurance had been very difficult for Geek.Zone to obtain. This has meant that we are risking our resources in the hope that they will not get damaged or stolen.

In order to mitigate this risk, Geek.zone has insurance which cover:

Public Liability and Employers' Liability

Public Liability Limit: £5,000,000

Employers' Liability Limit: £10,000,000

Professional Indemnity and Trustees Liability

Limits: £250,000

Cyber & Data Risks

Limit: £50,000

We have renewed with Markel Direct

£286.16 we paid this over 10 months £28.62



Loss of Data:

In the worst case scenario, loss of all Geek.Zone data would lead to a loss of income as we would not be able to contact members. Without a website, meaning we would also not be able to publicise our activities.

The Geek.Zone Trustees mitigate this risk by;

Ensuring that regular backups are taken

Dealing with providers that have resilient systems

Using LastPass to store all passwords

Fraud:

The risk of fraud is one that the Geek.Zone Trustees take very seriously. For example, identity theft could lead to debts being incurred in the name of Geek.Zone or unwanted associated being sought. The Geek.Zone Trustees mitigate this risk by monitoring the Geek.Zone bank account very closely and by communicating with others through official channels. Currently, only Trustees and LDT Team members have @geek.zone email addresses. Anyone that is not using a @geek.zone email address is not operating with the backing of the Geek.Zone community. The Geek.Zone Trustees are also looking to implement an SSL certificate. This will further identify that the version of Geek.Zone that a visitor is viewing is correct and secure.

New Trustees:

Recruitment of Trustees is carried out through member engagement. The existing Geek.Zone Trustees send communiqués to the Geek.Zone community before each Annual General Meeting, requesting that members step forward. This is sent using email, SMS and social media. Trustees are appointed through election by the Geek.Zone community. As there is no limit on the number of Trustees that Geek.Zone can have at any one time, the ballot is held to "Appoint" or "Not Appoint" individuals, rather than having them stand against

another candidate. A Trustee is expected to fulfill the commitment they have made to our Geek.Zone community and serve for their entire 12month term. Should extenuating circumstances force them to stand down, the remaining Trustees can appoint a replacement if;

The total number of Trustees is less than three or,

One of the required positions is left vacant;

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Wherever possible, the Trustees will hold a by-election in preference to appointing a new trustee without the approval of the Geek.Zone Community.

No other parties are currently permitted to appoint Geek.Zone Trustees.

Trustee Induction & Training All information required by a new Trustee can be found at Geek.Zone/Trustee. Existing and outgoing Trustees also provide personal support to new Trustees.

AGM:

This was held online on 26 November 2022 as the venue last time was too loud. The next one will be held on the 25 November 2023 online.

Grant Spending

3d Printer Flashforge Adventurer 4 3D Printer

Adventurer 4 has real leveling-free design of platform and larger printing size, combining new slicer which could easily monitor and manage multiple 3D printer. To integrate interest, daily life and working efficiency with intelligent printing experience for family consumers, educators and office users. Start a fantastic 3D printing journey !

Features

- fit 1kg filament spool
- Hepa filter

- resume print
- Built-in-camera
- 265°C Quick Release Nozzle

Total cost £748.30

<https://technologyoutlet.co.uk/collections/flashforge-3d-printers/products/flashforge-adventurer-4>



Venues/Online/Events

Coventry Pint night: is every week we used these venues this year

The Flying Standard, JDWetherspools, 2-10 Trinity St, Coventry CV1 1FL

Golden Cross, 8 Hay Lane, Coventry CV1 5RF

Town Crier, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1PB

Castle Grounds, 7 Little Park St, Coventry CV1 2UR

Chelmsford Pint night: is every two weeks

The Two Brewers, 80 Springfield Road, Chelmsford CM2 6JY

The Orange Tree, Lower Anchor Street, Chelmsford CM2 0AS

Wheatsheaf, 28 New Street Chelmsford CM1 1NT

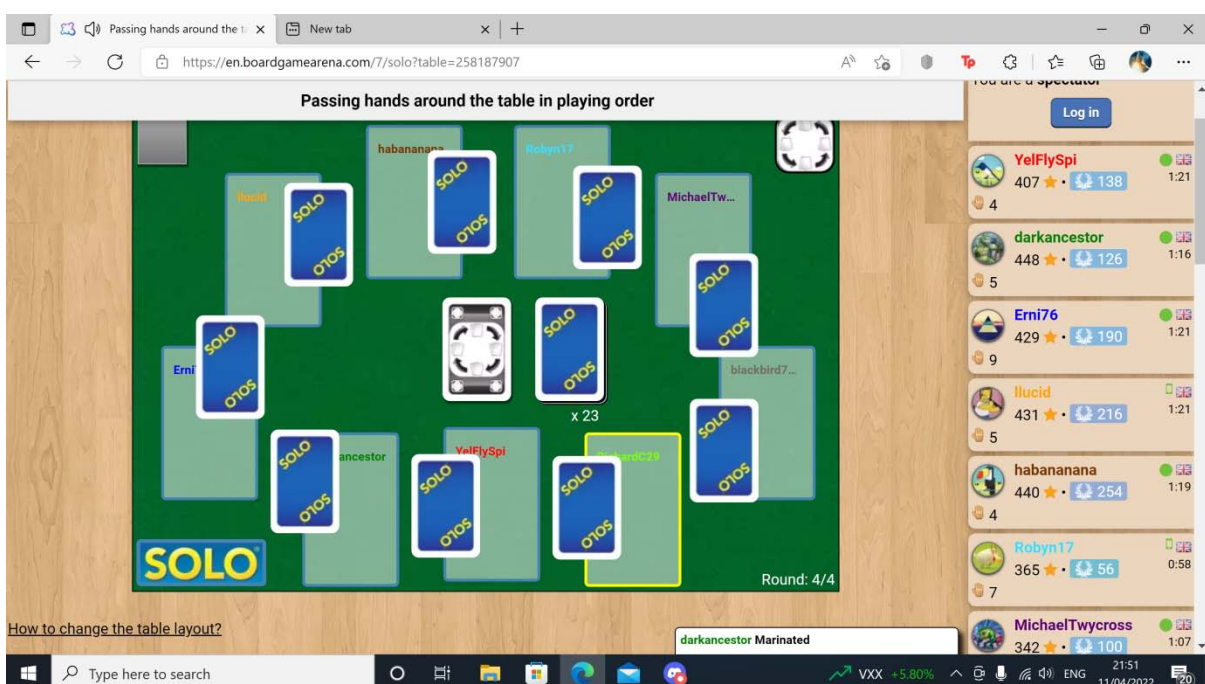
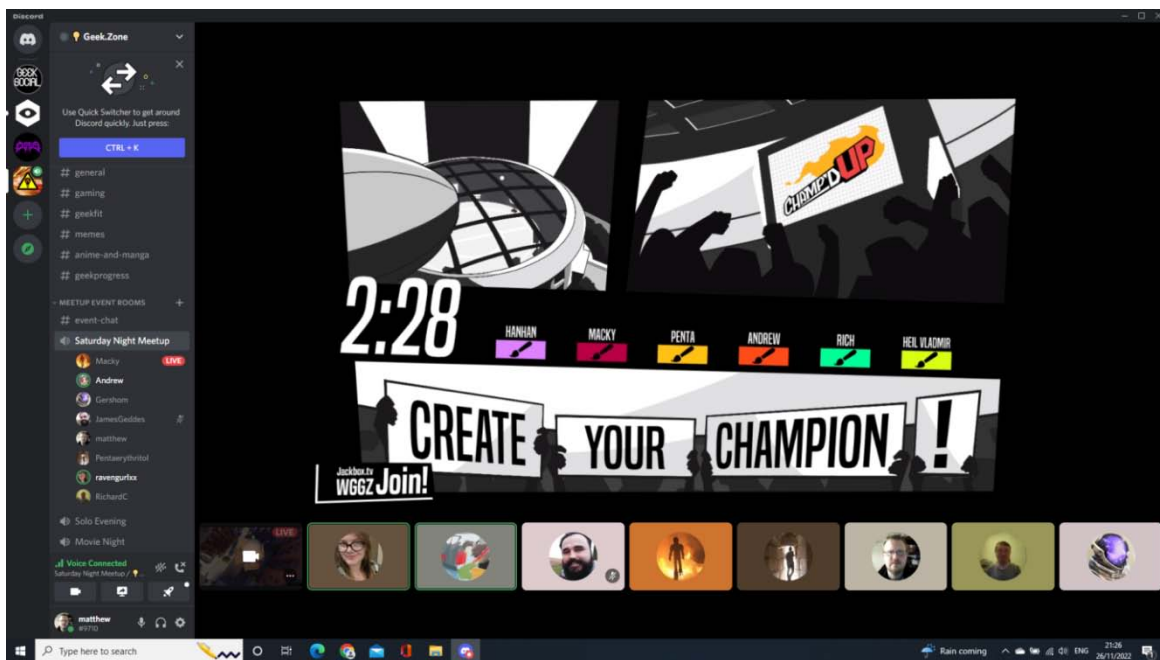
What happens at these events is we chat, eat and play tabletop games. The highest was 32 for Coventry pint night.



Online Pint Night

Online pint night is every 2 weeks we have chat and play some online games using discord, this allows members from across the country and around the world to join in Geek.Zone online community. We also carried on with solo night on Monday as well until end of June, the highest number was 12 and for Saturday night online pint night, the highest number who attended was 13.

Games we played: Solo, Flaming pyramids, Cubirds, Spot it, Just deserts, flux, Among us, Gartic phone, sketchful, Go, Skulls, Jack box games, Fall guy, Goose Goose Duck



Movie night online: This event is on Sunday night, as people want carry it on. We switched to voting on the film beforehand so more people knew if they want to watch it. Highest number attended was 6. Films we have watched:

Geostorm
Army of Thieves
Dune
Akira
Highlander
Valerian
The Crow
Gundam 1
Serenity
O bother Art You
The Sea beast

Dev/Code online

This event is on Sunday and a few were done on other days as well. Anyone can join in, no skill needed, as the event is about helping to learn new skills and also for people who do it for their living. They been working on website and doing testing on membership system. They have been using Python, Django, Html, CSS, JavaScript, terraform, AWS SQL Kubernetes etc. All this is done through our Github account 5 was highest who attended we also did 2 other event one was on general computer programming which 5 people attended and other was base on learning django which had 2 people.

- Microsoft, USD\$3500 annually, to support our technical capabilities this carry on from year before **free item no cost**
- Atlassian, USD\$3450 annually, to support our technical and support capabilities **free item no cost**
- JetBrains, GPB£2495 annually, to improve our coding **free item no cost**
- Docker, USD\$300 annually, to publish our software **free item no cost**
- GitHub, GPB£240 annually, to improve our coding **free item no cost**

- BitFolk, GBP£64.90 annually, to support our technical capabilities **free item no cost**

Most of the above item is free unless stated, the cost is in dollars and pounds, is if we had to pay for it.

Member Registration

Will you complete this quest to achieve geeky greatness? Epic adventurers use a [password manager](#)!

Membership costs £1 plus the suggested donation of £30 per year.

Full name Preferred name (optional)

Email address Password

Date of birth Donation (optional)

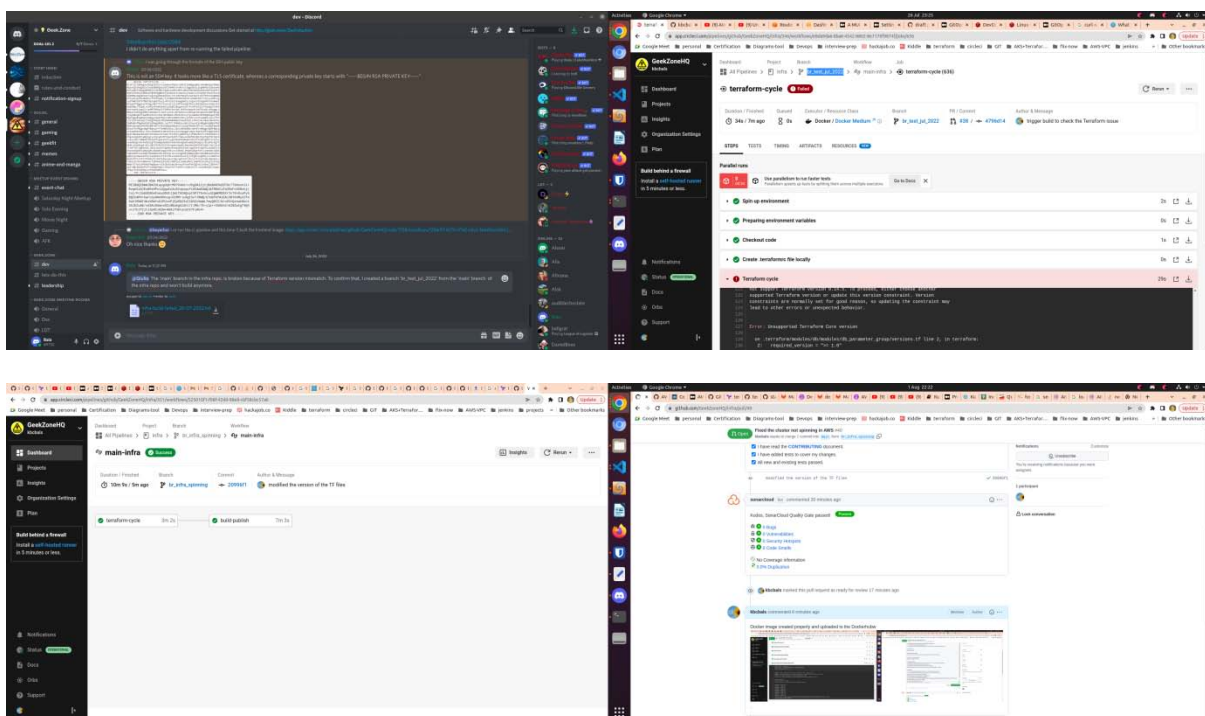
Constitution agreed ☐ Constitutional email ☐ Constitutional post ☐

[Register](#)

[Already a member? Login!](#)

Geek.Zone

The Geek.Zone membership system is currently in beta. Please email your feedback to dev@geek.zone so that we can improve it!
We do use some functional cookies to deliver functionality to you. Don't worry, we won't spy on you!



GeekGrub

This is held at restaurants in Coventry area at different venues including European, Asian, Middle Eastern, South American and general pub style food, highest number of attendees was 14 we chat and eat.

Venues

The Elephant
Wing Wah
Adana Turk
Al Bader
Hickory Smoke House
Zizzi
Fomo
Gdk
Jinseon Korean BBQ
Pizza hut
Blue Orchid
Noodle Bar
Zorbas





Ten Pin Bowling

This is held at the Tenpin in Coventry, we rsvp and pay at the venue but due to one event where did not get lanes, we started a new system using meetup add on which allows PayPal payment and Geek.Zone pay it for those who have paid. We have mixed ability bowlers. Highest number attended was 9.

Rainbow pixels

This event is held at The Yard in Coventry city centre it is LGBT+ Geeks Meetup where we play tabletop games, eat, drink and meet like-minded LGBT+ geeks and allies.

So if you're in the mood for something different, or want to get out of the house for a little bit, then this event is perfect for you. Whether you like Munchkin, Ming or enjoy other people's company, there is something for everyone. Highest number attended was 12.

Cinema

This is held at Showcase cinema Walsgrave. We pick a film before hand and then meet at the cinema and find best time for watching highest number attended was 10

Film we have watched:

Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore
Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness
Jurassic World Dominion
Thor Love and Thunder
Bullet Train
Top Gun Maverick
Black Adam
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever
Avatar Way of Water
Megan
Ant-Man and The Wasp Quantumania
Shazam! Fury of the Gods

Comic Con and Gaming Festivals

These event held across the country in different venues like NEC, Excel and Sports Connexion Leisure Club & Venue

Insomnia the Gaming Festival I68 2 attended and I69 1 person

Coventry Comic Con May and October 6 attended both events

EGX September 3 attended

MCM Birmingham and London May and November 2 people went both events

MegaCon March 4 attended this event

Comic con and gaming festivals event have comic book Tv, movie and YouTube guest, tabletop games, retail, computer and console games and Hardware software, cosplay, panels and shows and artist.



Boardgames Parlour

This is our board gaming event which is held Geek Retreat. We play the large board games like Scythe, Betrayal at House on the Hill, Imperial Settlers, Cobra paw and Star Trek: Catan and other games. Highest number attended 15 over the day.



Other event

National space centre Leicester Saturday 7 went to this event

Visit to museum of space.

Pipe band Wednesday 2 went to this event as this last one

Learn to play bagpipe or drums.

Lush Coventry Sunday 2 events 7 on first one and 4 on the 2nd event

Make soap bomb for the bath.

Free comic book day Forbidden planet Coventry Saturday 8 went to this event
Get free taste comic books and support the shop.

Jubilee picnic Hearsall Common Saturday, 9 went to this event
Picnic in the park bring food to share and celebrate the Queen jubilee.

Model IPMS Coventry Air museum Saturday 3 went to this event
Visit the museum and buy model to make and paint.

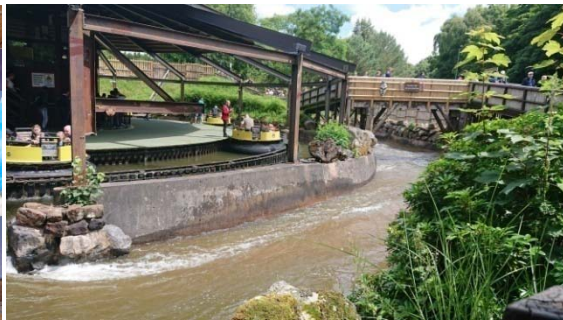
Alton Towers Alton Saturday 2 went to this event
Theme park trip we meet there and go around theme park.

Kitty Cat Café Birmingham Saturday 6 went to this event
Cat café where there are cats, food and drink

Pokemon Halloween Saturday 2 went to this event
Walking around Coventry getting Pokemon on Halloween event on the
Pokemon go App and have food in a coffee shop.

Ladies do lunch Saturday 3 went to this event
Karen café Birmingham this was a lunch experience event.

Pancake Day Hickorys, this was done on Sunday 4, went to this event
Celebrate pancake day with Hickory smokehouse brunch.





	2017	2018	2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Pint Night	343	1329	1385	1444	479	1162	912
Geekgrub	23	117	94	124	21	36	103
Retro Gaming	78	361	249	267	0	0	0
Cinema	20	75	86	93	17	41	57
Free Film Fargo	23	26	0	0	0	0	0
Invade..	11	21	31	31	0	0	0
Comic con	13	29	39	34	0	0	26
Geek Quiz	11	25	3	0	0	0	0
Home film night	14		0	5	196	188	45
Halloween	5	6	2	2	0	0	0
Geekzone gaming		88	95	93	0	151	209
Theater		5	0	0	0	0	0
Other		69	304	266	34	35	57

Ten pin	49	97	93	0	37	57
Code	16	12	7	175	242	127
LGBT+geek		13	52	0	19	38

per event							
Pint Night	19	26	27	25	9	15	12
Geekgrub	5	7	8	10	4	9	8
Retro Gaming	20	26	21	21	0	0	0
Cinema	5	5	5	5	4	4	5
Free Film Fargo	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
Invade..	6	5	6	5	0	0	0
Comic con	4	3	4	4	0	0	3
Geek Quiz	11	6	3	0	0	0	0
Home film night	7		0	5	5	5	4
Halloween	5	6	2	2	0	0	0
Geekzone gaming		7	11	2	0	8	9
Theater		5	0	0	0	0	0
Other		6	14	9	3	4	5
Ten pin		7	8	8	0	7	6
Code		2	2	1	4	5	3
LGBT+geek			13	9	0	5	8

We saw an improvement in attendance after lockdown as more 'in person' events came back. But with the cost living kicking in we saw membership drop off. We also increased our online community as well. We have 53 paid up members at this point 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. Members are mainly in the Midlands area and in the South East area as well as some from the South west, there are also some from outside of the UK.

Fundraising Regulator	Charity	Demonstrates that we fundraise responsibly
National Council of Voluntary Organisations	Charity	Helps with volunteering matters
Voluntary Action Camden	Charity	Local volunteering in Camdem
Voluntary Action Coventry	Charity	Local volunteering in Coventry
World Association of Non Governmental Organisations	Charity	Representation of NGOs on the global stage
Creative Commons	Community	Commitment to open source publications
International Association for Community Development	Community	Helps us to develop our community
UK Youth	Community	Helps us to help young people
National Suicide Prevention Association	Mental Health	Guidance on how to prevent suicide
Zero Suicide Alliance	Mental Health	Guidance on how to prevent suicide
Institution of Analysts and Programmers	Tech	Support for our techie members, discount on IAP membership for GZ members
Linux Foundation	Tech	We develop software for Linux
Open API Initiative	Tech	Allows us to contribute to the OpenAPI standard
Open Source Hardware Association	Tech	Commitment to open source hardware and greater access to the community
Open Source Initiative	Tech	Commitment to open source software and greater access to the community
OpenUK	Tech	Represents UK open source in Britain and globally
Inclusive Naming Initiative	Community	Guidance on Language used

Looking forward

Working towards Geek.Zone 01

New Website and membership system

Setting up merchandise like t shirts and other items

New project called

Geek Guardians: Nerdy Parents in Coventry

1st event was in March with 3 people this was set for people with kids or starting out in earlier pregnancy the events are like coffee morning and lunches, walk in a park day trip out, picnic and other events.

Treasure and Accounts

Donations

This came from Members in monthly donation or from one off donation and from Amazon Smile Total £1038.55.

Geekzone Events

This is for pre payment events for instance: Kitty cat café, Tenpin bowling and Geekgrub pre booking fee. This would use for other event as well like ticket events. Total £629.47

Web hosting Expenses

This is for website Amazon web service cost and Microsoft Azure we had credit for Microsoft azure due to the grant.

Total after credit £151.29.

JustGiving

This is from one of the campaigns for Geek.Zone 01 Total £550.52

General expenses

This is for Tenpin bowling; Karen dinner and prepayment for meal on debit card for Geekgrub £630.17

Storage

This is for storage of equipment which Geek.Zone has, like games console, TVs, DVD and other item Geek.Zone has well. This cost £56.40 month, year total £338.40.

Subscriptions

Account package Xero accounts software £25.64 then after £27.44 this monthly.

Meetup cost £185.58 this varies due to \$ rate.

Fundraising Regulator: cost for the year is £50.

Membermojo £40

Total £634.06

Bank fees

This made up fee from membership which from Paypal and EventBrite fee.

Total fee cost £49.38

Gift Aid

We claim Gift aid back on donation total for this was £224.54.

Sales of goods

This link with raffle prize cost which for repayment back to member who purchase items and fees from the card machine we use. Total for this year is £9.10

Raffles and inventory

We hold a raffle each week during the pint night events, prizes consist of things like mugs, board games, key rings and vouchers etc. These are donated items or purchased items which would be refunded to the person who purchased them. Raffle total £94

Inventory

Man of steel Book

Death of the planet of ape Book

Arrow book

5 funkopops

Gremlins mug

Alien book

Uno Wild

3 copy og Monopoly

Back to the future mug

Cluedo

Mario Checkers

Puzzler cube

Herd Mentality

Matchify Among us

Battleship card game

Batman funko

Connect 4 grab and go

Draughts

Monopoly grab and go

Ludo

Profit and Loss

Geek.Zone

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023

Turnover

Donations	1,038.55
Geek Zone Events	629.47
Gift aid	224.54
JustGiving fund Donation	550.52
Membership	56.00
Other Revenue	179.22
Raffles	94.00
Total Turnover	2,772.30

Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold	9.10
Total Cost of Sales	9.10

Gross Profit

2,763.20

Administrative Costs

Bank Fees	49.38
General Expenses	630.17
Insurance	228.94
Storage	338.40
Subscriptions	634.06
Web hosting expenses	151.29
Total Administrative Costs	2,032.24

Operating Profit

730.96

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

730.96

Profit after Taxation

730.96

Balance Sheet

Geek.Zone

As at 31 March 2023

31 MAR 2023

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Computer Equipment	126.46
Games and collectibles	480.63
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment	(934.83)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on donation reserve	(33.04)
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Office Equipment	(296.78)
Office Equipment	379.49
Plant and Machinery	748.30
Total Tangible Assets	470.23

Total Fixed Assets	470.23
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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

GBP PayPal	30.79
GEEK.ZONE	11,979.28
Total Cash at bank and in hand	12,010.07

MyInventory	167.63
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Total Current Assets	12,177.70
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Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	12,177.70
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	12,647.93
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Net Assets	12,647.93
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	730.96
Donation reserve	(78.95)
Retained Earnings	11,995.92
Total Capital and Reserves	12,647.93

Notes to the Accounts

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

1. Accounting Convention

The accounts for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 have been prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

2. Going concern

The charity's financial statements have been drawn up on a going concern basis as the Trustees have no reason to believe that the charity will not continue in operation.

3. Income and Expenditure

Income is recognised on a receivable basis Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

4. Creditors

	2023
Accruals Markel insurance 2 months total	57.22
Other creditors (unclaimed expenses)	0
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	57.22
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