

## **RBKARES (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

CHARITY NUMBER	1197621
DATE OF REGISTRATION	21st January 2022
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	21st January 2022
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31st October 2022
TRUSTEES	
	Pippa Coupland (appointed 15th February 2022)
	Ady Gomersall (resigned 25th April 2022)
	Tess Green
	Sara Grimshaw (resigned 2nd August 2022)
	Beatrix Kenyon (chair)
	Samantha Lord
	Zena Poole
	Jane Watson (treasurer) (appointed 2nd August 2022)
LEGAL STATUS	CIO - Foundation Registered 21st January 2022
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	46 Norbiton Avenue, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 3QR
PRIMARY BANKERS	NatWest, 73 High Street, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 1DW
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Yvann Stephens, 4 Akerman Road, Surbiton, KT6 5NS

### **ANNUAL REPORT**

The board of trustees has pleasure in presenting RBKares trustees' report and financial statement for the year ended October 2022. We were delighted to become a registered charity on the 21st January 2022 which set us in good stead to be able to continue to mobilise more volunteers, build stronger relationships to support more residents as we identify their needs and make a difference.

#### Summary of purpose:

RBKares connects the kindness and generosity of the community in Kingston-Upon-Thames with vulnerable people and key-workers. Set up during the pandemic, RBKares focuses on providing local support to NHS staff, care homes and to other vulnerable groups including refugees and the homeless. We use the community's sewing and crafting skills to make items, distribute kindness kits and sort donations.

## Summary of Main Activities:

RBKares turns goodwill into meaningful action to show that RBK (Royal Borough of Kingston) cares.

- Fidget mat group - a weekly workshop for the isolated and vulnerable to meet to make 120 'fidget mats' with multi-sensory patches to donate to people with dementia. This group has benefitted from being able to help others as much as their donations have helped recipients.
- Covid Champions - a project to ensure members of our community understood the risks, spread and management of Covid 19 and where and when to get vaccinations
- Supporting Kingston Hospital - supporting the staff of Kingston and Tolworth hospitals with 300 'kindness kits', making bespoke scrubs for the chaplaincy, supporting the children in hospital with toys and outfits for their chemo ducks, supporting in-patients with games while the entertainment system was down and knitting items for babies in the neonatal units. We also raised £2,200 for the bereavement unit by joining in their memory walk. Knitting hundreds of Easter egg covers for the paediatric team to distribute throughout the hospital.
- Supporting Voices of Hope - Making welcome bags for the Women's hub, personalised bunting and bean bag 'fruit and vegetables' to promote Brite Box.
- Supporting young carers - making and filling 200 bags to the young carers and holding a tea party for them at the Home of Compassion.
- Supporting Yorda adventures - making and filling 35 kindness kits for parents attending the family sessions
- Supporting Princes Alice Hospice - making 200 bags for belongings of deceased relatives to be given back to their families and 30 catheter stand covers to preserve dignity of inpatients.
- Refugee sewing group - a weekly sewing workshop for refugees that are registered with Refugee Action Kingston, allowing them to develop skills, improve their English and make clothes and decorative items.
- Wellbeing days at Piper Hall - a monthly event supporting the mental, physical and digital health of clients attending the foodbank.
- Warmer in Winter bags - knitting blankets, hats, scarves and hearts and putting them in a hand made bag with gloves, socks, thermos mug, torch and gift to give to those struggled to keep themselves warm.
- Worry Worms - crocheting 500 worry worms to help anxious children.
- Sourcing items needed by refugees - encouraging donations of bikes and clothes and sorting and fixing them to give to refugees.
- Involving schoolchildren in community projects - encouraging school children to support their community through making and writing cards to go in 'Warmer in Winter' bags and designing cards to be used at Kingston Hospitals memory walk.
- Involving local residents in their community - bringing Kingston residents together to support local communities and people in need.

The trustees would like to express their utmost thanks to the incredible contribution made by all the volunteers over the year. They have given their time and skills in many ways, from sewing and knitting, to designing and teaching, sourcing and transporting, to supporting young, elderly, refugees and vulnerable in the community through various activities and events. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise, we would not have been able to achieve so much. They have helped create social change, tackle inequality and make our community a kinder, better place live.

#### Main Achievements

##### Continuing

- Refugee sewing workshop - continuity has shown the refugees that we are committed to the workshop and this has developed trust, which has improved the dynamic of the group
- Wellbeing days - these maximise limited resources to support a community in need
- Projects supporting Kingston Hospital - the staff will continue to need support and recognition as they work through unprecedented difficulties.

##### Looking forward

- Collaborating with more services to support the clients at the wellbeing days, particularly to help them with their eye and dental health.

##### Challenges

Our main challenges are supporting hard to reach people during a worsening cost of living crisis and tackling inequalities; to achieve this we need to continue to securing funding. We need to strengthen our governance by bringing on board trustees with expertise in specific roles.

The Trustees would like to thank the companies and groups that have helped us which, with the help of trustees and volunteers has made all these projects possible.

##### Financial review

As the charity's income is below the audit threshold we are allowed to prepare a simple annual report. The Trustees have elected to have an independent examination for good governance.

RBKares' income in the financial period has come from grants and donations.

## Receipts and Payments Account

	9 months ended 31 Oct 2022	12 months ended 20 Jan 2022
<b>Income</b>		
Donations - restricted - Care Homes	-	2,061
Donations - restricted - coffee machine	260	1,130
Donations - restricted - Fidget mats	2,187	-
Donations - restricted - Hospital fleeces	-	-
Donations - restricted - Kindness kits	2,900	-
Donations - restricted - Refugee Sewing	1,000	-
Donations - restricted - scrubs	-	78
Donations - restricted - wellbeing	11,550	-
Donations - restricted - Winter Warmer	1,505	-
Donations - unrestricted	1,389	4,138
TOTAL DONATIONS	20,791	7,407
Interest income	0	1
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>20,792</b>	<b>7,408</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Expenses - restricted - Care Homes	1,493	1,224
Expenses - restricted - coffee machines	80	2,027
Expenses - restricted - Fidget mats	360	43
Expenses - restricted - Hospital fleeces	-	151
Expenses - restricted - Kindness kits	1,711	110
Expenses - restricted - Refugee Sewing	205	-
Expenses - restricted - scrubs	121	873
Expenses - restricted - wellbeing	9,029	-
Expenses - restricted - Winter Warmer	117	-
Expenses - unrestricted	104	2,498
TOTAL CHARITABLE EXPENSES	13,219	6,925
Admin costs	697	308
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>13,916</b>	<b>7,233</b>
<b>Surplus for the accounting period</b>	<b>6,876</b>	<b>176</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	31 Oct 2022	21 Jan 2022
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	11,605	4,727
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Creditors	2	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>11,603</b>	<b>4,727</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Restricted	5,329	- 958
Unrestricted	6,274	5,685
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>	<b>11,603</b>	<b>4,727</b>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 18 July 2023.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
RBKares

On accounts for the  
accounting period

21 January 2022 – 31 October 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1197621

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the nine-month period ended 31/10/2022.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

14 August 2023

Name:

Yvann Stephens

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

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