



Durham Area Disability Leisure Group

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 December 2023

Charity no: 1049610

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP

Reports and Financial Statements

Year ended: 31 December 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number:	1049610
Trustees:	L Davison (Resigned October 2023) A Young C Toner L Garbutt (Appointed November 2023)
Chair:	K Murray
Deputy Chair:	C Toner (Appointed March 2024)
Treasurer:	P Norman
Secretary:	C Kirton (Resigned March 2024) L Burton (Appointed March 2024)
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Independent Examiner:	Neil Mullen FCA FCCA Mullen Stoker Ltd Mullen Stoker House Mandale Business Park Belmont Industrial Estate Durham DH1 1TH

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP

Year ended: 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Durham Area Disability Leisure Group

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity (number 1049610) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Charities 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.

Neil Mullen FCA FCCA
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Date 9 March 2024

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOME					
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts:					
Other Donations	3	10,773	18,371	29,144	12,845
Durham County Council		40,000	0	40,000	47,825
Temperance		2,000	0	2,000	0
Operating activities to generate funds					
Project Income/Member Contributions		24,582	0	24,582	23,605
Ticket Sales and Subscriptions		1,563	0	1,563	3,118
Interest Received		381	0	381	38
Total		79,299	18,371	97,670	87,431
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable Activities	4	10,161	2,376	12,537	8,423
Support Costs	4	40,192	1,035	41,227	37,914
Management and Administration	4	51,910	11,350	63,260	57,222
Total		102,263	14,761	117,024	103,559
Net incoming resources/(resources expended) before transfer		(22,964)	3,610	(19,354)	(16,128)
Transfers between funds		1,823	(1,823)	0	0
Net incoming resources/(resources expended)		(21,141)	1,787	(19,354)	(16,128)
Realised gains on investments assets		0	0	0	0
Unrealised gains on investments assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(21,141)	1,787	(19,354)	(16,128)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		95,705	5,000	100,705	116,833
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2023		74,564	6,787	81,351	100,705


All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Petty Cash	Current Account	Community Account	Savings Account	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and Cash	37	19,474	21,416	40,424	81,351	100,705

	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Funds	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	74,564	95,705
Restricted funds		
Awards for All	1,450	5,000
Over 18s	1,850	0
Fund & Food	505	0
Fun & Food Activity	693	0
Sustanabilty	2,289	0
	<u>81,351</u>	<u>100,705</u>

The financial statements on pages 3 to 7 were approved by the Committee and authorised for issue by the trustees on 9 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


 K Murray
 Chair

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation and going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The Charity constitutes a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for a particular purpose. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

(d) Grant income

Grant and contributions received for current year expenditure are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are received.

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022****(e) Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

(f) Defined contribution pension scheme

Existing employees of the Charity were entitled to join Smart Pension which is funded by contributions from the employee and employer. New and existing employees were automatically enrolled into the master trust with the option to opt out should they choose to do so.

2 Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration.

The trustees give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2022: £nil). Expenses, in respect of travel paid to a trustee in the year totalled £nil (2022: £nil).

3 Other donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Freemen of Durham	0	0	0	515
Public donation	2	0	2	0
Four Acres Trust	10,771	0	10,771	0
Shakespeare Trust	0	0	0	2,000
Dane Architectural	0	0	0	1,580
Awards For All	0	0	0	8,750
Over 18s	0	3,622	3,622	0
Fun & Food	0	5,164	5,164	2,000
Fun & Food Activity	0	4,972	4,972	1,580
Sustainability	0	4,613	4,613	0
	<u>10,773</u>	<u>18,371</u>	<u>29,144</u>	<u>16,425</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

4 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:				
Event expenses	3,660	2,376	6,036	6,484
Transport expenses	4,809	0	4,809	1,800
Equipment	1,692	0	1,692	139
	<u>10,161</u>	<u>2,376</u>	<u>12,537</u>	<u>8,423</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Support costs:				
Wages	38,443	0	38,443	32,509
Staff and volunteer expenses	1,749	1,035	2,784	5,405
	<u>40,192</u>	<u>1,035</u>	<u>41,227</u>	<u>37,914</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Management and administration:				
Rent and room hire	45,177	9,455	54,632	48,750
Accountancy	1,533	0	1,533	1,383
Coaching fees	810	0	810	1,380
Telephone, stationary, postage etc	1,913	379	2,292	1,389
Insurance	1,297	0	1,297	1,948
Sundry	1,180	1,516	2,696	2,372
	<u>51,910</u>	<u>11,350</u>	<u>63,260</u>	<u>57,222</u>

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023



Durham Area Disability Leisure Group (DADLG)

Charity Registration Number: 1049610

Objectives and Activities:

The Charity's objects are:

The relief of persons with disabilities and in particular those who are children, resident in Durham and surrounding areas by the provision of facilities, for recreation or other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving their conditions of life and social welfare.

With respect to the children, no age barriers are drawn, except for that which is specified in any funding streams secured in order to fulfil the Charity's objects. In relation to the purposes carried out for the public benefit; activities, projects and services are provided to family units including parents and carers, siblings, and other family members as appropriate at the discretion of the Charity's trustees.

Relief is determined as those activities, events and projects which bring relief to the disabled person(s) and improve the general health and wellbeing and resilience of the family unit as a whole.

In fulfilling the Charity's objects through its services, Durham Area Disability Leisure Group's trustees have regard for the Charity Commission's advice and guidance, particularly in respect of the management of its funds.

Optional additional information (only relevant sections selected)

Volunteers, including trustees and activity volunteers make a huge contribution to fulfilling its objects, by supporting activities and events in person and by providing additional skills and expertise.

Achievements and Performance

As a family orientated organisation catering for children and young people with disabilities, their siblings and parents and carers, we aim to make a difference by offering families the opportunity to choose activities that they would like to try during evenings, weekends and in holiday periods covering as many interests as possible. We give young people a voice by creating opportunities for them to say what they would like to do, what they have enjoyed and what we could do to improve. Children and young people tell us they enjoy being part of the group and that they look

forward to seeing familiar faces at activities. We are helping them to develop resilience and experience emotional well-being through a sense of belonging.

During 2023 we continued to focus on providing a rich array of activities for families, ensuring that we offered a range of experiences to meet the different needs and interests of our members. We continued to monitor participation and identify the barriers to it, particularly in economically disadvantaged and remote areas of County Durham and work is on-going in addressing these barriers and widening our offer to reach those areas by using local community venues and businesses.

During Easter and Summer school holidays we took part in the DFE funded 'Fun and Food' project and were contracted to provide a service to families where one or more children have a special educational need and/or disability. Events were held in all five localities of County Durham and participation was high.

The small but steady number of families outside of County Durham, referred to as our 'wider membership' continued to access services. We expanded the newly reintroduced Over 18's club due to popular demand, with members empowered to direct the activities of the club in line with their interests. The social club remains very popular and is funded via contributions per person per event, donations and a generous grant from Barchester Foundation.

Financial Review

A full end of year independent examination of the accounts was undertaken and those are available in conjunction with this report. At the end of 2023, the Charity was in a financially stable position with no concerns regarding its ability to operate throughout 2024.

Additional Optional Information

The Charity's principal sources of funds are from successful contract tendering processes and bids made to organisations providing grant funds. Funding is not secured through any type of loan system. Grant makers are listed each year in the end of year accounts.

The principal risks facing the organisation are the potential for some funding streams to cease and the levels of capacity within the staff team. Throughout 2024, trustees will be focusing on building capacity through recruitment of additional volunteers and trustees, and the recruitment of a new Project Facilitator.

During 2023 capacity was increased on the staff team by increasing the hours of the Project Coordinator role and appointing a new Project Worker to support delivery of activities and administration. The Project Manager retired at the end of October 2023 but has returned on a flexible basis until a replacement is appointed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Group Constitution

At the Annual General Meeting each year, the individual members elect from amongst themselves a Chair, an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer, who hold office from the conclusion of the meeting.

The management committee shall have no less than 6 and no more than 13 members. All members retire from office at the AGM after they came into office but may be re-elected or re-appointed. Members of the management committee may not act as a member of the committee until minutes declaring their election or willingness to act in the trusts of the charity have been signed. The powers held by the management committee and specified in the Group Constitution, may only be exercised in the furtherance of the group's objects.

Additional Optional Information

Policies and procedures adopted include those required for safeguarding purposes, financial management, health and safety and trustees' codes of conduct. A full list of policy and procedure documents is available on request.

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.

The Charity has a close working relationship with Durham County Council for whom it provides a funded Countywide Family Short Breaks Service for families with disabled children up to the age of 25 and living within County Durham postcode areas. All other families over the age of 25, regardless of where they live and those of all ages in areas surrounding County Durham are funded separately.

Names of the charity trustees who managed the charity in 2023	
Kaye Murray	Chairman
Christina Toner	Deputy Chair
Pamela Norman	Treasurer
Ann Young	
Louise Burdon	Secretary
Linda Garbutt	Appointed November 2023
Linda Davison	Resigned October 2023
Names of the staff who carry out the functions of the charity.	
Colleen Kirton	Project Coordinator
Betheny Ryles	Project Worker
Project Facilitator	Current Vacancy
Lesley Clelland	Retired Oct 2023, Acting Project manager

Reference and Administrative details

Charity Name: Durham Area Disability Leisure Group

Other name the charity uses: DADLG

Charity's principal address: Unit 15, Vane Tempest Hall, Maynard's Row,
Gilesgate, Durham, DH1 1QF

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: 

Full Name: Kaye Murray

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date: 9th March 2024