

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST

England & Wales · Charity number 1096003

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-02-17

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME BY 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.

Activities: We offer and provide - advice and help to parents and carers - opportunities to meet other families with get-togethers, drop-ins and play meetings - a variety of social events and activities for all ages, such as parties, music, art and dance workshops and sporting events - regular conferences on all matters concerned with DS - newsletter. We raise the profile of the needs of people with DS.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH EAST ENGLAND AS COMPRISING THE COUNTIES OF NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREAS OF TYNE & WEAR AND TEESIDE.
- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£91,292	£77,948	-	-
2024-03-31	£87,260	£56,385	-	-
2023-03-31	£71,442	£81,930	-	-
2022-03-31	£42,947	£44,486	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,647	£17,212	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MRS S BELTON	Chair	2015-06-17
Caroline Turner		2019-06-30
Eleanor Baggaley		2021-10-31
MR A MARSHALL		2015-10-21
MRS L BOND		2015-10-21
MRS L DIXON		
MRS N RAMSAY		2015-10-21
Melanie Jayne Atkinson		2016-05-25
Michelle Varty		2019-09-25
Susanne Hodgson		2019-02-27

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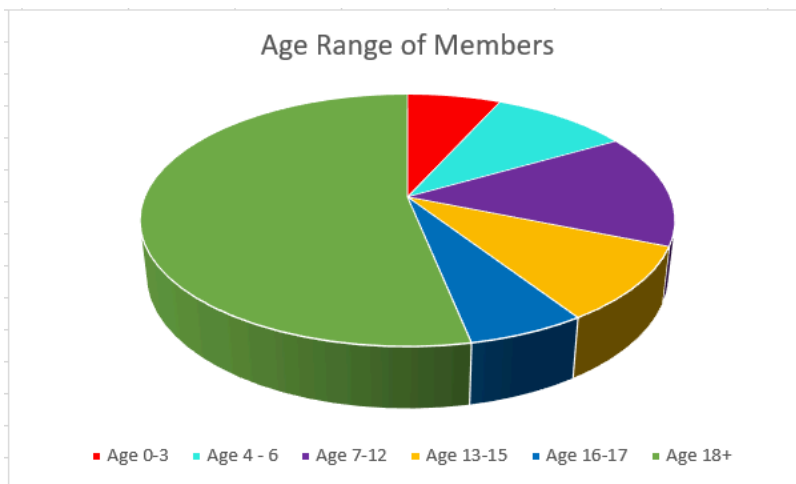
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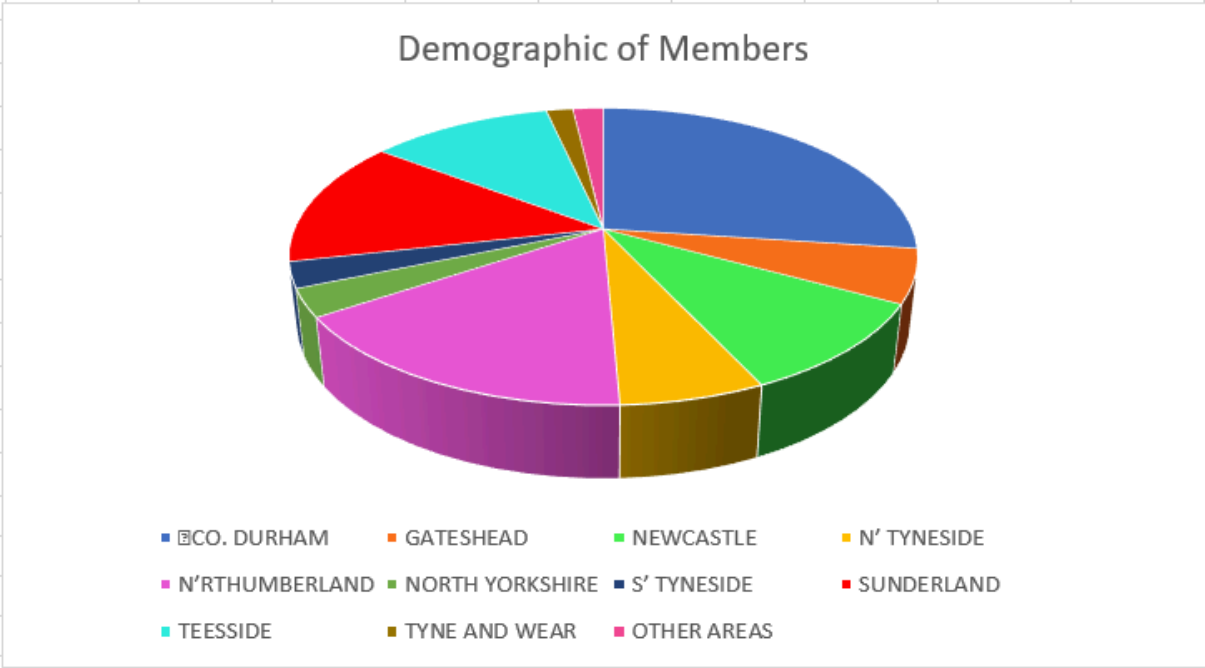
Down's Syndrome North East Review of the year 2024-2025

Message from the Chair, Susan Belton

I accepted my nomination as Chair of Down's Syndrome North East for a 10th term, taking the charity into its 22nd year of independence supporting adults, children and families in the North East, a year continuing to deliver activities to all ages, supporting families old and new.

Demographic information of Age and Location of Members:





Our events reached families, children and adults who have Down's syndrome of all ages across the region. From April 2024 - March 2025 our volunteers organised and ran the following for our members-

- 49 events which preschool children and babies attended;
- 47 events which primary school aged children attended;
- 30 events which teenagers attended;
- 58 events which adults attended.

An amazing year of activities and events for all ages here are some very happy members enjoying them.

CHILDRENS

Owl Tree Cafe

Woodland Play Patch

Three 2I

Starz Dance and Drama

Senses Wellbeing Centre

Pendragon

Rainbows Sensory Space



ADULTS



Marty's Party



Marty Live



Stockton Bowling

All Ages



Hall Hill Farm



Snow Tubing

Forest School



Three 21, our monthly meet up for younger children and their families, continued to run each month at Winlaton Community Centre, welcoming new parents, practising Makaton signing and exploring messy play.

Every year, another highlight is attending the Christmas pantomime at the Customs House in South Shields. This year's was *Mother Goose* and as always, we had a fantastic time enjoying the buffet and meeting the cast afterwards.

Singing Hands performed for us in Sunderland in September 2024, bringing nursery rhymes for the children and pop songs for the teenagers. This was once again sold out and a great opportunity for families to meet and catch up.

A big thank you to Marty for continuing the very popular parties which are thoroughly enjoyed by a group of our adult members for both online and live parties. They had fun dressing up, dancing and singing along to favourite songs. For many party regulars, the live party we all enjoyed in Lanchester was a real highlight of the year.

Pilates Plus has continued via Zoom on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, all free of charge for attendees. We have a good stretch and keep fit together with Marie from ZenergiZe.

The adult members continue to enjoy the parties organised by Julie and Sue H, with a disco and a buffet, which is a great opportunity to catch up with friends for both the adults and their families. North of the Tyne discos, taking place in Newcastle, have also been enjoyed by our adult members who love to be up on the dance floor.

Blast, an art and dance weekend workshop, is our annual event organised by Melanie, Gill and team of volunteers. It was held in June 2024 and was attended by adults. They produced amazing art work and a wonderful dance which was performed at Durham Gala Theatre in the Best Foot Forward event.

Our Christmas parties at the Marriott hotel, Metro Centre, are always a big success. In 2024, our junior party was attended by 42 families who enjoyed Nicky Noo Noo's games and disco, had fun with soft play and all received Christmas presents. Our teens also enjoyed Christmas celebrations at their party with 22 families coming along.

Every year we welcome new families to DSNE, many of whom have had a baby recently and 2024-2025 was no different. Our new baby gift boxes continue to be delivered to hospitals across the region with families coming along to talk to maternity staff about why the boxes are so beneficial. Between April 2024 and March 2025, 38 boxes were delivered to hospitals and 4 boxes were sent out directly to families.

World Down's Syndrome Day

To celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day in 2025, we held a fabulous Gala Ball and Family Celebration Day on 22nd and 23rd March. It was a fun packed weekend for all ages with 165 attending the ball. The Saturday evening gave the adults a chance to dress in ball gowns and suits and enjoy live music from The Baldy Holly Band, a three-course dinner. We raised funds with a raffle, tombola and bottle stall- an opportunity to win a bottle from water to whisky!

On Sunday 23rd March, we welcomed over 160 attendees (47 families) to the Family Celebration Day; children, parents and grandparents all came along to have fun. Everyone was greeted by characters from Disney and children's TV favourites, thanks to Make it Magical Entertainment. Infusion North East gave us a fun disco and party games. We were delighted and entertained by Martin, the magician, Mrs Merlin who provided balloon modelling, and face painting from 5 Star Face Painting. Lots of fun was had in the soft play area and all of the children had a great time creating their own pizzas, helped by Lynsey Dixon, who works at the Marriott Hotel.

Current Committee

Chairperson	Susan Belton	Trustee
Vice Chair/ social media and events organiser	Caroline Turner	Trustee
Treasurer	Michelle Varty	Trustee
Minutes Secretary/Ball Coordinator	Linda Dixon	Trustee
What's On Where and Diary Editor	Lesley Bond	Trustee
Newsletter Editor/ GDPR Officer	Alex Marshall	Trustee
Membership Secretary/ Safeguarding Officer/Adult Events	Nicky Ramsay	Trustee
DBS Coordinator/virtual events coordinator	Melanie Atkinson	Trustee
Adult Party and afternoon teas	Julie Carson	Trustee
Events Organiser for Adults	Sue Hodgson	Trustee
Three 21 Organiser/IT /website	Eleanor Baggaley	Trustee

All our committee members organise events throughout the year-thank you for your continued hard work.

We continue to keep trustees and volunteers updated with mandatory training. A lot can be done virtually at times that suits, although first aid is face to face.

We hold a committee meeting every month which continues to be a combination of online and face to face; members are welcome to attend. We also hold development days for the committee and volunteer days to ensure we are continually moving the charity forward.

Fundraising and Donations

Balls The Gala and Sunderland

Marco Haynes' grandad, Derek Haynes

Swimathon

Freemasons/Rotary

Newcastle United porters

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Great North Run in September 2024 for us. We very much appreciate all those runners who continue to support us with their sponsorship which goes a long way to enable the charity to grow.

I would like to thank you for the continued support and fundraising you all do throughout the year which is so important to the continued running of the Charity.

On 16th November 2024 8 DSNE teams of swimmers took part in Rotary Club of Durham's Annual Charity Swimathon. Our teams raised an amazing amount well done to everyone.

We continue to appreciate the donations from families who have sadly lost family and friends. If you would like a dedication and a photo about their life we would love to share it in the newsletter.

Publicity

The charity is being supported by Asda and Morrisons who have not only donated money and baby box items, but offered us an opportunity to promote the charity with display tables in stores in Thornaby, Hartlepool and Darlington, both raising money and raising awareness.

Our website continues to be updated and developed, now including information about our baby gift boxes and our events, online copies of 'Grapevine' and access to membership.

We continue to develop our social media to promote and advertise the charity. Facebook remains most popular with our community; you can follow us on Instagram @downs_syndrome_north_east, where we are regularly gaining followers. If you enjoy social networking, then 'like' and share our pages to help raise our profile!

Forthcoming Events

All event details can be found in the *Grapevine*, our quarterly newsletter, as well as our monthly 'What's on Where' (WOW), which is sent out via email and on social media. Remember to look at Facebook and Instagram, share your photos, especially if you have been to an event, and let us know what you are up to.

We are always open to ideas for events and are looking for volunteers to help with current and future activities,

Thank you,

Susan Belton

2025

Down's Syndrome North East

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31 March 2025

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Down's Syndrome North East

Accountants' report to the members of Down's Syndrome North East

A full audit has been carried out and all income and expenditure was supported either by receipts or corresponding entries in the bank statements. We have prepared a Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet and we have identified any restricted funds where applicable. In our view the records have been well maintained and provide a sound basis for these financial statements.

Crockwell & Co Accountants

91-93 Fowler Street
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Tyne and Wear
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20 October 2025

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST LIMITED
PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>31/03/25</u>	<u>31/03/24</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	39715	37598
Fund raising	21124	19157
Bank interest	806	710
From events	28199	14463
Gift Aid	1448	752
Grants received	0	14580
	<u>91292</u>	<u>87260</u>
<u>Costs of generating funds</u>		
Just Giving	216	216
Other fundraising	0	0
	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
<u>Charitable expenditure</u>		
Accountancy fees	360	360
Bank charges	72	91
Depreciation	342	430
Insurance	673	512
Data protection fee	232	35
Christmas & theatre	8460	10208
Activity breaks	15587	8534
Other events	39687	24460
Running costs	12319	11539
	<u>77732</u>	<u>56169</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>13344</u>	<u>30875</u>

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>31/03/25</u>	<u>31/03/24</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
<u>Equipment</u>		
Cost	6595	5907
Additions	0	688
Disposals	0	0
	<u>6595</u>	<u>6595</u>
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	5220	4878
	<u>1375</u>	<u>1717</u>
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Treasurer's account	59174	53770
HICA	49278	41009
	<u>108452</u>	<u>94779</u>
<u>Less:</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accruals and deferred income	360	373
	<u>109467</u>	<u>96123</u>
<u>Capital & Reserves</u>		
Balance b/fwd	96123	65248
Profit/(Deficit) for year	13344	30875
	<u>109467</u>	<u>96123</u>

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SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Year Purchased	Cost b/fwd	Additions	Disposals	Cost c/fwd	Depeciation b/fwd	Depeciation Disposals	Depeciation for year	Depeciation C/fwd	NBV 31/03/25	NBV 31/03/24
Projector	2006	1014			1014	1013		0	1013	1	1
Parachute	2007	60			60	59		0	59	1	1
Hard drive	2014	100			100	99		0	99	1	1
Hard drive	2016	79			79	78		0	78	1	1
Gazebo	2016	112			112	111		0	111	1	1
Disc reader/writer	2016	25			25	24		0	24	1	1
Printer	2016	59			59	58		0	58	1	1
Printer	2017	1740			1740	1563		35	1598	142	177
Printer	2017	40			40	36		1	37	3	4
Flask	2017	25			25	22		1	23	2	3
External hard drive	2018	118			118	82		7	89	29	36
Secure storage boxes	2018	67			67	47		4	51	16	20
Banner	2018	86			86	60		5	65	21	26
Filing cabinet	2018	48			48	34		3	37	11	14
Dell Computer	2020	731			731	507		45	552	179	224
Dell Laptop	2021	979			979	578		80	658	321	401
HP Pavilion Laptop	2021	624			624	369		51	420	204	255
HP Envy 6020e Printer	2024	88			88	14		11	25	43	54
Circuit Machine	2024	468			468	94		75	169	299	374
Heat Press	2024	152			152	30		24	54	98	122
		6595	0	0	6595	4878	0	342	5220	1375	1717

Downs Syndrome North East
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Date: 20 October 2025

Our Ref: VC/CR

Dear Kevin,

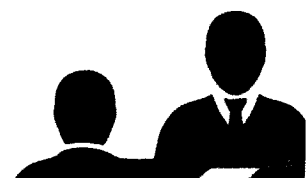
I attach the Audited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Once again the books have been well maintained and few problems were encountered during the audit.

If you have any queries please contact me at the office and in the meantime I enclose a note of my charges for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely

Vin Crockwell



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Message from the Chair, Susan Belton

I accepted my nomination as Chair of Down's Syndrome North East for a 9th term, taking the charity into its 21th year of independence supporting adults, children and families in the North East. A year continuing to deliver activities to all ages, supporting families old and new and the start of planning for our 21st celebrations.

We continued to have some meetings virtually and returned to the Shipwrights Pub in Sunderland where my very first meeting was held, for face to face meetings.

Our events reached families, children and adults who have Down's syndrome of all ages across the region. From April 2023- March 2024 our volunteers organised and ran the following for our members-

- 38 events which preschool children and babies attended;
- 37 events which primary school aged children attended;
- 32 events which teenagers attended;
- 42 events which adults attended.

We organised craft workshops for all ages throughout the year, starting in April with Pottery Painting at RoseBud Ceramics ([photo](#)) and then Easter Cake Decorating. Our members enjoyed the Art Workshops which included painting the Tyne bridge. Further crafts sessions included a glass workshop. In December 2023, over at Seaburn, a Christmas craft workshop and cake decorating session took place. Thanks to Nicky, Sue and Julie for running those.

Activities for our younger members include Hart Beeps music class in Darlington, Senses Wellbeing Centre sensory sessions, Pendragon sensory room, Rainbows Sensory room, as well as Sensory Spot and Let's Pretend Imaginary play in Hartlepool ([photos](#)). In August 2023, we also tried out a new venue called Clart About Cafe in Consett, which was a great success.

Three 21, our monthly meet up for younger children and their families, continued to run each month at Winlaton Community Centre, welcoming new parents, practising Makaton signing and exploring messy play.

On a sporty note, several swimming sessions were held across the year at Paddle Pod swimming pool in Shiremoor, Oasis hydro pool in Hartlepool and the Fish Tank in Newton Aycliffe. We have also continued to run our regular bowling sessions in Washington and at Teesside Park, which were enjoyed by a regular group of attendees.

In the Summer, we had visits to the Alan Shearer Centre in Newcastle to enjoy the hydrotherapy pool and play areas. Hall Hill Farm near Lanchester was also a popular day out, enjoyed by all ages, feeding and handling animals, enjoying varied play areas and watching sheep racing!

Much fun was had by all ages at the forest school sessions we held, exploring camp fires, building dens and toasting marshmallows, amongst other activities. Near Lanchester, we joined Noo Noo's forest school at Haystax. At Rossmere school (Hartlepool), Amanda's Creature Comforts joined us for some animal handling too.

The adult members took part in activity days at Moorhouse Scout Centre, a great time to meet up with friends and gain confidence which was further developed at the weekend in Kingswood where 25 adults were supported by volunteers Nicky, and team. The staff at the centre were brilliant working with our members.

At Tees Barrage water sports centre in June 2023, bell boating was enjoyed by all ages and their families-thanks to Nicky for organising this.

Theatre visits started with the Lion King at the Empire Theatre in Sunderland for members of all ages and their families who thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful show. The young members were treated to Zog at the Hippodrome in Darlington and teens and adults had a great time at the Cirque Show, also at Darlington Hippodrome. Leanne arranged complimentary tickets for both events in Darlington.

Every year, another highlight is attending the Christmas pantomime at the Customs House in South Shields. This year's was Alladin and as always, we had a fantastic time enjoying meeting the cast afterwards too.

Singing Hands performed for us in Newcastle in September 2023, bringing nursery rhymes for the children and pop songs for the teenagers. This was once again sold out and a great opportunity for families to meet and catch up.

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The adult members continue to enjoy the parties organised by Julie and Sue H, with a disco and a buffet, which is a great opportunity to catch up with friends for both the adults and their families. North of the Tyne discos, taking place in Newcastle, have also been enjoyed by our adult members who love to be up on the dance floor.

We have also continued to hold very successful afternoon tea events thanks to Ros, Linda and team with live music and games, not forgetting the delicious food.

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Our Christmas parties at the Marriott hotel, Metro Centre, are always a big success. In 2023, our junior party was attended by 42 families who enjoyed Nicky Noo Noo's games and disco, had fun with soft play and all received Christmas presents. Our teens also enjoyed Christmas celebrations at their party with 22 families coming along.

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World Down's Syndrome Day

To celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day in 2024 and begin our 21st birthday celebrations, we held a fabulous Gala Ball and Family Celebration Day on 23rd and 24th March. It was a fun packed weekend for all ages with 150 attending the ball. The Saturday evening gave the adults a chance to dress in ball gowns and suits and enjoy live music from The Baldy Holly Band, a three-course dinner. We raised funds with a raffle, tombola and bottle stall- an opportunity to win a bottle from water to whisky!

On Sunday 24th March, we welcomed over 160 attendees to the Family Celebration Day; children, parents and grandparents all came along to have fun. Everyone was greeted by characters from Disney, Marvel and children's TV favourites. Nikki Noo Noo joined us as usual for a fun disco and party games. We were delighted and entertained by Flash, the magician, and Mrs Merlin who provided balloon modelling and fantastic face painting. Lots of fun was had in the soft play area and all of the children had a great time creating their own pizzas, helped by Lynsey Dixon, who works at the Marriott Hotel.

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DBS Coordinator/virtual events coordinator	Melanie Atkinson	Trustee
Website & Gmail Coordinator/Events organiser	Leanne Baister	Trustee
Swimathon Coordinator and Book liaison	Ros Collinson	Trustee
Adult Party/ Residential Event Coordinator	Julie Carson	Trustee
Events Organiser for Adults	Sue Hodgson	Trustee
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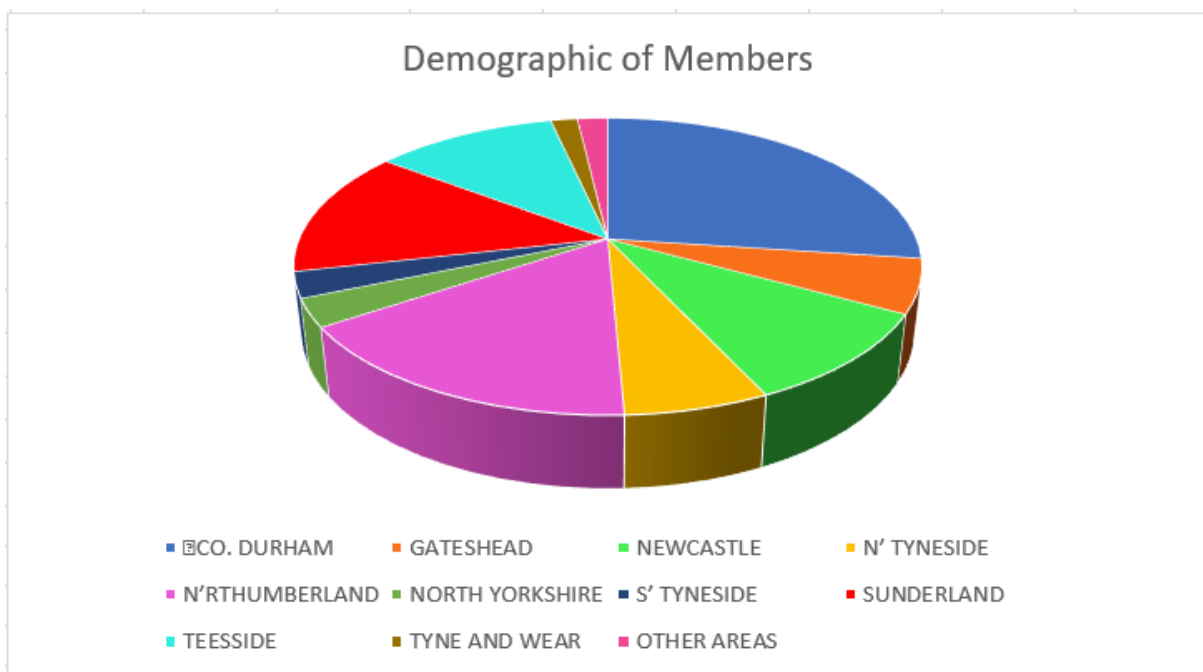
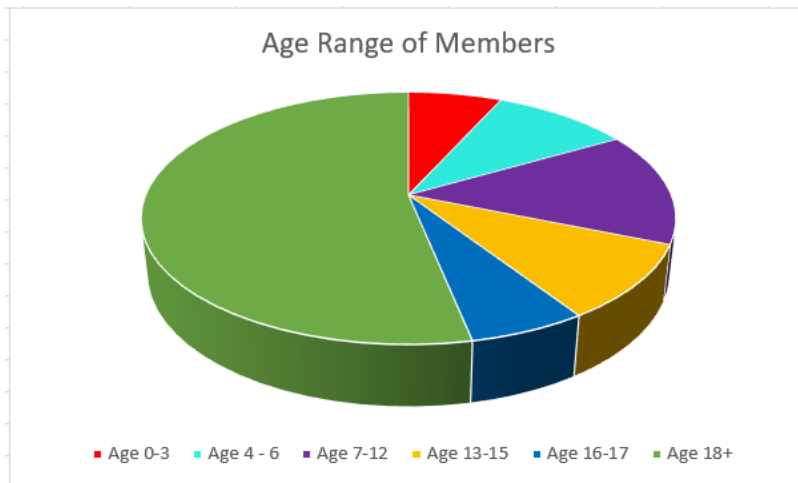
We hold a committee meeting every month which continues to be a combination of online and face to face; members are welcome to attend. We also hold development days for the committee and volunteer days to ensure we are continually moving the charity forward. Most recently, trustees attended a development day in February 2024 to review policies and make plans for the future.

Some changes are now taking place within the committee. I would like to thank Ros for all of her amazing work organising and running events and for the continued drive for inclusion and raising awareness in the community. Although Ros is stepping down as a trustee, I am sure just as much work will be done through her continued volunteering role.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Leanne for all the work moving the charity

forward. Leanne is also stepping down as a trustee, but will continue as a volunteer organising events and raising awareness.

Demographic information of Age and Location of Members:



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Great North Run in September 2023 for us. We very much appreciate all those runners who continue to support us with their sponsorship which goes a long way to enable the charity to grow.



I would like to thank you for the continued support and fundraising you all do throughout the year which is so important to the continued running of the Charity.

On 16th November 2023 8 DSNE teams of 54 swimmers took part in Rotary Club of Durham's Annual Charity Swimathon. Our teams raised an amazing £2,761.87 well done to everyone.

We continue to appreciate the donations from families who have sadly lost family and friends. If you would like a dedication and a photo about their life we would love to share it in the newsletter.

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The charity is being supported by Asda and Morrisons who have not only donated money and baby box items, but offered us an opportunity to promote the charity with display tables in stores in Thornaby, Hartlepool and Darlington, both raising money and raising awareness.

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We continue to develop our social media to promote and advertise the charity. Facebook remains most popular with our community; you can follow us on Instagram @downs_syndrome_north_east, where we are regularly gaining followers, and our X (Twitter) feed remains active (@dsneinfo). If you enjoy social networking, then 'like' and share our pages to help raise our profile!

Forthcoming Events

All event details can be found in the Grapevine, our quarterly newsletter, as well as our monthly 'What's on Where' (WOW), which is sent out via email and on social media. For our adult members, please check out the 'Voicebox' too. We are always keen to receive information, photos and news about what you've been doing to go in 'Voicebox'. Remember to look at Facebook, Instagram and X (Twitter), share your photos, especially if you have been to an event, and let us know what you are up to.

Hope everyone is enjoying the 21st celebrations and look forward to reporting about them next year.

Thank you,

Susan Belton

2024

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PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>31/03/24</u>	<u>31/03/23</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	37598	32706
Fund raising	19157	14041
Bank interest	710	170
From events	14463	24525
Gift Aid	752	0
Grants received	14580	0
	<u>87260</u>	<u>71442</u>
<u>Costs of generating funds</u>		
Just Giving	216	216
Other fundraising	0	0
	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
<u>Charitable expenditure</u>		
Accountancy fees	360	360
Bank charges	91	93
Depreciation	430	365
Insurance	512	502
Data protection fee	35	35
Christmas & theatre	10208	7719
Activity breaks	8534	15262
Other events	24460	35924
Running costs	11539	21454
	<u>56169</u>	<u>81714</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u>30875</u>	<u>-10488</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	<u>31/03/24</u>	<u>31/03/23</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
<u>Equipment</u>		
Cost	5907	5907
Additions	688	0
Disposals	0	0
	<u>6595</u>	<u>5907</u>
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	4878	4448
	<u>1717</u>	<u>1459</u>
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Treasurer's account	53770	23855
HICA	41009	40315
	<u>94779</u>	<u>64170</u>
<u>Less:</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accruals and deferred income	373	381
	<u>96123</u>	<u>65248</u>
<u>Capital & Reserves</u>		
Balance b/fwd	65248	75736
Profit/(Deficit) for year	30875	-10488
	<u>96123</u>	<u>65248</u>

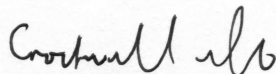
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SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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Parachute	2007	60			60	59		0	59	1	1
Hard drive	2014	100			100	99		0	99	1	1
Hard drive	2016	79			79	78		0	78	1	1
Gazebo	2016	112			112	111		0	111	1	1
Disc reader/writer	2016	25			25	24		0	24	1	1
Printer	2016	59			59	58		0	58	1	1
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Dell Laptop	2021	979			979	478		100	578	401	501
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HP Envy 6020e Printer	2024		68		68			14	14	54	0
Circuit Machine	2024		468		468			94	94	374	0
Heat Press	2024		152		152			30	30	122	0
		5907	688	0	6595	4448	0	430	4878	1717	1459

Down's Syndrome North East

**Accountants' report to the members of
Down's Syndrome North East**

A full audit has been carried out and all income and expenditure was supported either by receipts or corresponding entries in the bank statements. We have prepared a Profit & Loss Account and Balance Sheet and we have identified any restricted funds where applicable. In our view the records have been well maintained and provide a sound basis for these financial statements.



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Down's Syndrome North East Review of the year 2022-2023

Message from the Chair, Susan Belton

I accepted my nomination as Chair of Down's Syndrome North East for a 8th term, taking the charity into its 20th year of independence supporting adults, children and families in the North East. It was an extremely busy and productive year which included lots of new events and we welcomed lots of new families too.

As a committee we agreed to continue our virtual monthly meetings for the year. We held our first face to face meeting of the year at the AGM in June 2022 with a development day on February 26th 2023 to review and update policies and make plans.

The ever-popular Marty's Parties continued to be thoroughly enjoyed by our group of adults, they had fun dressing up and dancing along to great tunes from our very own Karaoke King at 21 Zoom parties this year. The Queen fancy dress event proved particularly popular.



Pilates Plus has continued via Zoom on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, all free of charge for attendees. We have a good stretch and keep fit together with Marie from ZenergiZe.

Outdoor activities have continued to be a huge success this year. Nicky organised an activity day at Moorhouse on 2nd April, followed by a forest school session for younger children with Nicky Noo Noo over Easter. In May another activity day was held at Kingswood which was thoroughly enjoyed by the adults who took part. Nicky also organised the adult residential weekend at Kingswood in June 2022 where adult members spent the weekend enjoying

outdoor and adventurous activities. This was followed by another activity day at Moorhouse in September which was another great success.



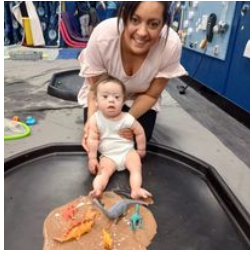
Caroline and Leanne have continued to produce and deliver our lovely new baby gift boxes which include clothing donated from local supermarkets, lots of lovely knitted items, quilts from Project Linus, as well as information about Down's Syndrome and the support available locally and nationally. The boxes have been delivered to maternity units and to families around the North East and have been very well received by our families and professionals.



We welcomed new volunteers including parents who work with Eleanor to run the monthly group (Three 21 DSNE) in Winlaton, Gateshead. The group aims to support families of younger children to meet up, help develop skills and socialise. It is well attended and provides a safe and supportive environment for open discussion regarding any issues parents are experiencing. Also, it is a chance for siblings to meet and socialise.



Our pre-school and primary school aged children also enjoyed events across the region during Spring, including at Sensory Spot in Hartlepool, Rainbows Sensory Space in Seaham and Tim Lamb Centre in Newcastle.



After the success of our first 35+ afternoon tea last year, we held another on 12th June 2022 at the Clarion Hotel, Boldon to bring people together. This was attended by over 60 members who enjoyed a raffle, bingo and of course delicious food. It was such a success again that more have been arranged for next year.



The Summer brought more events for our younger members at Rossmere forest school in Hartlepool, Senses Wellbeing Centre in Skelton and Sunshine Wood play centre in Billingham. During the summer holidays, families enjoyed a day out at Hall Hill Farm near Lanchester, indoor play at Bee Happy play cafe in Peterlee and more forest school fun with Nicki Noo Noo at Framwellgate Moor, Durham.



The summer ended with members of all ages and families attending two fantastic performances of We Will Rock You at Newcastle's Theatre Royal.

In October 2022, 10 of our adults were fortunate to enjoy a weekend of dance with Tin Arts, partly funded by the Chloe and Liam Trust. They created a super dance which was performed as part of 'The Chloe and Liam Variety Performance' to a live audience at The Customs House in South Shields.



Makaton courses for parents and carers have continued to be offered by Sue and these were held in Newton Aycliffe in September and January, enabling parents/carers to build the confidence and skills to use signing with their children.



Another very successful event in October 2022 was the visit by Singing Hands who performed a show for us at Middlesbrough College theatre. 120 children and adults attended and enjoyed the show, as well as a buffet lunch afterwards. Everyone loved meeting Suzanne and Tracy and buying Singing Hands merchandise too.



We were delighted to receive 4 free sensory play sessions for younger children on Teesside at Senses Wellbeing Centre in Skelton. This was thanks to the generosity of a local nursery and the sessions ran from September 2022 to April 2023.



As we moved into autumn, we began to plan our popular yearly Christmas parties at the Marriot hotel in Gateshead for under 12's and 12-17 year olds. These were a great success as ever. Many families enjoyed the catch-up while their children were entertained by our ever-supportive entertainer Nikki Noo Noo with music and games. The buffet was very enjoyable and a visit from Santa finished the afternoon off at both events.



We have continued our adults bowling groups in Washington, Sunderland and Teesside. Information can be found on the monthly 'What's on Where' with contact information for the volunteer organising the session.

Nicky has been very busy organising some very popular arts and crafts events throughout the year. Members have enjoyed Art Workshops pottery painting, cake decorating and a glass workshop throughout the year. We have continued cake decorating classes with Sue Hodgson which are a real winner. The cake decorating sessions always have a theme, including Christmas.



Pottery painting sessions at Rosebud Pottery in Seaham were enjoyed by members of all ages, including babies! Our adults took part in a glass tile painting workshop in March 2023, creating some beautiful pieces.



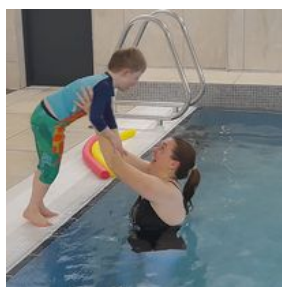
In November 2022, DSNE was invited once again to exhibit our members' artwork. Our art exhibition, 'Winter, Christmas and New Beginnings' was installed at Ushaw Historic Chapel and Gardens and exhibited until the end of January 2023. Art created at the art workshops organised by Nicky was framed and several pieces were sold to the public, as well as selection of accompanying cards.



Julie arranged a new year party for the adults in January at the Clarion Hotel and an adult disco was planned for May 2023. These continue to be extremely popular and are a chance to catch up with friends, dance the night away with supper and a drink!



In the new year, our younger members and their families enjoyed more swimming sessions at the Fish Tank in Newton Aycliffe, more sensory and soft play at Rainbows in Seaham and families had fun together at Bee Happy play cafe in Peterlee.



Look at Me

Our 'Look at Me' project, led by Ros, entered its next exciting phase during 2022-23. Lots of planning meetings, funding applications and 2 days of photo shoots for the creation of our 'Look at Me' book took place throughout 2022 and 2023.

In February 2023, after a lot of hard work, 2,000 copies of 'Look at Me' were delivered. More than £10,000 was donated by generous supporters to enable this to happen.

On 12th March 2023, 160 people attended the 'Look at Me' book launch and enjoyed afternoon tea and the opportunity to win fabulous raffle prizes. The highlight of the afternoon was a very entertaining question and answer session with renowned crime writer and author of the 'Vera' and 'Shetland' series, Ann Cleeves. We even had a visit from BBC 'Look North'.



From 12th March 2023 onwards, deliveries began of copies of 'Look at Me' to every primary, first, middle, and special school in the North East of England. Many of the books were delivered by our members, holding raising awareness sessions in schools, and to various community groups too. We received some great publicity via articles in some local newspapers. Feedback from children, staff, parents, and the north east community has been amazing.



Some local authorities have purchased additional books and many individual copies continue to be sold to the general public at £10 each.

Ros and Caroline also attended a meeting of Rotary Club of Durham on February 6th 2023 where Ros delivered an awareness raising session and Caroline spoke to attendees about the baby gift boxes.

World Down's Syndrome Day

To celebrate World Down's Syndrome Day we had a Gala Ball and Family Fun Day in March 2023. It was a fun packed weekend for all ages with 150 attending the ball. The Saturday evening gave the adults a chance to dress in ball gowns and suits and enjoy live music from The Baldy Holly Band, a three-course dinner. We raised funds with a raffle, tombola and bottle stall- an opportunity to win a bottle from water to whisky!



On Sunday 26th March we had over 140 attending the Family Day, children, parents and grandparents all out to have fun. Everyone was greeted by characters from Disney, Marvel and Cocomelon. Nikki Noo Noo joined us as usual for a fun disco and party games. We were delighted and entertained by Flash, the magician and Mrs Merlin who provided balloon modelling and fantastic face painting. Lots of fun was had in the soft play area and all of the children had a great time creating their own pizzas, helped by Lynsey Dixon, who works at the Marriott.



Ken Moore

Everyone was saddened by the news of Ken Moore passing away. He has been a pillar in the life and times of DSNE and its predecessor the NE Branch of the DSA. He was a founder member of DSNE 20 years ago back in 2003 and before that he had been an active committee member of the NE Branch of DSA for many years from 1979/80 when he and Joan joined the growing branch after their daughter, Catherine, was born. He was active in many fields and took on many roles on the Branch committee as well as becoming Vice chair of DSA for 2 years in the late 80s. Also when we elected to become an independent charity back in 2002, Ken helped draw up our constitution.

A lot of what goes on in our charity, especially for the adults with DS, is due to Ken. The Voice Box was his idea, he started the monthly bowling sessions at Washington and, along with Edwin Forrest, the monthly indoor sports activities at Gateshead. He took part in many fundraising activities such as the Yorkshire 3 Peaks and round Kielder challenge. The older members may remember the fun and games in Ken's 'It's a Knockout' competition!

Ken was always on the other end of the phone, happy to listen, talk and give advice. Ken was a firm believer in "never do anything on a whim without thinking it through first." That will be one of his lasting legacies.

Current Committee

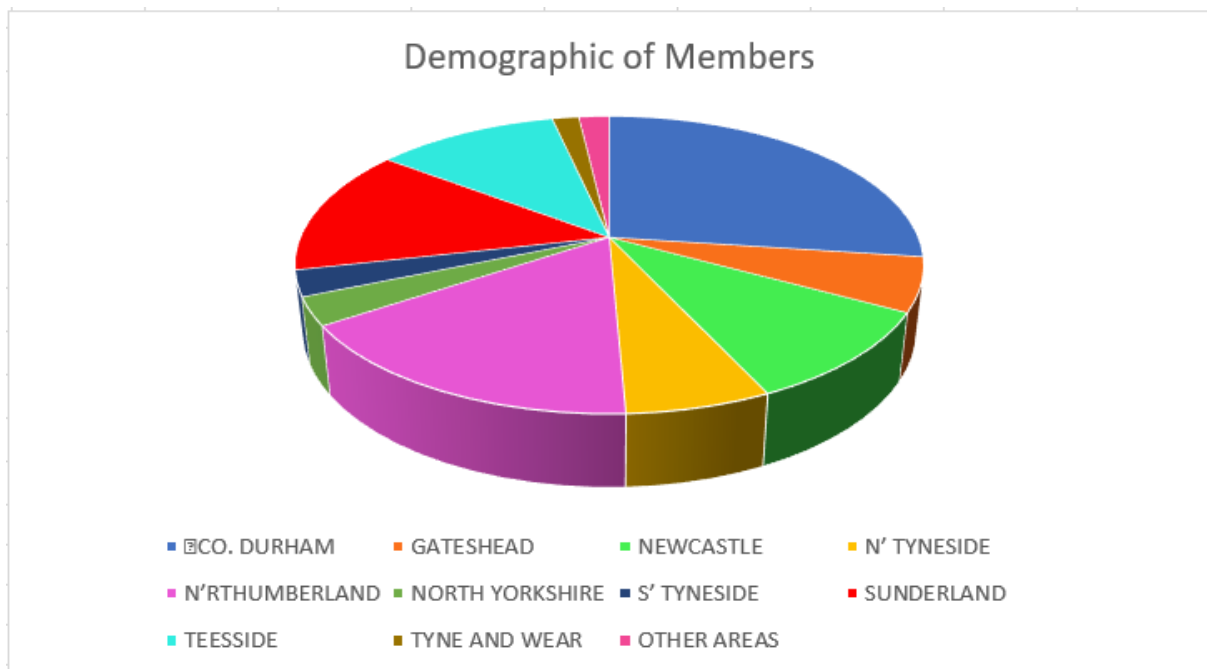
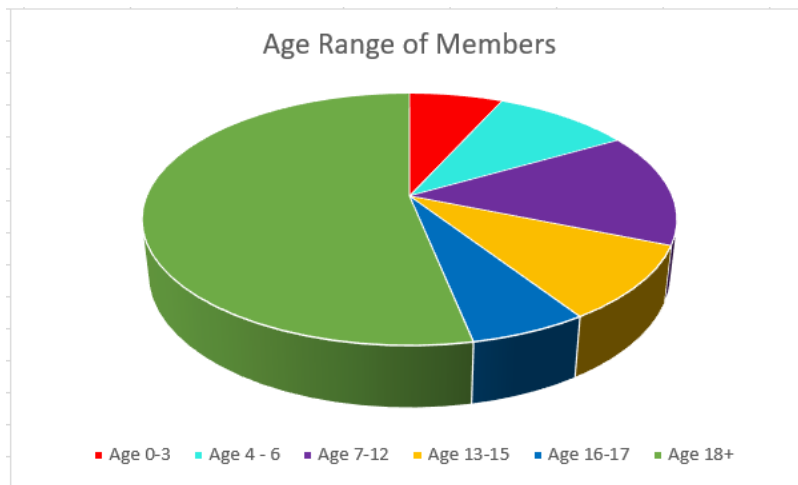
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Three 21 Organiser/IT support	Eleanor Baggaley	Trustee

All our committee members organise events throughout the year-thank you for your continued hard work.

In July and October 2022, committee members and volunteers renewed their first aid training, and committee members updated also child and adult safeguarding training during the year.

We hold a committee meeting every month which continue to be a combination of online and face to face; members are welcome to attend. We also hold development days for the committee to ensure we are continually moving the charity forward.

Demographic information of Age and Location of Members:



Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Great North Run in September 2022 for us. We very much appreciate all those runners who continue to support us with their sponsorship which goes a long way to enable the charity to grow.



On 13th November 2022 8 DSNE teams comprising of 46 swimmers took part in Rotary Club of Durham's Annual Charity Swimathon. Our teams raised an amazing £3,915.80 plus an additional 15% for the Samaritans.



We continue to receive support from the heavy metal community. On 17th December 2022, 'Blitzkrieg' and 'Tyson Dog' played at Trillions in Newcastle and have donated half the proceeds to DSNE - £514

Heavy metal fan Stephen Hall received the money from Brian Ross from Blitzkrieg.

It is lovely to see and hear about all the different activities organized for World Down's Syndrome Day and ways you have raised money from wearing odd socks to cake bakes!



I would like to thank you for the continued support and fundraising you all do throughout the year which is so important to the continued running of the Charity.

Publicity

The charity is being supported by Asda and Morrisons who have not only donated money and clothing, but offered us an opportunity to promote the charity with display tables in stores in Thornaby, Hartlepool and Darlington, both raising money and raising awareness.

Our website continues to be updated and developed, now including information about our baby gift boxes and our events, online copies of 'Grapevine' and access to membership.

We continue to use social media to promote and advertise the charity. Facebook remains most popular with our community; our Twitter feed remains active (@dsneinfo) and you can follow us on Instagram @downs_syndrome_north_east, where we are regularly gaining followers. If you enjoy social networking, then 'like' and share our pages to help raise our profile!

Forthcoming Events

All event details can be found in the *Grapevine*, our quarterly newsletter, as well as 'What's on Where' (WOW), which is sent out via email and on social media. For our adult members, please check out the 'Voicebox' too. We are always keen to receive information, photos and news about what you've been doing to go in 'Voicebox'. Remember to look at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, share your photos, especially if you have been to an event, and let us know what you are up to!

Look out for events for our 21st Anniversary next year in 2024!

Thank you,

Susan Belton

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DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST LIMITED
PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>31/03/23</u>	<u>31/03/22</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Donations	32706	10748
Fund raising	14041	24066
Bank interest	170	4
From events	24525	8129
Others	0	0
	<u>71442</u>	<u>42947</u>
<u>Costs of generating funds</u>		
Just Giving	216	216
Other fundraising	0	0
	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
<u>Charitable expenditure</u>		
Accountancy fees	360	360
Advertisng & PR	0	0
Bank charges	93	42
Depreciation	365	456
Loss on disposal	0	0
Insurance	502	502
Data protection fee	35	35
Christmas & theatre	7719	4005
Activity breaks	15262	13509
Other events	35924	12182
Support groups	0	0
Running costs	21454	13179
	<u>81714</u>	<u>44270</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u><u>-10488</u></u>	<u><u>-1539</u></u>

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	<u>31/03/23</u>	<u>31/03/22</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
<u>Equipment</u>		
Cost	5907	5907
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
	<u>5907</u>	<u>5907</u>
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	4448	4083
	<u>1459</u>	<u>1824</u>
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Treasurer's account	23855	34125
HICA	40315	40163
	<u>64170</u>	<u>74288</u>
<u>Less:</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accruals and deferred income	381	376
	<u>65248</u>	<u>75736</u>
<u>Capital & Reserves</u>		
Balance b/fwd	75736	77275
Profit/(Deficit) for year	-10488	-1539
	<u>65248</u>	<u>75736</u>

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Down's Syndrome North East

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Down's Syndrome North East Review of the year 2021 - 2022

Message from the Chair, Susan Belton

I accepted my nomination as Chair of Down's Syndrome North East for a 7th term, taking the charity into its 19th year of independence supporting adults, children and families in the North East. The country remained under restrictions to manage the spread of Covid, but we began to explore how we could move forward with our events and activities

As a committee, we agreed to continue our virtual monthly meetings for the year. We held our first face to face meeting in February with a development day to review and update policies and plan for the year ahead.

We were supported by Haven Caravan Holidays who allowed us to roll over the holiday we had paid for in 2020. So in May with sunshine, 10 families enjoyed a caravan holiday at Primrose Valley near Filey. Although still adhering to restrictions, much socialising at a distance was enjoyed along with swimming and shows. It was a lovely occasion to chat to our members face to face over a drink or just in passing.

Caroline and Leanne have created amazing New Baby Boxes which include clothing donated from Asda Foundation, lots of lovely knitted items from creative people and also information about Down Syndrome and the support available locally and nationally. The boxes have been delivered to new families and maternity units around the North East (photo) and have been well received by our new families.



We welcomed Eleanor to the committee along with some new volunteers to set up a monthly group called Three 21 NE in Blaydon. The group aims to support families to meet up and help develop skills and socialize. It is well attended and provides a safe and supportive environment for open discussion regarding any issues parents are experiencing. It is also a chance for siblings to meet and socialise.

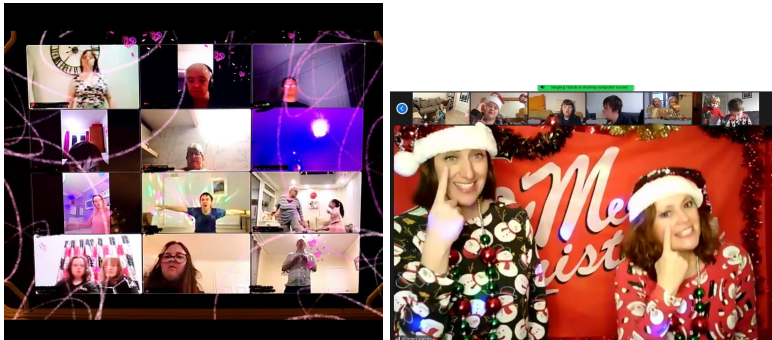


Ros highlighted how some of our adults had become quite isolated during lockdown and with help from Linda and Julie, they contacted families with adults over the age of 35 years old to offer support. To bring people together, an afternoon tea was arranged at the Marriott Hotel Gateshead. This was attended by over 60 members who enjoyed a raffle, bingo and of course, delicious food. It was such a success another has been arranged and I'm sure many more to come. It gives an opportunity for much needed social contact for our adults and their families and carers.



Julie & Sue H arranged the first adult disco in 2 years and is organising more using different venues around the North East. These continue to be extremely popular, giving a chance to catch up with friends and dance the night away with supper and a drink!

We have continued with virtual activities including Marty's Party, thanks to Marty Donaghy, and Zenergise, thanks to Marie Nesbitt; both keep members connected and fit. A pamper evening was enjoyed by the ladies, having the products sent out ready to use from Louise at Prism Beauty. We have had mindfulness classes and sleep yoga, all delivered virtually to help with stress and how to create better sleep patterns, thanks to Lisa Askhem, an experienced yoga teacher. We have also enjoyed Singing Hands sessions with all ages joining in with props to dress up in and having lots of fun. These have included online parties for Christmas and World Down Syndrome Day.



With the distribution of baby boxes, we were aware new families were quite isolated due to the lockdown restrictions. We felt it was important that as rules were changing and we could begin meeting face to face, it was time to look at events/activities for the younger members. Caroline and Leanne have taken over the role as new parent contacts and have consequently organized many meet-ups. The events have included the Tim Lamb Centre, Dragonflies soft play, Pendragon sensory room, Rainbows Sensory Space, Sensory Spot messy play session, Sunshine Wood play centre.



Another way to support our new families is to offer Makaton training, and with myself being a tutor, we have managed to arrange sessions, which have been well attended and fun to deliver. The programme will continue this year, encouraging early communication and supporting learning.

As we moved into autumn, we began to plan the Christmas parties which had been on hold. These went ahead as planned and as usual were a great success, even though a few people dropped out due to illness. Many families enjoyed the catch up while their children were entertained by our ever supportive entertainer, Nikki Noo Noo with

music and games. The buffet was very enjoyable and a visit from Santa finished the afternoon off.



We have restarted bowling groups in Washington, Sunderland and Teesside. Information can be found on the 'What's on Where' with contact information for the volunteer organising the session.

We have revisited some of the popular events with art workshops and the activity centre Dukeshouse at Hexham. We have started cake decorating classes with Sue Hodgeson which are a real winner. Decorating cakes with a theme began with the first at Christmas.



Many of our families have enjoyed our other outdoor activities over the last year. This has included a very popular visit to Hall Hill Farm where members of all ages enjoyed meeting the animals and having fun on the tractor rides. We have also taken part in a forest school session in Durham, learning new skills and enjoying roasting marshmallows.



To celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, we had a Gala Ball and Family Fun Day in March at the Gateshead Marriot hotel, after two years of waiting. Well worth it though! It was a fun-packed weekend for all ages with 150 attending. The Saturday evening gave the adults a chance to dress in ball gowns and suits, and enjoy live music from The Baldy Holly Band, a three course dinner and an opportunity to win a bottle from water to whisky!



On the Sunday, we had over 100 joining us for the Family Day. Children, parents and grandparents were all out to have fun. Although at 9am I was informed the magician and his wife, the face painter, had tested positive for Covid, we managed to find a stand in face painter, and everyone was understanding. Nikki Noo Noo extended her set with balloon modelling and more games! The tombola was a great success, and as it was also Mother's Day, all the children were given flowers for their mums.



Current Committee

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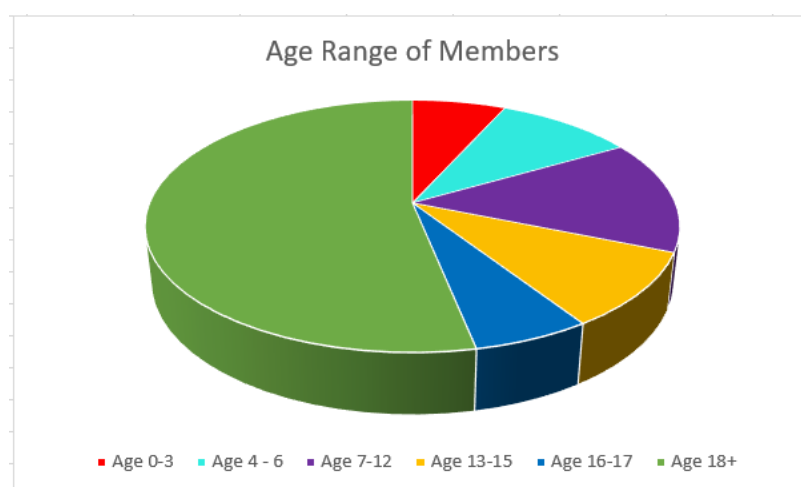
DBS Coordinator/virtual events coordinator	Melanie Atkinson	Trustee
Website & Gmail Coordinator/Events organiser	Leanne Baister	Trustee
Swimathon and 'Look At Me' project coordinator	Ros Collinson	Trustee
Adult Party/ Caravan coordinator	Julie Carson	Trustee
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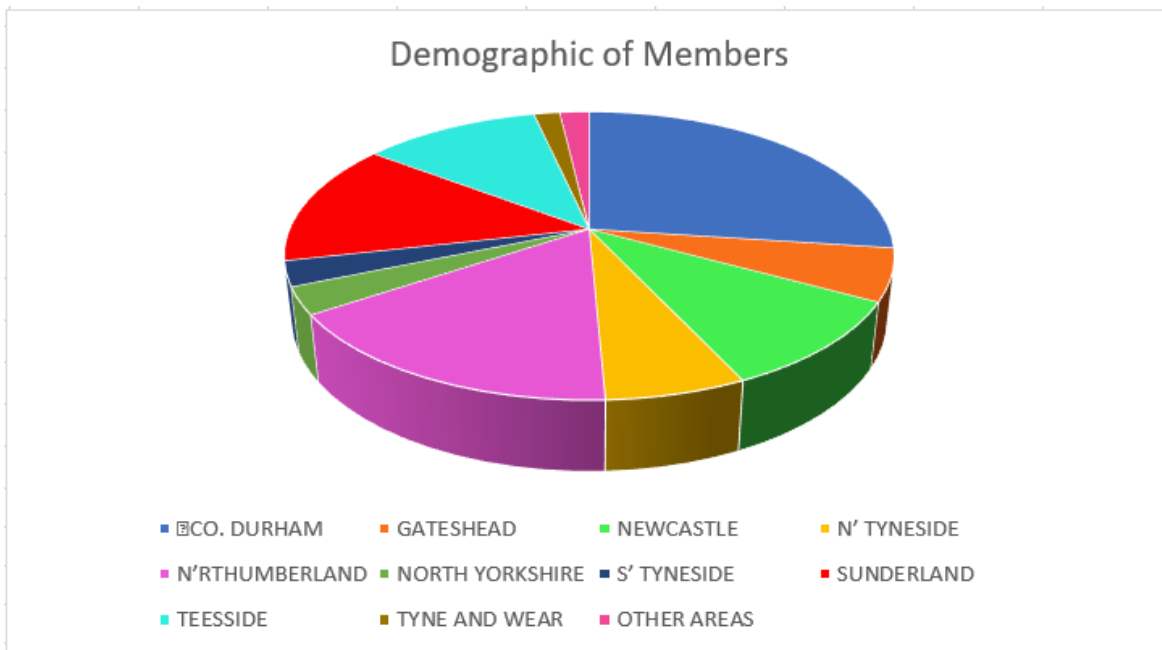
All our committee members give their time voluntary and organise events and ensure the smooth running of the charity - thank you all for your hard work.

One of our long standing members, Margaret Cockburn, retired from the committee but continues to be involved with the charity coordinating the Great North Run and sending birthday cards to our members with help from her daughter Elizabeth. Over many years of being part of the committee, Margaret has held different roles and given many hours to ensure the charity runs effectively and efficiently, adhering to policies and legalities pertaining to a registered charity. We are very grateful for all Margaret's work with DSNE and her continuing support.

We hold a committee meeting every month; members are welcome to attend. We also hold development days for the committee to ensure we are continually moving the charity forward.

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Fundraising

Thank you to the Great North Run runners who continue to support us with their sponsorship which goes a long way to enable the charity to grow.



I would like to thank families for their donations in remembrance and to hear stories about their lives.

It is lovely to see and hear about all the different activities organized for World Down Syndrome Day and ways you have raised money from wearing odd socks to cake bakes!

I would like to thank you for the continued support and fundraising you all do throughout the year which is so important to the continued running of the Charity.

We have also received grants applied for by committee members to help the funding of our baby boxes and 'Look At Me' project from Asda Foundation, Arnold Clark foundation, as well as donations from Bill Midgley, Julie Carson, David Collinson, Barbour Foundation, Melanie Atkinson and the Rotary Club Durham.

Publicity

The Charity is being supported by Asda Foundation, who have not only donated money and clothing for our baby boxes, but offered us an opportunity to promote the charity with display tables in stores all around the North East. Both enable us to raise money and awareness. We have also attended parent carer events in Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton on Tees and County Durham.



We have our website and continue to use social media to promote and advertise the charity. Facebook remains most popular with our community (<https://www.facebook.com/www.dsne.org.uk>), see our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/DSNEinfo>), or follow us on Instagram @downs_syndrome_north_east, where we are regularly gaining followers. If you enjoy social networking, then 'like' and share our pages to help raise our profile!

Forthcoming Events

All event details can be found in the Grapevine, our quarterly newsletter, as well as 'What's on Where' (WOW), which is sent out via email and on social media. For our adult members, please check out the 'Voicebox' too. We are always keen to receive information, photos and news about what you've been doing to go into 'Voicebox'. Remember to look at Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, share your photos, especially if you have been to an event, and let us know what you are up to!

Look out for events for our 20th Anniversary next year 2023!

Thank you

Susan Belton

29th June 2022

Down's Syndrome North East

Accounts

31 March 2022

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Down's Syndrome North East

**Accountants' report to the members of
Down's Syndrome North East**

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DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST LIMITED
PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>31/03/22</u>	<u>31/03/21</u>
Income		
Donations	10748	9194
Fund raising	24066	6182
Bank interest	4	22
From events	8129	234
Others	0	15
	<u>42947</u>	<u>15647</u>
Costs of generating funds		
Just Giving	216	216
Other fundraising	0	489
	<u>216</u>	<u>705</u>
Charitable expenditure		
Accountancy fees	360	360
Advertisng & PR	0	0
Bank charges	42	0
Depreciation	456	569
Loss on disposal	0	3
Insurance	502	498
Data protection fee	35	35
Christmas & theatre	4005	0
Activity breaks	13509	1491
Other events	12182	4868
Support groups	0	0
Running costs	13179	8683
	<u>44270</u>	<u>16507</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	<u><u>-1539</u></u>	<u><u>-1565</u></u>

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>31/03/22</u>	<u>31/03/21</u>
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
<u>Equipment</u>		
Cost	5907	5810
Additions	0	1603
Disposals	0	-1506
	<u>5907</u>	<u>5907</u>
Less : Accumulated Depreciation	<u>4083</u>	<u>3627</u>
	<u>1824</u>	<u>2280</u>
<u>Cash at Bank</u>		
Treasurer's account	34125	35196
HICA	40163	40159
	<u>74288</u>	<u>75355</u>
<u>Less:</u>		
<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Accruals and deferred income	376	360
	<u>75736</u>	<u>77275</u>
<u>Capital & Reserves</u>		
Balance b/fwd	77275	78840
Profit/(Deficit) for year	-1539	-1565
	<u>75736</u>	<u>77275</u>

DOWN'S SYNDROME NORTH EAST
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	<u>Year</u> <u>Purchased</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>b/fwd</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>c/fwd</u>	<u>Depeiciation</u> <u>b/fwd</u>	<u>Depreciation</u> <u>Disposals</u>	<u>Depreciation</u> <u>for year</u>	<u>Depreciation</u> <u>C/fwd</u>	<u>NBV</u> <u>31/03/22</u>	<u>NBV</u> <u>31/03/21</u>
Projector	2006	1014			1014	1013		0	1013	1	1
Parachute	2007	60			60	59		0	59	1	1
Hard drive	2014	100			100	99		0	99	1	1
Hard drive	2016	79			79	78		0	78	1	1
Gazebo	2016	112			112	111		0	111	1	1
Disc reader/writer	2016	25			25	24		0	24	1	1
Printer	2016	59			59	58		0	58	1	1
Printer	2017	1740			1740	1392		70	1462	278	348
Printer	2017	40			40	32		2	34	6	8
Flask	2017	25			25	19		1	20	5	6
External hard drive	2018	118			118	48		14	62	56	70
Secure storage boxes	2018	67			67	27		8	35	32	40
Banner	2018	86			86	34		10	44	42	52
Filing cabinet	2018	48			48	19		6	25	23	29
Dell Computer	2020	731			731	293		88	381	350	438
Dell Laptop	2021	979			979	196		157	353	626	783
HP Pavilion Laptop	2021	624			624	125		100	225	399	499
		5907	0	0	5907	3627	0	456	4083	1824	2280

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