

BEXLEY DEAF GROUP
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
of the
TRUSTEES

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Charity registration number 1039183

Bank:

Charities Aid Foundation Bank

Independent Examiner:

SADLER FOGARTY SERVICES LTD
T/AS Sadler Davies & Co
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Bexley Deaf Group (BDG)

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Company Limited by Guarantee Number: 02942265

Charity Number: 1039183

Registered Office: 20 Whitehall Lane, Erith, Kent DA8 2DH

Bankers: CAF Bank

Accountants: Sadler Fogarty Services Ltd, T/AS Sadler Davies & Co, Chartered Accountants,
3 Enterprise House, 8 Essex Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 2AU

Directors and trustees:

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law.

Mr David Foot	Chair and Director
Mr Michael Colget	Vice Chair and Director
Ms Melanie Porte	Treasurer and Director
Mr Mark Raymond Gately	Trustee and Director
Mr Balkar Thind	Trustee and Director
Mr Barry Hartwell	Trustee and Director
Ms Maria Goddard	Trustee and Director
Mr Nikolas Murley	Trustee and Director
Mr Brian Dietz	Trustee and Director – Resigned 23rd November 2021

Key management personnel:

Chief Executive Officer – Mrs Tania Bushell

No trustees have received remuneration from employment with the charity.

Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23rd June 1994 and registered as a charity on 1st July 1994. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Trustee selection method- Chair and Directors are elected to stand for 3 years, Treasurer and Company Secretary are elected annually. All other Trustees are voted on to the board and serve a maximum of 5 years.

The Charity's structure is as follows:

General day to day management of the centre is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer. All major decisions and expenditure must be presented to and agreed by the Trustees.

There are no major risks that would affect the delivery of services provided by the charity.

The charity relies on a grant jointly funded from Bexley Council and Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group, which provides most of the income for the charity to run. The trustees recognise the risk that should the grant not be awarded the charity would have to find different sources of funding.

Objectives and activities and public benefit

To relieve deaf persons resident in the London Borough of Bexley in any manner which is now or shall hereafter be deemed to be charitable in law. Bexley Deaf Group provides support and encouragement to hearing impaired people and their families within the Bexley borough.

To promote improvements in all facilities (i.e. medical, environmental, educational and recreational) for Deaf and hard of hearing people irrespective of racial background, religion, gender, age or degree of hearing loss, resident in the London Borough of Bexley. It aims to enable these residents to enjoy the same quality of life as that enjoyed by those with unimpaired hearing.

Achievements and performance

This year has been an incredibly busy and productive one as we focused on bringing services back to normal after the disruption of the previous year, while at the same time continuing some of the initiatives started during the pandemic.

As restrictions eased, we saw a noticeable uptick in people visiting Bexley Deaf Centre for much needed help with hearing checks, hearing aid maintenance and general advice. Our sign language classes have seen a surge of interest and we were delighted to be able to return to in-person teaching. We have increased our provision of BSL levels 1 and 2 courses; and one of the highlights of the year was teaching sign language to some very enthusiastic and eager-to-learn children at an after-school club at St Thomas Moore's primary school in Bexleyheath.

It was a pleasure to be able to increase the provision of deaf awareness sessions to schools, companies and the community. Our deaf awareness training of sixty healthcare professionals from Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice and that of fifty-one leisure staff from Parkwood Leisure were particularly well received, with every attendee rating the sessions as either good or outstanding. Sessions such as these not only improve understanding and communication with hearing impaired colleagues and clients, but also lead to a more diverse and inclusive workplace.

We have updated the facilities of our job club, thanks to generous support from BVSC, as part of their Bexley Giving project. Initially online, once restrictions were lifted the demand was very much for an in-person service, so we were delighted to see a return of the job club to Bexley Deaf Centre along with new computers and equipment.

Our Lend an Ear befriending project continues to provide valuable practical and emotional support to vulnerable deaf and hard-of-hearing members of our community. Kick-started with National Lottery funding as part of the Covid response, the project has been so successful that we were determined to continue with the service as the country emerged from the pandemic. We are delighted to report that, going into the next financial year, we have secured funding from Bexley CCG and from Tesco's Every Little Helps fund that will allow us to continue our Lend an Ear project for the next three years.

On a sporting note, at the beginning of the financial year Bexley Deaf Centre was approached to take part in a new initiative organised by Bexley Council. Their aim was to improve access to sport for people who are deaf or disabled. We have played a huge part in the success of this project, which has been continued into 2024. We have successfully secured extra funding to allow our walking football sessions to continue and, through our consultation with local deaf people, are in the process of setting up deaf bowls which will start in Spring 2023. The network has also helped to support deaf badminton organised through Bexley Deaf Club.

One of our longest-serving and much-valued trustees, Brian Diez, decided that after ten years on the board it was time for him to step down. We are very grateful for all the dedication Brian has shown over the years and are happy that he will continue his association with Bexley Deaf Group through his voluntary work at the Centre.

Next year we are looking forward to the start of a year-long GP Access project in partnership with the NHS.

Our commissioned services include:

- hearing aid information and maintenance
- outreach clinics and home visits
- lunch club and outings for over 50's Deaf
- BSL classes, lip reading classes and deaf awareness
- job-seekers club
- walking football, and
- advocacy

Financial Review

The expenditure of the charity exceeded the income resulting in a deficit of £18,498.64 (2021 surplus £76,511.84) in the year and has £63,447.14 (2021 £74,084.18) unrestricted reserves.

The charity has a policy on reserves, to keep at least 3 months expenditure in the unrestricted reserve.

The restricted reserve of £8,635 is the unspent balance of funding for the following projects:

- Walking Football Project – Funded by the BVSC
- Locality Advice Fund

Staffing: The staffing levels for the year were 3 full time equivalent paid staff and 7 volunteers give their time on an ad hoc basis.

Investment Policy. Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves most of the charity's funds are spent in the short term, consequently there are no long term investments.


Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- (b) Make suitable judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which enable them to disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity, and for ensuring that they comply with applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Mr David Foot
Chair of Trustees

Date: 3-11-2022

BEXLEY DEAF GROUP
Charity Number
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2022

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	Note	Unrestricted 2022 £	Designated 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	2	4,074.54	-	-	4,074.54	3,165.47
Current Assets						
Monetary Assets						
Cash		25.01	-	-	25.01	7.60
Bank account		60,885.53	104,561.34	8,635.00	174,081.87	193,309.19
Total current assets		60,910.54	104,561.34	8,635.00	174,106.88	193,316.79
Liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year	3	1,537.94	-	-	1,537.94	1,340.14
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		59,372.60	104,561.34	8,635.00	172,568.94	191,976.65
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		£63,447.14	£104,561.34	£8,635.00	£176,643.48	£195,142.12
FUNDS	6					
Unrestricted: General		63,447.14	-	-	63,447.14	74,084.18
Designated: Daisy Mumford		-	104,561.34	-	104,561.34	113,741.79
Restricted: BVSC - Job Club Online Project		-	-	-	-	5,766.00
Restricted: National Lottery Community Fund - Lend an Ear Project		-	-	-	-	1,550.15
BVSC - Walking Football Project		-	-	4,235.00	4,235.00	-
Locality Advice Fund		-	-	4,400.00	4,400.00	-
		£63,447.14	£104,561.34	£8,635.00	£176,643.48	£195,142.12

Signed by



Mr David Foot

Date:

3-11-2022

BEXLEY DEAF GROUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
		<u>General</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Donations and Legacies	4a	59,666.30	902.80	13,113.82	73,682.92	150,886.09
Charitable Activities	4b	15,272.34	-	-	15,272.34	22,903.23
Income from investments	4c	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>74,938.64</u>	<u>902.80</u>	<u>13,113.82</u>	<u>88,955.26</u>	<u>173,789.32</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable Activities	5a	84,471.75	10,083.25	11,794.97	106,349.97	96,428.53
Other expenditure	5b	1,103.93	-	-	1,103.93	848.95
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>85,575.68</u>	<u>10,083.25</u>	<u>11,794.97</u>	<u>107,453.90</u>	<u>97,277.48</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING)						
RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		(10,637.04)	-	9,180.45	1,318.85	(18,498.64)
ADDITIONS TO & RELEASES FROM FUNDS		-	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(10,637.04)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,180.45</u>	<u>1,318.85</u>	<u>(18,498.64)</u>
BALANCES BROUGHT FWD AT 1 APRIL 2020 (2019)		<u>£ 74,084.18</u>	<u>£ 113,741.79</u>	<u>£ 7,316.15</u>	<u>£ 195,142.12</u>	<u>£ 118,630.28</u>
BALANCES CARRIED FWD AT 31 MARCH 2021 (2020)		<u>£ 63,447.14</u>	<u>£ 104,561.34</u>	<u>£ 8,635.00</u>	<u>£ 176,643.48</u>	<u>£ 195,142.12</u>

BEXLEY DEAF GROUP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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1 Accounting Policies

1a Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP FRS102) 2015 and the Charities Act 2011. An independent examination is required under the Charities Act 2011.

Abridged financial statements have been filed with Companies House in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to smaller companies. No audit is required under exemption S 477 of the Companies Act 2006. Exemption has been taken from preparing a cashflow on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

1b Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.
Office furniture and computer equipment - 20% reducing balance.

1c Pension Costs

Bexley Deaf Group has offered the NEST pension plan for all eligible employees.

1d Fund accounting

Unrestricted and designated funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Office Equipment		
Cost	10,843.79	9,698.33
Addition	1,916.00	1,145.46
	<u>12,759.79</u>	<u>10,843.79</u>
Accumulated Depreciation 1st April 2021	7,678.32	6,898.37
Charge for year	1,006.93	779.95
	<u>8,685.25</u>	<u>7,678.32</u>
NET BOOK VALUE 31st March 2022	<u>4,074.54</u>	<u>3,165.47</u>

3 LIABILITIES FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

Staff Wages	-	152.20
Nest Pension	237.94	237.94
Accrued expenses	1,300.00	950.00
	<u>1,537.94</u>	<u>1,340.14</u>

4 INCOMING RESOURCES

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
4a Voluntary Income					
Donations and legacies	4,666.30	902.80	9,400.00	14,969.10	88,458.45
Grant from Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group/ Bexley Council	55,000.00	-	3,713.82	58,713.82	62,427.64
	<u>59,666.30</u>	<u>902.80</u>	<u>13,113.82</u>	<u>73,682.92</u>	<u>150,886.09</u>
4b Charitable Activities					
Access to work reclaims	2,555.00			2,555.00	1,934.00
National Lottery Community Fund - Lend an Ear				-	9,190.00
BVSC - Job Club Online Project				-	5,766.00
Courses	12,717.34			12,717.34	5,381.47
HMRC JRS Grant				-	631.76
	<u>15,272.34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,272.34</u>	<u>22,903.23</u>
4c Income from investment					
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>£74,938.64</u>	<u>£902.80</u>	<u>£13,113.82</u>	<u>£88,955.26</u>	<u>£173,789.32</u>

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5 RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
5a Expenditure on charitable activities					
British Sign Language Assessments	-			-	4,146.11
Charitable Activities: Expenses	3,407.44		4,839.69	8,247.13	965.03
Rent of offices	3,713.82		3,713.82	7,427.64	7,427.64
Wages	69,530.98	9,669.12	3,241.46	82,441.56	75,380.12
Employers NI	565.94			565.94	50.23
Pensions	1,223.64			1,223.64	1,106.64
Telephone	891.04			891.04	991.41
Printing postage stationery	995.89	165.13		1,161.02	645.37
Advertising incl website	-			-	169.29
Travel and subsistence	19.80			19.80	210.14
Insurance	719.90			719.90	667.92
Refreshments	-			-	92.07
Company accounts filing fees	13.00			13.00	13.00
Sundry	172.68			172.68	427.90
Accountancy and book keeping	1,697.02			1,697.02	2,394.46
Subscriptions	-	249.00		249.00	-
Legal & Professional	1,520.60			1,520.60	1,741.20
	<u>84,471.75</u>	<u>10,083.25</u>	<u>11,794.97</u>	<u>106,349.97</u>	<u>96,428.53</u>
5b Other expenditure					
Depreciation	1,006.93			1,006.93	779.95
Bank charges	97.00			97.00	69.00
	<u>1,103.93</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,103.93</u>	<u>848.95</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>£85,575.68</u>	<u>£10,083.25</u>	<u>£11,794.97</u>	<u>£107,453.90</u>	<u>£97,277.48</u>

6 Funds

	<u>BFWD</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Net Movement</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>CFWD</u>
<u>Restricted Funds</u>						
Bexley Clinical Commissioning		3,713.82	3,713.82	0.00		-
BVSC - Job Club Online Project	5,766.00	-	5,766.00	(5,766.00)		-
National Lottery Community Fund - Lend an Ear	1,550.15	-	1,550.15	(1,550.15)		-
BVSC - Walking Football Project		5,000.00	765.00	4,235.00		4,235.00
Locality Advice Fund		4,400.00	-	4,400.00		4,400.00
	<u>7,316.15</u>	<u>13,113.82</u>	<u>11,794.97</u>	<u>1,318.85</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,635.00</u>
Designated - Daisy Mumford	<u>113,741.79</u>	<u>902.80</u>	<u>10,083.25</u>	<u>(9,180.45)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>104,561.34</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>74,084.18</u>	<u>74,938.64</u>	<u>£85,575.68</u>	<u>(10,637.04)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,447.14</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>£195,142.12</u>	<u>£88,955.26</u>	<u>£107,453.90</u>	<u>(18,498.64)</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£176,643.48</u>

Bexley Clinical Commissioning Group contribute towards the cost of the rent of the Bexley Deaf group's offices.

Funding awarded by BVSC from The National Lottery Community Fund for the Job Club Online Project, will enable the current Job Club to become an online service.

National Lottery Community Fund supported the development of our befriending 'Lend an Ear' project.

Sport England, through BVSC, fund the walking football project; providing access to sport for people who are deaf or disabled.

Locality Advice Fund will fund a designated freelance consultant to advise and support the CEO.

BEXLEY DEAF GROUP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BEXLEY DEAF GROUP

This report on the financial statements of the **BEXLEY DEAF GROUP** for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set on pages 4 to 7 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with s145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. 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) or under Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (the 2006 Accounts Regulations) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act)
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act;
- have not been met; or
- to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached; or
- which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting rules of the charity's constitution have not been met.



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Date: 18th October 2022