



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date
1st April 2021
Period end date
1st April 2022
From To

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Wallsend Kinship Carers

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1190153

Charity's principal address 29 Curzon Road East

Wallsend

Tyne & Wear

Postcode NENE28 6AS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alice Taylor	Chair		Wallsend Kinship Carers
2	Pam McBeth	Secretary	1st July 2022	Wallsend Kinship Carers
3	Simone Nelson	Treasurer		Wallsend Kinship Carers
4	Denise Lewis	Events Advisor	1st July 2022	Wallsend Kinship Carers
5	Maureen Armstrong	Trustee		Wallsend Kinship Carers
6	Spencer Armstrong	Trustee	21st October 2022	Wallsend Kinship Carers
7	Rachael T Dunn	Trustee		Wallsend Kinship Carers
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Legal & Financial	VODA	The Forum, Wallsend
General Kinship	Kinship Org	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charity
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Volunteer

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity are grateful for the ongoing assistance of VODA in all matters of procedures.

We also look to Kinship Org for guidance

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To bring together Kinship Carers and their families to improve their quality of life by providing facilities for mutual support and recreational and leisure activities.

The relief of children and their carers responsibilities, and the carers families within the area of benefit. Through the provision of, though not exclusively, resources and facilities in the interest of social welfare, social development and leisure time activity with a view to improving their condition of life.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Since the pandemic WKC has held weekly support meetings, alternately in the Forum or in St Luke's church.

We are almost continuously fundraising to support the group but in addition toward the purchase of a Respite Holiday Caravan to enable members to have a holiday. Especially since the lockdown our members have been even more exhausted and stressed.

At the beginning of the year the whole group is involved in drawing up an Events calendar to provide activities and entertainment for our cared for children. Some events continue from one year to the next, Mothering Sunday Tea, Halloween & Christmas Parties. During the summer holidays we try to plan two major trips and weekly local activities especially on the beach. Everything is costed and local charities are approached for those activities beyond our own fundraising abilities.

If there are subjects that Carers feel they would like to receive further information speakers may be invited. Or members may find some relaxing activity to which they can all go

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

For nearly two years WKC have had a major drive to fund the purchase of a respite holiday caravan on a park not too far away, so familiarisation trips can be planned. Initially we had planned to buy a 2nd hand 8 berth caravan. Apart from local funding charities we approached the National Lottery. They have suggested we would get better value for money by buying a new caravan. The committee have been working hard to fulfil the National Lottery's requirement for very full information in every aspect of this purchase and subsequent running of our holiday home.

As there are only 16 holiday weeks and we have over 20 families wishing to holiday, this must be carefully managed. We also plan to let our caravan during term time to create some income towards the running costs. First, we will offer this to other Kinship Carers in the North East. We are anxious to ensure that our guests will not cause more than normal wear and tear of our lovely new caravan. We are in touch with other charities in the area who also let their holiday homes and we are most grateful for their advice and insights.

We continue to spread the word about the existence of our local group and activities. We know that there are 4 times as many Kinship families in our locality than throughout the rest of the UK and outside London. Kinship Carers have been mentioned in the press and on TV more in recent months.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have had a busy year of weekly meetings and activities. We now have a full committee of 6 trustees. With a new Secretary and Events Advisor, all of whom are settling into their posts and understanding their various responsibilities.

Our chair Alice Taylor has become an almost one-woman money machine by attending Car Boot Sales, Blue Flag events, Cheeki Monkey baby events. Tombolas, sponsored walks, rambles, Afternoon Teas, Pie and Pea suppers. She has raised over £3,500 since lockdown which is truly amazing given Wallsend is a known deprived area.

In the summer holidays there were two trips away the main trip was to Flamingoland which sadly was a rather wet day and puddles featured mightily in the children's feedback. The children (and even some carers) thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Go Ape. There were some very happy but tired children on the return trip. We also attended a summer show at the local playhouse which proved to be a rather noisy event!

After several failed attempts of producing a website – www.wkc-uk.org is almost complete and we are indebted to VODA who have in collaboration with Sunderland Software City funded this. Some sections are probably somewhat bare still. We are looking for some input from committee members. Mainly for links to other bodies that have useful information of value to all our Carers. Not forgetting the main Kinship Org website. The purpose of this online resource is to provide wider information for our own group but also to invite other Kinship Families to join us for their ongoing support.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We had no policy on 'Reserves' as this was not something we had even considered. However, one of our potential funders raised this issue and we could well see that in an ideal world we should have a Reserve Fund. We feel that once we have purchased our Respite Holiday Home there should be an opportunity to build such a sum to cover lack of suitable funding for any of our activities, this may depend on our 'lettings'.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any

Apart from our Chair's ongoing fundraising we approach local charities for any major project, who have in the past supported these happenings, but we realise in the current climate we may not always get that support.

Without the major contribution of the National Lottery, it would not have been possible to consider the purchase of our Respite Holiday Home, and this not yet a done deal. It has been a steep learning curve to meet all the NL requirement which will no doubt prove to be most valuable for our committee in future funding requests.

On the advice of the National Lottery, we are setting up a Caravan

ethical investment policy adopted.

Support Fund, we hope to offer travel expenses, food parcel and entertainment passes so that any Kinship Family can fully enjoy their holiday without financial restraint. We anticipate that this would need to be in the region of £5000. If this sum is added to ongoing costs of some £7,500. We need to raise this annually. Lettings might provide an income of some £5-6,000. So we will need to look to raise a similar amount every year.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Alice Taylor</i>	<i>P. McBeth</i>
Full name(s)	Alice TAYLOR	Pamela McBETH.
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	11-1-23	

Wallsend Kinship Carers

Financial Statements

Financial Period to 31 March 2022

Wallsend Kinship Carers

Receipts and payments account, period ending 31 March 2022

	Total Funds	
Receipts	2021-22	
	£	
Caravan Grant		
Arnold Clark	£	1,000.00
Magic Little Grant	£	500.00
LocalGiving	£	505.60
WKC Caravan Fundraising	£	150.00
Grant from NTC	£	1,248.00
Community Foundation	£	980.00
Donations	£	438.27
Events Monies	£	1,127.73
Raffle Tickets	£	-
Tea & Coffee SG	£	99.89
Total Receipts	£	6,049.49
Payments		
Bank Charges	£	83.02
Household	£	233.08
Room Hire	£	240.00
Insurance	£	240.04
Entertainment	£	1,701.75
Events Expenses	£	1,428.69
Stationery/Leaflets	£	556.51
Subscription	£	96.00
Total Payments	£	4,579.09
Surplus / deficit for the year	£	1,470.40
Funds at 31 March 2021	£	5,563.80
Funds at 31 March 2022	£	7,034.20

Wallsend Kinship Carers

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2022

	2022 £
Monetary Assets:	
Cash at Bank	7034.20
Total Cash Balances	<u>7034.20</u>
Represented By:	
General Funds	1342.96
Designated Fund (See Notes)	<u>5691.24</u>
Net Assets at 31 March 2022	<u><u>7034.20</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee :

Signed Position **Treasurer**

Date

Wallsend Kinship Carers

Notes to the accounts, 2022

1. Basis of accounts

The financial have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Wallsend Kinship Carers meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Designated Fund:

A designated fund has been set up for the provision of a holiday caravan.
The aim is to raise at least £25,000 for this fund.

Fund balance at 31 March 2022	£	5,691
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