

dyscover

specialist aphasia support



Dyscover Ltd, Company No:04814618, Registered Charity No:1099432

ANNUAL REPORT

AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025



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REGULATOR**



TRUSTEES' REPORT 2025

(including Directors' report)

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st March 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, 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).

OUR SERVICES

Objectives and Strategies

We work to inform, support and empower people with aphasia and their families to manage their communication disability and to re-engage with life.

We create an aphasia-friendly community in which people feel included, valued and have a sense of purpose.

Our three main objectives are to **grow our core services, extend our outreach and continue to develop as a centre of expertise.**

All our programmes are led by expert Speech and Language Therapists and are tailored to the needs and preferences of the people we support. They focus on real-life communication and involve families and communication partners. Our support is long-term.

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH APHASIA (AFTER STROKE OR BRAIN INJURY)

We offer **group-based support** to help people with aphasia connect, communicate, and regain confidence.

- **Foundation programme** - newly acquired aphasia. We provide information, signposting and support to members and relatives. We focus on; building peer support, supporting adjustment and strengthening communication strategies.

- **Extend programme** - living with aphasia, optimising community participation, building confidence, problem solving. Volunteering/ return to work.
- **Sustain programme** - forward thinking, maintaining communication strategies, strong friendships. Becoming Dyscover ambassadors.
- **Challenge Programme** - accessible community activities (sport, art, culture). Optimising community participation and enhanced life participation. Generalising communication skills into other settings.
- **Online groups** - online access to a full range of groups and adapted challenge options to enable access for those from a wider geographical area.

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE APHASIA (PPA)

We provide individual and group support for people at all stages of PPA – a rare, language led dementia. We work with partners and family members. Our services include:

- Assessment, advice, and signposting.
- Education to help people understand their communication challenges.
- Teaching strategies for better conversation through Communication Partner Training.
- As PPA progresses, we continue to support people with **ongoing reviews and troubleshooting** to help manage new communication difficulties.

"Absolutely spot on for knowledge and understanding of PPA and way of speaking to people with PPA. It's a relief to speak to someone who totally understands."

Relative

- **There are 100,000 strokes every year**
- **There are approximately 1.3 million people living with stroke**
Source; NICE (National Institute for health and care excellence) Revised May 2025
- **1 in 3 strokes result in aphasia**
- **More than 350,000 people have aphasia in the UK**
Source (Stroke Association)

COMMUNICATION GROUPS

We work to inform, support and empower people. We have received 31 referrals in the year April 2024 – end of March 2025. Dyscover's weekly in-person conversation groups continue to attract and retain members. Currently 63 members attend five face to face groups in Leatherhead and Kingston and 36 attend virtual groups via Zoom.

Some members three have been in a Dyscover group for many years, including five Thursday morning members whose length of membership ranges between 17 and 27 years.

Experienced members who have been living with aphasia for many years demonstrate that they continue to make gains in different areas of life, such as increasing confidence to participate in travel and social situations.

A recent art project undertaken in all groups, asked members what they get from Dyscover. Friendship, confidence and laughter were the most popular responses.

Members in all groups describe their weekly Dyscover group as their opportunity and space to communicate in a supported and un-rushed way. They value the time to share experiences and make connections with others living with aphasia.

CHALLENGE PROGRAMME

- 39 members participated in four accessible sports offered throughout the year.
- Summer 2024 - 10 activities taken up by 38 members booking a total of 81 sessions.
- Easter 2025 - four activities taken up by 25 members booking a total of 35 sessions.
- Term time activities delivered to face-to-face members included music therapy in the spring term and a creative art activity in the summer term.
- Activities also included art, cycling, gardening, pilates, air-rifle shooting, gymnastics, Golf, High Ashurst adventure day, social meetups and horse riding. We delivered our first wellbeing workshop during the summer break to seven members. We have also trialed pickleball with four members and look to introduce this next year.

The long-term benefits of the Challenge Programme include increased confidence, independence, reconnection with the wider community whilst also combating isolation, boosting self-esteem and enhanced quality of life.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

WHAT IS APHASIA?

Aphasia affects a person's ability to find words and to understand language, both spoken and written.

Aphasia ranges from mild to severe and can be a long-term condition which impacts whole families.

It is isolating, frustrating and is usually acquired without warning, most often through stroke but can be a result of a brain injury or rare dementia called Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA).

"I come every week and the sessions have helped me become more confident with aphasia and rebuild my life after having a stroke."

Long term Dyscover member

SPECIALIST SUPPORT

FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH PRIMARY PROGRESSIVE APHASIA (PPA)

Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) is a rare dementia syndrome characterised by the progressive loss of speech and language. Onset is often in midlife. While there are currently no disease-modifying treatments available, tailored Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) can significantly help individuals and their families manage communication challenges and continue to participate in life.

Dyscover remains the only UK charity providing long-term, specialist SLT services specifically for people living with PPA. Between April 2024 and April 2025, we received 52 new referrals - an increase of 20% from the previous year. Our expert SLTs delivered 109 one-to-one sessions and led 15 small group sessions, creating valuable peer connections and ongoing support networks.

We aim to keep our services flexible and accessible. 52% of referrals came directly from individuals or their relatives. A third of our referrals live outside the south east and 42% accessed support via Zoom. We supported a small number of families with bursaries to reduce the cost of support.

Feedback from our beneficiaries highlights the value of our service:

- 90% appreciated that sessions were led by a specialist SLT
- 85% valued the ability to self-refer
- 84% cited the importance of long-term support
- 75% rated our service 5 out of 5

Dyscover's work continues to meet a vital and growing need within the PPA community.



One of our small PPA groups which meet quarterly for ongoing support



Supporting group conversations with people living with PPA



Campaigning for better access to SLT for PPA at Westminster



We asked people with PPA what Speech & Language Therapy meant to them

PPA AWARENESS DAY

As well as delivering PPA support, this year we have worked to raise awareness and campaign for better access to therapy. Rosemary Townsend and Dr Anna Volkmer of UCL organised the first ever worldwide Primary Progressive Aphasia Awareness Day on 4th April. The aim was to raise awareness of the condition, and how Speech and Language Therapy can help. 500 people attended an online webinar, presented by expert clinicians and researchers, and a panel of people living with PPA. In the lead up to PPA awareness day, Dyscover's MP, Helen Maguire, helped raise the profile of the condition with a reception at the Houses of Parliament. 15 MPs and Peers dropped in and 20 people with personal experience of PPA attended. Next year's awareness day will be 10th April.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS RAISING AWARENESS

APHASIA AMBASSADORS

Dyscover's ambassador group now numbers 37 active members. Our ambassadors have been involved in 28 events over the past year, reaching over 800 people. They have delivered training to speech therapy students at both UCL and Reading University.

Three ambassadors also featured in three episodes of UCL's Giving Voice podcasts (now available on YouTube and Spotify) about the impact of their aphasia and the support they received.

The ambassadors also gave some impactful talks to community groups resulting in fundraising support and an invitation to a Rotary Conference in Guildford in October.



Mole Valley Silver Band Concert



Reading University Workshop

"What an inspirational group of people!"

Reading University SLT Student

DIGITAL MEDIA

We are increasingly using digital media. Webinars and podcasts enable us to reach out to new audiences, increasing awareness of aphasia. Dyscover staff, members, relatives and volunteers have all been involved in these exciting initiatives.

- **Live webinar for the Carers UK website** Our SLTs shared strategy ideas and information about long-term support. Several relatives spoke about their personal experiences, including what they found helpful and challenging, as well as the importance of meeting others in a similar situation. Feedback from listeners was very positive.
- **Brainy Speech Therapist podcast** Talking to the hosting SLT enabled us to publicise what Dyscover offers and highlight the varying levels of long-term support across the UK.
- **Giving Voice podcast** We were invited to join three episodes of this podcast, hosted by UCL speech and language therapy students.



Please scan the QR code to access episodes 23-25.



We hope to continue presenting in this way, reaching out to more people with aphasia and raising awareness within a digital framework.



UCL students responding to an online workshop with Dyscover members

ONLINE REFERRAL MARKETING

We run termly online visitor sessions plus bespoke presentations to potential referrers, eg. NHS Speech and Language Therapy teams. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness about our referral process and the services Dyscover offers.

IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – TIM

Tim had his stroke in August 2022 and explained that he couldn't remember anything for the first 19 days. He remembers feeling very confused thereafter when he realised he couldn't communicate (apart from swearing!) and was unable to read or write. He joined Dyscover in February 2023 after being referred by his NHS Speech and Language Therapist.

Tim says that the biggest benefit of attending Dyscover groups is that "I am able to think what I want to say, people wait.....I have time". He feels that nobody rushes him, "no matter how long it takes". He also likes the structure of the groups, having a topic framework so he can prepare, alongside the freedom to converse spontaneously.

"Dyscover is the most important thing in my life"

"I would want to do it every day if I could!"

Tim



SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY STUDENTS ON PLACEMENT

We are currently supporting two SLT Masters students from City St George's University as part of their educational placement. This is a new opportunity for Dyscover. Maggie and Emma, our SLT's, are supervising them and have trained as placement educators. They will complete their assessed placement in the Summer term of 2025. The entire Dyscover team has stepped up to optimise their experience and we continue to learn how best to do this. There are multiple benefits in having students and our members are also thoroughly enjoying their enthusiasm and passion for learning.



"Thank you for opening your doors to students and allowing me to 'dyscover' the world of aphasia"

SUPPORTING FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND CARERS OF PEOPLE WITH APHASIA

This year, we are exploring how to enhance support within the Dyscover community. Our aim is to help supporters feel informed, connected, and empowered - while recognising limits on funding and their time.

An initial questionnaire identified 20 potential participants, 10 willing to attend a focus group. Two focus groups provided space to share experiences and shape ideas. Seven relatives participated, some attending both.

Feedback included appreciation of Dyscover "asking carers' opinions, listening, and trying to see if it is feasible."

Participants emphasised the importance of connection and access to information. Everyone agreed on the need for simple ideas that could evolve.

13 individuals completed a follow-up questionnaire.

Based on this, we will trial:

- Termly drop-in aphasia training and discussion sessions
- Improved written resources during member onboarding
- A peer-led Supporters' Network Forum
- Ongoing collaboration with individuals keen to develop and implement further ideas

CENTRE OF EXPERTISE

CONFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH APHASIA 2024

In April, nine Dyscover members took part in a two-day national conference for people with aphasia. The theme was wellbeing. People with aphasia, including Dyscover members, played central roles in shaping the programme and delivering sessions. The event was held at Warwick University and co organised by Dyscover's President Gill Jackson and CEO of Speakeasy, Gill Pearl. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The event was made possible by a major grant from The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia. Building on this success, planning is already underway for a follow up conference in 2027.

Education / Students

Involving people with lived experience in student teaching is required by The Royal College of SLTs, and the HCPC (Health & Care Professions Council). This year, Rosemary Townsend has worked with MSc students from UCL and 12 Dyscover members to establish the best ways to deliver aphasia teaching. We have participated in five lectures on different aspects of aphasia.

We also continue to support Reading University's aphasia teaching programme, introducing 60 students to 20 Dyscover Ambassadors.

British Aphasiology Conference September 2024

Dyscover supported the Speech and Language therapists to attend this three day conference online. The theme was Aphasia Theory, Clinical

Practice and Future Directions. The conference was extremely informative and there were useful take-aways which will help shape Dyscover's services.

Annual Satisfaction Questionnaire

Thank you to all members and relatives who completed the questionnaire. We take on board your comments in continuing to shape and develop our service.

- 77% of relatives rated Dyscover overall as 4 out of 5 or 5 out of 5
- 76% of members rated Dyscover overall as 4 out of 5 or 5 out of 5
- 78% scored 4 out of 5 or 5 out of 5 when asked if Dyscover was good value for money.
- 79% of members scored 4 out of 5 or 5 out of 5 when asked if Dyscover supported positive well-being
- 75% of members scored 4 out of 5 or 5 out of 5 for Dyscover optimising communication in groups

Dyscover Research

Dyscover members have been involved with research carried out by a team from Kings College, looking at the challenges for people with aphasia accessing digital media. The aim of the project is to develop and test innovative technologies and tools to help people to be able to access their favourite TV programmes. Our members have been involved in co-designing apps and we look forward to seeing the final versions.

Dyscover members outside Birkbeck College



MSc Students at UCL with Rosemary from Dyscover



Julie (Head of Service at Dyscover) presenting alongside Dyscover ambassadors to speech therapy students at University College, London.



PEOPLE

WELLBEING

A new initiative focussing on Staff Wellbeing was introduced this year. Developing and improving Wellbeing amongst our team is key to the delivery and development of our complex and ever-changing service. All staff work part-time and collaboration through a normal week presents its own challenge. The proposal was greatly appreciated by all.

A Wellbeing Champion was appointed to lead on this and began with a discussion about mood and sense of wellbeing utilising a well-known tool The Blob Tree. Sharing this amongst each other created a new understanding of the demands of each other's roles and how the staff could integrate that into our weekly interactions. We then held a Wellbeing workshop led by Cathy Sparkes. The title was Managing Change where Cathy led an interactive session where the team, including some trustees, analysed differing approaches to change and built a toolkit for continuous improvement.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are an essential component of Dyscover, serving as the foundation of our organisation. However, given the current cost of living pressures and economic uncertainty, individuals' time and resources are increasingly limited.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

In this challenging environment, our volunteer programme continues to expand, with diverse individuals supporting our Summer Challenge

Events and engaging in local community outreach activities. We continue to receive numerous enquiries from students seeking volunteer experience to access Speech and Language training. Managing the balance between high interest and available opportunities remains an ongoing challenge.

To enhance diversity and offer varied volunteering opportunities, we are developing two new roles: Charity Fundraiser and Social Media Champion.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

In June, Dyscover celebrated National Volunteer Week with our annual appreciation lunch, attended by 15 volunteers. Staff provided a generous meal, and members contributed donations to honour and recognise the dedication of our volunteers.

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

An annual Volunteer Survey will be distributed this September to gather insights into our engagement strategies and volunteer retention efforts.



Pat Grace with Gill Jackson, our Founder and President. Pat has recently stepped down as a volunteer with Dyscover after 15 years.

TRUSTEES

Welcome Rob and Beth!



STAFF

Jo Matthews
Head of Fundraising

Lynn Witten
Volunteer Coordinator

Emma Hubbard
Speech & Language
Therapist



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Dyscover receives no statutory funding therefore we are dependent on the kind help given by a range of charitable trusts, funds and local community organisations. The generosity of individual donors, such as our Dyscover Champions makes a huge difference to the charity as does 'in kind support' for which we are extremely grateful.

PATRON VISIT

We were delighted to welcome our patron Lady Emma Fellowes and her husband Julian Fellowes to one of our communication groups. They listened to members and chatted to Dyscover's President, Gill Jackson. Staff and trustees talked about their hopes and plans for the organisation. We are extremely grateful to Lord and Lady Fellowes for their commitment to Dyscover and for their financial support.



Lady Fellowes listening to our members



Gill Jackson, President of Dyscover introducing Lord and Lady Fellowes to the group

DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

Ashted Train Station
Ashted Womens Institute
Ashted Rotary Club
Banstead and Sutton Rotary Club
Co-op Local Community Fund
Ebbisham Charter
Epsom Golf Club
Guildford Lions
Hospital Saturday Fund
Hendy Foundation
Irish Heart Foundation
Kingswood Golf Club
Lucio's Coffee Shop, Leatherhead
Mole Valley District Council
Masonic Charitable Foundation
National Philanthropic Trust
Hollick Family Foundation
Probus Club of Epsom
Probus Club The Horsleys
Red Hat Friends
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
Surrey County Council Carers Fund
Skerritts
St. James's Place Foundation
St. George's Junior School, Weybridge
The Fitton Trust
The Grand Charity – Masonic
The Pierrepont Trust
The Ardwick Trust
Tavistock Trust for Aphasia
The National Lottery – Awards for All
Violet M Richards Charity
West Horsley WI
Walsingham Care Home
You Fit Shepperton



Rosemary receiving £3000 from the Hospital Saturday Fund towards PPA



FUNDRAISING IN THE COMMUNITY

Spreading awareness about aphasia and Dyscover remains a key priority for the fundraising team. We have a calendar of fundraising events and awareness opportunities but we are always looking to develop this further. Third party opportunities are a key objective for next year.

SILVER BAND CONCERT IN TADWORTH

This wonderful festive event by the Mole Valley Silver Band raised £780. Aphasia Ambassador Nick spoke to the audience about Dyscover and the difference it has made to him personally.

SANTA RUN

In December we supplied elves and Santa in return for receiving a donation from the Banstead Rotary.

Thank you to the ongoing support of Rotary Banstead and Sutton Nonsuch.



QUIZ NIGHT

Over 100 supporters enjoyed a fantastic quiz and evening meal at the Bookham Village Hall in March. Total raised £1200. Thank you to everyone who donated or attended this fun event.



TROY HAWKE – LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

Comedian Troy kindly donated tour merchandise to Dyscover at his Leatherhead event on 7th November 2024.

30TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

We celebrated our 30th Anniversary with a Grand Ball at Kingswood Golf Club on 27th April. Over 100 guests enjoyed a drinks reception with a wonderful pianist, a delicious three-course meal, magician, professional photographer, live music and dancing. The band, Ronnie Scott's Rejects, were fantastic and the dance floor was full until the end.



MARATHON MAN

David Anderson is the nephew of one of our members and volunteers in an online group. A very keen runner, we are very grateful for him running the London Marathon and raising a fantastic £2700.

BRIDGE WITH AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to Pauline and Stuart Knee for organising a fantastic event. This raised £2100.



TOP DRAW CLUB

The Top Draw Club has donated £1200 so far this year which means that the same amount was distributed as prizes. Annual shares in the Club start at just £10 and enter you into five draws, including the super bonus draw in December.

If you would like to purchase any shares then email dyscovertopdraw@gmail.com. Full rules are available on our website.



Scan this code to
donate to Dyscover

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees who have served in the period are as follows:

John Woollatt

(Deceased 1st May 2024) Chair

Roger Young

(Appointed Chair on 20.08.2024) Chair

Stuart Knee FCA

Treasurer

Achim Vogt

Company Secretary

Rosa Dennis MRCSLT

Alison Lambert

(Resigned 12th August 2025)

David Anderson

(Appointed 12th August 2025)

Barry McIlroy

John Flower

(Resigned 30th April 2024)

Simone Page

(Resigned 20th August 2024)

Vanessa Ward

(Resigned 14th January 2025)

Roberto Chorley

(Appointed 3rd March 2025)

Bethany French

(Appointed 19th May 2025)

No Trustee has any beneficial interest in the Company. All Trustees are Directors of the Company and guarantee to contribute £10 each in the event of winding up. In accordance with the Articles of Association one third of all Directors will retire at every Annual General Meeting by rotation according to length of service. They are deemed to be Trustees of the Charity in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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The Independent Examiner reporting on the Accounts of the Charity is: Edward Moynihan BA(Hons) ACA Moynihan & Co,

4 Rickards Close, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 6RN

The Bankers to the Charity are:

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

President: Gillian Jackson MBE

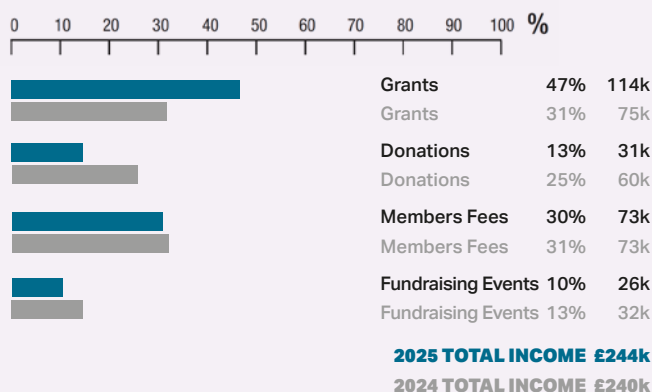
Patron: The Lady Fellows of West Stafford, LVO



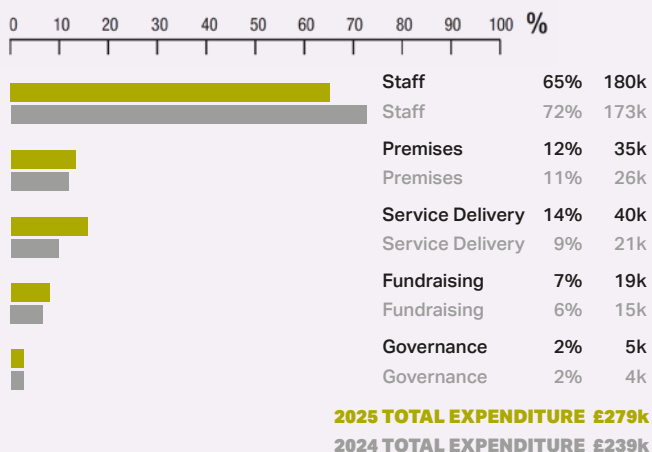
Challenge Activities

FINANCIAL REVIEW

ANALYSIS OF INCOME



ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE



The financial statements distinguish between Restricted and Unrestricted funds and indicate the amounts expended in each category. This distinction is more fully explained in Note 2 to the financial statements.

This has been an extremely difficult year for Dyscover and the Trustees have to report an overall deficit for the year to 31st March 2025 of just over £35k. From an internal perspective the year started badly with the unexpected passing of our Chair, John Woollatt. Shortly afterwards there were resignations from two key members of staff, who were both highly experienced and had both been with Dyscover for a number of years. New people had to be recruited through recruitment agencies to fill the vacancies which resulted in significant unplanned fees being incurred.

From an external perspective we still face an uncertain economic climate and many of our donors are experiencing difficulties coping with the high cost of living, which clearly impacts their

ability to sustain the level of support they have provided in earlier years. The process for receiving grants from charitable trusts has also become more competitive with a vastly increased number of charities applying for grants, coupled with the application processes becoming more complex with extended lead times before knowing whether you have been successful.

Our total income for the year amounted to £244k which represented only a small increase over last year – this is analysed by income stream in the chart opposite. In earlier years we have received a significant donation from one benefactor but this year he arranged a much larger grant through a charitable trust, which accounts for the change in mix this year between grants and donations. The shortfall in income from fundraising events arose directly as a result of the changes in personnel as there were fewer events organised.

Total expenditure in the year amounted to £279k which represented an increase of £40k over last year. We suffered unbudgeted agency recruitment costs of £10k and increased charges of £9k from our landlord for the use of the meeting room. Our staff numbers throughout the year have stayed broadly the same but costs have increased mainly due to a market rate salary increase. Our overheads suffered inflationary increases but also reflected higher levels of training, special interest activity and HR professional fees arising from the staff changes.

The overall deficit for the year was £35,535, comprising a surplus on restricted funds of £4,296 and a deficit on unrestricted funds of £39,831, which results in a reduction to our total funds carried forward to £91,152. On the basis of our accounting policy set out in Note 2 on Page 18 our cover as at 31st March 2025 against future operating costs has reduced to just over 4 months, which the Trustees acknowledge is below the minimum requirement within our accounting policy but attribute this principally to the exceptional problems that we have suffered during the last financial year. A number of different approaches are being introduced to try and improve the funding that we receive from some of our income streams and the Trustees are also reviewing all aspects of our cost base to identify where reductions can be made. The Trustees consider that these further measures will improve our overall operating performance so that over the next two financial years our reserves cover is brought back up to our required level.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Dyscover is a Company Limited by Guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 14th June 2003. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In the event of a winding up, if necessary, every member of the charity undertakes to contribute up to £10 for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL

Our Trustee Board continues to comprise members with the broad base of skills necessary for the good governance of Dyscover.

The Trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which Dyscover is exposed. The Board are satisfied that Dyscover has established review systems that under normal circumstances, should allow these risks to be managed and mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

The Board maintains and monitors an established system of financial controls appropriate to the size and nature of the organisation, including budgetary control and reviewing the annual budget. Particular attention is paid to the balance between income and expenditure and the amount necessary to be retained in reserves.

The Board has a regular review schedule of Dyscover's policies and procedures including: health and safety, equalities and diversity, recruitment and selection, as well as the services provided by Dyscover, with a view to mitigating any associated risks.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

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

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

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Please refer to the information on page 11 of the Annual Report.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the Trustees on 22nd September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Roger Young
Chairman & Trustee

Dated: 22nd September 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DYSCOVER LIMITED "THE COMPANY"

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 15 to 23.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Edward Moynihan

Name of Principal:	Edward Moynihan
Name of Firm:	Moynihan & Co
Relevant Professional qualification or body:	A.C.A.
Address:	4 Rickards Close Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 6RN
Date:	29 th September 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Dyscover Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

Year to 31.03.24

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations, grants, legacies and subscriptions	7	101,081	41,474	142,555	134,869
Income from fundraising events		25,887	0	25,887	31,926
Income from Charitable Activities:					
Fees from Members	7	69,301	3,303	72,604	71,450
Income from Investments					
Interest Received		2,790	0	2,790	1,811
TOTAL INCOME		199,059	44,777	243,836	240,056
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Raising funds:					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	5	16,225	0	16,225	12,927
Cost of Fundraising Events	5	2,885	0	2,885	1,881
Expenditure on Charitable activities	5	219,780	40,481	260,261	223,870
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		238,890	40,481	279,371	238,678
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(39,831)	4,296	(35,535)	1,378
Total Funds brought forward	7	106,918	19,769	126,687	125,309
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7	67,087	24,065	91,152	126,687*

*Comparative figures are shown in Note 12

All gains and losses arising in the period are included in the Statement of Financial Activities and arise from continuing activities.

The Notes on **pages 17 to 23** form part of these Financial Statements.

BALANCE SHEET

Dyscover Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) (Company No: 04814618)

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	6	3,070	0	3,070	4,270
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		61,179	24,065	85,244	33,799
Cash on Deposit		10,088	0	10,088	103,633
Debtors & Prepayments		2,843	0	2,843	0
		74,110	24,065	98,175	137,432
LIABILITIES					
Accruals: amounts falling due within 1 year	8	10,093	0	10,093	15,015
NET CURRENT ASSETS		64,017	24,065	88,082	122,417
TOTAL NET ASSETS		67,087	24,065	91,152	126,687
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		67,087	24,065	91,152	126,687*

*Comparative figures are shown in Note 13

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the Trustees on 22nd September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Roger Young
Chairman & Trustee



Stuart Knee
Treasurer & Trustee



The Notes on **pages 17 to 23** form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31st March 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless stated in the relevant note, in accordance with:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS 102
- Charities SORP (FRS 102) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees were not required to make any judgements that would have a material effect on the numbers reported. There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's financial statements.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity is dependent on continued funding from charitable trusts, individual and corporate donors, fundraising events and attendance fees from its service groups. However the trustees have no reason to consider that this will not continue or that there are any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

2. Accounting Policies

Funds Accounting

Restricted Funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. Any expenditure incurred on a specific project in excess of restricted funds available will be treated as expenditure from Unrestricted Funds.

The purpose and use of the Charity's restricted funds is set out in Note 7 to the financial statements.

Unrestricted Funds are Accumulated Funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Income

Income, including any related Gift Aid is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either, the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Expenditure and allocation of costs

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred and includes any irrecoverable VAT and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities

and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include those costs associated with the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the fees of the Independent Examiner and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of actual costs incurred on a particular activity, thereby reflecting the use of the resource.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised at cost if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £300.

Depreciation is calculated to write off the asset over its useful economic life. The depreciation rate currently in use for Equipment, Furniture and Fittings is 25% straight line.

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 10. There were no outstanding contributions at the year-end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included with the associated staff costs.

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, after allowing for any trade discount due. Accrued charges are valued at their settlement amount. Fees received from members in advance of the course

or activity are carried forward to the following accounting period.

Reserves

The charity has always adopted a prudent policy of trying to carry forward at least 6 months free reserves to cover future operating costs. Although restricted funds generally fall outside the definition of free reserves, the charity does receive several grants covering operating costs and so the amount of such grants is taken into account in determining the level of available free reserves. The calculation of the required level of free reserves is an integral part of the charity's planning, budgeting and forecasting cycle. It takes into account the associated risks of each income and expenditure stream.

3. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of funds of the Charity was paid or payable for the period to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses have been reimbursed to any Trustee (2024 £Nil).

The Charity has put in place Trustee Indemnity insurance as part of its overall indemnity insurance with an annual premium of approximately £150.

4. Taxation

As a registered charity, Dyscover Limited is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. No tax charges have arisen in the current or previous year.

5. Analysis of expenditure

	GENERATING	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL	TOTAL to 31.03.24
	FUNDS £	UNRESTRICTED £	RESTRICTED £	£	£
Cost of Fundraising Events	2,885	0	0	2,885	1,881
Personnel Costs	16,000	152,348	28,077	196,425	185,215
Premises Costs	0	33,952	1,060	35,012	26,056
Staff & Volunteer Training	0	2,273	0	2,273	443
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	0	989	854	1,843	1,689
Outings & Other Activities	0	0	5,678	5,678	3,504
Stationery, Postage etc.	0	3,074	500	3,574	4,036
Telephone	0	2,131	0	2,131	1,100
Refreshments	0	254	0	254	126
Publicity	0	1,441	0	1,441	843
Depreciation (see Note 2)	0	1,200	0	1,200	610
Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees	0	829	0	829	782
Insurance	0	700	0	700	700
Information Technology Expenses	0	6,858	4,312	11,170	9,266
Professional Fees	225	1,424	0	1,649	127
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	2,300	0	2,300	2,300
Recruitment Expenses	0	10,007	0	10,007	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	19,110	219,780	40,481	279,371	*238,678

*Comparative figures are shown in Note 14.

Governance Costs of £4,997 (2024 - £3,794) are included within Total Resources Expended.

6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furnishings & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Gross Book Value			
At 1 st April 2024	0	4,880	4,880
Additions in Year	0	0	0
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st March 2025	0	4,880	4,880
Depreciation			
At 1 st April 2024	0	610	610
Charge for the Year	0	1,200	1,200
Disposals	0	0	0
At 31st March 2025	0	1,810	1,810
Net Book Value			
At 31st March 2025	0	3,070	3,070
At 31st March 2024	0	4,270	4,270

7. Fund Movements Reports

Current Reporting Period

BALANCE 01.04.2024 £	FUND £	INCOME £	EXPENSES £	TRANSFERS £	BALANCE 31.03.2025 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
106,918	General	202,362	238,890	(3,303)	67,087
106,918	Totals for Unrestricted Funds	202,362	238,890	(3,303)	67,087
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
8,725	Primary Progressive Aphasia	6,000	17,355	6,565	3,935
4,070	Members Activities	0	1,095	(1,498)	1,477
804	Website Upgrade	0	804	0	0
2,795	Member Support	0	0	(1,764)	1,031
2,988	Equipment - Freemasons	0	2,988	0	0
387	UCL Student Project	1,553	1,802	0	138
0	Programme Support - salary	5,570	5,570	0	0
0	Programme Support -Venue costs	5,101	5,101	0	0
0	Ambassador Support	2,500	1,016	0	1,484
0	Kingston Support	20,750	4,750	0	16,000
19,769	Totals for Restricted Funds	41,474	40,481	3,303	24,065
126,687	TOTALS FOR ALL FUNDS	243,836	279,371	0	91,152

Unrestricted income includes grants of £72,150 with the remainder received from donations, fundraising events, members fees and interest. All restricted income is from grants.

Transfers in represent attendance fees for courses £6,565

Transfers out represent the net venue costs for the special interest activities and the usage of the Member Support fund for members fees (3,262)

Net transfers £3,303

Previous Reporting Period

BALANCE 01.04.2023 £	FUND £	INCOME £	EXPENSES £	TRANSFERS £	BALANCE 31.03.2024 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
111,432	General	208,267	202,553	(10,228)	106,918
111,432	Totals for Unrestricted Funds	208,267	202,553	(10,228)	106,918
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
6,054	Primary Progressive Aphasia	14,089	15,209	3,791	8,725
804	Website Upgrade	0	0	0	804
0	Equipment – Freemasons	7,100	1,732	(2,380)	2,988
0	UCL Student Project	750	1,113	750	387
1,911	Members Activities	2,000	5,687	5,846	4,070
453	Irish Heart Foundation	0	3,263	2,810	0
2,768	Programme Support	0	2,768	0	0
1,353	Volunteer Support	0	1,353	0	0
0	Soft Start	5,000	5,000	0	0
0	Equipment - Hendy	2,500	0	(2,500)	0
534	Member Support	350	0	1,911	2,795
13,877	Totals for Restricted Funds	31,789	36,125	10,228	19,769
125,309	TOTALS FOR ALL FUNDS	240,056	238,678	0	126,687

Unrestricted income includes £48,155 from grants with the remainder received from donations, fundraising events, members fees and interest.

Transfers represent attendance fees for courses and special interest activities transferred to restricted fund activity. £15,108

Grants transferred from restricted to unrestricted funds once the assets had been purchased and all relevant restrictions met. (4,880)

Net Transfers £10,228

Restricted income comprises £31,439 from grants with the remainder from donations.

Purpose of the funds:

General Fund – unrestricted funds expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charity's purposes.

Primary Progressive Aphasia – restricted grant funding from the Hospital Saturday Fund and Surrey CC Carers towards the costs of running the PPA service.

Programme Support – restricted grant funding from Community Foundation for Surrey towards the staffing and direct costs of organising and running the Special Interest Activities programme in the Easter and Summer holiday periods.

Kingston Support – restricted grant funding from Awards for All (£20,000) and the Royal Borough of Kingston (£750) towards the running of the Kingston operations.

Ambassador Support – restricted grant funding from St James Place Foundation towards the staff costs of running the Ambassador programme.

UCL Student Project – restricted grant funding from the Tavistock Trust for Aphasia towards the costs of running courses for their students.

Members Activities – restricted grant funding from Mole Valley District Council towards the costs of running the Special Interest Activities programme in the Easter and Summer holiday periods.

Volunteer Support – restricted grant funding from Awards for All towards the staff costs of the Volunteer Coordinator.

Website – restricted funding to cover the costs of upgrading the website.

Member Support – restricted grant funding from Skerritts and sundry restricted donations towards the costs of supporting members with their fees.

Irish Heart Foundation – restricted grant funding from the Irish Heart Foundation towards the costs of providing courses to its members.

Freemasons – restricted grant funding from the Freemasons towards the purchase of new equipment.

Soft Start – restricted grant funding from St James Place Foundation towards the costs of running the online pilot course for the expansion project.

Hendy Foundation – restricted grant funding towards the purchase of new equipment.

8. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	7,353	9,347
Income received in advance	2,740	5,668
	10,093	15,015

9. Commitments

At 31st March 2025 the company had a total commitment under a non-cancellable operating lease of £10,800 on the premises at Leatherhead Court (2024: £10,800)

10. Analysis of employed staff costs

Included within Personnel Costs are employed staff costs as follows:	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries & Wages	180,339	169,930
Social Security Costs	7,468	6,104
Pension costs (defined contribution)	3,450	3,171
Total employed staff costs	191,257	179,205

The average headcount of staff employed during the year was 12 (YE 2024:12), on a part time basis. No staff were paid a salary of £60,000 or more per annum.

11. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year (YE 2024 :Nil).

12. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities – Year to 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations, grants, legacies and subscriptions	7	107,960	26,909	134,869
Income from fundraising events		31,926	0	31,926
Income from Charitable Activities:				
Fees from Members	7	56,342	15,108	71,450
Income from Investments				
Interest Received		1,811	0	1,811
TOTAL INCOME		198,039	42,017	240,056
EXPENDITURE				
Expenditure on Raising funds:				
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	5	12,927	0	12,927
Cost of Fundraising Events	5	1,881	0	1,881
Expenditure on Charitable activities	5	187,745	36,125	223,870
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		202,553	36,125	238,678
Net Income/(Expenditure)		(4,514)	5,892	1,378
Total Funds brought forward	7	111,432	13,877	125,309
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	7	106,918	19,769	126,687

All gains and losses arising in the period are included in the Statement of Financial Activities and arise from continuing activities.

13. Comparative Balance Sheet at 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets	6	4,270	0	4,270
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		14,030	19,769	33,799
Cash on Deposit		103,633	0	103,633
Debtors & Payments in Advance		0	0	0
		117,663	19,769	137,432
LIABILITIES				
Accruals: amounts falling due within 1 year	8	15,015	0	15,015
NET CURRENT ASSETS		102,648	19,769	122,417
TOTAL NET ASSETS		106,918	19,769	126,687
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		106,918	19,769	126,687

14. Comparative analysis of expenditure (Year to 31st March 2024)

	GENERATING FUNDS £	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		TOTAL £
		UNRESTRICTED £	RESTRICTED £	
Cost of Fundraising Events	1,881	0	0	1,881
Personnel Costs	12,800	143,133	29,282	185,215
Premises Costs	0	24,123	1,933	26,056
Staff & Volunteer Training	0	443	0	443
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	0	1,283	406	1,689
Outings & Other Activities	0	(1,000)	4,504	3,504
Stationery, Postage etc.	0	4,036	0	4,036
Telephone	0	1,100	0	1,100
Refreshments	0	126	0	126
Publicity	0	843	0	843
Depreciation (see Note 2)	0	610	0	610
Subscriptions & Affiliation Fees	0	782	0	782
Insurance	0	700	0	700
Information Technology Expenses	0	9,266		9,266
Professional Fees	127	0	0	127
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	2,300	0	2,300
Recruitment Expenses	0	0	0	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	14,808	187,745	36,125	*238,678

* Governance Costs of £3,794 are included within Total Resources Expended

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Dyscover does not receive any statutory funding. We ask for a fee contribution and annual membership subscription from our members, but fundraise to cover all remaining costs. As a community-based charity we have a diversified funding mix. We give strong emphasis to our community fundraising and initiatives. Ways to support include:

- Make a donation (tax payers please include Gift Aid).
- Become a volunteer.
- Join us at a fundraising event or organise one for us!
- Take on a sponsored challenge such as the Royal Parks Half Marathon or London Marathon
- Become a regular giver through our Champions scheme.
- Join our Top Draw Club
- Take part in the Mole Valley Community Lottery
- Leave us a gift in your Will.
- Give in memory of a loved one.
- Host a collection pot.
- Nominate us as a Charity of the Year to your employer, club or society.
- Donate old foreign coins or used ink cartridges.
- Share expertise through employer CSR schemes.
- Ask your company to sponsor one of our core services. We have a range of sponsorship packages available.



DYSCOVER WISH LIST...

- £25 subsidises a challenge activity for members
- £50 covers new Volunteer training
- £200 helps us produce new group communication aids
- £900 would provide a member bursary in times of need for one year
- £3000 funds a Communication Partners course

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