

# DASH - DISCOVERING AUTISTIC SPECTRUM HAPPINESS

England & Wales · Charity number 1116852

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2006-11-17

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE MENTAL HEALTH ADULTS OF WORKING AGE WITH ASPERGERS SYNDROME AND OTHER AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDERS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE, ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT, WHO LIVE IN SWINDON BOROUGH,

**Activities:** Individual advocacy; information and advice; weekly support group; weekly social group; volunteering opportunities; individual career advice & guidance - for adults with Aspergers Syndrome living in Swindon; signposting for support for parents & carers.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** SWINDON
- Swindon

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£22,457	£28,088	-	-
2024-03-31	£78,361	£50,226	-	-
2023-03-31	£53,165	£52,663	-	-
2022-03-31	£39,065	£39,808	-	-
2021-03-31	£64,937	£42,219	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID AHERN		2017-07-20
Martin Charles Styles		2022-11-15

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# Accounts

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## **Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness (DASH)**

Registered charity no: 1116852

Registered office: Sanford House, Sanford Street, Swindon SN1 1HE

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## **Annual Report**

**For the period April 2023 to March 2024**

DASH is a small local registered charity launched in 2006 as a response to a shared concern for the unmet needs of autistic adults and those with similar neuro-diverse characteristics and who live in Swindon.

DASH was started with the purpose and determination to help improve the quality of life of people affected by autism by raising professional, public and political awareness.

Post-diagnostic support for parents and carers, employers and statutory services is important so that autistic people can access appropriate resources to enable them to lead more independent, more fulfilled, safer, more engaged and happier lives.

DASH campaigns and lobbies and works in partnership with others to develop and promote such services.

### **Our primary aims are to:**

- Raise awareness and understanding of autism
- Provide information and support to 'high functioning' autistic adults
- Promote and enhance access to assessment and diagnosis, welfare, housing, education and employment
- Promote social skills through a range of social group activities
- Research, promote and help to deliver a local model of support and services

### **DASH Trustees**

David Ahern, Sally Grubb, Nina Czajkowski, Martin Styles

## **DASH Staff**

**Manager:** Sharon Beckett

**Finance:** Richard Parrett

**Social Group Facilitators:** Julie Welsh, Dodi Paoletta, Yvonne Nolan (volunteer)

**Autism Advisors:** Peggy Rosser, Dodi Paoletta

**Volunteer Co-ordinator:** Yvonne Nolan

## **Overview**

During this period social groups have continued to thrive, particularly the Monday evening group. An additional 'Inclusivity' group has been started, specifically targeting LGBTQI. And one of the groups has started attending either bingo or a meal once a month. The Monday evening club has done footgolf, bowls, badminton, walks, meals out as well as encouraging the group to take more responsibility for themselves including mentoring new attendees. We were delighted to see two members were successful in finding jobs.

This year we explored an opportunity to work more closely with Mind Swindon although eventually no formal agreement was settled. We continue to cross-refer, and we work closely with other groups that are based in the Swindon area.

We relocated to the ground floor of Sanford House since one of our staff. The fire evacuation procedure for the building was not suitable for people in wheelchairs and we are committed to being inclusive to all.

We are hugely grateful to the Postcode Lottery which has enabled us to strengthen our services, and we remain indebted to the national lottery for their support this year – the last in the current round. As we wind down our post-diagnostic ADJ service, the team are looking forward to the next phase of our work with high functioning autistic adults.

## **Risk**

Risk is reviewed regularly at trustee meetings and our risk register is updated accordingly. Trustees are responsible for oversight and ensuring appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **Our work in the year included the following CASE STUDIES:**

- *Supporting a young adult who was selectively mute and therefore struggled to make their needs known to providers*

We worked with this young person over a period of several months, including their support worker. They joined one of our groups and although at first they remained quite isolated from others, after a few weeks they started to join in. As their confidence grew, they relied less on their support worker to interpret their needs and

were able to communicate directly with other group members and the volunteers assisting the group.

- *A man whose health was suffering as he was not eating properly because his teeth were in a very bad way. He had developed a terror of the dentist.*

Peggy worked with this individual over a period of several weeks, looking at what it was that most affected him (mainly the sensory overload of lights, noise, people having to touch his mouth). Using a slow and gradual approach he was initially able to go and visit the dentist without any treatment, and then from there was eventually able to seek treatment and pain relief.

- *A fete was set up with a steering group of people who would normally have found it difficult to work as part of a team.*

This enabled them to feel in control of the process, through the early planning and delivery of a successful fundraising event. It taught communication skills, financial planning, marketing and team-building.

### **Plans for the future**

The organisation is transitioning to be a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to provide greater stability for the future.

The charity is keen to hear from new potential trustees as it continues to support autistic people in Swindon.

**Our thanks goes to the following for their funding support:**

**National Lottery**

**Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation**

**Postcode Lottery**

**Pearce Funeral Services**

# DASH

Registered Charity Number 1116852

## Summarised Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

<b>Income and Expenditure 2023-24</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted and Designated Income:		
<i>The National Lottery Community Fund - RC South West Region</i>	43946	
<i>Wiltshire Community Foundation</i>	5000	
<i>Group Subscriptions</i>	3104	
	<b>52050</b>	
Unrestricted Income:		
<i>Postcode Lottery Grant</i>	13000	
<i>NHS England</i>	10455	
<i>Donations &amp; Fundraising</i>	2755	
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	100	
	<b>26310</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>78361</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Salaries</i>	45185	
<i>Pension Costs</i>	143	
<i>Room Hire</i>	1835	
<i>Stationery/Office Costs</i>	275	
<i>Telephones</i>	1009	
<i>Training</i>	55	
<i>Insurance</i>	397	
<i>IT Costs</i>	618	
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	708	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>50226</b>
Surplus (deficit) of Income over Expenditure		<b>28135</b>

**Cash and Reserves at start of year:**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	3902
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	34021
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37923</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	28135
<b>Total</b>	<b>66058</b>

**Cash and Reserves at year end:**

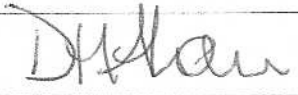
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	27839
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	38219
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>66058</b>

**Plant, Machinery, Fixtures and Fittings**

<i>Opening Balance</i>	1728
<i>Additions this year</i>	0
<i>Depreciation</i>	(432)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1296</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

*Signature**Print Name**Date*

	DM AHERN	26/11/24

**Income and Expenditure 2022-23****£**

## Restricted and Designated Income:

<i>Lottery Grants</i>	41000
<i>Wilts Community Foundation</i>	4999
<i>Vinci UK Foundation</i>	3000
<i>Group Subscriptions</i>	2851
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	51850

## Unrestricted Income:

<i>Donations and Fund Raising</i>	1129
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	186
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	1315

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**Total Income** 53165

## Expenditure

<i>Wages and Salaries</i>	43370
<i>Pension Costs</i>	106
<i>Room Hire</i>	2642
<i>Stationery/Office Costs</i>	132
<i>Telephones</i>	863
<i>Training</i>	597
<i>Insurance</i>	408
<i>Equipment</i>	46
<i>IT Costs</i>	2228
<i>Catering</i>	1073
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	1199

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**Total Expenditure** 52663

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**Surplus (deficit) of Income over Expenditure** 502

**Cash and Reserves at Start of Year:**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	5411
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	32010
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37421</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	502
<b>Total</b>	<b>37923</b>

**Cash and Reserves at Year End**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	3902
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	34021
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37923</b>

**Plant, Machinery, Fixtures and Fittings**

<i>Opening Balance</i>	2304
<i>Additions this year</i>	0
<i>Depreciation</i>	(576)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1728</b>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

DASH (Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness)

31/03/24

1116852

On accounts for the year ended

Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Date:

08/08/24

**Name:**

Claire Turner

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

CIMA (FCMA)

**Address:**

Far End House, London Road, Poulton, Cirencester, GL7 5JQ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

**DASH - DISCOVERING AUTISTIC SPECTRUM HAPPINESS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1116852

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# Accounts

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D.A.S.H.

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**For the period of April 2022 to March 2023**

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DASH was launched with the purpose and determination to help improve the quality of life of people affected by autism by raising professional, public and political awareness.

**Our Vision** is that 'Autistic Adults Lead Happier and Healthier Lives'  
Autistic adults in our communities to have access to services and social groups that promote understanding, resilience, confidence, and social inclusion.

**Our Mission** is 'To be an accessible charity at the heart of our community, supporting, encouraging and inspiring autistic adults' by:

- helping autistic adults to understand how 'their individual version' of autism affects them and their everyday lives.
- helping autistic adults to access the services and support they are entitled to.
- raising awareness of autism throughout the local community (including statutory services, health services, employers, retailers, hospitality and leisure services, education services and public transport services).
- promoting and enhancing access to assessment and diagnosis, post diagnostic support, health and care, wellbeing, social activities, housing, education and employment.
- researching, promoting and helping deliver a local model of support and services

## Our Services

We provide information and advice services to autistic adults, including information about housing, welfare rights, employment, health, and finance. We also offer advice to parents and families of autistic children, helping them to make informed choices and decisions.

We offer an 'After Diagnosis Journey' programme, tailored to individual need. Sessions may take place on a 1:1 and/or group basis (as required), covering topics such as mental wellbeing, relationships, sensory differences and healthy lifestyle. Strategies for coping with daily difficulties are discussed and individuals may be signposted to other services if appropriate.

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<b>DASH Trustees</b>	<b>Dash Staff</b>
David Ahern Sally Grubb Robert Jordan Nina Czajkowski Martin Styles	Manager: Sharon Beckett Finance: Richard Parrett  Social group leaders Julie Welsh Dodi Paoletta Sharon Beckett  IAS – Autism Matters Peggy Rosser Dodi Paoletta Karen Beckett

again. We continued to provide a hybrid working environment for our staff but all are now back in the office at least once a week.

Thanks to a grant from Wiltshire Community Fund we were able to at last recruit a volunteer coordinator for a few hours each week. We are at the earliest stage of developing a process for recruiting and managing volunteers but it is hoped that this will enable us to extend our services.

We ran a hugely successful conference across two days. We put together an interesting programme that included speakers such as the police, SEND, Oak & Furrows, Shared Lives and Disability Experts. Over 100 people were able to attend, and in the breaks people could visit exhibition stands.

With a very small team, we recognised a need for us to work more effectively with a joint referrals and distribution system so completely transitioned to a cloud system. We also began the process of looking into a more robust database to maximise our productivity and ensure we could better communicate with our clients.

### **Risk**

Risks are reviewed regularly at trustee meetings and our risk register is updated accordingly. Trustees are responsible for oversight and ensuring appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

### **Plans for the future**

Following a period in which we developed our strategy, the charity will continue to work with autistic adults in Swindon. In particular trustees were keen to make sure the charity worked to provide support to those people who were struggling with their mental health. As our respected Autism Diagnosis Journey concludes in 2024, we will develop a service that builds on the good work of this project.

If sufficient funding can be found, an LGBTQI+ group will be established.

We plan to have a stronger emphasis on the collection and reporting of data so that we can measure our outcomes more effectively and accurately.

Our thanks goes to the following for their funding support:

Big Lottery

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation

Friends of Immanuel Church

# DASH

Registered Charity Number 1116852

## Summarised Draft Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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Unrestricted Income:		
<i>Donations and Fund Raising</i>	1129	
<i>Miscellaneous Income</i>	186	
	<b>1315</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>53165</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Wages and Salaries</i>	43370	
<i>Pension Costs</i>	106	
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**Total Expenditure** **52663**

Surplus (deficit) of Income over Expenditure **502**

**Cash and Reserves at start of year:**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	5411
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	32010
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37421</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	502
<b>Total</b>	<b>37923</b>

**Cash and Reserves at year end:**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	S59, U59	3902
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	H59:Q59	34020
<i>Cash in Hand</i>		0
<b>Total</b>		<b>37923</b>

**Plant, Machinery, Fixtures and Fittings**

<i>Opening Balance</i>	2304
<i>Additions this year</i>	0
<i>Depreciation</i>	(576)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>1728</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

*Signature* *Print Name* *Date*

<i>Dustan</i>	<i>DM AHERN</i>	<i>16 Nov '23</i>

**Income and Expenditure 2021-22**

£

**Restricted and Designated Income:**

<i>Lottery Grants</i>	30054
<i>CFWS Conference Funding</i>	2700
<i>HMRC Covid Job Retention Scheme</i>	1802
<i>W Davies Monthly Donation</i>	800
<i>Group Subscriptions</i>	519

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35874**Unrestricted Income:**

<i>Donations and Fund Raising</i>	3191
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3191**Total Income**

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39065**Expenditure**

<i>Wages and Salaries</i>	35195
<i>Room Hire</i>	309
<i>Stationery/Office Costs</i>	210
<i>Telephones</i>	1023
<i>Recruitment</i>	725
<i>Insurance</i>	399
<i>IT Costs</i>	1458
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	488

Total Expenditure: 39808

Surplus (deficit) of Income over Expenditure: -743

**Cash and Reserves at Start of Year:**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	2521
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	35611
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>38164</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	(743)
<b>Total</b>	<b>37421</b>

**Cash and Reserves at Year End**

<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	5411
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	32010
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37421</b>

**Plant, Machinery, Fixtures and Fittings:**

<i>Opening Balance</i>	3072
<i>Additions this year</i>	0
<i>Depreciation</i>	(768)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2304</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
DASH (Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Charity no  
(if any)**

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- 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:**

24/08/23

**Name:**

Claire Turner

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CIMA (FCMA)

**Address:**

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**Annual Report**

**For the period of April 2020 to March 2021**

DASH is a small local registered charity launched in 2006 as a response to a shared concern for the unmet needs of adults with high-functioning autism and Aspergers living in Swindon.

DASH was launched with the purpose and determination to help improve the quality of life of people affected by autism by raising professional, public and political awareness.

A specialist, post-diagnostic support service for adults Aspergers/High functioning autism is an essential part of an effective adult autism strategy.

Post diagnostic support for parents and carers, employers and statutory services is important so that people with autism can access the right resources to help them lead more independent, more fulfilled, safer, more engaged and happier lives. DASH campaigns and lobbies and works in partnership with others to develop and promote such services.

**Our primary aims are to:**

- Raise awareness and understanding of Aspergers
- Promote and enhance access to assessment & diagnosis, welfare, housing, education and employment
- Research, promote and help to deliver a local model of support and services

and in this way we will help people with Aspergers to enjoy safer, healthier, more social, more productive and happier lives.

<p><b>DASH Trustees</b></p> <p>David Ahern Sally Grubb Robert Jordan Jon Dunn Nigel Jobbins</p>	<p><b>Dash Staff</b></p> <p>Manager: Adrian Embling to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Gemma Owens: from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 Ops Manager: Gemma Owens until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Finance: Richard Parrett</p> <p>Social group team leaders Julie Welsh</p>
<p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>Lorrette Jobbins</p>	<p>Karen Day Sam Webb Ceri Gardiner</p>
<p><b>Formal DASH Volunteers</b></p> <p>Neil Cross Emma Yates</p>	<p>Angie Ingram Mark Clayborough</p>
<p>Informal volunteers are too numerous to mention but huge thanks go to all who have given their time and energy to support us</p>	<p>IAS – Autism Matters Peggy Rosser Dona-Marie Paoletta Angie Ingram</p> <p>Social groups Ken Webb Hannah Collier Katie Halliday</p>

## Overview

The financial year started with the charity in lockdown due to Covid19 restrictions. Social Groups did not open during the reporting year. Social group staff were placed on furlough in April and remained so until the end of the reporting year and beyond.

Covid 19 required we shut our office, which is both an administrative site and venue for meetings with clients. All operation activity was moved online. Change can be particularly difficult for people on the autistic spectrum. The inability to meet face to face was very stressful for some clients. There were several instances of clients being so fearful of Covid19, both of the virus and breaking lockdown restrictions that they did not leave their accommodation. Several clients reported feeling isolated and depressed. In April we moved our Autism Matters service online. This was a lifeline for many to access services and support. We also opened online chat groups. These were particularly successful. Chatroom moderators encouraged clients to assist

running groups. A number of clients embraced the opportunity to run quizzes and other activities. We are most grateful to our staff who have innovatively and commitment to ensure we provided the best possible service that circumstances permitted.

The Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme was gratefully used to its fullest extent for those roles that were not able to operate during the year.

### **Our work in the year included the following case studies :**

Supporting someone with a PIP application and subsequently at a tribunal. The original assessment denied an award as the DWP based a judgement around capability on his outward smart appearance. DASH argued that wearing a suit was a coping strategy that gave confidence and was a reassuring habit. A successful outcome was achieved.

A person requested support with communication needs. He presented as very anxious, was unable to make eye contact and spoke quietly. Initially flagged as potentially a concern around mental health, DASH worked as a support when talking to his GP. Once mental health had improved, DASH worked with him more broadly to look at how text might be a suitable platform and agreed etiquette and expectations. Communication improved and a level of independence was restored.

### **Plans for the future**

DASH, like many charities, is aware of the increased need of clients as Covid becomes an endemic health issue. In particular challenges for people on the autistic spectrum include employment, mental health, emerging from isolation, communication and changes in routines and behavioural norms.

The charity is also aware of the extended waiting lists to get a formal diagnosis, and a lack of services that can help individuals lead productive and happy lives. It is planned to work with Swindon Borough Council to address these issues at the earliest opportunity.

The charity will also seek to put its social groups on a sustainable footing to avoid any financial shortfall that might put them at risk.

Our thanks also goes to the following for their funding support:

Big Lottery

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation

Mid Counties COOP

Howard Tenens

Plus donations from  
Excalibur communications  
Green Labyrinth  
W Davies

# DASH

## DISCOVERING AUTISTIC SPECTRUM HAPPINESS

Registered Charity Number 1116852

### Summarised Draft Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Income and Expenditure 2020-21	£	£
Restricted and Designated Income:		
<i>Lottery Grants</i>	14087	
<i>Lottery Emergency Fund</i>	8604	
<i>Lottery Covid-19 Response Grant</i>	9866	
<i>CFWS Covid Response &amp; Recovery Grant</i>	20829	
<i>Wilts Community Foundation Social Groups Grant</i>	5000	
<i>HMRC Covid Job Retention Scheme</i>	4081	
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	<b>62467</b>	
Unrestricted Income:		
<i>Donations and Fund Raising</i>	2471	
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	<b>2471</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<hr/>
		<b>64937</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<i>Wages and Salaries</i>	36725	
<i>Management</i>	1534	
<i>Contractor Costs</i>	773	
<i>Room Hire</i>	0	
<i>Consultancy</i>	0	
<i>Stationery/Office Costs</i>	117	
<i>Phones</i>	795	
<i>Travel</i>	7	
<i>Equipment</i>	1359	
<i>IT Costs</i>	587	
<i>Redundancy Costs</i>	50	
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	273	
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>42219</b>	
Surplus (deficit) of Income over Expenditure		<hr/>
		<b>22718</b>

<b>Cash and Reserves at Start of Year:</b>	
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	1726
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	13658
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	62
Total	<b>15446</b>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	22718
Total	<b>38164</b>

<b>Cash and Reserves at Year End</b>	
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	2521
<i>Restricted and Designated Funds</i>	35611
<i>Cash in Hand</i>	32
Total	<b>38164</b>


<b>Plant, Machinery, Fixtures and Fittings</b>	
<i>Opening Balance</i>	2586
<i>Additions this year</i>	1259
<i>Depreciation</i>	-773
Closing Balance	<b>3072</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees:

*Signature*

*Print Name*

*Date of approval*

	Nigel Jobbins	20/12/2021



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
DASH (Discovering Autistic Spectrum Happiness)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/21

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1116852

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's  
statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

**Signed:**

**Date:** 14/12/21

**Name:** Claire Turner

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

CIMA (FCMA)

**Address:**

Far End House, London Road, Poulton, Cirencester, GL7 5JQ


**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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