



ACTS OF KINDNESS COMMUNITY (SOLENT)

REGISTERED CHARITY - 1180072

Trustees report

The trustees present their first report and unaudited accounts for the year ended 9th December 2019.

Trustees

Kerry Snuggs - Director

Courtney Hartley – Trustee

Verity Boord - Trustee

Natalie Bridgeman -Trustee

Peter Jeffs - Resigned date - 13th January 2020.

Wendy Singfield Resigned date – 9th February 2020

Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees above have existed for the first year of the registered period. New trustees will be briefed on their role and responsibilities. Trustees will meet regularly throughout the year and review the risks to which the charity may be exposed.

Acts of Kindness Community (Solent) was registered as a charity on 25th September 2018

Bankers -

LLOYDS BANK

15 Blackheath Village, Kidbrooke, London SE3 9LH

Objectives of the charity are -

- 1) The relief of Poverty caused by a Crisis or traumatic change of life circumstances, for those in need by providing essential items to residents living in the Solent area.
- 2) The relief of Poverty by providing one off essential items that will enable those in need to continue their schooling, employment or caring duties in particular but not exclusively for the benefit of those residing within the Solent area.
- 3) The relief of those in need due to Age, Disability, Infirmary, or ill health, Especially those who have recently returned home from hospital, or residential care and are residing within the Solent area, by providing help with garden maintenance or household tasks. In furtherance of the above objects the organisation will promote Volunteering and charitable giving within the Solent area.

How we work

Acts of Kindness Community (Solent) supports families and individuals at times of vulnerability by providing essential support from the community. We utilise the skills and expertise of the community along with donations of supplies to be able to come amongst a person's situation and to walk alongside them in their journey to be able to help them through the crisis part of the situation. We believe heavily in partnership working with organisations within the community such as Women's refuges, Homeless shelters, Citizens advice bureau and receive referrals for a family or individual where the gap cannot already be fulfilled by them enabling AOK to offer the support required.

Activities and Achievements.

This first year of being registered with the charity commission has been a very busy, productive and successful year.

Examples of our work are whereby a person cannot meet their gas or electric bill in the gap between a universal credit starter payment and so we assist with the required funds. Another example is if the foodbanks are closed during the week or of an evening where it has become apparent a family or individual is struggling we will assist with a food crisis

parcel until they can reach the required support. We actively seek to improve our community by carrying out community projects and assisting individuals and families with improvements to their homes that will make it as safe and loving environment for the children to live in.

Since being registered we have helped 100's of people in crisis. We have set up new projects such as our Holiday poverty initiative which saw us feed 98 children in the community. This entailed a DIY packed lunch for those families that could not reach a foodbank due to either funds for public transport, single parents without childcare, or no transport for themselves due to financial hardship. This entailed collections around the community of the items required for a lunch box and these being delivered by over 20 keen and willing supporters of AOK to the families who needed them. We met with some very desperate families who were really struggling to provide. Working alongside Social Services we managed to identify those in the community that needed this support. This then acts as a preventative measure for Social services intervention and avoids a crisis situation.

Part of the AOK charity is to spread love and kindness across the community. We have carried out 100's of AOK's this year. At Christmas we delivered over 700 gifts into the community. These reached those who otherwise wouldn't have received a gift. Such as Homeless veterans and civilians service users, elderly who are in hospital over Christmas, families who are monitored by Social Services and families in the community who needed support. Alongside this we provided 70 hampers to families in need and veterans who had left homeless supported accommodation into their new homes. Along with this we helped provide Social Services with goods and funds to provide a party for 50 children whom each received a gift and party food.

We have prevented several tonnes of items going to the recycling centres by redirecting the furniture to those in need in the community. These are veterans who have moved on from homeless accommodations along with families living in temporary accommodations. Our van has been a very useful asset this year.

We have built a very large network across the community, working alongside Whiteley Shopping Centre, Eight Foundation, Fareham Borough Council, Social Services to name but a few to provide a really strong support network for the community. In the first instance we will always signpost and work with these agencies to provide the right support for the service user.

This year we have been fortunate enough to open up our first Kindness Hub in Fareham which has become a real central point for AOK. Everything is now co-ordinated from this which has enabled service users to collect items if required, agencies to pick up items for their clients as well as give a hub to the community where they can seek support if required. We will hold project meetings here, crisis support in an emergency as well as a drop in area for those who just want some company. This is our effort in order to help tackle Mental Health and Loneliness in the community.

Supporters

Please note - We use the word supporters in place of volunteers as we have a very flexible approach in the way that we co-ordinate people who wish to give time, skills and expertise to the AOK Community. We do not have any expectancy of time given to the organisation as we believe that life is generally very busy and to keep the cogs going for AOK we appreciate any time given whether that be for an event / one AOK / or staffing the hub for a few hours. Due to our flexible approach we had approximately 40 people attend our first ever supporters meeting keen to actively get involved. We have also had approximately 20 people attend the hub to ask how to become involved in the day to day work of AOK. We are very excited to bring this news for this coming year and are so appreciative of any action taken by supporters to help support those in the the community that they live in.

Financial Review

Acts of Kindness Community (Solent) are so very grateful for the support of donors this year to be able to the Kindness Hub to be the centre point of AOK.

We have been the recipients of several large grants this year which has enabled us to achieve this goal. Some of them are listed below -

Eight Foundation are donating £6000 to help towards the rent of the property (£500 per calendar month)

Hampshire County Council have supported with £5000 to enable our workshops to commence, as well as towards the decorating and advertising of the hub.

Whiteley Shopping Centre have kindly given £1000 towards our next Holiday poverty initiative which will enable us to feed more children this year.

We were one of the recipients of the kind donations fundraised by the Fareham Mayoress Susan Bayford this year.

The National Lottery as part of their 25th Birthday Celebrations have awarded us £1000 towards our workshops.

The Future of AOK

This coming year will have several aspects to focus on -

- 1) To build the team to staff the hub. These supporters will be crucial and the face of AOK as people reach us in crisis.
- 2) To build an outreach team to get into the heart of the community and be a proactive source to seek out those who are struggling in the community.
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4) To continue to reach those in need in the community by coming amongst their situations with people who care to be able to get them through crisis.

5) To build on our workshop ideas to bring people off of the streets to encourage them to better their futures living off of the street. To partnership work with agencies to do this. Workshops also include tackling loneliness and supporting those with Mental illness - to hopefully bring in those who are trained in this area to support the projects that we have planned.

6) To help towards the fight against waste by continuing to recycle to those in need for free of charge to the recipient as the cost of living is high when first moving into a new property for the first time.

7) To continue to spread kindness across the Community and actively work with Schools across the Solent area to achieve this for the next generation also.

8) To commence a drop in centre for Emergency Services; partnership working with the Hampshire Police federation. This will prevent Officers hitting the breadline and supporting with their Mental Health.

Account Reporting -

I report on the accounts of AOK from 25th September 2018 – 9th December 2019.

I the director of Acts of Kindness Community (Solent) Kerry Snuggs have prepared the unaudited accounts for the Charity Commision for 25th September 2018 to December 9th 2019 which is within the reporting year. The Trustees are satisfied that the accounts have been kept accordingly. These have been submitted to the Trustees for review. This has been signed also by our treasurer Natalie Bridgman. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) - Income below £25k.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR

Incoming Resources – 25th September 2018 – 9th December 2019.

Total – £21,711.27 Raised by Fundraisers and Grant making organisations (listed above in detail)

Outgoing

Total Out - £16,159.58

Remaining - £11,688.18 which includes carry over of £6136.50 from the previous year (non-reportable) for this reporting period.

Resources Expended

Costs of Generating Funds -

Advertising and Fundraisers

£839.97

Hub Outgoings / Decoration period -

£1373.71

Hub Rent and Utilities - £2500.08 (Fixed Costs)

Storage Costs - £2880 (Fixed Costs)

Van Repayment - £4105.36 (Fixed Costs monthly over 3 year term)

Mot/Tax/ Insurance - £1,411.96

Charity Insurance - £194.88

Client Crisis Hampers / resolutions to Crisis - £2592.92

Other Admin and AOK's - £261

Total - 16,159.88

Approved by order of the board of trustees on the 9th February 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Natalie Bridgman Trustee



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st February. ACCOUNTING POLICIES Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity

is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

No Tangible Fixed Assets are held by the Charity at 1st February 2020. The hub is a rented property and not owned by AOK and sponsored monthly by Eight Foundation.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 9th December 2019.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 9th December 2019

4. Debtors

There were no debtors outstanding or items paid in advance as at 9th December 2019

5. Creditors

There were no outstanding accruals as at 9th December 2019.

Kerry Snuggs

Acts of Kindness Community (Solent)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Snuggs', is written over the printed name and organization.