

STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER WELFARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1058627

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-10-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND DISTRESS CAUSED TO DOGS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE BREED OR TYPE KNOWN AS THE STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER, WHICH BE ILL TREATED, ABANDONED OR NEGLECTED, IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECT, BUT NOT OTHERWISE. 2) TO RE-HOME ABANDONED OR UNWANTED DOGS AND TO FINANCE ANY SERVICES AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROVIDING THIS IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CHARITY'S POLICY DOCUMENT.

Activities: Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare is a supporting group to help member rescue groups. The objective is to help ease the suffering and distress of the Staffordshire Bull Terriers which are abandoned / unwanted. At this moment in time it is reported the S.B.T. is the most common breed of dog found in kennels, all our rescue groups are bursting at the seams. So please if you can help, give one a home.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Animals
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£179,771	£68,035	-	-
2024-07-31	£60,148	£104,402	-	-
2023-07-31	£21,458	£22,573	-	-
2022-07-31	£34,357	£35,623	-	-
2021-07-31	£33,323	£198,820	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Audrey Hubery		
JACI McLAUHLAN		2018-10-27
claire crossman		2024-11-11
clive HUBERY		2017-10-24
vivienne mclean mclean		2024-11-11

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Accounts

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare
Registered Charity Number
1058627

For the year ended
July 2025

Legal and Administrative
Information

Name: Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

Charity No: 1058627

Address: 41 Gudsmunsen
Avenue Bishop
Auckland
Co
Durham
DL14 6RG

Trustees:

C Hubery Esq BEM	(Chairman)
Mrs A Hubery	(Secretary)
Miss J McLauchlan	(Treasurer)
Miss C.Crossman	Trustee
Miss V McClean	Trustee

Governing Document: The Charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 30 March 1996 and amended 21 September 1996. The charity is an unincorporated association.

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc

Independent Examiner Verification: Kate Tulley

Date:

Signed:

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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report with the Financial Statements and Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 31 July 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Appointment of Trustees

There shall be no fewer than 6 trustees and a maximum of 9. The appointment of new Trustees shall be in accordance with the following requirements:

- The candidate shall have worked with the executive member for a period of one year, and
- The candidate is voted on to the Committee by the existing members at the Annual General Meeting

Organisation Structure

- All Trustees conduct the Charity's business by attendance of the Charity's executive committee.
- All business decisions are undertaken by the executive committee
- The executive committee may regulate their proceedings as they think fit to consider the business of the association
- The day to day administration is carried out by the Chair and decisions are made by the majority of the executive committee

Objects:

- The objects of the Charity are:
- To alleviate suffering and distress caused to dogs and in particular to the breed or type known as the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, which may be ill-treated, abandoned or neglected
- To re-home abandoned or unwanted dogs
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Activities

A long term aim is to unite an increasing number of rescue groups to promote better collaboration and interaction without interfering with the methods of working of individual member groups. Typically this could include:

- Moving dogs around the country as deemed appropriate
- To encourage the exchange of experience, opinions and views
- Support with vets bills

To this aim we offer membership on two planes, "group membership" for rescue groups and "friends" membership for individuals.

Achievements and Performance:

Because of the pandemic, the Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare (SBTW) had a lot of appeals for help for support with vets bills in the Spring of this year. This situation fell back in the Summer but increased again when the energy crisis hit and people were experiencing poverty and unemployment.

This situation has continued to the present. We have helped many more dogs than usual during the year.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

Future Plans

SBTW are constantly looking for funding to help with this situation, however, this is becoming increasingly difficult.

Financial Review:

Financially, we are pleased to report that the trust is still making progress and that the bank balance remains strong.

The trust has no long term commitments so does not aim to keep large sums in reserve. The executive committee has the power from its constitution to invest in such assets as is considered necessary. As the charity has to be able to react quickly to particular emergencies, the trustees believe sufficient funds are immediately available from the trust's current bank account. The executive committee has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finance of the charity, and is satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. None of the trust's funds are considered to be restricted.

Risk Management:

The Trustees, who maintain a formal risk assessment register to which the Charity is exposed. They do not consider that there are any substantial financial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the Financial Statements. The Charity holds public liability insurance.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose

with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name	Clive Hubery BEM	Position	Chair
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Signature		Date	
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Name	Audrey Hubery	Position	Secretary
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Signature		Date	
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Independent Examiner's Verification

Report to the trustees/members of Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare on Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025

Respective responsibilities of the Charity and the Independent Examiner

As members of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements; you consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 3(3) and section 144(2) of the Act do not apply and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to

- Examine the financial statements under s.145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act;and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the

Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention:

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 - to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tulley

Date

Signed

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 July 2025

Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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England & Wales - Charity number 1058627

Accounts

2023 – 2024 SBT Welfare Report

I confirm that these accounts have been prepared by me and they are in accordance with the available accounting books, receipts and banks statements that were available to me at the time.

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Signed:



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Accounts

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare
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Financial Statements
For the year ended
31 July 2022

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name Clive Hubery BEM

Position Chair

Signature *C Hubery*

Date 3rd November 2022

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare on Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 set out on pages 8 to 12.

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Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 9th November 2022

Signed *K A Tully*



Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 July 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021-22	Total Funds 2020-21
Note	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments				
from:				
2 <i>Donations and Legacies</i>	33,749	0	33,749	30,780
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	266	0	266	1,204
<i>Other Trading Activities</i>	342	0	342	459
<i>Investment Income</i>			0	879
<i>Other</i>			0	0
Total	34,357	0	34,357	33,323
Expenditure on:				
3 <i>Raising Funds</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Charitable activities</i>	35,623	0	35,623	23,638
<i>Other resources expended</i>			0	0
Total	35,623	0	35,623	23,638
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,266)	0	(1,266)	9,685
Transfers between funds			0	0
Net movement in funds	(1,266)	0	(1,266)	9,685
<i>Funds carried forward from 2018-19</i>	189,135		189,135	189,135
Total funds carried forward	187,869	0	187,869	198,820

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

Balance Sheet

As at 31 July 2022

	Note	2021-22 Funds £	2020-21 Funds £
Fixed Assets:			
<i>Tangible Assets</i>		0	0
Total Fixed Assets:		0	0
Current Assets			
<i>Debtors</i>	7	295	0
<i>Cash at Bank and in Hand</i>		187,874	199,119
Total Current Assets		188,169	199,119
Liabilities			
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>	8	(300)	(300)
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year</i>			
Total Assets less total liabilities		187,869	198,820
The Funds of the Charity:			
Endowment Funds		0	0
Unrestricted funds		187,869	198,820
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		187,869	198,820

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Name Audrey Hubery

Signature 

Position Secretary

Date 12th October 2022

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ending 31 July 2022

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2 Income and Endowments from:

		Unrestricted	Endowments	Total	2020-21
		£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies	Analysis				
	Donations	5307		5307	30,501
	Legacies	28442		28442	279
	Total	33749	0	33749	30,780
Income from Other Trading Activities	Charitable Giving	47		47	43
	HMRC Gift Aid Recoverable	295		295	340
	Other			0	77
	Total	342		342	460
Investments	Interest Earned			0	879
	Total	0	0	0	879
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Membership Fees	266		266	364
	Vet Refund			0	840
	Total	266	0	266	1,204
	Total Income and Endowments	34,357	0	34,357	33,323

3 Expenditure on:

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020-21
Charitable activities	Website Costs	288		288	264
	Publicity/Calenders			0	278
	Printing/Postage/Stationery			0	72
	Veterinary Fees	28,672		28,672	16,691
	Donations to like minded organisations	5,000		5,000	5,000
	Meeting Costs			0	0
	Insururance	367		367	320
	Accountancy/Independent Examination	300		300	300
	Bank Charges			0	10
	Computers	490		490	355
	Telephone/Broadband			0	
	Trustee Expenses	506		506	347
	Total	35,623	0	35,623	23,637
	Total Expenditure	35,623	0	35,623	23,637

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Welfare

4 Support Cost Type

	Fundraising Activity £	Charitable Activity £	Total Cost £
	0	35,623	35,623
Total	0	35,623	35,623

5 Trustee Expenses

Trustee Expenses	506
Number of Trustees	5
Paid expenses	506
Nature of expenses	Out of pocket expenses
Total paid	506

6 Cash at Bank and In Hand

	2021-22	2020-21
Deposit Account	113,017	92,271
Current Account	74,857	106,849
Paypal	0	0
Total	187,874	199,119

7 Debtors and Prepayments

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Trade Debtors	0	0
HMRC recoverable Gift Aid	295	0
Prepayments and Accrued income		
Total	295	0

8 Creditors and Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors		
Accruals and Deferred Income	300	300
Total	300	300

9 Independent Examination Fee

The Independent Examination Fee and for 2021-22 is £300 (2018-19: £300).

STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER WELFARE

England & Wales - Charity number 1058627

Accounts

North Regional Association for Sensory Support

Charity Registration no 1103917

Financial Statements and Reports

For the year ended

31 March 2021

The Pinetree Centre
Durham Road
Birtley
Co Durham
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North Regional Association for Sensory Support
Reference and Administrative Information

Name: North Regional Association for Sensory Support

Charity No: 1103917

Trustees/Directors: Councillor Michael McNestry (Chair)
Rosalind Copeland (Vice Chair)

Honorary Treasurer: Alan Brown

Registered Address: The Pinetree Centre
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Structure and Governance

As laid down in the organisation's constitution, the governance arrangements remain the same. The management committee and its elected members undertake the general management responsibilities of the association's function. These members are put forward by individual local authorities as active cabinet/council committee members. A general council meets twice yearly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and at a half yearly meeting. Both events are open meetings as well as conducting essential business relating to the election and selection of officers, ie Chair, Vice Chair, and Honorary Treasurer. These positions have a duration of three years unless any position is vacant or opposed by general committee members. In the event of such a situation, an Extraordinary General Meeting needs to be called.

In addition, the association also has an Executive Committee and an Advocacy/Welfare Rights service sub-committee. Their meetings are Chaired by Executive members elected from within the association's membership. Meetings of the Executive are held four times a year with other committees and sub committees synchronised throughout the year.

Trustee's Report for the year ended 31st March 2021

History, Objectives and Activities/Background

The North Regional Association for Sensory Support (NRASS) was formed in September 2004 because of a merger of the North Regional Deaf Association (NRDA) and the North Regional Association for the Blind (NRAB). NRASS, as it is known, is a registered Disability Confident Charity in its own right.

Service Contracts

Currently NRASS provide Advocacy & Welfare Rights Services in the following Local Authority areas within the North East of England:-

- Gateshead
- Hartlepool

Aims & Objectives

The aims and objectives of NRASS are embodied in the Charity Commission Scheme. The aims being by improving services we intend to, wherever possible, eliminate discrimination and prejudice by providing an Advocacy/Welfare Rights service to people with a Sensory Impairment. In addition, the organisation, if needed, will support Local Authority members to fulfil their obligation under the Disability Discrimination Act.

North Regional Association for Sensory Support

The objectives being to promote independence, further education opportunities, social integration and a general well-being of all Sensory Loss people in the North regions. Furthermore, the association seeks to improve services wherever possible, to use our influence to provide a better quality and equality of life for people who are Deaf, Deafened, Deafblind, Dual Sensory Loss and Hearing Impaired.

Public Benefit Statement

The Association focus their attention to the needs of people with a sensory loss at the same time as examining new legislation, innovation, developments and standard setting for agencies that provide services. They have been instrumental in influencing necessary changes in benefits or regulations that help improve the quality of life for people and providing essential equipment wherever necessary. This in turn benefits the local economy and adds to improvements in the quality of life for all as set out in our Aims and Objectives.

Management and Governance Arrangements

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Staffing

At the end of the financial year the association engaged one full time freelance Service Manager and two part time Advocate/Welfare Rights Officers.

The staff group operate in the areas of Gateshead and Hartlepool, these being the Local Authorities funding the service.

North Regional Association for Sensory Support

Vacant positions are advertised to the public in the local/national press, social media and local Job Centre Plus Offices inviting applications from all individuals within the local/national community. Representatives from the nominated committee members and the Service Manager undertake interviews.

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- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statement.
- Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Association will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Association and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial policies and procedures set up by the management committee are designed to provide a consistent accounting/financial framework and internal control by encapsulating best practices within the organisation.

The trustees approve the policies and procedures and are those, which are best, suited to present a true and fair view of the organisations financial affairs and to maintain robust internal controls. They are also intended to ensure that the organisation can meet external requirements of corporate governance.

The overriding principle of the organisations financial reporting and financial control is one of prudence. As such, where areas of judgement are required, they should always err on the side of caution. A fundamental financial responsibility is the management and the minimisation of risk.

The financial statements are required to be drawn up in accordance with UK legislation. It is incumbent upon senior personnel to be conversant with these requirements and with developments to standards and any legislative changes to ensure that these are applied as appropriate.

Full and open disclosure of financial information by the divisions within the organisation is a fundamental prerequisite. Therefore, full co-operation should be afforded to visits from internal audit or any other financial review.

Financial Review and Reserves as of the 31st March 2021

In the financial year ended 31st March 2021 NRASS generated income of £66,100 and expenditure totalled £62,200. It follows there was a surplus of £3,900.

New funding in the year accounted for almost £13,000 from donations highlighted elsewhere in the Report.

At the year end the bank balance had risen to £4,900 ahead of the starting point on 1st April 2020 by £4,000.

After some difficult years this outcome has helped to provide a cash cushion to ensure the services NRASS provides may be maintained at all times.

Achievements

In previous years, we have reported on a number of financial challenges requiring focus and action. During 2020-21, NRASS has been able to source grant income to help aid financial recovery plans. NRASS can now begin to focus on a new strategy for the next financial year.

NRASS has continued to deliver its services, offering Advocacy, Information and Advice to a high standard and, as such, have had an impact on the lives of the service users who are D/deaf, Deafened, Deafblind or have hearing loss. All of the NRASS staff are proud of the quality of the service we have provided over the past year and especially so given the enormous strain caused by COVID-19. The charity is indebted to the staff who have continued to deliver in the face of personal and professional stress and uncertainty.

NRASS have continued to provide advocacy, advice and information to our catchment group across the Gateshead and Hartlepool regions. Our staff have delivered the service through a range of remote services to ensure it could continue to deliver and meet demand during the pandemic. Like many charities, NRASS has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and has been required to manage immediate risks and to ensure long-term sustainability.

North Regional Association for Sensory Support

The management of the service has focused on the primary areas of the health, safety and welfare of our staff and the people we support in our support services. At the time of writing, our actions have been successful although we are under no illusions that this crisis is over and this will remain a focus for the Trustees and the Executive Committee for some time to come.

As a result of a slightly stronger financial position, NRASS has been far more resilient to external events than we would otherwise have been but COVID-19 has presented further challenge and uncertainty. We do not know the long-term economic outlook but, having utilised financial support, managed costs and sought to sustain income, we believe that we are well placed to weather this storm.

We were delighted to receive a number of generous donations from Charitable Trusts and Foundations including:-

The Community Foundation	£ 4,450.00
CAF	£ 5,400.00
Neighbourly Community Fund	£ 400.00
REEDS Grassroots	£ 2,000.00

Performance

NRASS has managed 401 referrals over the period April 2020 to March 2021, with 929 contacts on behalf of service users. The number of new service users who have approached NRASS for support totals 15. Over the whole period with additional enquiries from 16 potential clients from outside of our funding contract areas. We continue to handle 91 on-going active cases.

The age range of our service user ranges from 18-100+. The largest number of service users were in the 51 to 60 age band with an overall total of 234 service users utilising the service (up 27 on last year's figures). The vast majority of the service users being 'Profoundly Deaf'.

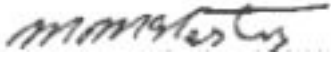
The gender figures attending the service being as follows:-

Male: 91 Female: 142 Deaf Groups: 1

Moving forwards, it would be useful for local services to co-ordinate and work together to support our sensory loss community. Thereby helping and encouraging them to utilise whatever technology is available for them to engage with support groups, their peers and advice agencies so that they are not disadvantaged any further. NRASS aim to ensure that it is able to continue to deliver essential support by effectively managing the risk of infection by implementing appropriate contingency arrangements should an outbreak impact our services further and to ensure that we can maintain sufficient staffing levels to operate safely.

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Looking to the future NRASS will be liaising closely with both representatives from Gateshead Council and Hartlepool Council to balance risks to control infection within communal areas and implement safety procedures for the delivery of direct services as soon as it is possible.



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(Chairman – Councillor M McNestry)
Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Dated: 31st March 2021

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees of North Regional Association for Sensory Support on Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 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

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 30 September 2021

Signed



Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

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Statement of Financial Activities

(incorporating the income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019-20 Funds
Note	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and Legacies	2	50	0	50
Charitable Activities	2	66,078	0	66,078
Other Trading Activities	2	15	0	15
Investment Income	2	0	0	0
Other	2		0	0
Total		66,143	0	66,143
Expenditure on:				
Raising Funds	2	312	0	312
Charitable Activities	2	61,905	0	61,905
Other	2	0	0	0
Total		62,217	0	62,217
Net movement in funds		3,926	0	3,926
Transfers			0	0
Total Funds brought forward		800	0	800
Total funds carried forward		4,726	0	4,726

The notes on pages 12-17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

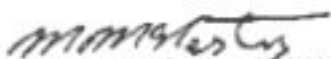
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Balance Sheet

as at 31 March 2020

	Note	20-21 Funds £	19-20 Funds £
Current Assets			
<i>Prepayments</i>	4	0	0
<i>Cash at Bank and In Hand</i>		4,976	1,050
Total Current Assets		4,976	1,050
Liabilities			
<i>Creditors Amounts falling due within one year</i>	5	(250)	(250)
<i>Creditors Amounts falling due after one year</i>		0	0
		(250)	(250)
Total Assests		4,726	800
The Funds of the Charity:			
Unrestricted income funds		4,726	800
Restricted income funds		0	0
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		4,726	800

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:



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 (Chairman – Councillor M McNestry)
 Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Dated:

Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ending 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

North Regional Association for Sensory Support meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rate:

Computer Equipment	25% straight line
Other Office Equipment	15% reducing balance

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2 Funds

The Charity has one fund, an unrestricted general fund comprising accumulated surpluses and deficits which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity that have not been designated for other purposes.

Analysis of Income and Expenditure 2020-21

Income and Endowments from:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	50		50	50
Precepts	0		0	0
	50	0	50	50
Charitable Activities				
Advocacy Service Contracts	52,578		52,578	52,578
Grants	13,500		13,500	13,500
Other	0		0	0
Amounts receivable for equipment purchases	0		0	0
	66,078	0	66,078	66,078
Other Trading Income				
Fundraising	15		15	12
	15	0	15	12
Investment Income				
Bank Interest Earned	0		0	
	0	0	0	0
Total	66,143	0	66,143	66,140

Expenditure on:

Charitable Activities - Advocacy Service

Advertising and Promotion			0	0
Staff Costs and Related Expenses	16,433		16,433	16,433
Consultants Fees/Travel Expenses			0	0
Training	4,191		4,191	0
Coronavirus/PPE Costs	62		62	0
Subscriptions/Affiliations/Licences	409		409	0
Management and Committee Expenses			0	4,191
Insurance			0	0
Interpreters' fees			0	0
Miscellaneous	43		43	22
Printing, stationery and postage	505		505	505
Office Rent/Rates	275		275	275
Small Equipment			0	0
Computer/IT Costs	200		200	200
Telephone/Broadband	2,955		2,955	2,955
	25,073	0	25,073	24,581

Raising Funds

	312		312	312
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Charitable Activities - Head Office

		0	0
Accountancy/IE Fees		0	0
Advertising and Promotion		0	0
Computer Costs		0	0
Equipment		0	0
Meeting expenses		0	0
Printing, stationery and postage	357	357	299
Staff Costs and Related Expenses	32,494	32,494	33,364
Coronavirus Costs	46	46	
Consultants Fees/Travel Expenses		0	0
Maintenance/Refurb		0	
Telephone/Broadband		0	0
Interpreters' fees		0	0
Insurance	882	882	882
Office Rent/Rates	207	207	187
Office Utilities		0	0
Miscellaneous		0	0
Archive Storage Costs	1,344	1,344	1,344
Independent Examiner's Fee		0	0
Subscriptions/Affiliations/Licences	258	258	
IT Security and IT Costs	1,244	1,244	1,244
Depreciation of office equipment		0	0
	36,832	0	37,321
Total	62,217	0	62,217

3 Fixed Assets

There are no fixed assets of material worth at this time

4 Debtors and Prepayments

There are no debtors or prepayments at this time.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019-20 Total £	2018-19 Total £
Prepayments				2,025
	0	0	0	2,025

5 Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2019-20 Total £	2018-19 Total £
Creditors and accruals		250		250
	250	0	250	250

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6 Employed Staff

	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Gross Salaries and benefits in kind	48,927	48,927
Pension Costs		
Total Staff Costs	48,927	48,927

3 part time staff were employed during this period no-one received remuneration of £60,000 or more.

7 Cash at Bank and in Hand

Business Savings	0
Business Current	4,937
Petty Cash	39
	<u>4,976</u>

8 Trustees Expenses

The Trustees were paid no remuneration (2020-21:£nil) nor travel expenses (2019-0:£nil) during the year.