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Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Warrington Disability Partnership

Warrington Disability Partnership

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

WDP stated objects are contained within its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The two main objectives are:

- To relieve the need of disabled people, their families and carers in England and Wales, through actively promoting independent living, by promoting information on peer counselling, equipment, personal assistance, transport, access, employment, education, training and a range of other services.
- To provide a range of equipment and services to assist independent living and mobility solutions.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Project activities

Centre for Independent Living (CIL) Showroom and Equipment Services

Our CIL showroom and equipment services are staffed by one full-time co-ordinator, one full-time and one part-time support worker, two part-time receptionists, and a team of volunteers who work on a rota covering Monday to Saturday. Our showroom is funded through a Service Level Agreement with Cheshire and Merseyside ICB. Warrington Borough Council provides use of our Beaufort Street site as their contribution to this service.

Our showroom has products that visitors can try and also obtain free and impartial advice or information about specialised equipment that can improve their quality of life. We have created realistic environments with a working kitchen, living and bedroom areas, as well as a discrete bathing display and assessment area, and a Mobility Training Track. Our friendly and professional team have a wealth of knowledge and lots of useful hints and tips.

All equipment on display can be purchased through our social enterprise The Disability Trading Company or from local retail partners who we promote to visitors.

Employment Projects

New Leaf - One part-time team leader/senior mentor, one full-time employment mentor, one part-time administrator and one part-time community energiser. Springboard - one full-time and one part-time advisor. These posts are funded by a combination of funding, including the Building Better Opportunities Fund, the Lottery and European Social Fund. All are managed by Torus Foundation.

The team works with disabled people and those with long-term health conditions and people on Universal Credit related benefits to support them on their journey to returning to work. The Springboard programme concentrates on individuals who have been affected directly by long-Covid. The team offers support with writing CV's, job searches, job coaching, mock interviews and overall information, advice and guidance on employment issues. The team also advises on Access to Work and coordinates the Warrington Disability Confident Employer Network. WDP is a Disability Confident (Leader) and Mindful Employer.

Relationships, Sexuality and Disability

A team of staff and volunteers oversees this project. We offer information, advice and guidance on relationships, sex and disability. We have developed a Relationships and Sex Matters Disability Information File and have distributed these around Warrington to partner organisations. We offer training sessions for local support organisations. This is self-financed from income generation and donations.

Independent Living (Direct Payments)

Our Independent Living Team, also known as the Direct Payments Team is staffed by one full-time advisor, one part-time advisor, one part-time direct payment advisor/administrator and one part-time administrator. The service is managed by a member of the Senior Management Team. A Service Level Agreement with Warrington Borough Council funds this project.

Our Independent Living Team supports people with all aspects of recruitment (including DBS checks), employment law and all other matters relating to living independently in one's own home. Direct payments are an alternative to receiving services directly from Social Services. Social Services provide people with the cash to purchase their own care and support. This could be through contacting an agency or by directly employing a Personal Assistant.

Building Safety and Maintenance

Our Senior Management Team, supported by our workshop coordinator, oversees on-going health and safety and building maintenance, which is reported to the Board via our Governance Sub Group. Large areas of work are discussed at our Finance and IT Sub Group prior to us undertaking any major projects. Our building improvements are funded from our fundraising activities and grants.

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Marjorie Griffiths Learning Centre

Our Learning Centre is overseen by one part-time co-ordinator and that post is partly funded as part of our New Leaf and Sprongboard Employment and Training programme. The Marjorie Griffiths Learning Centre is funded from WDP resources. The Discover IT Suite was set up by disabled people for disabled people. Any disabled person in Warrington can use this suite. People can use the suite to introduce themselves to technology, learn how to use the internet, send e-mails to relatives and friends anywhere in the world, or learn new skills to achieve their personal employment goals.

Personal Health Budgets

We offer assistance with support plans for people accessing a Personal Health Budget. Our part-time care and support advisor is funded by a service level agreement with Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, sub-contracted via Disability Positive.

Disability and Older Persons - Information, Advice and Guidance

Information on disability matters remains our core business. Information, advice and guidance is available from all of our services, in particular the Centre for Independent Living, Shopmobility service and via our community engagement activities. This includes local and national information relating to services, support and products. WDP holds the national MATRIX accreditation for IAG. We have a service level grant agreement with Warrington Borough Council in relation to Information, Advice and Guidance. We have a full-time post dedicated to supporting disabled and older people that is funded from the Cheshire Community Foundation, Steve Morgan Foundation and business supporters.

Websites

We offer three websites www.disabilitypartnership.org.uk, www.disabilityawarenessday.org.uk, and www.disabilitytradingcompany.co.uk

Shopmobility Warrington

Three part-time support workers and a team of dedicated volunteers who work on a rota covering Monday to Saturday staff our main Shopmobility Service, which is located within the underground car park of the Golden Square Shopping Centre. This service is funded through a Service Level grant agreement with Warrington Borough Council, the office and storage area is provided by the Centre's management team as part of their longstanding partnership with WDP.

We operate a satellite Shopmobility Service from our retail store in the Birchwood Shopping Centre. Both our Shopmobility services offer people with temporary or permanent mobility problems the chance to experience greater independence. We provide manual and electric wheelchairs and battery-powered scooters enabling individuals to access Warrington Town Centre and Birchwood Shopping Centre. By enabling greater accessibility, we are opening up a world of opportunities.

Equipment Hire Service

Our Equipment Hire Service offers various pieces of equipment for a short-term loan. This service is open to local residents for use in the UK, although arrangements can be made, with prior agreement, to use the equipment abroad.

The service includes over 100 wheelchairs, suitable for both adults and children of all sizes. Other hire equipment includes ramps, car boot sized mobility scooters, rollators, zimmer frames and high back chairs. We offer deliveries and collections of our hire equipment. During the year, we were able to replace a number of wheelchairs thanks to a donation from Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. This is self-financed from income generation and donations.

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Wizard Narrow Boat

The Wizard Narrow Boat is available predominantly for disabled people, their families and carers and support groups to choose different trips. Funding for the Wizard is income generated by donations from trips, fundraising events and general donations. Due to the ongoing uncertainty of Covid pandemic, the Wizard Narrow Boat remained out of action during the financial year. We would like to formally acknowledge the help and support we receive from the team at Thorn Marine in Stockton Heath.

Accessible Holiday Home

Our fully accessible holiday home in Pensarn, North Wales was available for hire to disabled people, their families or carers to take an affordable and accessible holiday. Our Showroom and Equipment Loans team takes the bookings and enquiries. Funding for the caravan is income generated by donations for using the caravan, fundraising events and general donations.

Staying Connected Forum

Our Staying Connected Forum meets on-line via Zoom, on the second Monday of each month. Attendance is free and open to individuals and representatives from local statutory, business and voluntary sector organisations. With over 80 individuals and organisations on the mailing list, Staying Connected provides a focus for consultation and information exchange for all matters about disability in Warrington and the surrounding area. Guest speakers are invited to each meeting covering topics of interest. This is self-financed from income generation and donations.

Appreciation of Efforts Awards

Our Appreciation of Efforts Awards, first launched in 1995, are aimed at people and organisations from Warrington who have excelled in providing innovative or exceptional services that have helped improve the lives of local disabled people. Presentations take place at our Annual General Meetings that are held in January/February. This is self-financed from income generation and donations.

Meeting Rooms

Our meeting rooms vary in size from small one-to-one rooms, to a larger room seating up to 30 people. We have two meeting rooms in our Centre for Independent Living, with further meeting rooms in the Learning Centre. All are available for hire by the internal teams and external organisations. A number of local disability support organisations regularly use the rooms for their meetings including the Stroke Association, Warrington and Halton Head and Neck Cancer Support Group, After Silence Self-Harm Support Group and The Writing Club. In addition, local partners use the rooms for meetings and training courses. Two members of staff oversee administration. This service is self-financed from income generation and donations.

OWCH Pain Management Group

Volunteers who have lived experience of living with chronic pain run our OWCH Pain Management Group. Meetings are held weekly, members also offer support by telephone, email and social media. This work is self-financed from income generation and donations. It is overseen by a member of staff and supported by a Trustee.

Disability Awareness Day

Our annual Disability Awareness Day (DAD), launched in 1992 is recognised as Warrington's largest annual voluntary led community event and the world's largest voluntary-led pan-disability independent living show. Attracting over 200 exhibitors and 20,000 visitors, DAD aims to promote what is available locally, regionally and nationally in terms of disability provision from the statutory, private and 3rd sectors. DAD is held in July each year and is supported by a week of complementary events leading up to the main day. It is funded by sponsors' donations and from fees from exhibitors and advertisers. DAD is co-ordinate by a team of volunteers known as the DAD Management Team and administration is co-ordinated by a member of staff. In 2006, DAD received the Queen's Award for Volunteering; which is the equivalent of an MBE for the voluntary sector. DAD has been emulated in 14 countries around the world. This is self-financed from income generation and donations.

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Scoota-Safe

Scoota-Safe, offers information, advice and guidance on the safe use of mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs; working closely with Warrington's Own Buses and Warrington Borough Council.

Long-Covid Support

In November 2021, we launched a pilot project with funding from Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, aimed at supporting people living with Long-Covid. The support includes providing information, advice and guidance, and facilitating face-to-face and virtual meetings. The successful pilot has been extended throughout 2022/23. We employ a full-time officer, who is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Energy Saving Support Service

In February 2023, in partnership with Warrington Community Energy, we launched a new Energy Saving Support Service. Funded by the Energy Redress Scheme, our team of four full-time advisors and one full-time administrator, provide free impartial energy advice to local residents who have a disability, a long-term health condition or are elderly. We also support carers, and single, and low income households. The team offer home visits, attend meetings and community events.

Access and Training

A number of our staff are trained to provide advice and support on inclusive access and facilities, to local businesses, developers, architects and individuals. This can range from general telephone enquiries to site visits and full or partial access and facilities audit reports. Our training programme includes sessions on Disability Equality and Awareness, Reasonable Adjustments for Managers, Equality and Diversity and Relationships, Sex and Disability. Utilising our Leader status of the national Disability Confident scheme to support employers to improve their policies and procedures, pertaining to recruitment and retention, we offer Disability Confident training to board members and senior managers, and advice and guidance on being a Disability Confident employer.

Smart Flat

Our Smart Flat offers working displays of assistive technology set out in a living room, kitchen and bedroom. We offer a wide range of equipment aimed at supporting independence and maximising the time disabled and elderly people can stay in their own homes. The local Better Care Fund funded the initial building work. We work in collaboration with Warrington Borough Council and national suppliers. A range of small to medium sized products can be purchased from our social enterprise, the Disability Trading Company. This service is self-funded.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the foundation on which WDP was built. We offer volunteering opportunities to people wishing to develop their skills, re-learn new skills, gain confidence or simply give something back to the community. We currently have around 200 registered volunteers (including DAD Volunteers) and work very hard to ensure that we adhere to Volunteering Good Practice Guidelines. We have close links with Warrington Voluntary Action and have staff who are members of the Warrington Association of Volunteer Managers. We ensure that training is offered to our volunteer support workers and this is done either internally or externally (dependent on the training that is identified). Volunteers are offered training in the same way as paid staff through our ongoing development programme.

WDP have a number of younger volunteers and we work closely with Warrington Youth Zone, Warrington Voluntary Action, Warrington Wolves Foundation and local schools. Our administration team coordinate the recruitment process and volunteer support is supervised within the organisation. This area of our work is self-funded.

Disability Trading Company

The following services are run by our Disability Trading Company Ltd, which is solely owned by Warrington Disability Partnership. Operating as a social enterprise. This includes several retail services which operate to an ethical, values based, trading model, where all profits are invested back into the charity.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Mobility Workshop & Service Centre

Our Mobility Workshop, located within the grounds of the Centre for Independent Living, provides a service and repair centre for any type of disability equipment at our purpose-built workshop. This includes maintaining the fleet of scooters in our Shopmobility & Equipment Loan Services. In addition, we provide maintenance and servicing to our growing group of Motability customers. We have established maintenance contracts with a number of local agencies including Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Liverpool One Shopmobility.

Loved B4 - Recycling Service

We accept donations of mobility and independent living equipment for our recycling project. Items that can be refurbished are sold from our Distribution Centre and Mobility Workshop & Service Centre.

Community Café and Luncheon Clubs

Our Galleries Community Café, which has a "5 Star" food hygiene rating, is located within the Centre for Independent Living, offers a pleasant place to stop for a rest and bite to eat while accessing our services at the Centre. We also offer two Luncheon Clubs; our Monday Club is aimed at young disabled people, whilst our Wednesday Club is for older people. The clubs are run by a team of volunteers and offer social activities and a hot meal.

Mobility and Independent Living Service - Liverpool

Our Mobility and Independent Living Service - Liverpool is located within the Lifehouse Disabled Living Centre, which is near the city centre. It is self-funded; the premises are provided by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust. Our showroom offers a wide range of independent information and advice and sales of mobility and independent living products, with displays of the latest equipment and demonstration areas. The City Council's Care Line service makes regular referrals to the service.

Mobility and Independent Living Store - Warrington

Our Mobility and Independent Living Store is located in Sankey Street off the Golden Square Shopping Centre. It is self-funded, and supported by the Golden Square Management Team. It offers a wide range of independent information and advice and sales of mobility and independent living products, with displays of the latest equipment.

Mobility and Independent Living Store - Birchwood

Our Mobility and Independent Living Store is located within the Birchwood Shopping Centre. It is self-funded, and supported by the Birchwood Shopping Centre Management Team. It offers a wide range of independent information and advice and sales of mobility and independent living products, with displays of the latest equipment. In collaboration with the Centre management team, we also offer a Shopmobility service from this location.

Payroll Services

Our team of four part-time staff support over 400 individual disabled people and families to employ approximately 700 staff as Personal Assistants. We offer a Payroll Service to assist recipients of Direct Payments and Personal Health Budgets, plus self-funding clients with paying their personal assistants. This includes calculating tax, national insurance and pension contributions, and dealing with relevant agencies. Our Payroll Service is self-funded.

Mobility and Independent Living Store - Warrington Hospital

We operate a service in Warrington Hospital providing information, advice and guidance, and sales of mobility and independent living equipment. This service was funded by 10 local businesses and supported by Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The service has remained closed since the Covid Pandemic.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, their guidance on fee-charging regarding services provided. WDP is committed to enabling as many people as possible to benefit through our activities and regularly seeks feedback from the people who use our services in order to further enhance the quality and range of services we offer.

Volunteers

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WDP have a number of younger volunteers and we work closely with Warrington Youth Club, Warrington Voluntary Action, Warrington Wolves Foundation and local schools. Our administration team coordinate the recruitment process and volunteer support is supervised within the organisation. This area of our work is self-funded. During the COVID Pandemic most of our volunteering activities were suspended. Since the lockdowns, it is good to see many of them returning.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

Warrington Disability Partnership is an independent, user-led organisation committed to valuing everyone's life skills, experience and individuality to enable positive change. We actively promote independent living by providing information on peer counselling, equipment, personal assistance, transport, access, employment, education, training and other services.

Community Engagement and Fundraising activities

Our community engagement and fundraising activities are co-ordinated by our Community Engagement and Fundraising Officer and supported by staff and volunteers. An events calendar is established each January for the year ahead, with targets agreed for each event. Due to uncertainty after the Covid pandemic, a large number of our regular events remained closed. This impacted badly on our projected figures.

We organised the Disability Awareness Day and Bingo Bedlam, A Walk in the Park, Christmas Raffle, a Santa's Grotto, a Charity Dinner, bucket collection, and other fundraising community events. This area of our work is self-funded.

Internal and external factors

We have contracts or service level agreements with a number of statutory organisations including Warrington Borough Council, Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Torus Foundation. Contracts are reviewed annually; this has led to a number of extensions. We have been working with all parties during this financial year to ensure that reporting and monitoring of the services we provide, on their behalf, is in accordance with the conditions in the contracts/service level agreements.

Members of our senior management team work to ensure that any funding streams coming to an end or due for renewal are identified and reported to the trustees at an early stage. Funding for replacement or continuation of these services are researched 12 months in advance of the funding coming to an end.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Financial review

Financial position

Our Charity has made a loss of £42,435 in the year and its subsidiary, The Disability Trading Company Limited, a surplus of £1,066. Both continued to be negatively impacted during this post pandemic period, in particular, in the charity, with lower than anticipated community fundraising activities and financial support from local businesses. In our social enterprise, the availability of stock and consumer confidence, affected sales and profits. It should be noted that this is the first time in seven years that the charity has declared a loss.

Principal funding sources

Our principal funding comes from a variety of sources including: Warrington Borough Council, self-generated via our Disability Trading Company, Cheshire and Merseyside ICB, Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Expanse Learning Group, Torus Foundation, United Utilities, MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust, BAS (NW), the Cheshire Community Foundation and the Steve Morgan Foundation.

Investment policy and objectives

Our Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and has found that the use of bank deposit accounts gives the opportunity to maximise income and flexibility.

Reserves policy

Our Trustees have decided that our reserves policy should be based on the reserves of the group rather than for the charity on its own.

Our Trustees have considered the amounts that would be required to administer the organisation in the event of crisis. This would include the potential costs of redundancy, notice periods, accounting, legal fees and repayment of any long-term contracts on closure. A prudent sum would equate to three months' operating costs held within the unrestricted general reserve - around £293,000

Our actual unrestricted general reserve for all companies at the year-end amounted to £628,115, but it should be noted that the majority of this is represented by stocks and fixed assets which are less readily available than cash amounts. The value of stocks held at the year-end totalled £299,303 which is spread over five retail branches. The value of fixed assets at year-end totalled £149,764. Therefore, the total level of free reserves are £179,048.

At present the free reserves, £115,000 are below our estimate of our 3 months running costs, we are continuing to look for additional income streams and have looked at our expenditure with a view to reducing these where possible.

At the year end, the balance of funds held in respect of restricted funds stood at £17,908 (2022: £6,000).

Going concern

The Trustees continually review the operations of the charity and its ability to deliver its objectives. The Trustees have followed Government Guidance and have sought financial assistance where appropriate and made cost savings where possible. In the opinion of the Trustees significant financial pressures have and will continue to be placed on the Charity, but the Trustees believe they have the structure and resources to ensure the Charity remains a going concern.

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Future plans

We continue to offer most of the services as in previous years, with short, medium and long-term strategic plans agreed. The current economic climate has meant that expansion of DTC services remains a priority in order to provide an increased independent funding stream. The priorities agreed by our board of Trustees are to continue to maintain our existing services and identify new opportunities for income generation prior to the start of the financial year.

We will also be looking to further develop our WDP services as and when the opportunities arise. This may involve tendering for services in other areas of Cheshire and Merseyside that relate to our existing expertise, which includes our user-led status and philosophy of peer-led support. One example of this is a bid to develop an Energy Saving Support Service, which resulted in us securing nearly £400,000. Other new areas of funding have been secured during 2023/24, and income from our community fundraising activities, financial support from local businesses, and income from our social enterprise, have all improved.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The charity is controlled by its governing documents, dated 8th April 2003, as amended by Special Resolution dated 12th January 2012, which consist of Memorandum and Articles of Association. The charity is a company limited by guarantee, the liability of each individual member shall not exceed £10.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

There is a process of appointing Trustees - the process is that any position that is available is advertised through our invites to the AGM. Nomination forms are included with the invite and on the evening Nominations are announced and voted upon (Nominated and seconded details are included on the Nomination form). If more than one Nomination is received a vote of Members only will take place.

The WDP Board use a skills matrix to identify potential gaps in skills and experience. This is used to identify new Trustees. If necessary, Trustees can also be co-opted prior to, but officially sanctioned at the next AGM.

Each year a number of Trustees are required to stand down and are open for re-election. This is subject to a review of their skills and contributions. WDP currently has two Trustees who have served for over nine years, which reflects their value to the charity.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

Warrington Disability Partnership runs its service headed by a Board of Trustees. The number of trustees on the board shall not be less than three (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) not more than fourteen. At least 75% of the total, of which, at any time, must be disabled people or other people who use disability services (including carers).

The Board has established 6 Sub groups to consider matters at a more detailed level and to make decisions and/or recommendations to the Board. Sub groups report, by exception, to the Board.

The board of Trustees have appointed a Senior Management Team (SMT) who are responsible for the day to day management of the organisation. The Senior Management Team consists of a Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, a Head of Corporate Services and a Commercial Director, supported by Team Leaders. Reports are produced for the Board for the following services: BBC Children in Need, Fundraising, Promotions & Community Engagement, Relationships, Sex and Disability, Market Information Point, Shopmobility, Employment, Mobility & Independent Living Liverpool, Mobility & Independent Living Golden Square, Showroom & Equipment Loans, Meeting Rooms, Wizard Narrow-boat, Marjorie Griffiths Learning Centre, Disability Information and Advice, two Accessible Holiday Homes, Finance & Payroll, Phoenix Project, Management Support, Volunteering and Independent Living Teams.

Collectively, WDP employs 47 paid members of staff, with the support of approximately 200 volunteers (including DAD volunteers).

Disability Trading Company (DTC)

The Disability Trading Company, established in February 2011, is a registered company limited by shares and is a 100% subsidiary of WDP. DTC will gift-aid an appropriate level of surplus to WDP. The Senior Management support the following services: Equipment Showroom (including Outreach), Workshop, Galleries Community Café, - Mobility & Independent Living Liverpool and Golden Square Shop and Disability Awareness Day.

Induction and training of new trustees

All Trustees undertake an Induction the same as other members of staff. They are encouraged to attend any specific events which provides training in relation to their Trustee role.

Remunerations of Senior Management Team

Our Remunerations Committee consisting of our Chair, Vice Chair and nominated Trustees set the annual remuneration levels of the Senior Management Team.

Wider network

Warrington Disability Partnership is affiliated, accredited or are members of a number of organisations - Warrington and St Helens Chambers of Commerce, British Health Trades Association and National Shopmobility Federation. We have received Matrix re-accreditation. Alongside this, we have the Disability Confident, Mindful Employer and a UK Online and OCR Accredited Learning Centre. In November 2006, the Management Team for Disability Awareness Day were awarded a Queen's Award for Voluntary Services for the work we do with DAD.

Related parties

We have three Trustees who are related parties with the work that is carried out by WDP. Any new work undertaken by any related parties is costed fairly according to the cost price of their particular business.

Risk management

The charity operates a Risk and Incidents Register that is reviewed quarterly. It is presented and discussed in depth at the Governance Quality and Risk Sub Group, and made available to all Trustees at Board meetings.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governance Statement

Our Charity is governed by a Board of independent Trustee/Directors who recognise that all the powers, authorities and responsibility for the governance and management lie with the Board supported by effective sub-groups each with clear terms of reference. The principles of good governance are embedded within our Governance Manual, which has been developed in line with current good practice and principles from the Charities Commission. The manual is reviewed annually.

The Governance Manual contains policies and procedures to ensure the good governance of the charity and to support it in achieving its charitable objectives. Our Board uses the nationally recognised Charity Governance Code to monitor the 77 lines of compliance and considers reviews and recommendations relating to the code made by its Governance sub-group. Robust risk management is undertaken by members of our senior management team and reviewed by members of our Governance Sub Group prior to scrutiny by the Board. Risks are reported quarterly to the Board via a high-level Performance Dashboard.

Our Board recognises, respects and welcomes diversity within its composition, with a focus on disability as the charity is a user-led organisation. A diversity objective was included in 2020/25 Strategic Action Plan. The Board considers the appointment of new members as recommended by a nominations committee, which uses a skills matrix to identify and prioritise skill gaps. Each year the Board reviews its own effectiveness and is open to changes, and wherever necessary, development opportunities. A Register of Interests, covering board members and senior managers is reviewed annually.

Our Board regularly reviews the sustainability of our income sources and considers recommendations from our remunerations committee, which are discussed by members of our Human Resources Sub Group and Finance and IT Sub Group with regard to the remuneration of all staff. No member of staff, including the senior management team is paid more than £60,000 per year (pro-rata), excluding employer national insurance and pension contributions.

A review of our external environment is undertaken at each meeting of the Governance Sub Group. The Board periodically reviews the organisation's charitable purposes to make sure the charity and its purpose stay relevant and valid.

During December 2019 and January 2020 Trustees, senior managers, staff and volunteers worked together to develop a 5-year Strategic Action Plan and to review the charity's purpose, mission, vision, values and strategic plan. The outcomes include -

- Purpose - "Our purpose is to improve the lives of people affected by disability and long-term health conditions"
- Mission - "Our mission is to be the leading disability charity providing personalised information, advice, guidance and services"
- Vision - "Our vision is for a world that recognises everyone's abilities"
- Values - "Our Core Values are to empower people by listening, responding and acting with integrity"

Our 2020/25 Strategic Action Plan is based on the following pillars: -

1. Deliver effective governance relevant to our charitable objectives
2. Ensure sustainability, by growing and developing our team and services
3. Engage with our team, individuals, communities and organisations
4. Be proactive in influencing positive change
5. Maximise opportunities to lead on innovation

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
04726639 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number
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A Cawley
S M McMillan
C Tobijanski
A Brown
P F Clancy
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The Disability Trading Company Limited

Directors:

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D J Williams (resigned 28.02.23)
J Boyd
W J Bradley
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A J Stevenson
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Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Chief Executive

D N Thompson MBE DL

Senior Management Team

D N Thompson MBE DL

D Jones

G Thompson

C Thompson

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Voisey & Co LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 31 January 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:

John S. Gartside

J S Gartside OBE DL JP - Trustee

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Warrington Disability Partnership (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)**

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)**

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

1 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation and claims, including review of relevant nominal ledger accounts.

2 - We obtained an understanding of laws, regulations and guidance that affect the Charitable Company, focusing on those that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on its operations. Key laws, regulations and guidance that we identified included the Companies Act 2006 and the Charity Act 2011.

3 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.

4 - We reviewed the Charitable Company's financial statement disclosures and agreed to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the applicable laws and regulations discussed above.

5 - We gained an understanding of the controls that the Trustees and management team have in place to prevent and detect fraud. We enquired of the Trustees and management team about any incidences of fraud that had taken place during the accounting period.

6 - The risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations was discussed within the audit team and tests were planned and performed to address these risks.

7 - In addressing the risk of fraud due to management override of controls, we performed testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

8 - We also challenge management assumptions with regard to accounting estimates.

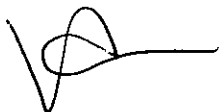
Despite appropriate planning and performing our work in accordance with International Auditing Standards, there are always inherent limitations that non-compliance is not detected. Non-compliance with laws and regulations is often further removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements and material misstatements due to fraud can be deliberately concealed from auditors, for example through misrepresentation, forgery or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Janine Boyo BFP ACA MAAT (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Voisey & Co LLP
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31 January 2024

Warrington Disability Partnership
Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	17,640	-	17,640	8,225
Charitable activities	5				
Disability specific services		301,855	142,596	444,451	589,613
Disability equipment services		81,506	-	81,506	65,559
Disability Awareness Day		-	84,100	84,100	71,010
Other trading activities	3	492,606	-	492,606	372,682
Investment income	4	43	-	43	60,057
Other income		10,800	-	10,800	92,327
Total		<u>904,450</u>	<u>226,696</u>	<u>1,131,146</u>	<u>1,259,473</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	47,916	10,105	58,021	24,371
Charitable activities	7				
Disability specific services		602,831	127,567	730,398	794,061
Disability equipment services		344,858	-	344,858	313,814
Disability Awareness Day		-	40,304	40,304	40,275
Total		<u>995,605</u>	<u>177,976</u>	<u>1,173,581</u>	<u>1,172,521</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(91,155)	48,720	(42,435)	86,952
Transfers between funds	18	<u>36,813</u>	<u>(36,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(54,342)	11,907	(42,435)	86,952
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		672,255	6,000	678,255	591,303
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>617,913</u>	<u>17,907</u>	<u>635,820</u>	<u>678,255</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Disability Partnership (Registered number: 04726639)

**Balance Sheet
31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	78,089	-	78,089	84,593
Investments	13	1	-	1	1
		<u>78,090</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,090</u>	<u>84,594</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	561,556	-	561,556	565,095
Cash at bank and in hand		45,086	17,908	62,994	140,052
		<u>606,642</u>	<u>17,908</u>	<u>624,550</u>	<u>705,147</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	15	(66,820)	-	(66,820)	(111,486)
		<u>539,822</u>	<u>17,908</u>	<u>557,730</u>	<u>593,661</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>539,822</u>	<u>17,908</u>	<u>557,730</u>	<u>593,661</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>617,912</u>	<u>17,908</u>	<u>635,820</u>	<u>678,255</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>617,912</u>	<u>17,908</u>	<u>635,820</u>	<u>678,255</u>
FUNDS	18				
Unrestricted funds				617,912	672,255
Restricted funds				17,908	6,000
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>635,820</u>	<u>678,255</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

John S. Gartside

J S Gartside OBE DL JP - Trustee

E C MacDonald

E C MacDonald - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Disability Partnership

**Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

	Notes	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(32,535)	7,705
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		<u>(32,535)</u>	<u>7,705</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(6,977)	(13,787)
Interest received		43	57
Dividends received		-	60,000
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(6,934)</u>	<u>46,270</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Inter company loan		(37,589)	(124,518)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(37,589)</u>	<u>(124,518)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(77,058)</u>	<u>(70,543)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>140,052</u>	<u>210,595</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>62,994</u></u>	<u><u>140,052</u></u>

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Warrington Disability Partnership

**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(42,435)	86,952
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	13,481	12,281
Interest received	(43)	(57)
Dividends received	-	(60,000)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	41,128	(61,720)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(44,666)	30,249
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(32,535)</u>	<u>7,705</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	140,052	(77,058)	62,994
	<u>140,052</u>	<u>(77,058)</u>	<u>62,994</u>
Total	<u>140,052</u>	<u>(77,058)</u>	<u>62,994</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Warrington Disability Partnership

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the 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 applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

The financial statements are prepared in £ sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Warrington Disability Partnership as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The charity is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation include uncertainties at the reporting date, which may have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial periods, are discussed below.

The trustees do not consider the charitable company to have any significant accounting judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' 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.

Warrington Disability Partnership

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income

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 Trust 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.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Expenditure and irrecoverable vat

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs incurred by the charity to enable it to fulfil its core operations.

- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Allocation and apportionment of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Charity's core activities

Staff costs and related overheads are charged directly to the projects to which the costs relate.

The remaining costs are allocated on a square footage basis relating to each project.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Workshop	- over period of the lease
Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 10% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition they are measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impaired losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in the SOFA.

Fixed asset investments which are listed on recognised stock exchanges are stated at year end market value. Fixed asset investments which are unlisted are stated at cost less provisions for reductions in value.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the charity. Control is the power to govern the financial statements and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Related party exemption

The charitable company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

There is no Occupational Pension Scheme. However, staff may contact the WDP Treasurer, who holds information regarding Stakeholder Pension Schemes.

Financial Instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the net asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Warrington Disability Partnership

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publically traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Employee benefits

The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Warrington Disability Partnership

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Financial instruments

Government grants

The accrual model has been adopted to recognise government grants in the year and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Where a grant becomes repayable it is recognised as a liability when the repayment meets the definition of a liability.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	7,640	8,225
Legacies	10,000	-
	<u>17,640</u>	<u>8,225</u>

Included within income from charitable activities are amounts donated in respect of Disability Awareness Day.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events	71,490	40,400
Services	421,116	332,282
	<u>492,606</u>	<u>372,682</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Shares in group undertakings	-	60,000
Deposit account interest	43	57
	<u>43</u>	<u>60,057</u>

Warrington Disability Partnership

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		31.3.23	31.3.22
	Activity	£	£
Grants and contracts	Disability specific services	444,451	589,613
Grants and contracts	Disability equipment services	81,506	65,559
DADs sponsorship	Disability Awareness Day	84,100	71,010
		<u>610,057</u>	<u>726,182</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

		31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Warrington Borough Council		137,736	396,966
Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group		81,506	84,145
Warrington & Halton hospitals NHS Trust Foundation		43,157	16,150
Cheshire Community Foundation		25,000	7,508
BBO/New Leaf		164,119	75,969
Cheshire Centre for Independent Living		29,300	29,300
Warrington Borough Council - Covid 19 grants		-	23,134
National Lottery		9,913	-
Garfield Weston Foundation		-	20,000
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire		-	2,000
Bridgewater Community Healthcare Trust		15,000	-
Warrington Voluntary Action		20,226	-
		<u>525,957</u>	<u>655,172</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS

Other trading activities

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising expenses	<u>58,021</u>	<u>24,371</u>

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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 8) £	Totals £
Disability specific services	567,095	163,303	730,398
Disability equipment services	327,015	17,843	344,858
Disability Awareness Day	39,137	1,167	40,304
	<u>933,247</u>	<u>182,313</u>	<u>1,115,560</u>

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Disability specific services	155,202	1,516	6,585	163,303
Disability equipment services	17,843	-	-	17,843
Disability Awareness Day	1,167	-	-	1,167
	<u>174,212</u>	<u>1,516</u>	<u>6,585</u>	<u>182,313</u>

9. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,753	5,253
Depreciation - owned assets	13,481	12,281
Other operating leases	17,891	14,620
Job Retention Scheme Grants	-	(81,527)
Local Restriction Grants	-	(23,134)
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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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11. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	817,903	752,976
Social security costs	56,795	48,617
Other pension costs	17,844	15,722
	<u>892,542</u>	<u>817,315</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
Disability advice information services	24	23
Disability equipment services	18	18
Other	3	3
Disability Awareness Day	2	2
	<u>47</u>	<u>46</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Workshop £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	104,371	12,000	131,125
Additions	3,438	-	-
	<u>107,809</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>131,125</u>
At 31 March 2023			
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	41,758	12,000	124,303
Charge for year	3,823	-	1,692
	<u>45,581</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>125,995</u>
At 31 March 2023			
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>62,228</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,130</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>62,613</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,822</u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	37,222	65,301	350,019
Additions	1,122	2,417	6,977
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At 31 March 2023	38,344	67,718	356,996
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	34,366	52,999	265,426
Charge for year	295	7,671	13,481
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At 31 March 2023	34,661	60,670	278,907
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,683</u>	<u>7,048</u>	<u>78,089</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,856</u>	<u>12,302</u>	<u>84,593</u>

13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Disability Trading Company Limited

Registered office: Centre for Independent Living, Beaufort Street, Warrington, Cheshire. WA5 1BA.

Nature of business: Retail & repair medical & orthopaedic goods

Class of share: %
holding
Ordinary 100

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Aggregate capital and reserves	10,204	9,137
Profit for the year	<u>1,066</u>	<u>19,881</u>

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14. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	71,805	135,635
Amounts owed by group undertakings	452,605	415,016
Prepayments and accrued income	37,146	14,444
	<u>561,556</u>	<u>565,095</u>

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trade creditors	49,436	45,753
Social security and other taxes	(494)	17,107
Other creditors	5,432	5,430
Accruals and deferred income	12,446	43,196
	<u>66,820</u>	<u>111,486</u>

Deferred income comprises grant income received in advance of the year to which it relates.

	31.03.23
	£
Balance as at 1st April 2023	30,000
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(30,000)
Amount deferred in year	-
Balance as at 31st March 2023	<u>-</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Within one year	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

The Charity has entered into a number of leases in respect of the properties they operate out of. The rents are on a peppercorn basis and as a result it is not possible to quantify the commercial rental values. We are unable to quantify a value in respect of donated services.

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17. SECURED DEBTS

The Bank holds a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, including goodwill, book debts, uncalled capital, buildings, fixtures, fixed plant and machinery.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	672,255	(91,156)	36,813	617,912
Restricted funds				
Disability Awareness Day	-	36,813	(36,813)	-
Personal Health Budgets	-	3,223	-	3,223
Wizard boat engine repair	6,000	-	-	6,000
Disability Information	-	8,685	-	8,685
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>48,721</u>	<u>(36,813)</u>	<u>17,908</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>678,255</u>	<u>(42,435)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>635,820</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	904,450	(995,606)	(91,156)
Restricted funds			
Disability Awareness Day	84,100	(47,287)	36,813
Personal Health Budgets	29,300	(26,077)	3,223
Wheelchair loans and winter safety scheme	15,000	(15,000)	-
Long Covid Support	43,157	(43,157)	-
Cancer Alliance	12,726	(12,726)	-
Heritage Project	9,913	(9,913)	-
Health & Home	7,500	(7,500)	-
Disability Information	25,000	(16,315)	8,685
	<u>226,696</u>	<u>(177,975)</u>	<u>48,721</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,131,146</u>	<u>(1,173,581)</u>	<u>(42,435)</u>

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18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	577,880	78,438	15,937	672,255
Restricted funds				
Disability Awareness Day	-	26,536	(26,536)	-
Warrington Hospital Outreach	7,423	(8,844)	1,421	-
Personal Health Budgets	-	(9,178)	9,178	-
Wizard boat engine repair	6,000	-	-	6,000
	<u>13,423</u>	<u>8,514</u>	<u>(15,937)</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>591,303</u>	<u>86,952</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>678,255</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,173,513	(1,095,075)	78,438
Restricted funds			
Disability Awareness Day	71,309	(44,773)	26,536
Warrington Hospital Outreach	1	(8,845)	(8,844)
Personal Health Budgets	14,650	(23,828)	(9,178)
	<u>85,960</u>	<u>(77,446)</u>	<u>8,514</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,259,473</u>	<u>(1,172,521)</u>	<u>86,952</u>

Transfers between funds

As well as raising awareness, the objective of Disability Awareness Day is to generate income for the charity. Sponsorship and donations are treated as restricted to cover the event's running costs, any surplus remaining can then be used to cover the day to day running costs of the charity.

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19. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £17,844 (2022: £15,722).

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the Charity recognised DAD sponsorship of £10,350 from Expanse Group Ltd, A Brown is a director of this company. The Charity incurred costs of £3,798 from Orbit News, a company G Skentleberry is a director of, and owed £208 at the year end to the company. £200 has been received from Trustees in respect of donations. At the year end, £700 was owed to the charity by the Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation - P Ffrench is a Trustee.

21. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Employment

Funding through Public Service Agreements to support people on incapacity benefits, lone parents and disabled people into employment.

During the year the Charity successfully obtained new funding via the Big Lottery Fund and ESF Building Better Opportunities Grant. This grant is included within the Employment restricted fund.

DAD

DAD is an independent living exhibition. This activity has been transferred to the subsidiary, however, donations are received and costs are incurred by WDP. The income received and expenditure expended is treated as restricted until DAD has taken place, any surplus is transferred to general reserves as this available to use for its day to day operations.

Warrington Outreach

We operate a service in Warrington Hospital providing information, advice and guidance, and sales of mobility and independent living equipment. This service was funded by 10 local businesses and supported by Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. The service has remained closed since the beginning of the COVID Pandemic.

Personal Health Budgets

We offer assistance with support plans for people accessing a Personal Health Budget. Our part-time post holder is funded by a service level agreement with Warrington CCG via an agreement with Cheshire Centre for Independent Living. This service commenced on the 1st July 2018.

Wizard

A donation of £6,000 has been received to fund the rebuild the Wizard's engine.

Long Covid Support

A pilot project with funding from Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, aimed at supporting people living with Long-Covid. The support includes providing information, advice and guidance, and facilitating face-to-face and virtual meetings. The successful pilot has been extended throughout 2022/23. We employ a full-time officer, who is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers.

Wheelchair Loans & Winter Safety Scheme

A project with funding from Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to purchase additional equipment for the WDP Wheelchair Loan Service and provide Winter Safety Checks through the Mobility Workshop.

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21. RESTRICTED FUNDS - continued

Cancer Alliance

A project with funding from Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance to raise awareness of the need for people who have a long-term health condition, a disability or caring responsibilities not to ignore early signs of cancer, and to attend appointments for routine checks.

Heritage Project

A pilot project with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund to create a transportable display demonstrating the timeline of disability and disability transport. The display of timeline and artefacts is transported to events, schools, motor shows and other display opportunities.

Health & Home

A project with funding from Warrington Voluntary Action to support a project within to support the Warrington & Halton hospitals discharge team to connect patients to VCSE services.

Disability Information

A project with funding from the Cheshire Community Foundation, Steve Morgan Foundation and business dedicated to providing information, advice and support services for older people.

22. MEMBERS LIABILITIES

The charity does not have share capital and is limited by guarantee. In the event of the charity being wound up the maximum amount each member is liable to contribute is £10. There were 69 (2022 : 66) such members at 31st March 2023.

23. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise its trustees and Chief Executive and the senior management team. The total employment benefits including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £152,016 (2022:£165,972). No employee had employee benefits in excess of £60,000.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	7,640	8,225
Legacies	10,000	-
	<hr/> 17,640	<hr/> 8,225
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	71,490	40,400
Services	421,116	332,282
	<hr/> 492,606	<hr/> 372,682
Investment income		
Shares in group undertakings	-	60,000
Deposit account interest	43	57
	<hr/> 43	<hr/> 60,057
Charitable activities		
DADs sponsorship	84,100	71,010
Grants and contracts	525,957	655,172
	<hr/> 610,057	<hr/> 726,182
Other income		
Rent received	10,800	10,800
Furlough income	-	81,527
	<hr/> 10,800	<hr/> 92,327
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 1,131,146	<hr/> 1,259,473
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Fundraising expenses	58,021	24,371
Charitable activities		
Wages	817,903	752,976
Social security	56,795	48,617
Pensions	17,844	15,722
Advertising	14,203	16,642
Carried forward	906,745	833,957

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	906,745	833,957
Travel - Mileage, bus, rail	1,889	610
Equipment costs	8,784	7,003
Equipment - IT	14,836	11,648
Boat Costs	993	2,275
Room Hire	-	698
Subcontracted Community Champions costs	-	120,742
	<hr/> 933,247	<hr/> 976,933
Support costs		
Management		
Other operating leases	17,891	14,620
Rates and water	8,676	1,231
Insurance	15,500	23,032
Light and heat	28,436	31,946
Telephone	28,105	27,593
Postage and stationery	22,513	20,760
Sundries	6,605	6,126
Membership fees	462	162
Servicing / Maintenance	4,317	5,193
Cleaning	874	559
Utilities services	24,494	7,658
Training courses/Exam fees	7,302	12,159
Bad debts	(4,444)	1,305
Depn of workshop	3,823	3,479
Plant and machinery	1,692	2,185
Fixtures and fittings	295	295
Computer equipment	7,671	6,322
	<hr/> 174,212	<hr/> 164,625
Finance		
Bank charges	1,516	1,339
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	5,753	5,253
Legal and professional fees	832	-
	<hr/> 6,585	<hr/> 5,253
Total resources expended	<hr/> 1,173,581	<hr/> 1,172,521
Net (expenditure)/income	<hr/> <hr/> (42,435)	<hr/> <hr/> 86,952

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