



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31st October 2021 To 22nd August 2022

Charity name: Teesvalley Buddies

Charity registration number: 1192585

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS IN MIDDLESBROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS BY THE PROVISION OF: (A) A MENTORING AND SUPPORT SERVICE FOR NEURODIVERGENT PEOPLE TO EMPOWER THEM SO THAT THEY CAN LEARN TO CELEBRATE THEIR DIFFERENCES, FIND FRIENDS, SOCIALISE, FIND THEIR PLACE IN SOCIETY AND LIVE A HAPPIER AND MORE FULFILLED LIFE, AND; (B) EMOTIONAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT TO PARENTS AND CARERS EITHER ON A ONE TO ONE BASIS OR VIA THE PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT GROUP TO HELP EMPOWER THE PARENETS AND CARERS TO NAVIGATE THEIR WAY THROUGH THE SEND SYSTEM, AND TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ADVOCATES FOR THEIR CHILD'S NEEDS.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Parent and Carer Support Buddies for one 2 one support -Parent and Carer Support Groups/ Guidance & Advocate Group - Peer Support Buddies - Meet a Buddy - work buddies - Social activity groups and clubs - Neurodiversity community Ambassadors and training - Neurodiverse Self-advocacy Council for adults, young people and children.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	As part of the charity application all Trustees were circulated with the appropriate documents, this has been reviewed as part of our annual review process.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our Volunteers are the foundation of the charity and have worked well towards our shared goals. They have provided not only their time but their experiences and knowledge
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Despite the challenges covid presented, we have continued to take our group activities from strength to strength. We have established an office and now have our own space to run groups. This also helps give our volunteers a place they can work from and it has improved our ability to meet up with other organisations.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have achieved our objectives for the year and in addition we have expanded the level and range of service above the expected growth rate
		Several small fundraisers have been held but covid has made this aspect difficult

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By election of Trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Teesvalley Buddies
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192585
Charity's principal address	109-111 Parliament Road

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	Chris Cooke	Chair		
	2	Chris Richards			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Chris Cooke

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

19/12/22