

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 MARCH 2023  
FOR  
DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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**DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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**DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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**TRUSTEES**

D Jones (Chairman)  
S W Allwork (Treasurer)  
Mrs K J Curtis (Secretary)  
Mrs B R Cobb  
M Budd  
J Cheney  
D Johnson  
Mrs V J Jones

**PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Down Syndrome Group Northamptonshire is an unincorporated charity registered with the charities commission. Membership of the organisation is open to any individual interested in promoting the objectives.

The Committee as charity trustees have control of the organisation and funds.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The trustees are elected for a period of 12 months, when they can offer themselves for re-election at the following Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are appointed at the AGM.

**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.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

Objectives of the charity focus on the relief of the needs of the people with Down's Syndrome through the provision for such people of facilities, services and opportunities that will maximise their participation in society and any other charitable purposes connected with Down's Syndrome within the area of benefit.

**Public benefit**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and its relevant supplementary public benefit guidance.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The Trustees are pleased to submit their report on the Finances of the Group as at 31st March 2023.

It is with pleasure that the Trustees can report that the balance of funds at the end of the year were £63,516 compared to £56,238 for the previous year.

The increase was due to the success of the Black Tie Ball which had to be rescheduled because of the pandemic and took place on the 18th March, many thanks to Vanessa and her team for making it a success and raised over £15,000, £13,000 has been included in this years accounts. Also thanks goes to all the individuals and companies for their donations and support.

The next ball is planned to be held in March 2025. Other receipts for the year from fundraising events and donations was £4,686 which included a donation of £365 from Spratton School and £425 from events on World Downs Syndrome Day.

Total expenditure excluding Ball costs of £11,186 was kept to a minimum but as Covid restrictions eased the Group successfully organised a BBQ in September, a reduced cost Xmas party, trip to the pantomime and 2 Picturedrome afternoons.

Funding resumed for Speech & Language sessions, this was at a cost of £4,845 and £1,452 on Administration which included £420 for audit review and £134 for Liability insurance.

At this point it is considered prudent to retain TC Group (formally named Fortus) to undertake a financial review on an annual basis. Following last years review, the management letter did not highlight any short comings in the groups figures and so was given a clean bill of health. We extend our thanks to Fortus for their continued help, advice and discounted fees.

Stephen Allwork Treasurer

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial prospects 2021/22**

The positive closing balance at the year end puts the Group in a comfortable financial position for the next financial year and will continue to support its members who have an ever widening range of interests and needs.

In the current economic climate funding raising continues to be challenging but it is hoped that funds raised should in large cover the Groups expenditure. As interests rates have improved we will look to move some of the surplus funds into an interest account.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 3 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D Jones (Chairman) - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages five to nine.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I have examined your charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. that the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Benjamin Young (FCA)  
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3 January 2024

## DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	2,203	-	2,203	7,060
Activities for generating funds	3	25,343	-	25,343	31,517
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		27,546	-	27,546	38,577
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	4	19,847	-	19,847	10,054
<b>Governance costs</b>		420	-	420	420
<b>Total resources expended</b>		20,267	-	20,267	10,474
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		7,279	-	7,279	28,103
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		56,238	-	56,238	28,135
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		63,517	-	63,517	56,238

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

## DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

BALANCE SHEET  
At 31 March 2023

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	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		63,517	-	63,517	56,238
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		63,517	-	63,517	56,238
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		63,517	-	63,517	56,238
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		63,517	-	63,517	56,238
<b>FUNDS</b>	6				
Unrestricted funds				63,517	56,238
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				63,517	56,238

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 3 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Jones (Chairman)-Trustee

S W Allwork (Treasurer)-Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities on a receipts basis, and when the charity is legally entitled to the income.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant and funds received.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold and funds received.

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on a cash basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	2,203	7,060
	<u>2,203</u>	<u>7,060</u>

**3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Black Tie Dinner & Ball	22,860	30,972
Contribution To Fund Raising Events	2,483	545
	<u>25,343</u>	<u>31,517</u>

**DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**4. FUNDRAISING TRADING: COST OF GOODS SOLD AND OTHER COSTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Support Costs Other Expenses	14,868	6,919
Support costs	4,979	3,135
	<u>19,847</u>	<u>10,054</u>

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	56,238	7,279	63,517
	<u>56,238</u>	<u>7,279</u>	<u>63,517</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>56,238</u>	<u>7,279</u>	<u>63,517</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	27,546	(20,267)	7,279
	<u>27,546</u>	<u>(20,267)</u>	<u>7,279</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>27,546</u>	<u>(20,267)</u>	<u>7,279</u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	28,135	28,103	56,238
	<u>28,135</u>	<u>28,103</u>	<u>56,238</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,135</u>	<u>28,103</u>	<u>56,238</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	38,577	(10,474)	28,103
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>38,577</u>	<u>(10,474)</u>	<u>28,103</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	28,135	35,382	63,517
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>28,135</u>	<u>35,382</u>	<u>63,517</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	66,123	(30,741)	35,382
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>66,123</u>	<u>(30,741)</u>	<u>35,382</u>

## DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	2,203	7,060
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>		
Black Tie Dinner & Ball	22,860	30,972
Contribution To Fund Raising Events	2,483	545
	<u>25,343</u>	<u>31,517</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	27,546	38,577
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs</b>		
Support Costs Other Expenses	14,868	6,919
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy Fees	420	420
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Management</b>		
Insurance	134	134
Occupational therapy	4,845	3,001
	<u>4,979</u>	<u>3,135</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	20,267	10,474
	<u>7,279</u>	<u>28,103</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>7,279</u>	<u>28,103</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements