

# **Krazee Krafters**

**CIO Registered number 1202102**

## **Annual Report and Accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

### **Principal operating address:**

59 Elsdon Avenue  
Seaton Delaval  
Tyne and Wear  
NE25 0HY

### **Trustees:**

Shirley Barrass  
Heather Kemp  
Angela Cox

### **Principal objectives**

For the public benefit, to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of children and young people living in Northumberland who are socially or economically disadvantaged, with the object of improving their conditions of life, by means of but not exclusively, the provision of arts and crafts activities.

### **Public Benefit Statement**

The main activities of the Krazee Krafters are described below and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. In planning these activities, the trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

### **Structure, governance, and management**

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered charity number is 1202102. The charity's governing document is its Foundation Constitution which was approved by the Trustees and last amended 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The charity has no paid staff and trustees are volunteers. The Trustees are elected by the existing group of trustees. None of the trustees has received payment or reimbursement of expenses for their work as trustees.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees are elected and co-opted in accordance with the terms set out in the constitution. The trustees have overall control and responsibility for decision making. Trustees seek to ensure that the users needs are reflected through the diversity of the

Board. They are encouraged to attend training and involved in decision making processes and future plans.

### **Financial**

Our financial position is satisfactory. Our income was mostly through subs, own fundraising and charitable grants. This provides stability to our income. Our operating costs are low due time given free from volunteers who deliver our activities. Our main costs are payments for room hire, refreshments, equipment and facilitators.

### **Reserves**

There is no formal reserves policy in place. The trustees are considering this as part of our review of the finances of the charity. Unrestricted funds held by the charity are kept at the equivalent of 3 months running costs. At this level, the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in income. If this happens, it would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced, or activities changed.

### **Risk Management**

We have assessed the major risks in particular those related to our operations and finances. No major risks have been identified. The level of free reserves held by the charity are sufficient to sustain our activities and provide financial flexibility for future challenges.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Krazee Krafters has 3 trustees who manage the day to day running of the organisation. We have 8 volunteers who help plan our sessions and enable us to deliver our well attended groups and activities. We continue to offer access to relevant training enabling us to deliver safe and effective sessions.

During the period April 2023 March 2024

Just jenny` s to continue to facilitate craft sessions, after a discussion with the committee Jenny apologises for putting the fee up to £100 a session for the two monthly sessions due to traveling costs from the 1st of April 2024 but agrees to keep fee at £80 per session for the weekly sessions for two qualified facilitators,

Jenny Earle from Just Jenny's Workshops gave an update to the service she provides, ie children's craft Parties, workshops for adults and craft demonstrations, craft workshops around mental health.

Jenny also talked about the projects for 2024. Crafts from the past / Easter/ Health and Wellbeing / positive self-Image/ looking after the environment/ and to be involved with Seghill annual Gala by participating in the parade with a theme of Out of space voted on by the children, also to involve the children in arranging craft activities of their choice / Halloween / Christmas etc

We are having good feedback from Krazee Krafters Facebook page with 241 members. This is the main source of communication which is used by the parents/ guardians as they can see updates and check for any time or venue changes and clarify events and dates. This is to continue and to be updated on a daily basis by Shirley.

The feedback from the children after taking their creations into school for show and tell sessions, is that all their friends and teachers saying they have done amazing job. This has resulted in more children wanting to attend the sessions.

We lost a lot of are older children in September as they went to middle school. Younger children have been brought in off the waiting list.

Bank account had to be changed from a nonprofit organisation to a charitable status. This was a nightmare as one account closed before new one was opened leaving us with no access to krazee krafters funds for almost two months. It is all sorted now, and the bank gave us £400 compensation for any inconvenience caused. This money will be used for this year's party.

Funding has continued coming in which means we can continuously move forward.

The craft sessions at Seaton Delaval and Seghill are running well with 2 facilitators and 5/6 volunteers. We have stayed at full capacity at Seaton Delaval but Seghill drops off and picks up. Delaval running with 35 on the register and Seghill between 30 and 35. The waiting list has to be used and no kids jumping the waiting list.

The children with special needs to be given more support and time to finish their activity.

We discussed what changes had to be made now we are a registered charity and how it may affect getting funding as it may be easier and more options are open to us with new funders we can apply to in the future.

We had the children join the Seghill gala parade with the theme under the sea which was very successful with most of the children taking part. All went well children enjoyed the excitement of dressing up and being part of a very long community tradition. The sweet bags at the end of the parade where a hit with the children.

We over stretched ourselves with having too many fundraising tables at the gala and not enough volunteers to run them. We raised £600 on the day.

We need more volunteers to walk with the children in the parade next year and less fundraising tables.

The annual crafting in pyjamas in October went well with all children and volunteers coming in their pyjamas and getting sponsored to do so and rising £450 for the club .

Pantomime trip was cancelled as we didn't have sufficient funds to go to pantomime and have a Christmas party. It was decided to have the party as all the children will benefit.

Christmas party was a hit as always with all the children enjoying the entertainer how did all the games which was fab but expensive for what they did. Not getting them again. The food was supplied by the parents, giving the parent a slip of paper asking them to supply what was on the slip we feel is the way to go not a lot of food left over. Thank you, card, sent to Lakes and Dales for donating £100 of vouchers

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'SB' followed by a horizontal line.

Name: SHIRLEY BARRASS

Trustee CHAIRPERSON

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Krazee Krafters CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Krazee Krafters for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner:

Address: 3, ALEXANDER PLACE

Date: WEXHAM, NE46 3QJ

Signed:

30/7/24  
E Carr

## **END OF YEAR FINANCES APRIL 2023/MARCH 2024**

	AMOUNT IN	AMOUNT OUT
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	£13,768.90	
EVENTS	£1,658.35	
GRANTS	£24,097	
SUBS	£642.80	
REFUNDS	£735	
DONATIONS	£150	
<b>TOTAL IN</b>	<b>£41,052.05</b>	
ROOM RENT		£834
EQUIPMENT		£5,509.73
REFRESHMENTS		£294.55
EVENTS		£4,107.55
STATIONARY		£1,167.14
FACILITATORS FEES		£4,970.00
VOLUNTEERS		£2,137.37
<b>TOTAL OUT</b>		<b>£19,020.34</b>
<b>BALANCE IN BANK</b>		<b>£22,031.75</b>

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