

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05985626 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1117544

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**

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Paul Hayes

Mr P Hayes - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Slough and District Deaf Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Joanne Kingsnorth

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20 December 2024

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		21,429	6,420	27,849	15,351
Other trading activities	3	108,363	-	108,363	97,476
Total		<u>129,792</u>	<u>6,420</u>	<u>136,212</u>	<u>112,827</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		21,360	-	21,360	11,366
Charitable activities					
Centre management		47,434	16,892	64,326	63,729
Other		50,918	-	50,918	37,656
Total		<u>119,712</u>	<u>16,892</u>	<u>136,604</u>	<u>112,751</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		10,080	(10,472)	(392)	76
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		30,644	351,697	382,341	382,265
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>40,724</u></u>	<u><u>341,225</u></u>	<u><u>381,949</u></u>	<u><u>382,341</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05985626)**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	21,736	341,225	362,961	375,570
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	9,486	-	9,486	4,852
Cash at bank and in hand		45,620	-	45,620	34,900
		<u>55,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,106</u>	<u>39,752</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(36,118)	-	(36,118)	(32,981)
		<u>18,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,988</u>	<u>6,771</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>18,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,988</u>	<u>6,771</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>40,724</u>	<u>341,225</u>	<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>40,724</u>	<u>341,225</u>	<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				40,724	30,644
Restricted funds				<u>341,225</u>	<u>351,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE (REGISTERED NUMBER: 05985626)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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 20 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul Hayes

Mr P Hayes - Trustee

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SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Slough and District Deaf Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the company's registered office is Windmill Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 3SU. The registered company number is 05985626 and the registered charity number is 1117544.

The principal activities of the charity are as disclosed within the Report of the Trustees on pages 1 to 3.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is Sterling (£), being the currency of the primary economic market in which the entity operates. All amounts in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound unless stated otherwise.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. 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.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on this basis.

Income

All incoming resources except grants are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

When the donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds receivable.

Grants are recognised in the financial statements when the expenditure occurs to which the grant relates.

Expenditure

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Short leasehold	- straight line - 2%
Fixtures and fittings	- straight line - 25%
Sensory garden	- straight line - 10%

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Where expenditure on a project for which restricted funds are available exceeds the balance on that fund, a transfer is made from unrestricted funds, to remove any overdrawn fund balances.

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.

Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Significant judgements and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities. If in the future such estimates and assumptions, which are based on management's best judgment at the date of the financial statements, deviate from the actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions will be modified as appropriate in the year in which the circumstances change.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall Hire	4,500	23,275
Deaf Aims services	103,863	74,201
	<u>108,363</u>	<u>97,476</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	4,272	3,888
Independent examiner's fees - other services	749	432
Depreciation - owned assets	21,218	20,241
Other operating leases	20,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	46,938	37,656
Trustees' social security	222	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>47,160</u>	<u>37,656</u>

The trustee's remuneration is in respect of one (2023: one) trustee, being Mrs A J Hayes, for services as a support worker for the local deaf community.

Trustees' expenses

One trustee was reimbursed £9,141 in respect of costs used in the services as a support worker (2023 - two trustees £7,544).

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	2024	2023
Management	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Sensory garden £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	499,793	59,011	21,092	579,896
Additions	-	8,609	-	8,609
At 31 March 2024	499,793	67,620	21,092	588,505
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	147,405	35,829	21,092	204,326
Charge for year	9,996	11,222	-	21,218
At 31 March 2024	157,401	47,051	21,092	225,544
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	342,392	20,569	-	362,961
At 31 March 2023	352,388	23,182	-	375,570

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,514	3,724
Prepayments and accrued income	4,972	1,128
	9,486	4,852

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Social security and other taxes	1,069	832
Other creditors	26,667	26,667
Accruals and deferred income	8,382	5,482
	36,118	32,981

10. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	20,000	20,000
Between one and five years	80,000	80,000
In more than five years	583,333	603,000
	683,333	703,000

The annual operating lease cost is due to Slough Borough Council but is fully covered by a grant receivable each year, also from Slough Borough Council.

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	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,644	10,080	40,724
Restricted funds			
Building fund	350,647	(9,947)	340,700
Equipment fund	1,050	(525)	525
	<u>351,697</u>	<u>(10,472)</u>	<u>341,225</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>382,341</u>	<u>(392)</u>	<u>381,949</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	129,792	(119,712)	10,080
Restricted funds			
Building fund	-	(9,947)	(9,947)
Running costs fund	6,420	(6,420)	-
Equipment fund	-	(525)	(525)
	<u>6,420</u>	<u>(16,892)</u>	<u>(10,472)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,212</u>	<u>(136,604)</u>	<u>(392)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,771	10,873	30,644
Restricted funds			
Building fund	360,594	(9,947)	350,647
Equipment fund	1,900	(850)	1,050
	<u>362,494</u>	<u>(10,797)</u>	<u>351,697</u>
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Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,519	(101,646)	10,873
Restricted funds			
Building fund	-	(9,947)	(9,947)
Equipment fund	308	(1,158)	(850)
	<u>308</u>	<u>(11,105)</u>	<u>(10,797)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,827</u>	<u>(112,751)</u>	<u>76</u>

Description of funds held:

Building fund - This relates to funds received towards the construction and development of the Deaf Centre. Funds are primarily included within tangible fixed assets, with a corresponding deduction for the loan included within other creditors.

Running costs fund - This relates to funds received which are to be used as contributions towards the running costs of the centre.

Equipment fund - This relates to funds received which are to be used for the purposes of purchasing equipment for the centre.

12. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Total financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies not included in the statement of financial position amount to £683,333 (2023 - £703,333) as shown in note 10.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Included within Deaf Aims costs are amounts paid to T J Davies (trustee) in respect of support and transport costs totalling £7,166 (2023: £4,500). Additionally an amount of £1,390 (2023: £605) was paid to the spouse of a Trustee of the Charity in respect of cleaning services provided to the charity.

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity was under control of the trustees throughout the current and previous year.

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Mr P Hayes - Trustee

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

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20 December 2024

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		21,429	6,420	27,849	15,351
Other trading activities	3	108,363	-	108,363	97,476
Total		<u>129,792</u>	<u>6,420</u>	<u>136,212</u>	<u>112,827</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		21,360	-	21,360	11,366
Charitable activities					
Centre management		47,434	16,892	64,326	63,729
Other		50,918	-	50,918	37,656
Total		<u>119,712</u>	<u>16,892</u>	<u>136,604</u>	<u>112,751</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		10,080	(10,472)	(392)	76
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		30,644	351,697	382,341	382,265
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>40,724</u></u>	<u><u>341,225</u></u>	<u><u>381,949</u></u>	<u><u>382,341</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	21,736	341,225	362,961	375,570
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	9,486	-	9,486	4,852
Cash at bank and in hand		45,620	-	45,620	34,900
		<u>55,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,106</u>	<u>39,752</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(36,118)	-	(36,118)	(32,981)
		<u>18,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,988</u>	<u>6,771</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>18,988</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,988</u>	<u>6,771</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>40,724</u>	<u>341,225</u>	<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>40,724</u>	<u>341,225</u>	<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				40,724	30,644
Restricted funds				<u>341,225</u>	<u>351,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>381,949</u>	<u>382,341</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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 20 December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

Paul Hayes

Mr P Hayes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Slough and District Deaf Centre is a charitable company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the company's registered office is Windmill Road, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 3SU. The registered company number is 05985626 and the registered charity number is 1117544.

The principal activities of the charity are as disclosed within the Report of the Trustees on pages 1 to 3.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is Sterling (£), being the currency of the primary economic market in which the entity operates. All amounts in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest pound unless stated otherwise.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

2. 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.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on this basis.

Income

All incoming resources except grants are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

When the donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds receivable.

Grants are recognised in the financial statements when the expenditure occurs to which the grant relates.

Expenditure

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.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

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

Short leasehold	- straight line - 2%
Fixtures and fittings	- straight line - 25%
Sensory garden	- straight line - 10%

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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.

Where expenditure on a project for which restricted funds are available exceeds the balance on that fund, a transfer is made from unrestricted funds, to remove any overdrawn fund balances.

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.

Financial instruments

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Significant judgements and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities. If in the future such estimates and assumptions, which are based on management's best judgment at the date of the financial statements, deviate from the actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions will be modified as appropriate in the year in which the circumstances change.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Hall Hire	4,500	23,275
Deaf Aims services	103,863	74,201
	<u>108,363</u>	<u>97,476</u>

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	4,272	3,888
Independent examiner's fees - other services	749	432
Depreciation - owned assets	21,218	20,241
Other operating leases	20,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trustees' salaries	46,938	37,656
Trustees' social security	222	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>47,160</u>	<u>37,656</u>

The trustee's remuneration is in respect of one (2023: one) trustee, being Mrs A J Hayes, for services as a support worker for the local deaf community.

Trustees' expenses

One trustee was reimbursed £9,141 in respect of costs used in the services as a support worker (2023 - two trustees £7,544).

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	2024	2023
Management	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Sensory garden £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2023	499,793	59,011	21,092	579,896
Additions	-	8,609	-	8,609
At 31 March 2024	499,793	67,620	21,092	588,505
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	147,405	35,829	21,092	204,326
Charge for year	9,996	11,222	-	21,218
At 31 March 2024	157,401	47,051	21,092	225,544
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	342,392	20,569	-	362,961
At 31 March 2023	352,388	23,182	-	375,570

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,514	3,724
Prepayments and accrued income	4,972	1,128
	9,486	4,852

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Social security and other taxes	1,069	832
Other creditors	26,667	26,667
Accruals and deferred income	8,382	5,482
	36,118	32,981

10. LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Within one year	20,000	20,000
Between one and five years	80,000	80,000
In more than five years	583,333	603,000
	683,333	703,000

The annual operating lease cost is due to Slough Borough Council but is fully covered by a grant receivable each year, also from Slough Borough Council.

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,644	10,080	40,724
Restricted funds			
Building fund	350,647	(9,947)	340,700
Equipment fund	1,050	(525)	525
	<u>351,697</u>	<u>(10,472)</u>	<u>341,225</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>382,341</u>	<u>(392)</u>	<u>381,949</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	129,792	(119,712)	10,080
Restricted funds			
Building fund	-	(9,947)	(9,947)
Running costs fund	6,420	(6,420)	-
Equipment fund	-	(525)	(525)
	<u>6,420</u>	<u>(16,892)</u>	<u>(10,472)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,212</u>	<u>(136,604)</u>	<u>(392)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,771	10,873	30,644
Restricted funds			
Building fund	360,594	(9,947)	350,647
Equipment fund	1,900	(850)	1,050
	<u>362,494</u>	<u>(10,797)</u>	<u>351,697</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>382,265</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>382,341</u>

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	112,519	(101,646)	10,873
Restricted funds			
Building fund	-	(9,947)	(9,947)
Equipment fund	308	(1,158)	(850)
	<u>308</u>	<u>(11,105)</u>	<u>(10,797)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,827</u>	<u>(112,751)</u>	<u>76</u>

Description of funds held:

Building fund - This relates to funds received towards the construction and development of the Deaf Centre. Funds are primarily included within tangible fixed assets, with a corresponding deduction for the loan included within other creditors.

Running costs fund - This relates to funds received which are to be used as contributions towards the running costs of the centre.

Equipment fund - This relates to funds received which are to be used for the purposes of purchasing equipment for the centre.

12. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Total financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies not included in the statement of financial position amount to £683,333 (2023 - £703,333) as shown in note 10.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Included within Deaf Aims costs are amounts paid to T J Davies (trustee) in respect of support and transport costs totalling £7,166 (2023: £4,500). Additionally an amount of £1,390 (2023: £605) was paid to the spouse of a Trustee of the Charity in respect of cleaning services provided to the charity.

14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The charity was under control of the trustees throughout the current and previous year.

SLOUGH AND DISTRICT DEAF CENTRE

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

15. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £10.