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**Centre
For
Independent Living Kent Ltd
(CiLK)**

Report

For Half-Year

1st September 2007

To

31st March 2008

Centre for Independent Living KENT Ltd

CiLK is a social model based, cross-impairment organisation of disabled people, established in 2002 to provide enabling independent living services for disabled people in the county of Kent. CILK target audience is primarily those who have expressed an interest in living independently and want to manage, monitor and pay directly for their own support and assistance requirements using Direct Payments, Independent Living Fund monies or other sources.

Our guiding ethos is: The Social Model of Disability, The Twelve Basic Requirements for Independent Living and Equalities and Diversity.

What makes us unique is that we are an independent organisation, run and controlled by disabled people, working towards full and equal citizenship for all disabled people. All our trustees have impairments, so CiLK is in the control of people who know about segregation and exclusion from first hand experience.

CiLK exists to help its members, and others who share its philosophy, to be self-advocates, too take control over their own lives, to have real choice, freed from the prescriptive services of government agencies. We believe that by drawing on our own experiences, disabled people are best placed to advise and support each other to independent living.

CiLK also offer the following support and assistance services (both in-house and outreach): Advocacy / Self-advocacy / Independent Living Advocacy, Information and support on independent living, Access issues, Direct Payments advice and support, Disability Equality Training, Peer support, Personal development courses and volunteering opportunities.

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Centre for Independent Living Kent Limited (CiLK)

Trustees & Committee 2007- 2008

Mr Allen Jones - Chairman / Acting Company Secretary

Ms Vicci Chittenden - Trustee

Mrs Francoise Montford - Trustee

Mr James Tatton - Trustee

Mr Stephen De-Cicco - Trustee

Mrs Sylvia Hook - Trustee

Mrs Maggie Lee - Trustee

Mrs Karen Edmunds - Co-opted Trustee February 2008

Mrs Margaret Roberts - Co-opted Company Secretary February 2008

Mrs Wendy Sage - Committee Member

Mr Tony Wright - Committee Member

Staff

Mrs Marian Khamo - Mobile Manager

Miss Donna Francis - Clerical Support Officer

Registered Office

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Chairman's Report

My report only covers the six months from 1st September 2007 to 31st March 2008 due to a change in our financial year which was agreed at our Annual General Meeting in March 2007.

Our mobile Centre for Independent Living continues to prosper delivering enabling independent living services direct to disabled people in Kent. Our innovative project continues to achieve our predicted outcomes of helping disabled and older people maintain or regain their independence by informing them about benefits and support services available to them. We continue to provide information and peer support around Direct Payments for those who employ, or wish to employ their own personal assistants in order to lead an independent life of their choosing.

Our Clerical Support Officer who assists with planning and booking of locations for the mobile service to visit ensures that posters and leaflets are sent out in advance to the various locations giving plenty of notice of our intended visit. As expected we are still finding many newly disabled and older people who are struggling to cope, unaware that help and support is available from many different sources. The mobile service is also generating some additional case work which is undertaken by Trustee/Volunteers.

The purchase of Tom-Tom Sat-Nav for the mobile unit has proved very cost effective because it means that the manager can drive directly to the location and also find an alternative route should there be a traffic jam, this has made a substantial saving on fuel, lost time and actually finding the location once the mobile has arrived at its destination. Also the provision of Vodafone Internet means that we can download information and pass it immediately to the person visiting the mobile, saving on paper, envelopes and stamps. It also means that the manager can deal with e-mail each day and the Trustees and Clerical Support Officer can send and receive information immediately.

CiLK as an organisation is working with KCC Adult Social Services on their Disability Related Expenditure Assessment in order to produce new guidelines for additional expenditure incurred by disabled and older people as a result of their impairment. We hope to complete the new guidelines in July 2008.

We have started work reviewing our support services and developing a new strategy based on the forthcoming changes in Social Care.

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In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Trustee's and Committee for their continued support. I would also like to thank Marian Khamo, manager of the mobile service and Donna Francis, clerical support officer for their commitment and hard work during the last six months, it is greatly appreciated, I assure you.



Mr Allen V. Jones
Hon. Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Since our late treasurer's death in June 2007 we have been unable to find someone to take on this role so it has fallen to me as your chairman to write this brief report on our accounts which cover the period from 1st September 2007 to 31st August 2008.

Income for the six months period was £21,129 and expenditure £26,410. The depreciation costs for the mobile vehicle have to be accounted for, hence this reduction comes out of our general fund. Additional funding must be found to cover general running costs and core funding, as we cannot keep using the general fund to absorb these costs. On a brighter note the under-spend from last year of 9k from our lottery funded project will be used to extend our mobile project by a further 4/5 months.

I am very pleased to report that in late February 2008 we have at long last found someone to take up the treasurer's post who is an experienced fund-raiser as well. We have also found a new company secretary. Both have been co-opted to the committee and will resume their roles shortly.

Finally, I would like to thank Roger Kendall A.C.I.B. for undertaking the independent inspection of our accounts ensuring that our accounts are in kept in good order.



Mr Allen V. Jones
Hon. Chairman



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