

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31 March 2025
for
DOWN SYNDROME GROUP NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

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Reference and Administrative Details For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

TRUSTEES

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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Trustees are pleased to submit their report on the Finances of the Group as at 31st March 2025.

It is with pleasure that the Trustees can report that the balance of funds at the end of the year were £56,925 compared to £53,170 for the previous year. The increase in retained funds was due to the contribution gained from the Black Tie Ball held at the end of March 2025. The Ball was a great success raising over £21,000, £15,000 being included in the this years accounts and £6,000 in the accounts for 2026 as some funds were received in the new year. Thanks goes to Vanessa for all her time organising this very successful event.

Other receipts for the year from varying fundraising events and donations was £3,992 which included a donation of £418 from Spratton School, £115 from Northgate, £220 from Nina Jackson, £400 from CAF and £2,839 from various other sources.

Total expenditure, Including the Ball, for the year was £27,892 with a number of events being organised which included a visit to Wicksteed Park, BBQ, Picturedrome, Xmas Party, Ice Skating and Pantomime all of which was the usual success and enjoyed by all. Funding for Speech and Language sessions was at a cost of £7,586 and was cross subsidised by the grant gained from Northampton Town Council the previous year. £1,641 was spent on essential Administration, which included £420 for audit review and £134 for Liability insurance.

The positive closing balance of £56,925 at the year end puts the Group in a comfortable financial position for the next financial year and with the inclusion of the extra proceeds from the Black Tie Ball give us a good start to 2025/26.

At this point it is considered prudent to retain TC Group (formally 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 TC for their continued help, advice and discounted fees.

We have renewed our Trustee Liability insurance for another year at a cost of £134 which was the same cost as the previous year

Stephen Allwork Treasurer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial prospects 2024/25

The positive closing balance at the year end puts the Group in a comfortable financial position for the next financial year and with the inclusion of the proceeds from the Black Tie Ball in 2025 the closing balance for next year should see a significant improvement.

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

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S W Allwork (Treasurer) - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Down Syndrome Group Northamptonshire**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025, 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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Date:

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**Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	1,517	-	1,517	3,471
Activities for generating funds	3	30,129	-	30,129	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Speech and Language Therapy project		-	-	-	4,787
Total incoming resources		31,646	-	31,646	8,258
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	4	27,471	-	27,471	18,185
Governance costs		420	-	420	420
Total resources expended		27,891	-	27,891	18,605
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES					
		3,755	-	3,755	(10,347)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		53,170	-	53,170	63,517
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		56,925	-	56,925	53,170

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet At 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		56,925	-	56,925	53,170
NET CURRENT ASSETS		56,925	-	56,925	53,170
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		56,925	-	56,925	53,170
NET ASSETS		56,925	-	56,925	53,170
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				56,925	53,170
TOTAL FUNDS				56,925	53,170

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

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D Jones (Chairman)-Trustee

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S W Allwork (Treasurer)-Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	1,517	3,471
	<u>1,517</u>	<u>3,471</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Black Tie Dinner & Ball	27,654	-
Contribution To Fund Raising Events	2,475	-
	<u>30,129</u>	<u>-</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. FUNDRAISING TRADING: COST OF GOODS SOLD AND OTHER COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Support Costs Other Expenses	19,715	10,557
Support costs	7,756	7,628
	<u>27,471</u>	<u>18,185</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,170	3,755	56,925
	<u>53,170</u>	<u>3,755</u>	<u>56,925</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>53,170</u>	<u>3,755</u>	<u>56,925</u>

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,646	(27,891)	3,755
	<u>31,646</u>	<u>(27,891)</u>	<u>3,755</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>31,646</u>	<u>(27,891)</u>	<u>3,755</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds			
General fund	63,517	(10,347)	53,170
	<u>63,517</u>	<u>(10,347)</u>	<u>53,170</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,517</u>	<u>(10,347)</u>	<u>53,170</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,258	(18,605)	(10,347)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,258</u>	<u>(18,605)</u>	<u>(10,347)</u>

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

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	63,517	(6,592)	56,925
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,517</u>	<u>(6,592)</u>	<u>56,925</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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	39,904	(46,496)	(6,592)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>39,904</u>	<u>(46,496)</u>	<u>(6,592)</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Donations	1,517	3,471
Activities for generating funds		
Black Tie Dinner & Ball	27,654	-
Contribution To Fund Raising Events	2,475	-
	<u>30,129</u>	<u>-</u>
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Grants	-	4,787
	<u>31,646</u>	<u>8,258</u>
Total incoming resources		
	31,646	8,258
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs		
Support Costs Other Expenses	19,715	10,557
Governance costs		
Accountancy Fees	420	420
Support costs		
Management		
Insurance	170	134
Occupational therapy	7,586	7,494
	<u>7,756</u>	<u>7,628</u>
Total resources expended	27,891	18,605
	<u>27,891</u>	<u>18,605</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>3,755</u>	<u>(10,347)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements