

NORTH STAFFS ASPERGER / AUTISM ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1109817

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-06-02

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF/UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLE WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITIONS FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL MANNERS CONCERNING AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS.

Activities: The NSAAA provides support, help and advice to individuals with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, their parents and carers. Our association is friendly, supportive and caring. We are fortunate enough to have staff and volunteers who jointly provide a wide range of expertise. We currently have members across the whole of Staffordshire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE. STOKE-ON-TRENT NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME . STAFFORDSHIRE.
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£51,197	£49,953	-	-
2024-09-30	£41,018	£46,063	-	-
2023-09-30	£42,617	£47,152	-	-
2022-09-30	£44,902	£41,614	-	-
2021-09-30	£30,461	£30,080	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jeremy John Relton	Chair	2024-03-19
Christopher Bakos		2025-03-24
JANE TITLEY		
Natalie Leese		2025-03-24
PAULINE MARY HANRAHAN		

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for the AGM – 2026

By Jeremy Relton- Chair

Chairperson's report

This year has been a very successful year for the charity with continued strong growth in membership and increases in activities we are able to provide members. This seems to be how we are moving forward year on year currently. We are proud to continue serving members and always look to improve what we do. However, we are not so strong on the finances and we are quite tight. Hopefully we will secure some funding from Garfield Weston and be successful with Children in Need soon. We are short of trustees and trustees going forward. But we have a strong and experienced band of volunteers which is great news.

Committee/ Trustees and Staff

- As we come to the AGM the trustees comprise me, Jeremy Relton (chair), Pauline Hanrahan, (treasurer) Jane Titley, (secretary) Mark Collier, Natalie Leese and Chris Bakos. I want to thank them all for their hard work, great ideas and commitment to driving the organisation forward over the last twelve months. It's been yet another good year even if a little wobbly financially as we end it.
- I have been chairperson since March 2024 and I am standing again as a trustee.
- Jane Titley has been the secretary for a great number of years and is a great asset to the committee; her expertise is around policy and processes. She will stand again.
- Pauline Hanrahan is our Treasurer. She continues to liaise with Wendy Knobbs, our current Finance Manager. Wendy continues to produce monthly accounts and makes sure the money accounts are accurate for auditing purposes. Her report will be reported later in the meeting. She will stand again.
- Chris Bakos will stand for re-election and continue with efforts in hosting groups in Leek.
- Natalie Leese is undecided at the time of the writing of this report and Mark Collier is standing down but will remain as a volunteer.
- I thank all of the trustees for the work that they do to ensure that our charity keeps running.
- The staff members are Jill Broad, Rachel Linforth, Lindsey Beckett and Wendy Knobbs. We are pleased to employ staff with such a diverse range of skills. We thank all of our staff, volunteers and trustees for their continued support and passion in helping and supporting our members.
- Our current membership is 370 as of 8th March 2026; this is an incredible achievement for the fourth year running now. Previously our membership had not been much more than 220. This shows that the need for our charity is greater than ever. The long waiting lists for CAMHS and the long waits for EHCPs etc. add to the need for services like ours that offer some support and help in those first days especially.

Working Practices

We have a wide range of services on offer.

- We have the helpline open 4 days a week for a few hours. Members and potential members can phone and ask for advice and guidance.
- There is a small lending library in the office with books on Autism.
- There are several face-to-face social groups for children and teenagers that have continued to meet on a monthly rota. We have a good range of online groups on the monthly rota.
- Our face-to-face groups usually meet at King Street studios in Newcastle and our growing band of volunteers regularly support these groups; we thank them for their continued support.
- Our over 35s group continues to meet monthly.
- We have had a group meet in the Leek area too; we hope that this will happen again.

□ Activities update:

1. Monthly Jumbo sessions for the children and their siblings have been enjoyed by many. This group has really taken off, and we regularly have 15-20 children playing on a 3rd Friday. We have started to do a session during December as well now.
2. Our monthly craft groups continue online using zoom and face to face, they prove popular with a range of members of all ages. Huge thanks for Rose Went who has stopped volunteering after many years as she has family commitments. The group is in good hands moving forward with Lindsey and Heather.
3. Regular school holiday activities continue to take place. There are always two extra activities a week in the holidays. They have included bowling, train trips, mini golf, tubing, Trentham Gardens and many country walks to name a few. The annual trip this summer was to Alton Towers; it was a successful day. We have also been attending Hurricane Gaming more this last year.
4. The monthly swimming club has been running on and off. We have changed venue again. We have been using the pool at Kidsgrove since January 2025. This is working better. We have some normal sessions with the inflatables being used every third session. The meeting/party room after is popular too. Members like the active hour followed by the sociable hour sharing food.
5. The Lego group still meets and has recently changed to a Friday; it has a loyal following.
6. The 16-28 young adults' group has continued to grow from strength to strength and our aim to promote independence is evident in our young people. They love a meal out or a trip to the bowling alley or cinema and Long Rest Games.
7. This year we enjoyed our under 16s party night and we had lots of fun with our younger members. This group now includes members up to their 17th birthday. This has evolved from themed nights to a relaxed evening with our younger members. It has a fantastic, chilled end of

the week vibe. They have been bowling, to the circus; to name a couple of activities.

8. The games night is good too. This involves old-fashioned fun; board games and Nintendo switch are out too. This is a new group. We are lucky to have Dave Gunn who runs Dungeons and Dragons during the evening.
9. Our adult group is thriving, they are such an amazing group, and they enjoy meeting at King Street once a month, and they also enjoy meeting during the monthly outing. Activities have included many meals out, bowling, and mini golf.
10. We also enjoyed several fantastic theatre trips including the Panto, and plays at both The Regent and a Coldplay night at Crewe's Lyceum Theatre. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come along and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.
11. On Saturday 28th February we had a great afternoon at Caudwell Children's Centre in Keele; they have kindly agreed we can use their facilities from time to time. We used it to host a magical afternoon with Jack Dent performing his magical show; we had our usual raffle and tombola as well as food we all brought to share. We hope to do this again soon.

- We host a Parents'/Carers' Support Group that has continued to meet at King Street. This group provides a much-needed opportunity for a cup of tea and a supportive chat with Dee, who really offers our members such a warm welcome and friendly advice.

Fundraising and awareness raising

- We continue to raise some much-needed funds for the charity moving forward into 2025. Our largest and most successful fundraising event of the year has become the charity ball which took place in May 2025. Our accounts tell us it raised £7456. We have our next Ball on June 6th this year which we are hoping you can all support. It is not too late to get your tickets.
- This year we have fundraised £9627; this is an amazing amount and comprises a huge amount of our expenditure. We have also been given £3629 in donations. Again, this is an amazing amount from friends, families and local organisations and businesses.

Grants and Money

- A lot of work has been done in this area, which is an ongoing commitment. Pauline has detailed these in her report. Some funding has been secured from Big Lottery Awards 4 All; Foyle Foundation, Enterprise Grant and Tesco groundwork.

which will be detailed in Pauline's report. In addition, we received £3,500 from Alex Ferry Foundation (not included in Financial year Ending September 25). Sadly, we did not secure any funding from Children in Need but we can apply again in the summer. The process is different and also the demand for the grants is even higher so rejection is more likely. We have just been successful in a 3 year grant from the Garfield Weston on £5000 a year. The effort from the committee and the members ensures that we now have a healthy bank balance going into the next financial year. Fundraising and donations are becoming an even more important part of sustaining our work.

The Future

The NSAAA will continue to thrive even though we are struggling with funding at the moment. Support from our members is great. Karl Snape has been the golf captain locally and is collecting for us as his charity. Ryan Lloyd and his media company have taken us on as their charity to support in their 20th year. We are so pleased and very grateful for a recent donation of £500. We are sure that we will be alright in the long term but every now and again we have these bumpy financial rides. We will succeed. It has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated people over the last twelve months and thank you to you all.

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association

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For the Year Ended 30th September 2025

Registered Charity Number 1109817

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2025

Charity Information

Trustees

Natalie Leese (appointed 24/03/2025)
Mark Collier (appointed 24/03/25)
Christopher Bakos (appointed 24/03/25)
Dee Clarke (resigned 24/03/25)

Honorary Officers

Jeremy Relton (Chair)
Pauline Hanrahan (Treasurer)
Jane Titley (Secretary)

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North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2025

Trustees report

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 19/04/2005 as amended on 23/02/2006 as amended on 08/03/2008 as amended on 29/03/2012

Charitable objects

1. to promote the relief/understanding of people with autistic spectrum conditions for their families and carers.
2. to advance the education of the public in all manners concerning autistic spectrum disorders.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is an open and welcoming outlook towards potential new trustees and every effort is made to keep numbers at a steady level. New Trustees are nominated and appointed at the AGM usually, but may be co-opted during the year as part of the monthly Trustees meeting.

Public benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

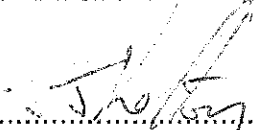
Summary of the main achievements during the period

As a recipient of The Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2015, and hosts of an afternoon tea reception for HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex in 2017, we have continued to gain recognition and great encouragement for what we are achieving in our work. We have continued to successfully adjust our vital work in an ever-changing climate and have secured support grants from Awards for All, Alex Ferry Foundation, Garfield Weston Foundation, Foyle Foundation, Tesco Groundwork and Enterprise. We also hold a very successful Charity Ball each summer which is our main fundraising event of the year. The number and diversity of events that we can offer to our members has increased. Our activities, events, and support and information services are being driven forward at an impressive level by our staff team and proactive committee.

The charity's policy on reserves

Reserves will be built up in order to adequately cover the running costs of the organisation for a maximum period of six months to assist future cash flow should funding be delayed. The policy is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 

Dated 13 Oct 25

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association
for the year ended 30 September 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th September 2025.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed  Date 05/02/2026
Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September 2025

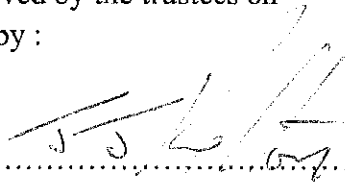
	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Year Ended 30.09.24 £
<u>Balance B/fwd 01.10.24</u>	4,166.78	16,015.79	20,182.57	25,227.01
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants / Funding	28,123.00		28,123.00	21,099.00
Donations		3,629.36	3,629.36	1,316.97
Memberships		3,240.00	3,240.00	3,180.00
Fundraising		9,626.54	9,626.54	8,980.25
Income from activities		6,213.53	6,213.53	6,074.06
Gift Aid Claim		364.56	364.56	368.08
<u>Total Receipts</u>	28,123.00	23,073.99	51,196.99	41,018.36
<u>Payments</u>				
Postage / Stat / Print / Advert	80.65	254.25	334.90	378.92
Telephone / Internet/ Website	568.46	734.91	1,303.37	1,423.19
Salaries / NIC / Income Tax	12,177.75	14,321.92	26,499.67	24,392.32
Associated Staff costs		437.50	437.50	
Volunteer Costs		234.40	234.40	
Car Parking		500.00	500.00	250.00
Autism sensory Pack				112.80
Meetings & Room Hire	3,125.42	2,489.58	5,615.00	4,962.00
Office / Computer Equipt.	132.00		132.00	
Events / Workshops	4,004.51	9,252.92	13,257.43	12,890.14
Insurance / Prof. Fees	201.99	1,436.66	1,638.65	1,653.43
<u>Total Payments</u>	20,290.78	29,662.14	49,952.92	46,062.80
<u>Balance C/fwd 30.09.25</u>	11,999.00	9,427.64	21,426.64	20,182.57

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Statement Of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year Ended 30th September 2025

		Year Ended 30.09.2024
<u>Cash Assets</u>		
Cash at bank & in hand	21,426.64	20,182.57
<u>Represented By :</u>		
Restricted Funds	11,999.00	4,166.78
Unrestricted Funds	9,427.64	16,015.79
	21,426.64	20,182.57

These accounts were approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by :

Jeremy Relton - Chair


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Pauline Hanrahan - Treasurer


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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for the AGM – 2025

By Jeremy Relton- Chair

Chairperson's report

This year has been a very successful year for the charity with continued strong growth in membership and increases in activities we are able to provide members. We are proud to continue serving members and always look to improve what we do. However we are very short of trustees and trustees going forward. But we have had a lot of new volunteers which is great news.

Committee/ Trustees and Staff

- As we come to the AGM the trustees comprise myself, Jeremy Relton (chair), Pauline Hanrahan, (treasurer) Jane Titley, (secretary) and Dee Clarke I want to thank them all for their hard work, great ideas and commitment to driving the organisation forward over the last twelve months. It's been yet another good year.
- I have been chairperson since March 2024 and I am standing again as a trustee.
- Jane Titley has been the secretary for a great number of years and is a great asset to the committee; her expertise is around policy and processes. She will stand again.
- Pauline Hanrahan is our Treasurer. She continues to liaise with Wendy Knobbs, our current Finance Manager. Wendy continues to produce monthly accounts and makes sure the money accounts are accurate for auditing purposes. Her report will be reported later in the meeting. She will stand again.
- Dee Clarke has been a loyal trustee for several years and she is standing down this year. We thank her for all of her hard work and commitment. We know she has agreed to keep volunteering for the Coffee Evenings. This is great.
- The staff members are Jill Broad, Rachel Linforth, Lindsey Beckett and Wendy Knobbs. We are pleased to employ staff with such a diverse range of skills. We thank all of our staff, volunteers and trustees for their continued support and passion in helping and supporting our members.
- Our current membership is at 399; this is an incredible achievement for the third year running now. Previously our membership had not been much more than 250. This shows that the need for our charity is greater than ever. The long waiting lists for CAMHS and the long waits for EHCPs etc. add to the need for services like ours that offer some support and help in those first days especially.

Working Practices

We have a wide range of services on offer.

- We have the help line open 4 days a week for a few hours. Members and potential members can phone and ask for advice and guidance.
- There is a small lending library in the office with books on Autism.
- There are several face-to-face social groups for children and teenagers that have continued to meet on a monthly rota. We have a much larger rota this last year or two for online groups as well. Our face-to-face groups usually

meet at King Street studios in Newcastle and our growing band of volunteers regularly support these groups; we thank them for their continued support.

- Our over 35s group has been operating for over a year.

- Activities update:
 1. Monthly Jumbo sessions for the children and their siblings has been enjoyed by many. This group has really taken off and we regularly have 20 children playing on a 3rd Friday. We have started to do a session during the Christmas holidays; this has proved popular.
 2. Our monthly craft groups continue online using zoom and face to face, they prove popular with a range of members of all ages.
 3. Regular school holiday activities continue to take place. There are always two extra activities a week in the holidays. They have included bowling, train trips, mini golf, tubing, Trentham Gardens and many country walks to name a few. The annual trip to Blackpool happened too. We have also had one-off events such as music making sessions. These prove popular. There have been a few new activities in the holidays such as Museum in a Box and Hurricane Games.
 4. The monthly swimming club has been running on and off. We have changed venue again. We are now using the pool at Kidsgrove. This is working better. We have some normal sessions with the inflatables being used every third session. The meeting/party room after is popular too.
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 10. We also enjoyed several fantastic theatre trips including the Panto, and plays at both The Regent and The New Vic. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come along and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.

- The Adult members continue to meet several times a month. Thanks should go to our fabulous staff members for all the great ideas and suggestions you have put forward to create much needed fun! This is how our over 35s group started!
- We host a Parents' Support Group that has continued to meet at King Street. This group provides a much-needed opportunity for a cup of tea and a supportive chat with Dee, who really offers our members such a warm welcome and friendly advice.

Fundraising and awareness raising

- We continue to raise some much-needed funds for the charity moving forward into 2024. Our largest and most successful fundraising event of the year has become the charity ball which took place in May 2024. Our accounts tell us it raised £7746. We have our next Ball in June this year which we are hoping you can all support
- This year we have fundraised £8980; this is an amazing amount and comprises a huge amount of our expenditure. We have also been given £1317 in donations. Again, this is an amazing amount from friends, families and local organisations and businesses.

Grants and Money

- A lot of work has been done in this area, which is an ongoing commitment. Pauline has detailed these in her report. Some funding has been secured from Garfield Weston; Foyle Foundation, Awards For All and the Alex Ferry Foundation, which will be detailed in Pauline's report. Sadly we did not secure any funding from Children in Need but we can apply again in the summer. The process is different and also the demand on the grants is even higher so rejection is more likely. The effort from the committee and the members ensures that we now have a healthy bank balance going into the next financial year.

The Future

The NSAAA will continue with our key features identified such as the help line, support work, group work and holiday activities, and some face-to-face support. We will continue to grow and develop as an organisation, and we are always open to new ideas. We aim to increase membership and to increase the activities and services we offer to our members. We are thrilled at how popular our online groups have been and will continue to host these in the future. It has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated people over the last twelve months and I thank you all.

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Registered Charity Number 1109817

Pauline Hanrahan

Treasurer

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2024

Charity Information

Trustees

Delia Clarke

Charlene Gessey (resigned 08/07/2024)

Honorary Officers

Megan Russan (Chair resigned 19/03/2024)

Jeremy Relton (Chair appointed 19/03/2024)

Pauline Hanrahan (Treasurer)

Jane Titley (Secretary)

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

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The charity's policy on reserves

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 

Dated 13-11-24

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

Signed  Date 27/02/2025

Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September 2024

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Year Ended
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Sept. 23
	£	£	£	£
<u>Balance B/fwd 01.10.23</u>	9,999.00	15,228.01	25,227.01	29,762.11
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants / Funding	21,099.00		21,099.00	20,446.00
Donations		1,316.97	1,316.97	2,706.80
Memberships		3,180.00	3,180.00	2,775.00
Fundraising		8,980.25	8,980.25	9,794.82
Income from activities		6,074.06	6,074.06	6,538.36
Gift Aid Claim		368.08	368.08	356.35
<u>Total Receipts</u>	21,099.00	19,919.36	41,018.36	42,617.33
<u>Payments</u>				
Postage / Stat / Print / Advert	166.00	212.92	378.92	521.80
Telephone / Internet/ Website	1,034.95	388.24	1,423.19	1,585.88
Salaries / NIC / Income Tax	14,690.90	9,701.42	24,392.32	24,066.50
Volunteer Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.30
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	18.99
Car Parking	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Autism sensory Pack	112.80	0.00	112.80	0.00
Meetings & Room Hire	4,277.00	685.00	4,962.00	5,222.00
Office / Computer Equipt.	0.00	0.00	0.00	210.00
Events / Workshops	6,399.57	6,490.57	12,890.14	13,841.54
Insurance / Prof. Fees	250.00	1,403.43	1,653.43	1,511.42
<u>Total Payments</u>	26,931.22	19,131.58	46,062.80	47,152.43
<u>Balance C/fwd 30.09.24</u>	4,166.78	16,015.79	20,182.57	25,227.01

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Statement Of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year Ended 30th September 2024

		Year Ended Sep-23
<u>Cash Assets</u>		
Cash at bank & in hand	20,182.57	25,227.01
<u>Represented By :</u>		
Restricted Funds	4,166.78	9,999.00
Unrestricted Funds	16,015.79	15,228.01
	20,182.57	25,227.01

These accounts were approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by :

Jeremy Relton - Chair 

Pauline Hanrahan - Treasurer 

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association
for the year ended 30 September 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th September 2024.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed  Date 27/02/2025
Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

NORTH STAFFS ASPERGER / AUTISM ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1109817

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NORTH STAFFS ASPERGERS AND AUTISM ASSOCIATION

NSAAA



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for the AGM – 2024

By Megan Russan- Chair

We are well into our 3rd decade as a local charity. This year has been a very successful year for the charity with continued strong growth in membership and increases in activities we are able to provide members. We are proud to continue serving members and always look to improve what we do.

Committee/ Trustees and Staff

- As we come to the AGM the trustees comprise myself, Megan Russan (chair), Pauline Hanrahan, (treasurer) Jane Titley, (secretary), with Charlene Gessey and Dee Clarke as general committee members. I want to thank them all for their hard work, great ideas and commitment to driving the organisation forward over the last twelve months. It's been yet another good year.
- I have been chairperson since March 2023 and this will be my last meeting as a trustee.
- Jane Titley has been the secretary for a great number of years and is a great asset to the committee; her expertise is around policy and processes.
- Pauline Hanrahan is our Treasurer. She continues to liaise with Wendy Knobbs, our current Finance Manager. Wendy continues to produce monthly accounts and makes sure the money accounts are accurate for auditing purposes. Her report will be reported later in the meeting.
- The staff members are Jill Broad, Rachel Linforth-Jones and Wendy Knobbs. We are pleased to employ staff with such a diverse range of skills. We are very sad that Heather has left us last year; we thank her for her hard work and continued support of the charity as a volunteer, we thank all of our staff, volunteers and trustees for their continued support and passion in helping and supporting our members. We are in the throes of appointing a new employee to cover some of our weekly face to face groups.

- Our current membership is at 416; this is an incredible achievement for the second year running. Previously our membership had not been much more than 250. This shows that the need for our charity is greater than ever. The long waiting lists for CAMHS and the long waits for EHCPs etc. add to the need for services like ours that offer some support and help in those first days especially.

Working Practices

We have a wide range of services on offer.

- We have the help line open 4 days a week for a few hours. Members and potential members can phone and ask for advice and guidance.
- There is a small lending library in the office with books on Autism.
- There are several face-to-face social groups for children and teenagers that have continued to meet on a monthly rota. We have a much larger rota this last year or two for online groups as well. Our face-to-face groups usually meet at King Street studios in Newcastle and our growing band of volunteers regularly support these groups; we thank them for their continued support.
- We have recently introduced a new group for a members aged over 35.
- Activities update:

1. Monthly Jumbo sessions for the children and their siblings has been enjoyed by many. This group has really taken off and we regularly have 20 children playing on a 3rd Friday. We have started to do an annual Halloween Night too for all members. This has proved popular these last two Halloweens.
2. Our monthly craft groups continue online using zoom and face to face, they prove popular with a range of members of all ages.
3. Regular school holiday activities continue to take place. There are always two extra activities a week in the holidays. They have included bowling, train trips, mini golf, tubing, Trentham Gardens and many country walks to name a few. The annual trip to Blackpool happened too. We have also had one-off events such as music making sessions. These prove popular.
4. The monthly swimming club has been running and we have had some changes of times for the weekend sessions as we are now using Stone Swimming Pool. The venue is great when we can meet and attracts strong numbers of attendees.
5. The Lego group still meets and has recently changed to a Friday; it has a loyal following.
6. The 16-25 young adults group has continued to grow from strength to strength and our aim to promote independence is evident in our young people. They love a meal out or a trip to the bowling alley or cinema.
7. This year we have enjoyed our under 16s party night and we have had lots of fun with our younger members. This has evolved from themed nights to a relaxed evening with our younger members. It has a fantastic, chilled end of the week vibe.

8. Our adult group is thriving, they are such an amazing group, and they enjoy meeting at King Street once a month, and they also enjoy meeting during the monthly outing. Activities have included many meals out, bowling, and mini golf.
 9. We have also enjoyed several fantastic theatre trips including the Panto, and plays at both The Regent and The New Vic. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come along and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of entertainment.
- The Adult members continue to meet several times a month. Thanks should go to our fabulous staff members for all the great ideas and suggestions you have put forward to create much needed fun! This is how our over 35s group started!
 - We host a Parents' Support Group that has continued to meet at King Street. This group provides a much-needed opportunity for a cup of tea and a supportive chat with Dee, who really offers our members such a warm welcome and friendly advice.

Fundraising and awareness raising

- We continue to raise some much-needed funds for the charity moving forward into 2024. Our largest and most successful fundraising event of the year has become the charity ball which took place in April 2023. Our accounts tell us it raised over £8,000. We have our next Ball in May this year which we are

hoping you can all support. It is not too late. You might just get a ticket in the next week.

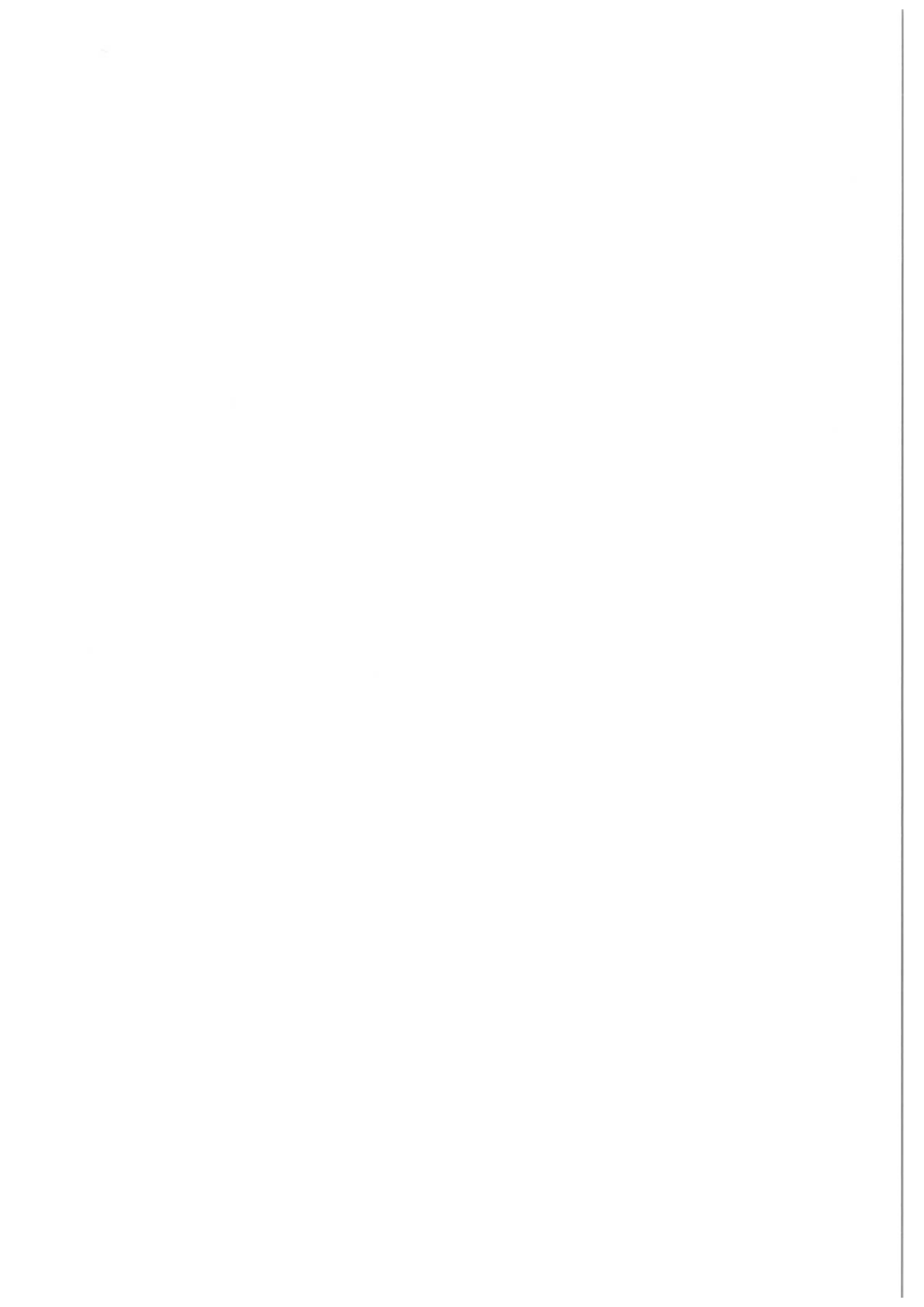
- This year we have fundraised £9795; this is an amazing amount and comprises a huge amount of our expenditure. We have also been given £2707 in donations. Again, this is an amazing amount from friends, families and local organisations and businesses.

Grants and Money

- A lot of work has been done in this area, which is an ongoing commitment. Pauline has detailed these in her report. Some funding has been secured from Children in Need and additional funding has also been secured from Awards For All and the Alex Ferry Foundation, which will be detailed in Pauline's report. The effort from the committee and the members ensures that we now have a healthy bank balance going into the next financial year.

The Future

The NSAAA will continue with our key features identified such as the help line, support work, group work and holiday activities, and some face-to-face support. We will continue to grow and develop as an organisation, and we are always open to new ideas. We aim to increase membership and to increase the activities and services we offer to our members. We are thrilled at how popular our online groups have been and will continue to host these in the future. It has been a pleasure to work with such dedicated people over the last twelve months and I thank you all.



North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association

Accounts

For the Year Ended 30th September 2023

Registered Charity Number 1109817

Pauline Hanrahan

Treasurer

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2023

Charity Information

Trustees

Delia Clarke

Charlene Gessey

Honorary Officers

Megan Russan (Chair)

Pauline Hanrahan (Treasurer)

Jane Titley (Secretary)

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Staffs

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North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2023

Trustees report

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 19/04/2005 as amended on 23/02/2006 as amended on 08/03/2008 as amended on 29/03/2012

Charitable objects

1. to promote the relief/understanding of people with autistic spectrum conditions for their families and carers.
2. to advance the education of the public in all manners concerning autistic spectrum disorders.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is an open and welcoming outlook towards potential new trustees and every effort is made to keep numbers at a steady level. New Trustees are nominated and appointed at the AGM usually, but may be co-opted during the year as part of the monthly Trustees meeting.

Public benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

As a recipient of The Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2015, and hosts of an afternoon tea reception for HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex in 2017, we have continued to gain recognition and great encouragement for what we are achieving in our work. We have continued to successfully adjust our vital work in an ever-changing climate and have secured support grants from Children in Need and Awards for All. The number and diversity of events that we can offer to our members has increased. Our activities, events, and support and information services are being driven forward at an impressive level by our staff team and proactive committee.

The charity's policy on reserves

Reserves will be built up in order to adequately cover the running costs of the organisation for a maximum period of six months to assist future cash flow should funding be delayed. The policy is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 

Dated 2/12/23

Bank Signatories North Staffs Asperger Autism Association

For Year Ending 30th September 2023

Pauline Hanrahan – Treasurer

Megan Russan – Chair

Jane Titley – Secretary

Wendy Knobbs -Finance Officer

Any two of four to sign for both accounts

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association

Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September 2023

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Year Ended
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Sept. 22
	£	£	£	£
<u>Balance B/fwd 01.10.22</u>	7,178.48	22,583.63	29,762.11	26,474.19
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants / Funding	20,446.00		20,446.00	24,998.00
Donations		2,706.80	2,706.80	3,808.22
Memberships		2,775.00	2,775.00	2,467.50
Fundraising		9,794.82	9,794.82	9,635.85
Income from activities		6,538.36	6,538.36	3,669.19
Reimbursements/refunds			0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Claim		356.35	356.35	323.33
<u>Total Receipts</u>	20,446.00	22,171.33	42,617.33	44,902.09
<u>Payments</u>				
Postage / Stat / Print / Advert	23.38	498.42	521.80	149.68
Telephone / Internet/ Website	832.79	753.09	1,585.88	1,257.69
Salaries / NIC / Income Tax	9,905.61	14,160.89	24,066.50	22,058.54
PPE Covid 19 Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.95
Volunteer Costs	0.00	174.30	174.30	0.00
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	18.99	18.99	62.00
Meetings & Room Hire	1,275.00	3,947.00	5,222.00	4,740.00
Office / Computer Equipmt.	210.00	0.00	210.00	465.94
Events / Workshops	5,334.40	8,507.14	13,841.54	11,231.95
Insurance / Prof. Fees	44.30	1,467.12	1,511.42	1,638.42
<u>Total Payments</u>	17,625.48	29,526.95	47,152.43	41,614.17
<u>Balance C/fwd 30.09.23</u>	9,999.00	15,228.01	25,227.01	29,762.11

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Statement Of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year Ended 30th September 2023

		Year Ended Sep-22
<u>Cash Assets</u>		
Cash at bank & in hand	25,227.01	29,762.11
<u>Represented By :</u>		
Restricted Funds	9,999.00	7,178.48
Unrestricted Funds	15,228.01	22,583.63
	25,227.01	29,762.11

These accounts were approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by :

Megan Russan - Chair 

Pauline Hanrahan - Treasurer 

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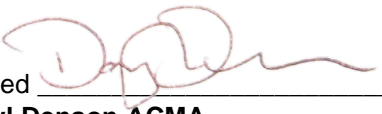
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Signed  Date 08/02/2024
Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

NORTH STAFFS ASPERGER / AUTISM ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1109817

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North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association

Accounts

For the Year Ended 30th September 2022

Registered Charity Number 1109817

Pauline Hanrahan

Treasurer

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2022

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The charity's policy on reserves

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 

Dated 5/12/2022

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September 2022


	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Year Ended Sept. 21 £
<u>Balance B/fwd 01.10.21</u>	8,407.91	18,066.28	26,474.19	26,094.02
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants / Funding	24,998.00		24,998.00	21,740.00
Donations		3,808.22	3,808.22	4,060.50
Memberships		2,467.50	2,467.50	1,317.50
Fundraising		9,635.85	9,635.85	1,977.40
Income from activities		3,669.19	3,669.19	1,012.16
Reimbursements/refunds		0.00	0.00	0.00
Gift Aid Claim		323.33	323.33	353.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	24,998.00	19,904.09	44,902.09	30,460.56
<u>Payments</u>				
Postage / Stat / Print / Advert	96.87	52.81	149.68	649.80
Telephone / Internet/ Website	1,094.87	162.82	1,257.69	1,916.07
Salaries / NIC / Income Tax	14,416.25	7,642.29	22,058.54	18,696.47
PPE Covid 19 Equipment	0.00	9.95	9.95	202.59
Volunteer Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	520.18
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	62.00	62.00	8.30
Renewals/Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meetings & Room Hire	3,670.00	1,070.00	4,740.00	3,598.98
Office / Computer Equipt.	465.94	0.00	465.94	0.00
Events / Workshops	6,483.50	4,748.45	11,231.95	3,035.07
Insurance / Prof. Fees	0.00	1,638.42	1,638.42	1,452.93
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North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Statement Of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year Ended 30th September 2022

		Year Ended Sep-21
<u>Cash Assets</u>		
Cash at bank & in hand	<u>29,762.11</u>	<u>26,474.19</u>
<u>Represented By :</u>		
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	<u>29,762.11</u>	<u>26,474.19</u>

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and signed on their behalf by :

Lisa Snape - Chair 

Pauline Hanrahan - Treasurer 

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Signed  Date 01/02/2023

Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

NORTH STAFFS ASPERGER / AUTISM ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1109817

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NSAAA



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT for the AGM – 2022

By Lisa Snape- Chair

Chairperson's report

Our 19th year has been a fun but challenging year for NSAAA. The pandemic has caused some uncertainty and difficulties along the way and we have had to be very adaptable and reactive in our response to the changing situation we find ourselves in. By introducing safety measures and new ideas, we have been able to continue to support members by meeting outside, having some innovative groups online and continue with face to face groups when possible. We are proud to have continued to provide services throughout the pandemic when members needed us most.

Committee/ Trustees and Staff

- I have been chairperson since March 2019 (? To stand again?)
- Jill Broad has been the vice chair since March 2019.
- Jane Titley has been the secretary for a great number of years, and is a great asset to the committee. She is also happy to stand as our secretary again for the forthcoming year.
- Pauline Hanrahan is our Treasurer. She continues to liaise with Wendy Knobbs, our current Finance Manager. Wendy continues to produce monthly accounts and makes sure the money accounts are accurate for auditing purposes. Her report will be reported later in the meeting. Pauline is also happy to stand as the treasurer for the next 12 months.
- As we come to the AGM the trustees comprise Lisa Snape (chair) Jill Broad (vice chair), Pauline Hanrahan, (treasurer) Jane Titley, (secretary), with Julie Calvert, Tracey Ellis and Dee Clarke as general committee members. I want to thank them all for their hard work, great ideas and commitment to driving the organisation forward over the last twelve months. It's been yet another good year.
- The staff members include, Fiona Caddy, Rob Hood, Wendy Knobbs and our newest member of staff is Laura Richards. Currently Jill Broad is an employee she has stepped down from being a trustee and is working for us as interim measure. She has made a great start. We have been pleased to employ staff with such a diverse range of skills. We are very sad that Sara Littlejohn left us last year; we thank her for all her hard work. Laura replaces her. Marina Christodoulaki, no longer work for the NSAAA but she will always be part of the NSAAA family and will be missed. Many of our younger members will remember Marina especially; she worked for us for seven years doing a couple of hours a week. We are extremely grateful to all our members of staff past and present, and volunteers and thank them for their continued support and passion in helping our members.

Our current membership is at 232, which is a substantial increase on last year. We are hoping as we come out of the pandemic that the numbers will continue to grow as we move forward into 2022.

Working Practices

We have a wide range of services on offer.

- We have the help line open 4 days a week.
- There is a lending library in the office with books on Autism and Asperger's.
- There are several face to face social groups for children and teenagers that have continued to meet periodically throughout the year when the government guidelines allowed. Our face to face groups usually meet at King street studios in Newcastle and our volunteers Jeremy and Rose regularly support these groups; we thank them for their continued support.
- This year we have continued with many groups online using zoom and we are grateful that this new method of meeting has proved to be very popular with our members. We have been very impressed by all the ideas that have been brought to the table both by our members of staff and by our volunteers for our online groups. These have included a variety of quizzes, picture, gaming online, scavenger hunts, among us, countdown, and blankety blank just to name a few!
- Activities update:
 1. Monthly Jumbo sessions for the children and their siblings has been enjoyed by many.
 2. A monthly craft group hosted by Fiona and Rose has continued online using zoom and face to face when guidelines permitted, and we have had some wonderful creations as a result!
 3. Regular school holiday activities still took place this year and the summer programme largely included many outside activities, including train trips, monkey forest, tubing, Trentham Gardens and many country walks where we thought it was easier to keep everyone safe due to the pandemic. More recently we have introduced a music production group which was great fun and certainly got the creative juices flowing!
 4. The monthly swimming club has been running when allowed and is growing in popularity.
 5. The Lego group is hosted by Rob and Jeremy has continued in more recent months and has a loyal following.
 6. The 16-25 young adults group has continued to grow from strength to strength and our aim to promote independence is evident in our young people. This group have continued to meet at King Street and have also enjoyed a monthly outing.
 7. This year we have introduced an under 16s party night and we have enjoyed lots of fun with our younger members. We have enjoyed different themes including Disney, Minecraft, and Valentine's and our little ones really seem to enjoy these parties nights where a variety of activities are on offer.
 8. Our adult group is thriving, they are such an amazing group and they enjoy meeting at King Street once a month, and they also enjoy

meeting during the monthly outing. Activities have included many meals out, bowling, and mini golf.

9. We have also enjoyed several fantastic theatre trips including Grease, We Will Rock You and the Christmas panto, just to name a few. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to come along and enjoy a fabulous afternoon of entertainment. Thank you Jill for organising these trips for us.

- The Adult members continue to meet several times a month, and Liam has been an outstanding group leader in 2021 and we thank him for all his effort. Thank you Liam for all the great ideas and suggestions you have put forward to create much needed fun!
- We host a Parents' Support Group that has continued to meet online and face to face when permitted. This group provides a much needed opportunity for a cup of tea and a supportive chat with, Fiona or our trustees Jill, Dee, Tracey or Julie who often attend in addition to the wealth of knowledge our members have.

Fundraising and awareness raising

- We continue to raise some much needed funds for the charity moving forward into 2021. This year we have not been able to raise as much as normal due to the pandemic but we will endeavour to step this up again once we are able reinstate some of our fundraising activities safely.
- Our largest and most successful fundraising event of the year has become the charity ball which sadly had to be cancelled in 2021 due to covid but we do have a ball booked for May 2022 which we are hoping you can all support.

The total raising in fundraising this year includes totals £1977 for the year with donations at £4060, which I think is wonderful considering.

Grants and Money

- A lot of work has been done in this area which is an ongoing commitment. Pauline has detailed these in her report. Some funding has been secured from children in need and additional funding has also been secured from awards for all which will be detailed in Pauline's report. The effort from the committee and the

members ensures that we now have a healthy bank balance going into the next financial year.

The Future

The NSAAA will continue with our key features identified such as the help line, support work, group work and holiday activities, and some face to face support. We will continue to grow and develop as an organisation and we are always open to new ideas. We aim to increase membership and to increase the activities and services we offer to our members. We are thrilled at how popular our online groups have been and will continue to host these in the future. Face to face to groups are growing in popularity again and its great to be able to get together once again. It has genuinely been a pleasure to work with such dedicated people over the last twelve months and I thank you all.

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association

Accounts

For the Year Ended 30th September 2021

Registered Charity Number 1109817

Pauline Hanrahan

Treasurer

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2021

Charity Information

Trustees

Delia Clarke

Tracey Ellis

Julie Calvert

Honorary Officers

Lisa Snape (Chair)

Jill Broad (Vice Chair)

Pauline Hanrahan (Treasurer)

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North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th September 2021

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Year Ended
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Sep-20
	£	£	£	£
<u>Balance B/fwd 01.10.20</u>	15,955.48	10,138.54	26,094.02	22,902.96
<u>Receipts</u>				
Grants / Funding	21,740.00		21,740.00	28,402.11
Donations		4,060.50	4,060.50	1,299.85
Memberships		1,317.50	1,317.50	1,647.50
Fundraising		1,977.40	1,977.40	4,709.56
Income from activities		1,012.16	1,012.16	1,984.74
Reimbursements/refunds			0.00	363.92
Gift Aid Claim		353.00	353.00	410.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>	21,740.00	8,720.56	30,460.56	38,817.68
<u>Payments</u>				
Postage / Stat / Print / Advert	297.30	352.50	649.80	550.21
Telephone / Internet/ Website	1,916.07		1,916.07	1,036.16
Salaries / NIC / Income Tax	18,696.47		18,696.47	18,148.74
PPE Covid 19 Equipment	202.59		202.59	339.50
Volunteer Costs	455.18	65.00	520.18	245.60
Repairs and Maintenance		8.30	8.30	0.00
Renewals/Memberships			0.00	28.78
Meetings & Room Hire	3,598.98		3,598.98	4,495.00
Office / Computer Equipmt.			0.00	0.00
Events / Workshops	3,035.07		3,035.07	8,881.25
Insurance / Prof. Fees	1,085.91	367.02	1,452.93	1,901.38
<u>Total Payments</u>	29,287.57	792.82	30,080.39	35,626.62
<u>Balance C/fwd 30.09.21</u>	8,407.91	18,066.28	26,474.19	26,094.02

North Staffs Asperger / Autism Association
Statement Of Assets & Liabilities
For the Year Ended 30th September 2021

		Year Ended Sep-20
<u>Cash Assets</u>		
Cash at bank & in hand	<u>26,474.19</u>	<u>26,904.02</u>
<u>Represented By :</u>		
Restricted Funds	8,407.91	15,955.48
Unrestricted Funds	18,066.28	10,138.54
	<u>26,474.19</u>	<u>26,094.02</u>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by :

Lisa Snape - Chair 

Pauline Hanrahan - Treasurer 

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association
for the year ended 30 September 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th September 2021.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed  Date 15/02/2022
Daryl Denson ACMA
Employee of VAST

North Staffs Asperger/Autism Association 30th September 2021

Trustees report

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 19/04/2005 as amended on 23/02/2006 as amended on 08/03/2008 as amended on 29/03/2012

Charitable objects

1. to promote the relief/understanding of people with autistic spectrum conditions for their families and carers.
2. to advance the education of the public in all manners concerning autistic spectrum disorders.

The methods adopted for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is an open and welcoming outlook towards potential new trustees and every effort is made to keep numbers at a steady level. New Trustees are nominated and appointed at the AGM usually, but may be co-opted during the year as part of the monthly Trustees meeting.

Public benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

As a recipient of The Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2015, and hosts of an afternoon tea reception for HRH Sophie Countess of Wessex in 2017, we have continued to gain recognition and great encouragement for what we are achieving in our work. We have continued to successfully adjust our vital work to meet Covid 19 restrictions and have secured grants from Children in Need, Awards for All, Garfield Weston Foundation, The Mallam Fund, The Barracks Trust and Arnold Clarke. The number and diversity of events that we can offer to our members has increased. Our activities, events, and support and information services are being driven forward at an impressive level by our staff team and proactive committee.

The charity's policy on reserves

Reserves will be built up in order to adequately cover the running costs of the organisation for a maximum period of six months to assist future cash flow should funding be delayed. The policy is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Dated 29-10-21

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