

# **Lollipop (York & District)**

(Charity number: 1105538)

## **Trustees annual report & financial statements for the year ended**

**31st March 2025**

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Charity accounts preparation &  
independent examination service

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# Trustees' Annual Report

**From:** 1st April 2024

**To:** 31st March 2025

**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 2024-2025

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 significant change in the staff structure this year with Heidi leaving. But the team continues to be dedicated and stronger than before.

#### Thanks

So, a big thank you to all the staff, Deb, Anna, Cheryl and Becky who all work so well together. Heidi left to pursue a new career in a school, we would like to thank her for all her hard work being the Service Manager of Lollipop during some challenging times particularly during Covid. We wish her all the best in her new job.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees; Nathan (Vice Chair), and Amanda who due to personal reasons had to step down as trustees. We are, however, fortunate to still have dedicated trustees Claire, Shelly, Jason and Rebecca and now Stacey all for attending meetings and we value their support throughout the year. We will all continue with supporting fundraising activities and events to keep Lollipop going.

Once again, a big thank you also to all our volunteers – old and new. Plus, all family members who come to fundraising events and help 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 possibility of getting an Activity leader for some events still hasn't been possible due to staff changes. But with the help of the Lottery grant we are still preparing to look at developing new HQ's or youth/social groups and working with outside groups and teachers of the deaf to develop these in the future. We held another Deaf Services Fair in May that was very well attended and encourages agencies to all work together for all our members.

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.

#### 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. Our current funding from the Lottery is due to end in March 2026 and we are in the process of applying to them again. Following the advice of our current Lottery Manager this application is just for support with funding Lollipop's staff expenses. Over the past three years the staff have benefited from training in making applications for grants and have been successful on several occasions. Although it will not be easy we feel that other funding will be able to be gained for activities and social events.

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

### **Partners**

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

We also work with Deaf services such as Teachers of the Deaf at the City of York Council and North Yorkshire County 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**

As we approach the end of the third year of the Raising Aspirations project we have achieved many of our goals but need to still look at what is really wanted from members such as being able to learn BSL and get more support in this.

Our activities will be held throughout York and North Yorkshire postcode areas.

YEAR	PLANS
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Work with Teachers of the Deaf – ongoing.</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Research possibility of reintroduction of outreach projects outside of the York district. Possibly working with North Yorkshire TOD – ongoing.</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange and deliver monthly trips or workshops for each age</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange and deliver 4 peer support groups per month</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange one aspirational speaker per term</li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Devise and deliver annual campaign to local businesses to hold fundraising event(s) on our behalf</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange and deliver monthly trips or workshops for each age group in term time</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange and deliver 4 peer support groups per month</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange one aspirational speaker per term</li> <li>• <input type="checkbox"/> Run at least one outreach project outside York.</li> </ul>

We are developing a new 3 – 5 year plan and somethings are still to be introduced and developed for our members to get the best possible service that we can provide.

## **Financial review**

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

The charity's financial position is good. The income is more than expenditure again this year thanks to the Lottery grant of which we are in our 3rd year. The final instalment was due to be October 2025 with the grant finishing in January 2026, however this has now been extended to March 2026. The underspend continued into 2025 for the same reasons - staff restructure, illness and maternity also played a part. We are still planning to review the funding strategy as per last year and look at how we can diversify our income streams to strengthen the charity's position.

### **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**

**£55,692 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**

None

## **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** The Hawthorns  
Bush Gardens, Amotherby  
Mallton  
YO17 6TH

**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		
Vacant	Secretary		
Jason Drobig			
Claire Elsdon			
Stacey Corr			

**Names and addresses of advisers**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Independent**

**Examiner** Karen Wood ACMA Outsource Accountancy Services & Independent Examinations  
2 Galligap Lane, Osbaldwick  
York  
YO10 3NR

**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** Rebecca Bowes

**Position** Treasurer

**Date** 22/11/2025

## 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 2025** 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.



**Karen Wood (ACMA)**

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York YO10 3NR

24/11/2025

**Date:**

**Lollipop (York & District)**  
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<b>Receipts &amp; payments accounts for the year ending:</b>			<b>31st March 2025</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2025 Total funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	500	99,806	100,306	96,991
Trust & Foundation donations	4,837	4,000	8,837	9,632
Business donations	4,423	-	4,423	2,303
Individual donations	2,073	-	2,073	590
Fundraising activities & events	3,743	-	3,743	5,871
Community donations	1,893	-	1,893	4,383
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,469</b>	<b>103,806</b>	<b>121,275</b>	<b>119,770</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Activities including BSL support	-	13,234	13,234	7,427
Salary costs & Session workers	-	66,880	66,880	65,080
Payroll costs	-	-	-	753
General running expenses	-	11,876	11,876	3,774
Volunteer & Staff expenses	481	40	521	354
Fundraising costs	283	-	283	57
Equipment	420	-	420	1,311
Independent examiner's fees	-	350	350	350
Bank & paypal charges	25	-	25	-
HR consultancy service	-	2,276	2,276	4,473
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>94,656</b>	<b>95,865</b>	<b>83,579</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>9,150</b>	<b>25,410</b>	<b>36,191</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Balance brought forward</b>	<b>39,432</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>63,812</b>	<b>27,621</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>55,692</b>	<b>33,530</b>	<b>89,222</b>	<b>63,812</b>

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Statement of assets and liabilities at:	31st March 2025
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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>				
Current bank account	55,692	33,530	89,222	63,812
Paypal	-	-	-	-
	<u><b>55,692</b></u>	<u><b>33,530</b></u>	<u><b>89,222</b></u>	<u><b>63,812</b></u>

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Independent examination fee	350	-	350	350
	<u><b>350</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>350</b></u>	<u><b>350</b></u>



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**Notes to the Accounts for the year ended:**

**31st March 2025**

**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

Liz & Terry Brammall

Two Ridings

Ovingdean Hall Foundation

Lottery grant

**Purpose**

Hearing impaired activities for ages 5 plus

Towards toddler activities

Running costs

Activities for ages 5 plus

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 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<u>39,432</u>	<u>17,469</u>	<u>1,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,692</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Sylvia & Colin Shepherd	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
Liz & Terry Brammall	442	-	442	-	-
Two Ridings	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Ovingdean Hall Foundation	-	4,000	2,330	-	1,670
Lottery grant	21,938	94,806	84,884	-	31,860
	<u>24,380</u>	<u>103,806</u>	<u>94,656</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,530</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u><b>63,812</b></u>	<u><b>121,275</b></u>	<u><b>95,865</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>89,222</b></u>

**Approval of Accounts for the year ended:**


**31st March 2025**

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

22/11/2025

**Date**

**Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees:**



**Signature**

Rebecca Bowes

**Name**

TREASURER

**Position (e.g. Chair etc)**

22/11/2025

**Date**

**Signature**

**Name**

**Position (e.g. Chair etc)**

**Date**