



Durham Area Disability Leisure Group

Report and Financial Statements

Period ended: 31 March 2025

Charity no: 1049610

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number:	1049610
Trustees:	A Young (Resigned July 2024) L Davidson (Resigned May 2024) C Toner L Garbutt K Murray N Gargett (Appointed February 2025) H Smith (Appointed February 2025) E Lowery (Appointed March 2024)
Chair:	K Murray (Resigned September 2024) C Toner (Appointed September 2024)
Deputy Chair:	C Toner (Resigned September 2024) L Garbutt (Appointed September 2024)
Treasurer:	P Norman
Secretary:	L Burton
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Period ended: 31 March 2025

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 period ended 31 March 2025 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").

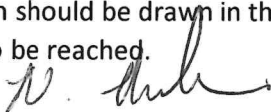
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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.



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Date 11 June 2025

DURHAM AREA DISABILITY LEISURE GROUP
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2023 £
	Notes				
INCOME					
Donations, legacies and other similar receipts:					
Other Donations	3	1,649	59,659	61,308	29,144
Durham County Council		50,000	0	50,000	40,000
Garfield Weston		5,000	0	5,000	2,000
Operating activities to generate funds					
Project Income/Member Contributions		38,418	0	38,418	24,582
Ticket Sales and Subscriptions		3,323	0	3,323	1,563
Interest Received		614	0	614	381
Total		99,004	59,659	158,663	97,670
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable Activities	4	8,664	2,312	10,976	12,537
Support Costs	4	20,418	34,568	54,986	41,227
Management and Administration	4	54,111	28,116	82,227	63,260
Total		83,193	64,996	148,189	117,024
Net incoming resources/(resources expended) before transfer		15,811	(5,337)	10,475	(19,354)
Transfers between funds				0	0
Net incoming resources/(resources expended)		15,812	(5,337)	10,475	(19,354)
Realised gains on investments assets		0	0	0	0
Unrealised gains on investments assets		0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		15,812	(5,337)	10,475	(19,354)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2024		74,564	6,787	81,351	100,705
Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025		<u>90,376</u>	<u>1,450</u>	<u>91,826</u>	<u>81,351</u>

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 PERIOD ENDED 31 March 2025

	Petty Cash	Current Account	Community Account	Savings Account	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank and Cash	<u>58</u>	<u>17,139</u>	<u>23,592</u>	<u>51,038</u>	<u>91,826</u>	<u>100,705</u>

	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
Funds	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	90,376	74,564
Restricted funds		
Awards for All	1,450	1,450
Over 18s	0	1,850
Fund & Food	0	505
Fun & Food Activity	0	693
Sustainability	0	2,289
	<u>91,826</u>	<u>81,351</u>

The financial statements on pages 3 to 7 were approved by the Committee and authorised for issue by the trustees on 11 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


 C Toner
 Chair

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

(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 (2023: £nil). Expenses, in respect of travel paid to a trustee in the period totalled £nil (2023: £nil).

3 Other donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2025	2023
	£	£	£	£
Sweet Things Fundraiser	100	0	100	0
Public Donation	0	0	0	2
Four Acres Trust	0	0	0	10,771
K Thompson Fundraising Raffle	100	0	100	0
Mr Toner Fundraising Bike Sponsor	200	0	200	0
DCC	1249	0	1,249	0
Over 18s	0	1,271	1,271	3,622
Fun & Food	0	0	0	5,164
Fun & Food Activity	0	0	0	4,972
Sustainability	0	0	0	4,613
Empower Inclusive Community	0	4,886	4,886	0
The National Lottery Community Fund	0	53,502	53,502	0
	<u>1,649</u>	<u>59,659</u>	<u>61,308</u>	<u>29,144</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

4 Resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
Charitable activities:	£	£	£	£
Event expenses	2,230	2,312	4,542	6,036
Transport expenses	5,498	0	5,498	4,809
Equipment	936	0	936	1,692
	<u>8,664</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>10,976</u>	<u>12,537</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
Support costs:	£	£	£	£
Wages	20,071	32,627	52,698	38,443
Staff and volunteer expenses	347	1,941	2,288	2,784
	<u>20,418</u>	<u>34,568</u>	<u>54,986</u>	<u>41,227</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2023
Management and administration:	£	£	£	£
Rent and room hire	49,736	22,809	72,545	54,632
Accountancy	481	1,762	2,243	1,533
Coaching fees	996	250	1,246	810
Telephone, stationary, postage etc	1,150	948	2,098	2,292
Insurance	404	1,050	1,454	1,297
Sundry	1,344	1,297	2,641	2,696
	<u>54,111</u>	<u>28,116</u>	<u>82,227</u>	<u>63,260</u>

Trustees Annual Report for the period 1st January 2024 to 31st March 2025



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 2024, we were awarded significant grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund which allowed us to expand our provision and reach more young people with disabilities and their families. This was boosted by a volunteer drive in Summer 2024, resulting in a number of new dedicated volunteers to help us provide that increased provision.

Our core purpose of providing leisure and sporting activities in an inclusive environment was further enhanced by the provision of additional programmes such as our Mindful Crafts sessions. These took place around County Durham both centrally and in more economically disadvantaged and isolated communities in local community venues, ensuring access to families that find it more difficult to travel further afield. We will continue to work towards increasing participation in these areas in 2025/6.

We also continued to focus on providing a rich programme of activities and weekly clubs for families based on feedback from regular surveys and informal feedback sessions. The programme was developed with both interests and needs in mind, as well as the different age groups of children in the membership. During 2024/5 this included an overnight trip to Drayton Manor, rides on the Santa Express at Weardale, regular trampoline and youth club sessions and a wide variety of day trips and activity sessions throughout the school holiday periods. We also tentatively introduced a trial boxing session at the beginning of the year which proved so popular it is now a weekly term time club with regular attendees.

The Over 18s club continued to grow in membership throughout the period and is now a regular monthly group funded by contributions, donations and a small amount of grant funding. The wider membership numbers continue to be small with steady participation.

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 March 2025, the Charity was in a financially stable position with no concerns regarding its ability to operate throughout 2025.

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 or reduce, rising costs and economic uncertainty and the levels of capacity within the staff team. Throughout 2025, trustees will continue to focus on building staff capacity, building the volunteer team and securing grant funding.

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

A full policy and procedure review took place throughout 2024 and is still in progress. A full list of updated 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 2024	
Kaye Murray	Chairman (Reverted to trustee in Sept 24)
Christina Toner	Deputy Chair (Chair from Sept 24)
Pamela Norman	Treasurer
Louise Burdon	Secretary
Linda Garbutt	Deputy Chair from Sept 2024
Elizabeth Lowery	Appointed at AGM, March 24
Ann Young	Resigned July 24
Linda Davison	Resigned May 24
Names of the staff who carry out the functions of the charity.	
Colleen Kirton	Project Coordinator
Betheny Ryles	Project Worker
Project Facilitator	Andrea Davidson

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 / Trustee

Date: 11th June 2025