



SIGN HI SAY HI ! – FYLDE WYRE & BLACKPOOL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
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Aims and Purpose

Sign Hi Say Hi! – Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool (SHSH) is committed to providing support and advice to deaf children/young people and their families and carers.

Objectives and Activities

Sign Hi Say Hi! is comprised of parents and those working with deaf children who want a better deal and opportunities for deaf children and their families in Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool.

Throughout the year the charity runs various events and trips including a drop in club which meets fortnightly (term time) on a Tuesday evening and occasionally weekends where children, young people and their families and carers can come together to share information and meet others in the same position because by coming together Sign Hi members are able to give support and swap ideas.

The charity works closely with the Play Inclusion Project to which the Charity pays for resources to undertake risk assessments and provide staff and volunteers to run our activity sessions.

Achievements and Performance

Highlights of 2023-24

This year we had a good mixture of activity sessions taking place holding them mainly Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

During the year we held the following 21 activity sessions

Craft Session – Tuesday 25th April

Bushcraft/Orienteering – Tuesday 9th May

Borwick Hall Activity Day – Sunday 21st May

Circus Starr – Thursday 25th May

Penny Farm – Sunday 11th June

Low Ropes/Gladiator Challenge – Tuesday 20th June

Blackpool Zoo – Sunday 2nd July

Fairhaven Adventure Golf – Tuesday 5th September

Craft Session – Tuesday 15th September

The Tower Circus – Sunday 1st October

Bowling – Tuesday 17th October

Glazey Days – Tuesday 7th November

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Cookery School – Sunday 19th November
Christmas Party – Tuesday 5th December
Christmas Pantomime – Saturday 16th December
Beginners Curling Skills – Sunday 14th January
Bowling – Tuesday 23rd January
Craft Session – Tuesday 6th February
Planet Kaos – Tuesday 20th February
Ascent – Tuesday 5th March
Clip n Climb – Sunday 17th March

We continue to gain new members, but this is usually offset by families with older children gradually reducing their involvement as their children gain other interests.

Jane Thomas our Chair has continued as the Chair of the Children Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG), Don McLeod our Treasurer also attends. This is a forum comprised of Teachers of the Deaf, Audiologists, ENT specialists and Speech and Language Therapists all the professional services that support families with deaf children at which issues and problems with the services provided as well as good practice are discussed. CHSWG has continued to meet during the year with the meetings being held on-line. Jane also represents deaf children at the Parent Carer Forum of which she is a member.

2023/24 Accounts

At the end of the last financial year we had £50,596.05 in assets. We had outstanding liabilities of £221.60.

Total income was £26,209.10 and we received £18,931.69 in donations and £3,580.00 in grant income which was the final installment from the peoples health trust and £500 from NDCS.

The major donations were as follows: -

Blackpool Deaf Society who donated £15,000 to cover the running of the activity programme for the next 12 months



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Karen Mcleod raised a further £1,419.23 in donations making a total of £3,365 raised during her year as Lady Captain.

Glasdon's donated £500 to assist towards Christmas activities.

There were various other small donations made throughout the year for which we have expressed our appreciation.

Expenditure totalled £21,071.87

We paid £2,850 for the deposit towards the Bendrigg weekend out of this year accounts. When this expenditure is taken out expenditure was in line with previous years which means it is now costing around £17,000 per annum to deliver the Sign Hi Say Hi! activity programme.

Major items of expenditure were as follows:-

Activity Costs - £10,140.66

Project Coordinator - £3,545.84

PIP Session Support - £2,064.40

HMRC – NI & Tax - £886.40

Going Forward

Due to the significant amount of donations received this year we did not apply for any grant funding. However, it is planned to start making grant applications during the next financial year.

It is also key that we get some new committee members who have younger children to try and provide some continuity most of the committee members have served for several years and at some stage will want to move on, particularly when their children no longer attend Sign Hi Say Hi! events/

Structure, governance and management

Sign Hi Say Hi! – Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Deaf Children's Society was registered (Registration Number 1037445) with the Charity Commission on the 11/05/1994. The charity is more commonly known as Sign Hi Say Hi!



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The registered address for the charity is c/o 56 Hill Crest Road, Blackpool, FY4 1 QT. Sign Hi Say Hi! Constitution dated 15/05/12 provides details of the objectives of Sign Hi Say Hi! and the powers of the Trustees.

Administrative Information

The Sign Hi Say Hi! Committee held meetings via zoom on the following 4 occasions

16/05/23

04/07/23

21/11/23

26/03/24

Committee meetings are minuted and copies of the minutes are available on request.

Committee Members/Trustees (served from 01/04/23 to the 31/03/24) unless otherwise stated)

Jane Thomas (Trustee)	Chair
Don McLeod (Trustee)	Treasurer
Michelle Stewart (Trustee)	Vice Chair/Membership Secretary
Emma Williamson (Trustee)	Committee Member/Designated Person
Leanne Phillips (Trustee)	Committee Member
Adele Lisle (Trustee)	Committee Member
Nicola Bennett (Trustee)	Committee Member
Tracey Litherland (Trustee)	Committee Member
Terry Litherland (Trustee)	Committee Member



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Registered Charity 1037445		
ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET FOR THE PERIOD 01/04/2023 - 31/03/24		
Current Assets		
Barclays - Acc 90718785	£80.96	
Barclays - Acc 33696197	£2,926.18	
Barclays - Acc 13422291	£0.00	
Barclays - Acc 83455742	£47,486.91	
Cash in Hand	£102.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		£50,596.05
Current Liabilities		
	-£221.60	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		-£221.60
NET ASSETS		£50,374.45
Represented by		
Reserves - 31/03/23	£43,015.02	
Cash In Hand	£0.00	
Excess of Income over Expenditure(or Expenditure over Income)	£7,359.43	
Balance at the 31st March 2024		£50,374.45



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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT END OF PERIOD 01/04/23-31/03/24				
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	
Cash Funds	Barclays - Acc 90718785	£80.96		£80.96
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Liabilities				
	HMRC	-£221.60		
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 01/04/2023 - 31/03/24

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
Income			
Activity Charges	£3,168.50	£0.00	£3,168.50
Activity Costs	£31.00	£0.00	£31.00
Bank Interest	£145.91	£0.00	£145.91
Donations	£18,931.69	£0.00	£18,931.69
Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grant Transfer	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Grant Income	£500.00	£3,080.00	£3,580.00
Membership Fees	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00
Raffle	£177.00	£0.00	£177.00
Misc	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Receipts	£23,129.10	£3,080.00	£26,209.10
Expenditure			
Activity Costs	-£9,057.86	-£1,083.00	-£10,140.86
Activity Charges(Refunds)	-£110.00	£0.00	-£110.00
Advertising	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Charges	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Committee Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Donations	-£31.00	£0.00	-£31.00
Grant Transfer	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Interpreter	-£150.00	-£270.00	-£420.00
Mobile Phone	-£216.90	-£43.28	-£260.18
Office Equipment	-£459.00	£0.00	-£459.00
Project Co-ordinator	-£2,954.90	-£580.94	-£3,535.84
Project Co-ordinator Expenses	£0.00	-£97.60	-£97.60
Refreshments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Room Hire	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
PIP Session Support	-£1,814.40	£0.00	-£1,814.40
PIP Planning Support	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
PIP Travel Expenses	-£116.10	£0.00	-£116.10
PIP Management Support	-£250.00	£0.00	-£250.00
HMRC - NI/Tax	-£264.80	-£221.60	-£486.40
Postage	-£6.00	-£6.00	-£12.00
Printer Consumables	£0.00	-£63.98	-£63.98
Printing	-£106.30	-£32.98	-£139.28
Stationery	-£120.00	-£9.98	-£129.98
Miscellaneous	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Travel Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Thanks/Appreciation	-£37.50	£0.00	-£37.50
Office Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions	-£335.75	£0.00	-£335.75
Equipment	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure	-£16,439.31	-£2,419.36	-£18,858.67
Excess Income/Expenditure	£6,689.79	£660.64	£7,350.43
Bank Balance - 31/03/23	£54,425.85	-£9,168.63	£45,257.22
*Bank Balance - 31/03/2024	£50,494.05	-£8,527.99	£41,966.06

Signed SE Thomas

Date: 9/12/24

Approved by the Sign Hi Say Hi! – Fylde, Wyre and Blackpool Deaf Children Society Committee and signed on their behalf by Mrs Jane Thomas (Chair)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sign Hi Say Hi! – Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Deaf Children's Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sign Hi Say Hi! – Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Deaf Children's Society (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 all 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 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Cocker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Christopher Cocker

Chartered Accountant

6 St Josephs Close, Blackpool, FY3 8LU

8 December 2024