

Lollipop (York & District)

(Charity number: 1105538)

Trustees annual report & financial statements for the year ended

31st March 2024

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Charity accounts preparation &
independent examination service

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Trustees' Annual Report

From: 1st April 2023

To: 31st March 2024

Charity's full name Lollipop (York and District)

Registered Charity number 1105538

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

Support for children, young people and young adults with any level of deafness, and their families, by the provision of social and emotional support. To provide social activities with the object of supporting development of independence, confidence and wellbeing of deaf children, children of deaf adults and deaf young adults. Support from Lollipop is for deaf children and young people aged 0 to 25 and their families, including siblings and the extended family. We also support hearing children of deaf adults. Members come mainly from York and North Yorkshire with additional members from surrounding areas. We welcome members regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances. The charity also works hard to raise awareness of deafness and its implications amongst the wider community.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the

Many deaf children and their families have feelings of exclusion and isolation. Lollipop offers the opportunity to meet and build friendships with others and share experience of deafness. We achieve this by offering a diverse range of social, information and support activities which aim to provide something of interest for everyone. In a relaxed and informal setting members are encouraged to try something new, express themselves freely and realise their true potential. In doing this they build confidence, increase self-esteem and develop self-identity.

Lollipop is open to children and young people, aged 0-25, with any degree of hearing loss living in York and North Yorkshire, as well as their parents and siblings and children of deaf adults (CODA). We welcome members regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances. The charity also works hard to raise awareness of hearing loss and its implications amongst the wider community.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Chair's report on behalf of the Trustees 2023-2024

I, Laura Walker have been a trustee of Lollipop since March 2021 and continue in my role as Chair which I have done since July 2021. There has been a change of staff since the last report. But the team continues to be dedicated to doing the best job they can for all the members.

Thanks

So, a big thank you to all the staff, Deb, Heidi, Anna, Cheryl and Becky who left but then fortunately returned, who all remain a very dedicated team, who are willing to be adaptable to the changes that we have needed to continue to meet our member's needs. We said goodbye to Abi who was a big part of Lollipop and will miss her at activities. We all wish her well on her new venture.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees; Nathan (Vice Chair), Jason, Amanda, Claire, Shelly and Rebecca for attending meetings and value their support throughout the year. We all continue with fundraising activities and events that have been held throughout the year.

Thank you also to all our volunteers – old and new. Also, to all family members who come to fundraising events and help get to support us it is much appreciated.

Activities and events

Staff are attending activities and fundraising events to ensure families are well supported at all of these

The staff continue to work on a rota system for each of these activities to ensure the needs of members are always met. The possibility of getting an activity leader for some events still hasn't been possible yet. With the help of the Lottery grant we are still preparing to look at developing new HQ's or youth/social groups as we have previously had. Our aim is to develop a new role for an activity leader with other duties to be able to add to the team.

Lollipop continues to maintain a presence across social media platforms to keep members informed via Facebook, Instagram, the Lollipop website and e-newsletters with BSL videos.

Our biggest event was the 20th anniversary of Lollipop which happened in June 2024. The party was an open-air garden party in Homestead Park, York with current members and past members and past staff also the founding person Andrea Gitsham who started Lollipop. It was a big celebration for Lollipop, and I would like to thank all the staff who contributed to its success.

Funding

Our main funding grant from The Lottery has meant that we have had more financial security to be able to do cover most core costs and we have also had some success with smaller bids getting money for activities. The aim is to now look to the future and what is required to keep lollipop in a financially secure place to be able to deliver all our future goals and aspirations

We have also had support from local supermarkets, schools, communities, and businesses.

Partners

York and District Deaf Society main partnership. We have continued partnerships with Music and the Deaf (I Can Play project), and York St John's University.

Also, with other deaf services such as Teachers of the Deaf at the City of York Council. We still have a drop-in session at the Deaf Café once a month.

Membership

We are currently supporting nearly 200 families who receive input from us. We hope to re-engage with more families living in North Yorkshire after levels dropped during Covid.

Future Goals and Aspirations

Moving forward in the second and third year of the Raising Aspirations project, we intend to build upon the success we have had in the first year. Our activities will be held throughout York and North Yorkshire postcode areas.

YEAR	PLANS
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidate work currently taking place since lifting of pandemic restrictions• Work with Local Authority Teachers of the Deaf to devise a strategy that will attract York families with deaf children who are not already members of Lollipop. to invite them to events and eventually membership. 4 new families will have attended 1 or more events.• Implement members focus groups to evaluate, plan and develop Lollipop activities• Arrange and deliver monthly trips or workshops for each age group in term time• Organise and launch monthly 'drop in' surgeries at a free, accessible venue.• Improve fundraising strategies and train staff or volunteers in developing mixed streams of revenue• Devise and deliver campaign to encourage monthly donations from members• Organise and host Deaf Services Fair
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research possibility of reintroduction of outreach projects outside of the York district. Possibly working with North Yorkshire TOD.• Devise and deliver annual campaign to local schools to hold fundraising event on our behalf.• Arrange and deliver monthly trips or workshops for each age group in term time• Arrange and deliver 4 peer support groups per month• Arrange one aspirational speaker per term• Organise and host Deaf Services Fair
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hold a celebration during Deaf Awareness week to mark our 20th Anniversary and achievements.• Devise and deliver annual campaign to local businesses to hold fundraising event(s) on our behalf.• Arrange and deliver monthly trips or workshops for each age group in term time• Arrange and deliver 4 peer support groups per month• Arrange one aspirational speaker per term• Run at least one outreach project outside York.• Organise and host Deaf Services Fair

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

The charity's financial position is satisfactory. The income is more than the expenditure thanks to the Lottery grant of which we are in our second year. The final instalment is due October 2025 and the grant will end in January 2026. There was an underspend of the Year 1 Lottery grant, due to a number of factors including staff restructure, communication support being provided by access to work and other funding being awarded. The fundraising strategy needs to be reviewed, and income streams must be diversified in order to ensure continuation of the charity.

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held

The Lollipop reserves policy is reviewed annually. The current policy, agreed by the Trustees in 2022, is to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable payment of redundancies should the charity wind up due to insufficient continuation funding.

Amount of reserves held

£ 39,432 of unrestricted reserve

Reasons for holding zero reserves
n/a

Funds materially in deficit
none

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern
If funding streams don't improve in the next 9-12 months, we may have to look towards reducing staffing or provisions, or closing the charity down.

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document Constitution
How the charity is constituted Association
Trustee selection methods Appointed by co-option, elected by members during AGM

Reference and administration details

Charity's full name Lollipop (York and District)
Other names the charity is known Lollipop
Charity's principal address 3 Woodward Way
Thorpe Willoughby
Selby
Postcode YO8 9FQ

Names of the trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Laura Walker	Chair		
Rebecca Bowes	Treasurer	Since Oct 2023	
Jayne Ball	Secretary	Resigned Feb 2024	
Nathan John Armstrong	Vice Chair		
Jason Drobig			
Amanda Smith			
Claire Elsdon			
Shelley Nichol		Since March 2024	

Names and addresses of advisers


Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Independent Examiner Karen Wood ACMA
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York
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature 
Full Name Laura Walker
Position Chair
Date 11/12/24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lollipop (York & District)

I report on the accounts of: **Lollipop (York & District)**
for the year ended: **31st March 2024** which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records

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.



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20/12/24

Date:

Lollipop (York & District)
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Receipts & payments accounts for the year ending:			31st March 2024	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	-	96,991	96,991	23,745
Trust & Foundation donations	9,132	500	9,632	325
Business donations	2,303	-	2,303	88
Individual donations	590	-	590	1,068
Fundraising activities & events	5,871	-	5,871	6,560
Community donations	4,383	-	4,383	10,546
Total receipts	22,279	97,491	119,770	42,332
Payments				
Activities	443	6,984	7,427	3,531
Salary costs & Session workers	-	65,080	65,080	65,337
Payroll costs	-	753	753	804
General running expenses	850	2,924	3,774	5,371
Premises costs	-	-	-	1,482
Volunteer & Staff expenses	100	254	354	406
Fundraising costs	57	-	57	823
Equipment	1,311	-	1,311	565
Independent examiner's fees	350	-	350	300
Bank & paypal charges	-	-	-	16
HR consultancy service	-	4,473	4,473	2,428
Total payments	3,111	80,468	83,579	81,063
Net of receipts/(payments)	19,168	17,023	36,191	(38,731)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Balance brought forward	20,264	7,357	27,621	66,352
Balance carried forward	39,432	24,380	63,812	27,621

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Statement of assets and liabilities at:		31st March 2024		
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
Assets	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Current bank account	39,432	24,380	63,812	27,544
Paypal	-	-	-	77
	39,432	24,380	63,812	27,621
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
Liabilities	£	£	£	£
Independent examination fee	350	-	350	350
	350	-	350	350

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2024

1. Basis of accounts

The Trustees have taken advantage of section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. Analysis of funds

2.1 Details of restricted funds

Sylvia & Colin Shepherd

Norman Collinson

Deaf Sport

Liz & Terry Brammall

Lottery grant

Purpose

Hearing impaired activities for ages 5 plus

Towards toddler activities

Towards sporting activities

Towards toddler activities

Towards running costs and activities as set out in budgets

2.2 Movement of major funds

	Balance b/fwd £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance c/fwd £
Unrestricted funds					
Total	<u>20,264</u>	<u>22,279</u>	<u>3,111</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,432</u>
Restricted funds					
Sylvia & Colin Shepherd	-	2,000		-	2,000
Deaf Sport	8	-	8	-	-
Norman Collinson		500	500	-	-
Liz & Terry Brammall	-	2,000	1,558	-	442
Lottery grant	7,349	92,991	78,402	-	21,938
	<u>7,357</u>	<u>97,491</u>	<u>80,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,380</u>
Total Funds	<u><u>27,621</u></u>	<u><u>119,770</u></u>	<u><u>83,579</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>63,812</u></u>

Approval of Accounts for the year ended:

31st March 2024

The report and accounts were approved at a
meeting of the Trustees held on:

21.11.24

Date

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:



Signature

LAURA WALKER


Name

CHAIR PERSON

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

11.12.24

Date



Signature

REBECCA BOWES

Name

TREASURER

Position (e.g. Chair etc)

13.12.24

Date