

DEAFWAY

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity registration number 1089918

Company registration number 04243198 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr B S Donelly	
	Mr J J Ward OBE	
	Mrs C A Cuming	
	Mrs P Wynne	
	Mrs V L Hall	
	Ms L Davidson	(Appointed 11 December 2023)
	Dr L Barnes	(Appointed 11 December 2023)
Key management personnel	Tesresa Dawson	Chief executive officer
	Maureen Donelly	Deputy CEO and Finance manager
	Samantha Jones	Human resources manager - Left September 2023
	Roy (Paddy) Wiseman	Human resources manager - Started August 2023
Charity number	1089918	
Company number	04243198	
Registered office	Brockholes Brow Preston Lancashire PR1 5BB	
Auditor	Champion Accountants LLP 7-9 Station Road Hesketh Bank Preston Lancashire PR4 6SN	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "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 1 January 2019).

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Objectives and activities

Deafway is established for:

'...the relief of people who are D/deaf* (incorporating Deafblind, deafened and hard of hearing) or who utilise a visual language (whether that be British Sign Language, Sign Supported English or home language). Firstly for those resident in Lancashire and secondly those resident in the rest of the United Kingdom and elsewhere, in particular by assisting and supporting their equal access to and participation in all aspects of society'.

Put another way, Deafway exists to do all that we can to ensure that D/deaf (incorporating Deafblind, deafened and hard of hearing) people get the same opportunities in all aspects of life that their hearing peers do. Our base is, and always has been, in Preston and Lancaster, Lancashire. However, our work has a national focus and reach. Deafway is therefore a local and national charity.

Deafway has a commitment to ensure that at the core of all of our work is an understanding of and respect for Deaf culture and heritage, BSL (British Sign Language) and the other forms of visual communication. This expresses our belief in the vital importance of sign language and Deaf culture to Deaf people across the world; that Deaf Heritage should be preserved, shared and celebrated and that all of these should inform our provision of Care to those Deaf people who are in need of it.

There continues to be a very real need for all of the work which we undertake, locally and nationally. It is unfortunately still the case that the needs of the majority of D/deaf people across the world and of many D/deaf people in the UK are ignored or misunderstood with disastrous consequences for those D/deaf people. The Deaf person in the UK who needs a specialist Deaf residential placement because of their Autistic Spectrum Disorder, mental health, or other disabilities - placed inappropriately in a hearing setting with no Deaf peer group and with staff who have at best a smattering of sign language.

Given the necessary financial resources - we could do so much more both by promoting and campaigning for real understanding of the relevant issues and by providing real life-changing services to so many more people UK wide.

In the UK, one of our aims is that: - 'Every Deaf person in need of Residential Care or Support will have the real choice of receiving this in a Deaf environment.'

Philosophy:

At the centre of everything we do is a positive view of sign language, Deaf Culture and the Deaf community.

We believe passionately that every D/deaf child or adult, wherever they live in the world, should have a right of access to sign language (as well as access to the written and spoken languages of their country and to the hearing community) - and we know that an untold amount of damage has been, and continues to be, caused to the lives of D/deaf people around the world by Governments and external professionals lack of understanding and knowledge in this area. Although BSL has now been recognised as its own language by the UK Government.

This damage ranges from social isolation, lack of equal access and needing-to-be-improved service provision (which does not take into account cultural and linguistic needs) in the UK - resulting in D/deaf children being denied that most important defining characteristic of being human; possession and fluent use of a language (in this case a signed language).

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At Deafway we believe that these situations should be reinforced with promotion of language, campaigning, guidance and the positive sharing of knowledge.

We also believe strongly that Deaf culture and the sign languages of the world have so much that is positive to contribute to society in general - and that they should therefore be celebrated and shared in all of the ways that the hearing cultures and the spoken languages of the world are.

***We have followed the convention of using an uppercase 'D' in the word in the Deaf to indicate 'Culturally Deaf' and a lower case 'd' to simply indicate hearing loss.**

Public benefit

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and activities and in planning our future activities. In particular the trustees consider how planned activities, through the use of our funds, will contribute to the aims and objectives we have set, and we are satisfied that the criteria for public benefit are comprehensively achieved.

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Activities

Achievement and performance

Achievements during the year

The activities that we have carried out during the year to meet our objectives and to carry out our aims for public benefit.

During the year we have :-

Care and Support Services

- Continued to provide long term specialist residential care, shorter term respite care and other vital support services to Deaf (incorporating all aspects) people with a range of complex needs which mean that they cannot currently live independently in the community.
- Provided residential care for a number of Deaf people who require a significantly higher level of staffing due to their more complex and 'challenging' needs.
- Continued to maintain the accommodation we provide for our residents to the high standards they deserve and to improve and refurbish this on an ongoing basis.
- Continued to assert our very clear belief that to place a Deaf person who uses BSL and who needs residential care, in a 'hearing' establishment imposes unnecessary and detrimental barriers.
- represented the voice of the Deaf community 'within hospital user experience meetings' highlighting poor access to public services
- Implemented a wide range of specialist training to improve the level of knowledge and skills of our workforce.

Cultural Services and Facilities

- The Deafway Community Hub has been refurbished and the bar reopened.
- Regular community events are held each month including coffee afternoon, history and sewing groups and information workshops.
- Continued to provide premises for Deaf people to meet in Lancaster.
- Introduced a volunteering programme here at Deafway which has attracted volunteers from the Deaf and hearing community.

Sign Language and Deaf Awareness Training

- Maintained our policy that all Deafway staff unless they are already fluent in BSL, will undertake an in-house BSL course at Deafway; taking a nationally recognised BSL Level 1 course and BSL Level 2 course in work time.
- Provided Deaf Awareness Training for all new staff and refresher training for existing staff
- Continued to provide BSL and Deaf Awareness training to external individuals and organisations in Lancashire and nationally.
- promoted Deafway services and training through attendance at a number of local meetings/groups such as Wellfest and Preston Community Network.

Projects and Activities

- Our Community Garden Project began in 2022. We have received approx. £27k in donations for this project which involves community volunteers, staff and residents.
- Sensory Rooms – we purchased additional equipment and extended the sensory provision so that 2 residents can use it at the same time.
- History Project – We have started to collate historical documents in relation to Royal Cross School and Deaf History which we intend to display here at Deafway and design a tapestry to reflect key landmarks to be displayed in the community hub. This project will also involve the sewing group.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

- Interpreter Drop In – We have continued to fund free access to online interpreters for the Lancashire Deaf Community since previous grant funding expired. We consider addressing the lack of access available to Deaf BSL users as a key priority for the charity. 4 hours each week are funded to support making appointments and contacting agencies who are not required to provide interpreting under the Accessible Information Standards.

General

- We have started to work collaboratively with a number of other local and national Deaf charities. We work closely with Deafness Empowerment Network (based in the North East), in relation to developing training courses for Deaf people who wish to teach British Sign Language. They also attend our social events to offer members of the Deaf Community advocacy support.

- We have fully embraced social media to inform the community of our work, events and disseminate information. This has significantly raised our profile locally and nationally. Our Facebook followers has increased by 95%, we also use Linked In and we continue to develop and improve the Deafway website.

- We further developed our infrastructure to meet the demands of a modern charity. We appointed a Fundraising, Volunteer and Events Manager and a Communication, Inclusion and Engagement Manager. These roles are essential to provide capacity for community growth and representation across the organisation.

- We implemented the 'real living wage' and improved benefits for staff. This contributed to increased applications from more experienced people, allowing us to fill all vacancies and significantly improve our retention rates. This has ended our dependency on agency staff which has resulted in more consistent and better quality care being provided to our residents. Staff morale has also improved and the increased cost in salaries has been balanced through a reduction in recruitment, agency fees and training costs.

Achievements and performance

Significant activities and achievements against objectives

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Financial review

Performance

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 15. The charity has net outgoing resources this year of £82,942 (2023: net outgoing resources of £22,684). The realised movement between the funds is summarised below:

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Total income	2,574,867	10,372	34,135	2,619,374
Total expenditure	(2,607,841)	(213,306)	(47,472)	(2,868,619)
Gains/(losses) on investments	13,418	-	32,885	46,303
Gain/(losses) on revaluations	-	120,000	-	120,000
Transfers	340,817	(352,392)	11,575	-
Net income/ (expenditure)	321,261	(435,326)	31,123	(82,942)

Fixed assets

The fixed assets are all used for direct charitable purposes. The movements in fixed assets during the year are shown in note 14 to the accounts.

A professional valuation of the property at Brockholes Brow, Preston, was undertaken during the year by Garside Waddingham, Chartered Surveyors. The valuation for reinstatement purposes and insured value is £3,500,000. The property is shown in the accounts at its open market valuation of £650,000 valued by Garside Waddingham, Chartered Surveyors, in May 2023. A valuation of the property in Lancaster was also undertaken at the same time, this is shown in the accounts at its open market value of £195,000.

Investment performance

At 31 March 2024 investments held had a market value of £595,013. Details are shown in note 15 to the accounts. £113,272 of the investments represents the Richard Bannister Trust, which is a fund invested to support activities for young deaf persons in relation to sports.

Investment policy and objectives

Under the Trustees Act 2000, the trustees have the same full and unrestricted powers of investing and transposing investments as if they were beneficially entitled thereto. Current investments held are invested through Charities Official Investment Fund and an investment portfolio for the Richard Bannister Trust.

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Going concern

Reserves policy

The trustees review the charity's requirements for reserves annually, in the light of the major risks facing the charity.

The trustees consider that in order to ensure the continuous provision of the charity's services, they are required to maintain a contingency reserve equivalent to three months running costs.

At the year end this reserve, which is shown as general funds on the accounts, stood at £610,444 which represents 2.8 months unrestricted direct charitable expenditure.

Employment policy

The Charity's policy is to promote equality of opportunity to all in employment and the selection process irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, nationality, sexuality, marital status and social class. We oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

All employees and volunteers will be treated fairly and equally. Selection for employment, promotion, training and any other benefits will be on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees will be helped and encouraged to further develop their full potential through comprehensive training, support, formal supervision and appraisal.

The talents and the resources of the workforce will be fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the Organisation.

Plans for future periods

Fundraising

Less than 5% of Deafway's income is currently generated by fundraising. This is mostly relating to amounts received from other organisations by way of grants. There have been no complaints received regarding our fundraising activities. Deafway does not engage the services of fundraising consultants.

Deafway is a Certificated Member of the Institute of Fundraising and is registered with the Fundraising Regulator - as such we are bound by, and adhere to, their relevant Code of Practice.

Measuring performance

Deafway measure key performance indicators (KPIs) to help assess the impact the Charitable Company makes and its effectiveness. The following KPIs are captured as part of our day-to-day regularity requirements and recording processes:

Further KPIs are being recorded in the current financial year.

Key Performance Indicator	2024	2023
Average number of residents supported in the year	26	27
Average number of employed people (head-count)	59	59
Number of bank staff	18	Not measured
Outcome of CQC regulatory inspections	Not re-inspected (See below)	Not re-inspected
Number of complaints received	0	0
Further KPIs are being developed in the 2024/25 financial year		

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Future plans

At the time of writing this, in addition to the above, we have/are also:-

- The priority is to focus on the Business Plan, Mission Statement and Model of Care with the incorporation of the 'All about me' NHS Deaf Recovery Model.
- The CQC findings are being embedded into the organisational changes needed and the need to respond to these findings and make improvements accordingly.
- A Business Continuity Plan (BCP) has been developed and disseminated. All managers know what to do if faced with an unexpected situation which impacts on day to day operations.
- We have received Disability Confident status and it is incorporated effectively within this service.
- The Board of Trustees has increased to 8 and 75% sign. We continue to identify appropriate people with an understanding of the challenges faced by D/deaf and Deafblind people.
- We are very focused on attracting more residents and increasing revenue. We also continue to liaise with commissioners to increase fees to meet the cost of care.
- Building refurbishments continue in terms of an overall upgrade to the site both internally and externally
- Health and Safety Reports were commissioned and all actions implemented.
- Work is ongoing to re-establish the links we have historically had with the Lancashire Deaf community. We are hopeful that Preston Deaf Club will return to Deafway later this year.
- To continue collaboration and shared working with other national Deaf charities in order to continue the necessary promotion of Deaf rights. We are members of the BSL Alliance.
- Continue to make all areas of the business digital, in effect, becoming a paperless service.
- Further develop and establish volunteer opportunities to support Deafway services and provide development and social opportunities for members of the Deaf community.
- To continue applying for external funding to support internal and external projects which will benefit residents and members of the Deaf community.
- To engage the wider deaf and hard of hearing community through the provision of hard of hearing and tinnitus groups, deaf Asian groups and lip reading classes.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Rev P Fletcher Fr	(Resigned 1 January 2024)
Mr B S Donelly	
Mr J J Ward OBE	
Mrs C A Cumming	
Mrs C Moxon	(Resigned 16 May 2024)
Mrs P Wynne	
Mrs V L Hall	
Mr P R Scott	(Resigned 30 September 2024)
Ms L Davidson	(Appointed 11 December 2023)
Dr L Barnes	(Appointed 11 December 2023)

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees nominate and have power of appointment of future Trustees, who serve for a period of three years following appointment and may be re-appointed at the end of the term of office.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Organisational structure

The Trustees who have served during the year are set out above and they have been appointed in accordance with our Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Trustees nominate and have power of appointment of future Trustees, who serve for a period of three years following appointment and may be re-appointed at the end of the term of office.

We believe that our Board of Trustees should be made up of a variety of people who bring a range of different visions, knowledge, experience and skills to the role. We are proud of the fact that a significant number of our Trustees are either themselves Deaf or have strong personal connections to the D/deaf community. We believe and state that all of our Trustees must understand and share Deafway's values, have the skills to contribute to Deafway in the role of Trustee and must also take an interest in our full range of work.

Management accounts and monthly reports from each department/service leader, and from the Chief Executive, are submitted to and discussed at our monthly Trustee meetings.

The day to day running of Deafway is entrusted to the Chief Executive and their leadership team. This team meets formally each month and informally each week.

The smaller strategic leadership team meets as and when necessary to discuss specific strategic issues.

The Chief Executive line manages the Residential Services Manager, the Fundraising & Development team, the Finance Manager, the HR Manager and the Maintenance Manager holding regular one-to-one supervision sessions with them. There are similar supervision arrangements in place within each service for all other managers and staff.

In addition, the Chair of Trustees holds off-site review sessions with the CEO on 2 or 3 occasions per year.

Other matters

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees retain Peninsula Business Services Limited to provide 24 hour advice in respect of all employment law and health and safety matters. In addition, this contract provides indemnity in respect of Employment Law claims.

Financial sustainability is a major financial risk for the charity. A key element in the management of financial risk is a regular review of available liquid funds to settle debts as they fall due, regular liaison with the bank, and active management of trade debtors and creditors balances to ensure sufficient working capital by the charity.

Attention has also been focussed on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of residents, management of staff and food hygiene. These risks are managed by ensuring accreditation is up to date, having robust policies and procedures in place, and regular awareness and compliance training for staff working in these operational areas.

Care Quality Commission

Deafway was re-inspected by the Care Quality Commission in April 2024. Subsequently we have received an improved rating of "Good". We will continue to review and enhance our service in order to maintain, or improve, this rating further.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Champion Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



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Mr B S Donnelly
Trustee

Date: 17-12-24
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors of Deafway for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEAFWAY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Deafway (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEAFWAY

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Charity and the sector in which they operate. We determined that the following laws and regulations were most significant; the Charities Act 2011, the Health and Social Care Act 2008, Employment regulation and Health and Safety legislation.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Charity is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries to the management.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur. Audit procedures performed by the audit engagement team included:
 - Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
 - Understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
 - Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
 - Identifying and testing journal entries; in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations;
 - Reviewing material variation from our expectation in the income, expenses and balances; and
 - Assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Buck FCA, DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Champion Accountants LLP

17/12/2024
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Statutory Auditor

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Champion Accountants LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	3	22,190	-	34,135	56,325	11,931
Charitable activities	4	2,552,677	-	-	2,552,677	2,326,918
Investments	5	-	10,372	-	10,372	6,363
Total income		<u>2,574,867</u>	<u>10,372</u>	<u>34,135</u>	<u>2,619,374</u>	<u>2,345,212</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	25,061	-	-	25,061	25,308
Charitable activities	7	2,582,780	213,306	47,472	2,843,558	2,347,689
Total expenditure		<u>2,607,841</u>	<u>213,306</u>	<u>47,472</u>	<u>2,868,619</u>	<u>2,372,997</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	<u>13,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,885</u>	<u>46,303</u>	<u>5,101</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		(19,556)	(202,934)	19,548	(202,942)	(22,684)
Transfers between funds		340,817	(352,392)	11,575	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses:						
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets		-	120,000	-	120,000	-
Net movement in funds	9	<u>321,261</u>	<u>(435,326)</u>	<u>31,123</u>	<u>(82,942)</u>	<u>(22,684)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>289,179</u>	<u>1,564,977</u>	<u>330,400</u>	<u>2,184,556</u>	<u>2,207,240</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u>610,440</u>	<u>1,129,651</u>	<u>361,523</u>	<u>2,101,614</u>	<u>2,184,556</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	8,134	-	3,797	11,931
Charitable activities	4	2,326,918	-	-	2,326,918
Investments	5	-	6,363	-	6,363
Total income		<u>2,335,052</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>3,797</u>	<u>2,345,212</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	25,308	-	-	25,308
Charitable activities	7	2,252,070	81,741	13,878	2,347,689
Total expenditure		<u>2,277,378</u>	<u>81,741</u>	<u>13,878</u>	<u>2,372,997</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	<u>(931)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,032</u>	<u>5,101</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		56,743	(75,378)	(4,049)	(22,684)
Transfers between funds		<u>(56,000)</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	9	743	(19,378)	(4,049)	(22,684)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		<u>288,436</u>	<u>1,584,355</u>	<u>334,449</u>	<u>2,207,240</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		<u>289,179</u>	<u>1,564,977</u>	<u>330,400</u>	<u>2,184,556</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		975,139		853,931
Investments	15		595,013		547,703
			<u>1,570,152</u>		<u>1,401,634</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	16	2,666		2,290	
Debtors	17	124,427		109,643	
Cash at bank and in hand		651,738		1,136,499	
		<u>778,831</u>		<u>1,248,432</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(247,369)		(465,510)	
Net current assets			<u>531,462</u>		<u>782,922</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,101,614</u>		<u>2,184,556</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>2,101,614</u>		<u>2,184,556</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	19		361,523		330,400
Unrestricted funds - general			610,440		289,179
Unrestricted funds - designated	20		1,129,651		1,564,977
			<u>2,101,614</u>		<u>2,184,556</u>

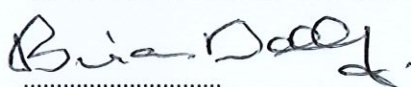
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

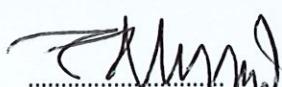
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17-12-24



Mr B S Donelly
Trustee



Mr J J Ward OBE
Trustee

Company registration number 04243198 (England and Wales)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash absorbed by operations	24		(476,661)		(62,456)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(18,472)		(1,204)	
Investment income received		10,372		6,363	
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Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(8,100)		5,159
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
			<hr/>		<hr/>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(484,761)		(57,297)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,136,499		1,193,796
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			651,738		1,136,499
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Deafway is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Brockholes Brow, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 5BB.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The 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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Designated funds are unrestricted balances earmarked by the Trustees for certain projects as part of the overall fund management approach.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Brockhalls Brow - not provided
Leasehold land and buildings	Lancaster - not provided
Leasehold improvements	6.66% on cost
Equipment and IT	20% on cost
Motor vehicles	20% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	22,190	34,135	56,325	8,134	3,797	11,931

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Services to D/deaf people		
Fees and charges	2,547,813	2,299,391
Social club income	151	-
Outreach services	4,713	27,527
	<u>2,552,677</u>	<u>2,326,918</u>

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £
Interest	<u>10,372</u>	<u>6,363</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	123	(70)
Staff costs	24,938	25,378
	<u>25,061</u>	<u>25,308</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Provision of services to D/deaf people 2024 £	Provision of services to D/deaf people 2023 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	1,436,624	1,343,540
Depreciation and impairment	17,264	16,343
Property costs	581,213	476,204
Cost of sales	11,882	6,575
Administration costs	425	121
Project expenditure and development costs	254,205	92,394
	<u>2,301,613</u>	<u>1,935,177</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)		
Support	463,635	349,626
Governance	78,310	62,886
	<u>2,843,558</u>	<u>2,347,689</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds - general	2,582,780	2,252,070
Unrestricted funds - designated	213,306	81,741
Restricted funds	47,472	13,878
	<u>2,843,558</u>	<u>2,347,689</u>

8 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs	390,875	292,510
Property costs	14,185	32,825
Care costs	58,575	24,126
Administration costs	-	165
Governance costs	78,310	62,886
	<u>541,945</u>	<u>412,512</u>
Analysed between:		
Provision of services to D/deaf people	<u>541,945</u>	<u>412,512</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

9	Net movement in funds	2024	2023
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,900	9,900
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	17,264	16,343
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The cost of insurance to indemnify the trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part amounted to £10,878 (2023 : £10,080).

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Management and administration	13	13
Caring staff	34	30
Others	16	16
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	63	59
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,892,514	1,686,085
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive, Finance Manager, HR Manager and Residential Care Manager. During the year the HR Manager resigned and was replaced in the role. Due to an overlap period between the new HR manager starting and leaving dates these figures include the HR position twice.

The total remuneration of the key management personnel of the charity (including Employer's National Insurance and Pension Contributions) was £182,083 (2023: £119,439)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11 Employees

(Continued)

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:						
Revaluation of investments	13,418	32,885	46,303	(931)	6,032	5,101

13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Leasehold improvements £	Equipment and IT £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 April 2023	625,000	100,000	76,764	201,020	62,156	1,064,940
Additions	-	-	-	18,472	-	18,472
Revaluation	25,000	95,000	-	-	-	120,000
At 31 March 2024	650,000	195,000	76,764	219,492	62,156	1,203,412
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2023	-	-	-	165,516	45,493	211,009
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	-	12,265	4,999	17,264
At 31 March 2024	-	-	-	177,781	50,492	228,273
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2024	650,000	195,000	76,764	41,711	11,664	975,139
At 31 March 2023	625,000	100,000	76,764	35,504	16,663	853,931

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

During the year the properties at Brockhalls Brow and at Lancaster were revalued by an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors.

The property at Brockhalls Brow was valued at £650,000 and this amount has been used to provide the revalued cost.

The property at Lancaster houses the Lancaster Social Club. The property is held under a long lease dated January 2005 for a term of 999 years. The Lancaster property has been at £195,000 and this amount has been used to provide the revalued cost

The properties are all used for direct charitable purposes, or for purposes incidental to the proper working, and effective carrying on of the charity's objects and activities.

15 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2023	547,703
Valuation changes	47,310
At 31 March 2024	595,013
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	595,013
At 31 March 2023	547,703

16 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Raw materials and consumables	2,666	2,290

17 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	82,735	69,448
Prepayments and accrued income	41,692	40,195
	124,427	109,643

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	29,526	24,372
Trade creditors	64,430	265,010
Other creditors	41,125	68,018
Accruals and deferred income	112,288	108,110
	<u>247,369</u>	<u>465,510</u>

19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
	330,400	34,135	(47,472)	11,575	32,885	361,523
	<u>330,400</u>	<u>34,135</u>	<u>(47,472)</u>	<u>11,575</u>	<u>32,885</u>	<u>361,523</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
	334,449	3,797	(13,878)	-	6,032	330,400
	<u>334,449</u>	<u>3,797</u>	<u>(13,878)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,032</u>	<u>330,400</u>

20 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
	1,564,977	10,372	(213,306)	(352,392)	120,000	1,129,651
	<u>1,564,977</u>	<u>10,372</u>	<u>(213,306)</u>	<u>(352,392)</u>	<u>120,000</u>	<u>1,129,651</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
	1,584,355	6,363	(81,741)	56,000	-	1,564,977
	<u>1,584,355</u>	<u>6,363</u>	<u>(81,741)</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,564,977</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

21 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	289,179	2,574,867	(2,607,841)	340,817	13,418	610,440
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	288,436	2,335,052	(2,277,378)	(56,000)	(931)	289,179

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:				
Tangible assets	130,139	845,000	-	975,139
Investments	249,086	284,651	61,276	595,013
Current assets/(liabilities)	231,215	-	300,247	531,462
	610,440	1,129,651	361,523	2,101,614
	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 March 2023:				
Tangible assets	128,931	725,000	-	853,931
Investments	-	519,312	28,391	547,703
Current assets/(liabilities)	160,248	320,665	302,009	782,922
	289,179	1,564,977	330,400	2,184,556

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

22 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

Designated Funds

These funds have been set up to assist in identifying those funds that are not free funds and comprise the following:

Property Fund

This fund represents the charity's interest in the Property known as Brockholes Brow as included in Tangible Fixed Assets and also a lease on a property in Lancaster. The balance on this fund at the year end was £725,000 (2023:£725,000).

Revaluation Reserve

This fund represents the increase in value of the properties when revalued in line with the Charity's revaluation policy. The balance of this fund at the year end was £120,000 (2023: Nil)

Contingency Reserve

This fund represents the charity's commitment to build up an operating reserve fund equivalent to three months running costs in order to effectively manage/take advantage of any unforeseen circumstances that may arise in the future, without adversely affecting its service provision. The balance on this fund was transferred to General Funds during the year and, subsequently, the balance at the year end was £NIL(2023: £540,817).

Specific Development Projects Fund (Capital Reserve)

This fund represents the charity's commitment to both specific and general future development of the organisation and the services provided. This fund is made up of numerous projects. The balance on this fund at the year end was £284,651 (2023: £299,159).

General Funds

General funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects, which are not designated for particular purposes and now contain the contingency reserve funds. The balance on this fund at the year end was £610,439 (2023: £289,179).

Restricted Funds

General funds comprise funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The balances on these funds at the year end were as follows:

Specific development projects fund £43,122 (2023: £43,122).

Appeals fund £114,762 (2023: £115,684)

Assets in use £(15,736) (2023: £(14,896)).

Richard Bannister project £115,542 (2023: £115,542)

Emergency property repair fund £42,558 (2023: £42,558)

Investment V82 AOYL £61,276 (2023: £28,391)

23 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

24	Cash generated from operations	2024 £	2023 £
	Deficit for the year	(203,949)	(20,813)
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(10,372)	(6,363)
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	(46,303)	(5,101)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	17,264	16,343
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(376)	2,584
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(14,784)	64,223
	(Decrease) in creditors	(218,141)	(113,329)
	Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(476,661)</u>	<u>(62,456)</u>

25 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.