

DEAFCONNECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1124196

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06423466
Registered	2008-05-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF DEAF AND HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS IN THE COUNTIES OF ENGLAND TOGETHER WITH THEIR CARERS, DEPENDANTS AND FAMILIES.

Activities: Provision of a range of services and activities to enable deaf people to take their full part in society.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Area of benefit: NATIONAL
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£353,544	£406,532	-	-
2024-03-31	£461,492	£358,170	-	-
2023-03-31	£284,229	£318,561	-	-
2022-03-31	£321,430	£314,768	-	-
2021-03-31	£244,050	£254,808	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Williams		2020-01-07
Christine Gallagher		2018-10-31
Mark Symmonds		2015-02-23
Rhiannon Kyra Beswick		2022-05-16

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Board of Trustees

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Rhiannon Beswick (Chair - appointed 9 May 2025)
Claire Gogerty (Resigned 9 May 2025)
Mark Symmonds (Deputy Chair - appointed 9 May 2025)
Anthony Williams
Christine Gallagher
Jack Knowles (Resigned 22 February 2025)

Chief Executive Officer

Jenni Dawkins

Independent Examiner

Lorraine Scullion MAAT
17 Peregrine Place
East Hunsbury
Northampton NN4 0SL

Bankers

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Deafconnect's services continue to be stretched beyond capacity most of the time. The financial accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 however show less funds held in reserve as overheads continue to increase yet a number of grants are coming to an end, and the availability of new grant funds has reduced as a result of the ongoing financial situation affecting the country as a whole.

North Northamptonshire Council have awarded us a 2 year contract to March 2026 with the possibility of a further 2 year's extension to deliver Adult Services.

The Trustees remain committed to providing services to Deaf and hard of hearing people and recognise the need to balance sensible investment in order to allow the organisation to function efficiently, whilst preserving sufficient funds to allow the charity to meet its charitable aims in the future.

The strategy of self-sustainability remains, with the organisation seeking appropriate development opportunities, which will take time to implement.

Principal funding sources for the year

North Northamptonshire Council
Lloyds Foundation
Ovingdean Hall
The Queens institute
Children in need
The Big Lottery

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The strategy of self-sustainability continues and income from interpreting, room hire at Spencer Dallington Community Centre, BSL classes and Deaf Awareness Training continues to support our services. The charity continues to seek grant funding for specific projects and to assist with general overheads. The current economic climate is however challenging, especially for charities and the trustees continue to seek different and innovative ways to acquire funding and to ensure costs and overheads are maintained at a management and cost-efficient level.

Company special provision

The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the members of the Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the income and expenditure of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the members of the board are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue its activities

The members of the board are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Report was approved on 5th August 2025 by the Board of Directors (and Trustees) and signed on their behalf.



Rhiannon Beswick Chair

DEAFCONNECT

Registered Charity Number: 1124196

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on the attached pages 6 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lorraine Scullion MAAT

29th August 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	3,922	-	3,922	1,613	-
Investment income		54,044	-	54,044	106,722	-
Charitable activities	2	280,698	14,880	295,578	211,297	141,860
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		338,664	14,880	353,544	319,632	141,860
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	286,185	120,347	406,532	284,033	74,137
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		286,185	120,347	406,532	284,033	74,137
Net income/(expenditure)		52,479	(105,467)	(52,988)	35,599	67,723
Transfer between funds		11,780	(11,780)	-	13,850	(13,850)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on investments		(60,620)	-	(60,620)	(79,826)	-
Net Movement in funds		3,639	(117,247)	(113,608)	(30,377)	53,873
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward 1st April 2024		200,688	128,708	329,396	231,065	74,835
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2025		204,327	11,461	215,788	200,688	128,708

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2025

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	-	-	-	2,782	-
Investments	6	98,822	-	98,822	159,442	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	92,066	-	92,066	63,256	-
Cash at bank and in hand		21,082	11,461	32,543	(20,622)	128,708
		113,148	11,461	124,609	42,634	128,708
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(7,643)	-	(7,643)	(4,170)	-
		(7,643)	-	(7,643)	(4,170)	-
Net Current Assets		105,505	11,461	116,966	38,464	128,708
Net assets/(liabilities)		204,327	11,461	215,788	200,688	128,708
Charity Funds						
Unrestricted funds	9	204,327	-	204,327	200,688	-
Restricted	10	-	11,461	11,461	-	128,708
		204,327	11,461	215,788	200,688	128,708

For the year ending 31st March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 5th August 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Rhiannon Beswick Chair

The notes on Pages 9 to Page 14 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and SORP (FRS 102) issued in January 2019, and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011

Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets over £500 are capitalised. The cost less the estimated residual value of furniture and equipment is written off on a straight line basis.

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £
1 Donations and Legacies					
General Donations	3,922	-	3,922	1,613	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	3,922	-	3,922	1,613	-
2 Charitable Activities					
Grants:					
Children in Need	-	-	-	-	37,242
NNC Prevention Grant	31,815	-	31,815	37,800	-
Lloyds Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-	-
50+	2,465	-	2,465	1,597	-
Ovingdean Hall Foundation	-	9,900	9,900	-	-
Big Lottery HOH	-	-	-	-	103,918
NCF - Queens Institute Fund	-	4,980	4,980	-	-
Councillor Community Fund	-	-	-	-	700
Other:					
Interpreting Fees	98,993	-	98,993	79,183	-
Training Course Fees	28,634	-	28,634	8,744	-
PA Support	50,226	-	50,226	49,570	-
SD Room Hire	29,889	-	29,889	27,233	-
Voiceability	25	-	25	-	-
Fundraising	2,287	-	2,287	1,644	-
Other Income	11,364	-	11,364	5,526	-
	280,698	14,880	295,578	211,297	141,860

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3 Charitable activities	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	119,578	112,516	232,094	160,019	63,095
DBS Checks	175	-	175	303	-
Adult Services	2,629	114	2,743	2,393	1,648
Adult trading, BSL & Interpreters Group	5,439	-	5,439	2,817	-
Childrens Services	6,137	2,542	8,679	2,569	1,747
Fundraising	1,383	-	1,383	385	-
Publicity/Advertising	2,588	-	2,588	313	737
Depreciation	2,782	-	2,782	2,781	-
Motor and travel expenses	1,811	125	1,936	1,859	32
Printing, postage and stationery	2,002	-	2,002	250	2,000
Telephone	10,883	-	10,883	12,443	-
Premises costs	16,960	-	16,960	10,824	700
Training	943	-	943	465	204
Accounting and Professional Fees	5,895	-	5,895	5,449	-
Insurance	4,165	-	4,165	3,568	-
Independent Examination	1,150	-	1,150	1,150	-
Interpreter Fees	86,708	5,050	91,758	63,731	2,951
Office Costs	12,473	-	12,473	10,896	15
Other Costs	2,484	-	2,484	1,818	1,008
	286,185	120,347	406,532	284,033	74,137

4 Trustees and Employment costs	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	112,808	111,189	223,997	150,483	60,997
Employer N I	9,495	1,112	10,607	7,279	1,631
Employer pension	4,053	215	4,268	3,300	467
SMP Recovered	(6,778)	-	(6,778)	(1,043)	-
	119,578	112,516	232,094	160,019	63,095

There is no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was: 13 (2024: 13)

During the year trustee received £nil in remuneration. (2024:£nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2024:£nil)

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel in the year £46,064

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	Total 2025	Total 2024
5 Fixed Assets	Furniture & Equip	Furniture & Equip
Cost	24,655	24,655
Add: additions during the year	-	-
	<u>24,655</u>	<u>24,655</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	21,873	19,093
Charge in year	2,782	2,780
At 31 March 2025	<u>24,655</u>	<u>21,873</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	
At 31 March 2024		<u>2,782</u>

	Quoted Unrestricted	Quoted Restricted	Total 2025
	£	£	£
6 Fixed Asset Investments			
Market Value as at 1 April 2024	159,442	-	159,442
Disposals	(57,302)	-	(57,302)
Net loss/gain on revaluation	(3,318)	-	(3,318)
			-
Market value as at 31 March 2025	<u>98,822</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98,822</u>

	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
7 Debtors					
Trade Debtors	89,577	-	89,577	61,558	-
Other Debtors	496	-	496	-	-
Pre-paid	1,993	-	1,993	1,698	-
	<u>92,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92,066</u>	<u>63,256</u>	<u>-</u>

	2025 Unrestricted	2025 Restricted	2025 Total	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
8 Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Trade Creditors	(5,727)	-	(5,727)	(2,689)	-
Others	(150)	-	(150)	(99)	-
Accruals and deferred income	(1,766)	-	(1,766)	(1,382)	-
Social security and other taxation	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(7,643)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,643)</u>	<u>(4,170)</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £4,268 (2024:£3,767)

10 Unrestricted Reserves

	Opening Balance 2024	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	50,688	338,664	(346,805)	11,780	54,327
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	-	-	-	-	-
	200,688	338,664	(346,805)	11,780	204,327

11 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance 2024	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	4,200	-	(4,200)	-	-
Big Lottery	124,508	-	(112,728)	(11,780)	-
Ovingdean Hall Foundation	-	9,900	(200)	-	9,700
NCF - Queens Institute Fund	-	4,980	(3,219)	-	1,761
	128,708	14,880	(120,347)	(11,780)	11,461

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

Ovingdean Hall Foundation - Towards a fortnightly youth support group.

NCF - Queens Institute Fund - Towards trips for deaf/hard of hearing adults.

12 Comparative Funds:

Comparative Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2023	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	81,065	319,632	(363,859)	13,850	50,688
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	-	-	-	-	-
	231,065	319,632	(363,859)	13,850	200,688

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Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2023	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	1,024	37,242	(31,996)	(2,070)	4,200
Big Lottery	73,811	103,918	(41,441)	(11,780)	124,508
Councillor Community Fund	-	700	(700)	-	-
	74,835	141,860	(74,137)	(13,850)	128,708

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

Councillor Community Fund - Towards the cost of lighting in the Kitchen

13 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under no-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year.

	2025	2024
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Not later than 1 year	240	240
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	960	960
Later than 5 years	4,320	4,320

14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Deafconnect services continue to be stretched beyond capacity most of the time. We continue to feel the effects of the pandemic plus the subsequent cost of living crisis. This in turn has had a knock-on effect with regards to applications for funding, but this is the same for many small charities currently.

We secured a Children In Need grant for a specific project around making the NHS more Deaf Aware and accessible for Deaf people which ends 31st March 2024.

In 2022 Northampton North and Northampton West councils granted us a two-year contract for services until the end of March 2024. The children's trust granted a year long contract for services until March 2023 which was extended to October 2024. Deafconnect continues to be the only Charity in Northamptonshire to offer support to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of all ages.

We continue to offer Children's Services which we are in the process of seeking funding for.

The Trustees remain committed to providing services to deaf and hard of hearing people and recognise the needs to balance sensible investment to allow the organisation to function efficiently, whilst preserving sufficient funds to allow the charity to meet its charitable aims in the future.

The strategy of self-sustainability remains, with the organisation seeking appropriate development opportunities, but realistically this strategy will time take to implement.

Principal funding sources

Deafconnect would like to thank the following for their financial support by means of grants or donations throughout this fiscal year: The national lottery community fund, Awards for all, Queens Institute, Northamptonshire Sport, Northamptonshire Children's trust, Compton fund, and Northamptonshire councils. Organisations who supported us in other ways include Denton Village Hall Committee, V.I.N., Sense, Mowers Ark, neighbourly (Lidl, Aldi and marks and Spencer) Foodiverse (Tesco) and all our other volunteers.

Principal funding sources are shown at note 5, 6 and 7.

Investment policy

The investment policy is to ensure that long term capital appreciation exceeds inflation by placing funds in low to medium risk investments. The equity losses for restricted and unrestricted funds suffered in the previous year have been partly reversed in the current year.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Reserves policy

The policy calls for unrestricted funds to equal or exceed 6 months budgeted expenditure. The policy is currently being adhered to.

The charity has a number of restricted funds. These are analysed in detail in note 16. These are donations where the donor has specified the purpose for which the money can be spent. At the 31 March 2024 restricted funds were £128,708.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The strategy of self-sustainability continues and income from Interpreting, Room hires income at Spencer Dallington Community Centre, BSL classes and Deaf Awareness Training continues to support our services. The current economic climate is not easy for charities, but we continue to look at different and innovative ways to bring in income. We are doing the background work ready to launch a Legacy Campaign and have plans to update and relaunch our publicity material with a less clinical look to appeal to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community. This will include updates to our Spencer Dallington Room Hire publicity too. The relaunch is predicted for January 2025.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Company special provision

The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the members of the Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the income and expenditure of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the members of the board are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue its activities

The members of the board are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Report was approved on 25th November 2024 by the Board of Directors (and Trustees) and signed on their behalf.



Claire Gogerty Chair

Registered Charity Number: 1124196

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on the attached pages 7 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Lorraine Scullion MAAT

12th December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	1,613	-	1,613	13,991	725
Investment income		106,722	-	106,722	6,724	-
Charitable activities	2	211,297	141,860	353,157	184,799	77,990
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		319,632	141,860	461,492	205,514	78,715
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	284,033	74,137	358,170	250,029	68,532
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		284,033	74,137	358,170	250,029	68,532
Net income/(expenditure)		35,599	67,723	103,322	(44,515)	10,183
Transfer between funds		13,850	(13,850)	-	10,675	(10,675)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on investments		(79,826)	-	(79,826)	(8,373)	-
Net Movement in funds		(30,377)	53,873	23,496	(42,213)	(492)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward 1st April 2023		231,065	74,835	305,900	273,278	75,327
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2024		200,688	128,708	329,396	231,065	74,835

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2024

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	2,782	-	2,782	5,562	-
Investments	6	159,442	-	159,442	239,268	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	63,256	-	63,256	37,652	-
Cash at bank and in hand		(20,622)	128,708	108,086	(47,721)	77,184
		42,634	128,708	171,342	(10,069)	77,184
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(4,170)	-	(4,170)	(3,696)	(2,349)
		(4,170)	-	(4,170)	(3,696)	(2,349)
Net Current Assets		38,464	128,708	167,172	(13,765)	74,835
Net assets/(liabilities)		200,688	128,708	329,396	231,065	74,835
Charity Funds						
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Unrestricted funds	9	200,688	-	200,688	231,065	-
Restricted	10	-	128,708	128,708	-	74,835
		200,688	128,708	329,396	231,065	74,835

For the year ending 31st March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 25th November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


 Claire Gogerty Chair

The notes on Pages 9 to Page 14 form part of these financial statements.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and SORP (FRS 102) issued in January 2019, and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011

Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets over £500 are capitalised. The cost less the estimated residual value of furniture and equipment is written off on a straight line basis.

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
1 Donations and Legacies					
General Donations	1,613	-	1,613	13,991	725
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	1,613	-	1,613	13,991	725
2 Charitable Activities					
Grants:					
Children in Need	-	37,242	37,242	-	4,138
NNC Prevention Grant	37,800	-	37,800	37,800	-
ESF Job Club	-	-	-	-	-
50+	1,597	-	1,597	520	-
NNC COVID Relief	-	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery HOH	-	103,918	103,918	-	58,342
NNC - Discretionary Grant	-	-	-	4,880	-
Councillor Community Fund	-	700	700	-	2,112
Magic Little Grant	-	-	-	-	500
HMRC Furlough	-	-	-	-	-
Northamptonshire Sport	-	-	-	-	1,600
NCF - Compton Fund	-	-	-	-	-
NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Hans Rausing	-	-	-	-	-
The Percy Bilton Charity	-	-	-	-	4,298
NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	-	-	-	-	1,000
NCF - Nptonshire Federation of Disability Sport	-	-	-	-	1,000
Other:					
Interpreting Fees	79,183	-	79,183	72,571	-
Training Course Fees	8,744	-	8,744	10,062	-
PA Support	49,570	-	49,570	23,859	-
SD Room Hire	27,233	-	27,233	28,023	-
Voiceability	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising	1,644	-	1,644	2,122	-
Other Income	5,526	-	5,526	4,962	-
	211,297	141,860	353,157	184,799	77,990

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3 Charitable activities	4	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
		Funds	Funds	£	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs	4	160,019	63,095	223,114	140,642	30,420
DBS Checks		303	-	303	404	-
Adult Services		2,393	1,648	4,041	1,760	6,564
Adult trading, BSL & Interpreters Group		2,817	-	2,817	1,385	-
Childrens Services		2,569	1,747	4,316	544	6,335
Fundraising		385	-	385	1,189	-
Publicity/Advertising		313	737	1,050	65	1,513
Depreciation		2,781	-	2,781	3,040	-
Motor and travel expenses		1,859	32	1,891	1,498	20
Printing, postage and stationery		250	2,000	2,250	1,288	280
Telephone		12,443	-	12,443	12,952	-
Premises costs		10,824	700	11,524	16,980	12,635
Training		465	204	669	1,120	500
Accounting and Professional Fees		5,449	-	5,449	4,983	-
Insurance		3,568	-	3,568	3,305	-
Independent Examination		1,150	-	1,150	1,316	-
Interpreter Fees		63,731	2,951	66,682	42,190	10,250
Office Costs		10,896	15	10,911	13,050	15
Other Costs		1,818	1,008	2,826	2,318	-
		284,033	74,137	358,170	250,029	68,532

4 Trustees and Employment costs	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds	£	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	150,483	60,997	211,480	133,830	29,088
Employer NI	7,279	1,631	8,910	4,358	953
Employer pension	3,300	467	3,767	2,454	379
SMP Recovered	(1,043)	-	(1,043)	-	-
	160,019	63,095	223,114	140,642	30,420

There is no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was: 13 (2023: 13)

During the year trustee received £nil in remuneration. (2021:£nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2023:£nil)

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel in the year £44,827

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	Total 2024	Total 2023
5 Fixed Assets	Furniture & Equip	Furniture & Equip
Cost	24,655	16,314
<i>Add: additions during the year</i>	-	8,341
	<u>24,655</u>	<u>24,655</u>
 Depreciation		
<i>At 1 April 2023</i>	19,093	16,053
<i>Charge in year</i>	2,780	3,040
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<u>21,873</u>	<u>19,093</u>
 Net Book Value		
<i>At 31 March 2024</i>	<u>2,782</u>	
 <i>At 31 March 2023</i>		<u>5,562</u>

	Quoted Unrestricted	Quoted Restricted	Total 2024
	£	£	£
<i>Market Value as at 1 April 2023</i>	239,268	-	239,268
<i>Disposals</i>	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
<i>Net loss/gain on revaluation</i>	20,174	-	20,174
			-
Market value as at 31 March 2024	<u>159,442</u>	-	<u>159,442</u>

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
7 Debtors					
<i>Trade Debtors</i>	61,558	-	61,558	36,317	-
<i>Other Debtors</i>	-	-	-	175	-
<i>Pre-paid</i>	1,698	-	1,698	1,160	-
	<u>63,256</u>	-	<u>63,256</u>	37,652	-

	2024 Unrestricted	2024 Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
8 Creditors					
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>					
<i>Trade Creditors</i>	(2,689)	-	(2,689)	(2,442)	-
<i>Others</i>	(99)	-	(99)	(254)	(2,349)
<i>Accruals and deferred income</i>	(1,382)	-	(1,382)	(1,000)	-
<i>Social security and other taxation</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(4,170)</u>	-	<u>(4,170)</u>	<u>(3,696)</u>	<u>(2,349)</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £3,767 (2023:£2833)

10 Unrestricted Reserves

	Opening Balance 2023	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	81,065	319,632	(363,859)	13,850	50,688
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	-	-	-	-	-
	231,065	319,632	(363,859)	13,850	200,688

11 Restricted Funds

	Opening Balance 2023	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	1,024	37,242	(31,996)	(2,070)	4,200
Big Lottery	73,811	103,918	(41,441)	(11,780)	124,508
Councillor Community Fund	-	700	(700)	-	-
	74,835	141,860	(74,137)	(13,850)	128,708

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

Councillor Community Fund - Towards the cost of lighting in the Kitchen

12 Comparative Funds:

Comparative Unrestricted Reserves

	Opening Balance 2022	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	120,635	205,514	(255,759)	10,675	81,065
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	2,643	-	(2,643)	-	-
	273,278	205,514	(258,402)	10,675	231,065

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2022	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	-	4,138	(3,114)	-	1,024
NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	5,730	-	(5,730)	-	-
Big Lottery	58,677	58,342	(32,024)	(11,184)	73,811
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	1,346	-	(1,855)	509	-
NCF - Npton Federation of Disability	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Councillor Community Fund	-	2,112	(2,112)	-	-
Magic Little Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
NCF - Compton Fund	3,350	-	(3,350)	-	-
Northamptonshire Sport	1,224	1,600	(2,824)	-	-
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
The Percy Bilton Charity	-	4,298	(4,298)	-	-
J.A.M Helping Out	-	725	(725)	-	-
	75,327	78,715	(68,532)	(10,675)	74,835

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund - To provide support for deaf and hard of hearing people who use BSL as their main communication

NCF - Wellbeing - To provide wellbeing support to 50+ British Sign Language Group

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

Arnold Clark - Towards Interpreter fees

Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group

NCF - Npton Federation of Disability - Toward the deaf and hard of hearing support group

Councillor Community Fund - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment

Magic Little Grant - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment

Neighbourly - Purchase of a fridge to support the community food table and café.

NCF - Compton Fund - Childrens Theatre Project

Northamptonshire Sport - To support the establishment of a new sports club

NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund - Towards the cost of a new kitchen for the centre

The Percy Bilton Charity - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment

J.A.M Helping Out - Towards the cost of new blinds

13 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under no-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Not later than 1 year	240	240
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	960	960
Later than 5 years	4,320	4,320

14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

DEAFCONNECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1124196

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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	Notes	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	13,991	725	14,716	3,609	7,681
Investment income		6,724	-	6,724	57,488	-
Charitable activities	2	184,799	77,990	262,789	185,839	66,813
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		205,514	78,715	284,229	246,936	74,494
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	250,029	68,532	318,561	249,010	65,758
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		250,029	68,532	318,561	249,010	65,758
Net income/(expenditure)		(44,515)	10,183	(34,332)	(2,074)	8,736
Transfer between funds		10,675	(10,675)	-	(2,750)	2,750
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on investments		(8,373)	-	(8,373)	(24,852)	-
Net Movement in funds		(42,213)	(492)	(42,705)	(29,676)	11,486
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward 1st April 2022		273,278	75,327	348,605	302,954	63,841
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2023		231,065	74,835	305,900	273,278	75,327

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2023**DRAFT****DRAFT**

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	5,562	-	5,562	261	-
Investments	6	239,268	-	239,268	247,641	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	37,652	-	37,652	88,958	-
Cash at bank and in hand		(47,721)	77,184	29,463	(56,634)	75,327
		(10,069)	77,184	67,115	32,324	75,327
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,696)	(2,349)	(6,045)	(6,948)	-
		(3,696)	(2,349)	(6,045)	(6,948)	-
Net Current Assets		(13,765)	74,835	61,070	25,376	75,327
Net assets/(liabilities)		231,065	74,835	305,900	273,278	75,327
Charity Funds						
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Unrestricted funds	9	231,065	-	231,065	273,278	
Restricted	10	-	74,835	74,835		75,327
		231,065	74,835	305,900	273,278	75,327

For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 14th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



The notes on Pages 9 to Page 14 form part of these financial statements.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023

Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and SORP (FRS 102) issued in January 2019, and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011

Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets over £500 are capitalised. The cost less the estimated residual value of furniture and equipment is written off on a straight line basis.

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

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	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
1 Donations and Legacies					
General Donations	13,991	725	14,716	3,609	7,681
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	13,991	725	14,716	3,609	7,681
2 Charitable Activities					
Grants:					
Children in Need	-	4,138	4,138	-	-
NNC Prevention Grant	37,800	-	37,800	37,800	-
ESF Job Club	-	-	-	-	888
50+	520	-	520	370	-
NNC COVID Relief	-	-	-	4,000	-
Big Lottery HOH	-	58,342	58,342	-	39,862
NNC - Discretionary Grant	4,880	-	4,880	-	-
Councillor Community Fund	-	2,112	2,112	-	-
Magic Little Grant	-	500	500	-	-
HMRC Furlough	-	-	-	100	-
Northamptonshire Sport	-	1,600	1,600	-	1,600
NCF - Compton Fund	-	-	-	-	4,950
NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	-	-	-	5,000
Hans Rausing	-	-	-	-	14,513
The Percy Bilton Charity	-	4,298	4,298	-	-
NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
NCF - Nptonshire Federation of Disability Sport	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Other:					
Interpreting Fees	72,571	-	72,571	90,452	-
Training Course Fees	10,062	-	10,062	-	-
PA Support	23,859	-	23,859	20,900	-
SD Room Hire	28,023	-	28,023	18,444	-
Voiceability	-	-	-	7,479	-
Fundraising	2,122	-	2,122	2,081	-
Other Income	4,962	-	4,962	4,213	-
	184,799	77,990	262,789	185,839	66,813

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3 Charitable activities	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs 4	140,642	30,420	171,062	120,084	47,454
DBS Checks	404	-	404	94	-
Adult Services	1,760	6,564	8,324	439	2,261
Adult trading, BSL & Interpreters Group	1,385	-	1,385	8,427	-
Childrens Services	544	6,335	6,879	-	5,502
Fundraising	1,189	-	1,189	181	-
Publicity/Advertising	65	1,513	1,578	1,002	107
Depreciation	3,040	-	3,040	2,382	-
Motor and travel expenses	1,498	20	1,518	769	593
Printing, postage and stationery	1,288	280	1,568	1,240	64
Telephone	12,952	-	12,952	5,228	-
Premises costs	16,980	12,635	29,615	8,867	920
Training	1,120	500	1,620	1,520	1,767
Accounting and Professional Fees	4,983	-	4,983	9,593	-
Insurance	3,305	-	3,305	3,099	-
Independent Examination	1,316	-	1,316	1,283	-
Interpreter Fees	42,190	10,250	52,440	67,978	6,687
Office Costs	13,050	15	13,065	15,050	400
Other Costs	2,318	-	2,318	1,774	3
	250,029	68,532	318,561	249,010	65,758

4 Trustees and Employment costs	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	133,830	29,088	162,918	113,507	45,860
Employer N I	4,358	953	5,311	4,490	1,228
Employer pension	2,454	379	2,833	2,087	366
Recruitment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	140,642	30,420	171,062	120,084	47,454

There is no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was: 13 (2022: 13)

During the year trustee received £nil in remuneration. (2021:£nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2022:£nil)

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel in the year £41,390

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	Total 2023	Total 2022
5 Fixed Assets	Furniture & Equip	Furniture & Equip
Cost	16,314	16,314
Add: additions during the year	8,341	-
	<u>24,655</u>	<u>16,314</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2021	16,053	13,671
Charge in year	3,040	2,382
At 31 March 2022	<u>19,093</u>	<u>16,053</u>
Net Book Value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>5,562</u>	
At 31 March 2022		<u>261</u>

	Quoted Unrestricted	Quoted Restricted	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Market Value as at 1 April 2022	247,641	-	247,641
Disposals	-	-	-
Net loss/gain on revaluation	(8,373)	-	(8,373)
	<u>239,268</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239,268</u>
Market value as at 31 March 2023			

	2023 Unrestricted	2023 Restricted	2023 Total	2022 Unrestricted	2022 Restricted
7 Debtors	£	£	£	£	£

Trade Debtors	36,317	-	36,317	87,798	-
Other Debtors	175	-	175	-	-
Pre-paid	1,160	-	1,160	1,160	-
	37,652	-	37,652	88,958	-

	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
8 Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Trade Creditors	(2,442)	-	(2,442)	(5,213)	-
Others	(254)	(2,349)	(2,603)	(360)	-
Accruals and deferred income	(1,000)	-	(1,000)	(1,375)	-
Social security and other taxation	-	-	-	-	-
	(3,696)	(2,349)	(6,045)	(6,948)	-

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9 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,833 (2022:£2,453)

10 Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2022	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	120,635	205,514	(255,759)	10,675	81,065
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	2,643	-	(2,643)	-	-
	273,278	205,514	(258,402)	10,675	231,065

11 Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2022	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	-	4,138	(3,114)	-	1,024
NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	5,730	-	(5,730)	-	-
Big Lottery	58,677	58,342	(32,024)	(11,184)	73,811
Arnold Clark	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	1,346	-	(1,855)	509	-
NCF - Npton Federation of Disability	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Councillor Community Fund	-	2,112	(2,112)	-	-
Magic Little Grant	-	500	(500)	-	-
NCF - Compton Fund	3,350	-	(3,350)	-	-
Northamptonshire Sport	1,224	1,600	(2,824)	-	-
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	-	-
The Percy Bilton Charity	-	4,298	(4,298)	-	-
J.A.M Helping Out	-	725	(725)	-	-

75,327	78,715	(68,532)	(10,675)	74,835
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Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families
NCF - Queens Institute Relief Fund - To provide support for deaf and hard of hearing people who use BSL as their main communication
NCF - Wellbeing - To provide wellbeing support to 50+ British Sign Language Group
Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services
Arnold Clark - Towards Interpreter fees
Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group
NCF - Npton Federation of Disability - Toward the deaf and hard of hearing support group
Councillor Community Fund - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment
Magic Little Grant - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment
Neighbourly - Purchase of a fridge to support the community food table and café.
NCF - Compton Fund - Childrens Theatre Project
Northamptonshire Sport - To support the establishment of a new sports club
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund - Towards the cost of a new kitchen for the centre
The Percy Bilton Charity - Towards the cost of Kitchen Refurbishment
J.A.M Helping Out - Towards the cost of new blinds

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12 Comparative Funds:

Comparative Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2021 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2022 £
Unrestricted General Reserves	150,311	246,936	(273,862)	(2,750)	120,635
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	2,643	-	-	-	2,643
	302,954	246,936	(273,862)	(2,750)	273,278

Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2021 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2022 £
Children in Need	3,135	-	(4,891)	1,756	-
ESF Job Club	-	889	(889)	-	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	12,528	-	(6,798)	-	5,730
Big Lottery	45,919	39,862	(27,104)	-	58,677
NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	1,759	-	(413)	-	1,346
Hagerty	500	-	(500)	-	-
Hans Rausing	-	14,513	(15,507)	994	-
Neighbourly	-	400	(400)	-	-
NCF - Compton Fund	-	4,950	(1,600)	-	3,350
Northamptonshire Sport	-	1,600	(376)	-	1,224
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Happy Days Childrens Charity	-	1,131	(1,131)	-	-

Berkdale Trust

-	1,150	(1,150)	-	-
63,841	74,495	(65,759)	2,750	75,327

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

ESF Job Club - To provide support to unemployed or economically inactive participants to overcome barriers to move into, or closer to, paid employment.

NCF - Wellbeing - To provide wellbeing support to 50+ British Sign Language Group

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund - Towards reducing social isolation and improve mental health & wellbeing

Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group

Hagerty - Towards Painting & Decorating the centre

Lottery Community Fund - Towards supporting the organisations core costs during the COVID 19 Pandemic

Hans Rausing - Towards the cost of Childrens services and interpreters during COVID 19

Neighbourly - Purchase of a fridge to support the community food table and café.

NCF - Compton Fund - Childrens Theatre Project

Northamptonshire Sport - To support the establishment of a new sports club

NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund - Towards the cost of a new kitchen for the centre

Happy Days Childrens Charity - Day trip to Alton Towers for youth service users

Berkdale Trust - Towards the cost of teaching families of deaf children BSL

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13 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under no-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Not later than 1 year	240	240
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	960	960
Later than 5 years	4,320	4,320

14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1124196

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Company No: 06423466
Charity No: 1124196

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Deafconnect

Charity Registration Number

1124196

Company Registration Number

06423466

Registered Office

Spencer Dallington Community Centre
Tintern Avenue
Northampton
NN5 7BZ

Board of Trustees

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Claire Gogerty (Chair)
John Wood (resigned 30.11.2021)
Mark Symmonds
Jack Knowles
Julie White-Fasulo
Anthony Williams
Christine Gallagher
Rhiannon Beswick (appointed 5th July 2022)

Chief Executive Officer

Jenni Dawkins (appointed 01.07.20)
Katie Harrison (resigned 15.10.21)

Independent Examiner

Lorraine Scullion

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
The Drapery Branch, 41 The Drapery
Northampton, NN1 2EY

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The directors, who are also trustees for the purposes of charitable law, present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Deafconnect is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1124196. The charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 9 November 2007. The charitable company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The board of Deafconnect comprises not less than four and not more than ten directors. At each AGM one third of the trustees (or if there is not a multiple of three the number nearest to one third) retire by rotation. At this year's AGM, John Wood and Christine Gallagher will retire and Christine will offer herself for reappointment and John will retire. Directors are appointed to the board based on an assessment of skills required to provide the strategic direction of the charitable company. As well as a general induction to the charitable company, newly appointed directors receive an induction in line with their individual requirements.

Organisational structure

The directors delegate operational responsibility for the organisation to the Chief Executive Officer through an agreed work plan.

Risk management review

The Directors monitor risks to which the organisation is exposed, and mitigation is part of the organisation's work plan.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In shaping the charitable company's objectives for the period and planning its activities the Directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The object of the charity is to support and empower Deaf and hearing impaired in the counties of England together with their carers, dependents and families.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Deafconnect's services continue to be stretched beyond capacity most of the time. We continue to feel the effects of a countrywide pandemic and cost of living crisis this in turn has had a knock on with regards to applications for funding. We were unsuccessful in our application for a children in need grant but feedback received told us that children in need have been inundated by an extra 75% of applications. We will reapply in the next fiscal year.

We did receive a number of small government grants to support us through Covid which didn't cover overheads but were obviously much appreciated. We also received a number of restricted grants which enabled us to refurbish our kitchen completely.

Northampton North and Northampton West councils granted us a two-year contract for services until the end of March 2024. The children's trust granted us a year long contract for services until March 2023.

Deafconnect was also challenged by staff moving on to new careers and sadly losing a valuable and much-loved member of staff, Lee Gilbert who died suddenly and unexpectedly in January 2022.

The Trustees remain committed to providing services to deaf and hard of hearing people and recognise the needs to balance sensible investment in order to allow the organisation to function efficiently, whilst preserving sufficient funds to allow the charity to meet its charitable aims in the future.

The strategy of self-sustainability remains, with the organisation seeking appropriate development opportunities, but realistically this strategy will take time to implement.

Principal funding sources

Deafconnect would like to thank the following for their financial support by means of grants or donations throughout this fiscal year: The national lottery community fund, Awards for all, the queens institute, Northamptonshire Sport, Northamptonshire Children's trust, the Compton fund, Hans Rausing, winter wellbeing Fund and Northamptonshire councils. Organisations who supported us in other ways include Denton Village Hall Committee, Sense, Mowers Ark, neighbourly (Lidl, Aldi and marks and Spencer) Foodiverse (Tesco) and all our other volunteers.

Principal funding sources are shown at note 5, 6 and 7.

Investment policy

The investment policy is to ensure that long term capital appreciation exceeds inflation by placing funds in low to medium risk investments. The equity losses for restricted and unrestricted funds suffered in the previous year have been partly reversed in the current year.

Reserves policy

The policy calls for unrestricted funds to equal or exceed 6 months budgeted expenditure. The policy is currently being adhered to.

The charity has a number of restricted funds. These are analysed in detail in note 16. These are donations where the donor has specified the purpose for which the money can be spent. At the 31 March 2022 restricted funds were £75,327.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The strategy of self-sustainability continues and income from Interpreting, Room hires at Spencer Dallington Community Centre, BSL classes and Deaf Awareness Training continues to support our services, though the current economic climate is not easy for charities, but we continue to look at different and innovative ways to bring in income.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
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Company special provision

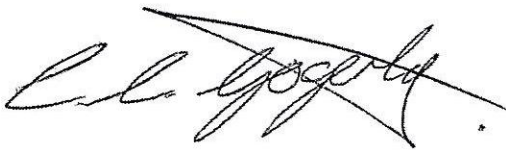
The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the members of the Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the income and expenditure of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the members of the board are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue its activities

The members of the board are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Report was approved on 20th September 2022 by the Board of Directors (and Trustees) and signed on their behalf.



Claire Gogerty Chair

Registered Charity Number: 1124196

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the attached pages 7 to 14

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Lorraine Scullion MAAT

4th November 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	3,609	7,681	11,290	11,076	500
Investment income		57,488	-	57,488	7,583	-
Charitable activities	2	185,839	66,813	252,652	90,943	133,948
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		246,936	74,494	321,430	109,602	134,448
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	3	249,010	65,758	314,768	147,912	106,896
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		249,010	65,758	314,768	147,912	106,896
Net income/(expenditure)		(2,074)	8,736	6,662	(38,310)	27,552
Transfer between funds		(2,750)	2,750	-	14,744	(14,744)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on investments		(24,852)	-	(24,852)	45,628	-
Net Movement in funds		(29,676)	11,486	(18,190)	22,063	12,808
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward 1st April 2021		302,954	63,841	366,795	280,891	51,033
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2022		273,278	75,327	348,605	302,954	63,841

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2022

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	261	-	261	2,643	-
Investments	6	247,641	-	247,641	272,492	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	88,958	-	88,958	11,216	417
Cash at bank and in hand		(56,634)	75,327	18,693	19,244	63,533
		32,324	75,327	107,651	30,460	63,950
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,948)	-	(6,948)	(2,641)	(109)
		(6,948)	-	(6,948)	(2,641)	(109)
Net Current Assets		25,376	75,327	100,703	27,819	63,841
Net assets/(liabilities)		273,278	75,327	348,605	302,954	63,841
Charity Funds						
Unrestricted funds	9	273,278	-	273,278	302,954	
Restricted	10	-	75,327	75,327		63,841
		273,278	75,327	348,605	302,954	63,841

For the year ending 31st March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 20th September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Claire Gogerty

Chair

The notes on Pages 9 to Page 14 form part of these financial statements.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2022

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Format

The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets over £500 are capitalised. The cost less the estimated residual value of furniture and equipment is written off on a straight line basis.

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £
1 Donations and Legacies					
General Donations	3,609	7,681	11,290	11,076	500
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	3,609	7,681	11,290	11,076	500
2 Charitable Activities					
Grants:					
Children in Need	-	-	-	-	37,621
NNC Prevention Grant	37,800	-	37,800	37,800	-
ESF Job Club	-	888	888	-	14,562
50+	370	-	370	-	-
NNC COVID Relief	4,000	-	4,000	-	-
Big Lottery HOH	-	39,862	39,862	-	40,829
NBC - COVID Relief	-	-	-	11,000	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	-	26,222
NCF - 50+ Wellbeing	-	-	-	-	14,714
HMRC Furlough	100	-	100	4,640	-
Northamptonshire Sport	-	1,600	1,600	-	-
NCF - Compton Fund	-	4,950	4,950	-	-
NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	-
Hans Rausing	-	14,513	14,513	-	-
Other:					
Interpreting Fees	90,452	-	90,452	9,923	-
Training Course Fees	-	-	-	1,374	-
PA Support	20,900	-	20,900	15,322	-
SD Room Hire	18,444	-	18,444	4,888	-
Voiceability	7,479	-	7,479	3,207	-
Fundraising	2,081	-	2,081	-	-
Other Income	4,213	-	4,213	2,789	-
	185,839	66,813	252,652	90,943	133,948

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3 Charitable activities	4	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
		Funds	Funds	£	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs		120,084	47,454	167,538	94,008	92,555
DBS Checks		94	-	94	54	15
Adult Services		439	2,261	2,700	2,449	2,475
Adult trading, BSL & Interpreters Group		8,427	-	8,427	3,311	461
Childrens Services		-	5,502	5,502	239	4,176
Fundraising		181	-	181	-	-
Publicity/Advertising		1,002	107	1,109	5,032	400
Depreciation		2,382	-	2,382	2,381	-
Motor and travel expenses		769	593	1,362	654	215
Printing, postage and stationery		1,240	64	1,304	1,507	34
Telephone		5,228	-	5,228	5,140	-
Premises costs		8,867	920	9,787	7,159	-
Training		1,520	1,767	3,287	437	1,254
Accounting and Professional Fees		9,593	-	9,593	2,910	366
Insurance		3,099	-	3,099	3,042	-
Independent Examination		1,283	-	1,283	1,316	-
Interpreter Fees		67,978	6,687	74,665	10,423	3,477
Office Costs		15,050	400	15,450	6,376	1,468
Other Costs		1,774	3	1,777	1,474	-
		249,010	65,758	314,768	147,912	106,896

4 Trustees and Employment costs	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds	£	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	113,507	45,860	159,367	87,906	88,693
Employer NI	4,490	1,228	5,718	4,016	3,158
Employer pension	2,087	366	2,453	2,086	704
Recruitment expenses	-	-	-	-	-
	120,084	47,454	167,538	94,008	92,555

There is no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was: 13 (2021: 14)

During the year trustee received £nil in remuneration. (2021:£nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2021:£nil)

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel in the year £60,512

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

	Total 2022	Total 2021
5 Fixed Assets	Furniture & Equip	Furniture & Equip
Cost	16,314	15,534
<i>Add: additions during the year</i>	-	780
	<u>16,314</u>	<u>16,314</u>
Depreciation		
<i>At 1 April 2021</i>	13,671	11,290
<i>Charge in year</i>	2,382	2,381
<i>At 31 March 2022</i>	<u>16,053</u>	<u>13,671</u>
Net Book Value		
<i>At 31 March 2022</i>	<u>261</u>	
<i>At 31 March 2021</i>		<u>2,643</u>

	Quoted Unrestricted £	Quoted Restricted £	Total 2022 £
<i>Market Value as at 1 April 2021</i>	272,492	-	272,492
<i>Disposals</i>	(50,000)	-	(50,000)
<i>Net loss/gain on revaluation</i>	25,149	-	25,149
			-
Market value as at 31 March 2022	<u>247,641</u>	-	<u>247,641</u>

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £
7 Debtors					
<i>Trade Debtors</i>	87,798	-	87,798	8,450	-
<i>Other Debtors</i>	-	-	-	1,847	417
<i>Pre-paid</i>	1,160	-	1,160	919	-
	<u>88,958</u>	-	<u>88,958</u>	11,216	417

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £
8 Creditors					
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>					
<i>Trade Creditors</i>	(5,213)	-	(5,213)	(229)	-
<i>Others</i>	(360)	-	(360)	(940)	(109)
<i>Accruals and deferred income</i>	(1,375)	-	(1,375)	(1,472)	-
<i>Social security and other taxation</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(6,948)</u>	-	<u>(6,948)</u>	<u>(2,641)</u>	<u>(109)</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,453 (2021:£2,789)

10 Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2021 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2022 £
Unrestricted General Reserves	150,311	246,936	(273,862)	(2,750)	120,635
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	2,643	-	-	-	2,643
	302,954	246,936	(273,862)	(2,750)	273,278

11 Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2021 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2022 £
Children in Need	3,135	-	(4,891)	1,756	-
ESF Job Club	-	889	(889)	-	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	12,528	-	(6,798)	-	5,730
Big Lottery	45,919	39,862	(27,104)	-	58,677
NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	1,759	-	(413)	-	1,346
Hagerty	500	-	(500)	-	-
Hans Rausing	-	14,513	(15,507)	994	-
Neighbourly	-	400	(400)	-	-
NCF - Compton Fund	-	4,950	(1,600)	-	3,350
Northamptonshire Sport	-	1,600	(376)	-	1,224
NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Happy Days Childrens Charity	-	1,131	(1,131)	-	-
Berkdale Trust	-	1,150	(1,150)	-	-
	63,841	74,495	(65,759)	2,750	75,327

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

ESF Job Club - To provide support to unemployed or economically inactive participants to overcome barriers to move into, or closer to, paid employment.

NCF - Wellbeing - To provide wellbeing support to 50+ British Sign Language Group

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

NCF - Winter Wellbeing Fund - Towards reducing social isolation and improve mental health & wellbeing

Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group

Hagerty - Towards Painting & Decorating the centre

Lottery Community Fund - Towards supporting the organisations core costs during the COVID 19 Pandemic

Hans Rausing - Towards the cost of Childrens services and interpreters during COVID 19

Neighbourly - Purchase of a fridge to support the community food table and café.

NCF - Compton Fund - Childrens Theatre Project

Northamptonshire Sport - To support the establishment of a new sports club

NCF - Cecil Pettit Fund - Towards the cost of a new kitchen for the centre

Happy Days Childrens Charity - Day trip to Alton Towers for youth service users

Berkdale Trust - Towards the cost of teaching families of deaf children BSL

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

12 Comparative Funds:

Comparative Unrestricted Reserves	Opening	Movement	Movement	Transfer	Closing
	Balance	In	Out	Between	Balance
	2020			Funds	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted General Reserves	126,647	155,230	(146,311)	14,744	150,311
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	4,244	-	(1,601)	-	2,643
	280,891	155,230	(147,912)	14,744	302,954

Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening	Movement	Movement	Transfer	Closing
	Balance	In	Out	Between	Balance
	2020			Funds	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	-	37,621	(32,207)	(2,279)	3,135
ESF Job Club	-	14,562	(13,443)	(1,119)	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	-	14,714	(2,186)	-	12,528
Big Lottery	42,602	40,829	(26,137)	(11,375)	45,919
NCF - Compton Fund 50+	1,573	-	(1,602)	29	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	6,858	-	(5,099)	-	1,759
Hagerty	-	500	-	-	500
Lottery Community Fund	-	26,222	(26,222)	-	-
	51,033	134,448	(106,896)	(14,744)	63,841

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13 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under no-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year.

	2022	2021
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Not later than 1 year	240	240
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	960	960
Later than 5 years	4,320	4,320

14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

DEAFCONNECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1124196

Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Company No: 06423466
Charity No: 1124196

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Deafconnect

Charity Registration Number

1124196

Company Registration Number

06423466

Registered Office

Spencer Dallington Community Centre
Tintern Avenue
Northampton
NN5 7BZ

Board of Trustees

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

Claire Gogerty (Chair)
John Wood (Vice Chair and Treasurer)
Mark Symmonds
Jack Knowles
Julie White-Fasulo
Christine Gallagher
Anthony Williams (Appointed 07.01.20)

Chief Executive Officer

Joanna Steer

Independent Examiner

Lorraine Scullion
17 Peregrine Place
East Hunsbury
Northampton NN4 0SL

Bankers

National Westminster Bank plc
The Drapery Branch, 41 The Drapery
Northampton, NN1 2EY

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The directors, who are also trustees for the purposes of charitable law, present their report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Deafconnect is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1124196. The charity was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 9 November 2007. The charitable company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The board of Deafconnect comprises not less than four and not more than ten directors. At each AGM one third of the trustees (or if there is not a multiple of three the number nearest to one third) retire by rotation. At this year's AGM, **Christine Gallagher and Anthony Williams** will retire and offer themselves for reappointment. Directors are appointed to the board on the basis of an assessment of skills required to provide the strategic direction of the charitable company. As well as a general induction to the charitable company, newly appointed directors receive an induction in line with their individual requirements.

Organisational structure

The directors delegate operational responsibility for the organisation to the Chief Executive Officer through an agreed work plan.

Risk management review

The Directors monitor risks to which the organisation is exposed and mitigation is part of the organisation's work plan.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In shaping the charitable company's objectives for the period and planning its activities the Directors have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The object of the charity is to support and empower Deaf and hearing impaired in the counties of England together with their carers, dependents and families.

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the directors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The accounts for the year, show a surplus of £34,871, which includes a gain in investments of £45,628. Funds in reserve of £366,795, of which £63,841 is restricted for 50+ monitoring and the Hard of Hearing Services 2021 -22.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Deafconnect's services continue to be stretched to capacity most of the time. Due to the pandemic we were unable to generate as much income from room hire, and our face to face services were restricted. However, we were able to continue to offer our support to clients via social media platforms including Zoom and all staff continued to work from home or come into the office.

Northampton County Council gave us another year contract to March 2021. The unitary authorities of Northampton North and Northampton West have now been confirmed with the Children's trust being a separate entity altogether. Currently there is no guidance as to how this will affect our funding applications for delivering our services.

The Trustees remain committed to providing services to deaf and hard of hearing people and recognise the needs to balance sensible investment in order to allow the organisation to function efficiently, whilst preserving sufficient funds to allow the charity to meet its charitable aims in the future.

The strategy of self-sustainability remains, with the organisation seeking appropriate development opportunities, but realistically this strategy will take time to implement.

Principal funding sources

We are very grateful to all the organisations who gave us funding support by way of Grants or Donations during this incredibly unusual year – The National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for all, The Queens Institute and Northamptonshire councils. Organisations who supported us in other ways include Sense, Mowers Ark, neighbourly (Lidl and Marks and Spencer) SNKempo karate and all of our other volunteers.

Also, principal funding sources are shown at note 5, 6 and 7.

Investment policy

The investment policy is to ensure that long term capital appreciation exceeds inflation by placing funds in low to medium risk investments. The equity losses for restricted and unrestricted funds suffered in the previous year have been partly reversed in the current year.

Reserves policy

The policy calls for unrestricted funds to equal or exceed 6 months budgeted expenditure. The policy is currently being adhered to.

The charity has a number of restricted funds. These are analysed in detail in note 16. These are donations where the donor has specified the purpose for which the money can be spent. At the 31 March 2021 restricted funds were £63,841.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The strategy of self-sustainability continues and income from Interpreting, Room hire at Spencer Dallington Community Centre, BSL classes and Deaf Awareness Training continues to support our services, though the current economic climate and continuing after effects of the pandemic have not made it easy, we continue to look at different and innovative ways to bring in income.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Company special provision

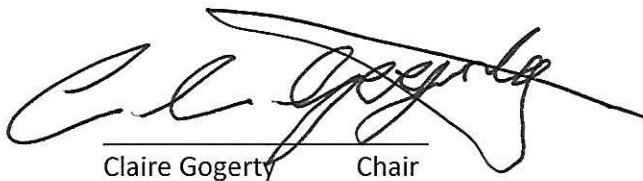
The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the members of the Board of Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the income and expenditure of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the members of the board are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue its activities

The members of the board are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Report was approved on 29th September 2021 by the Board of Directors (and Trustees) and signed on their behalf.



Claire Gogerty Chair

Registered Charity Number: 1124196

I report on the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on the attached pages 6 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act:
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Lorraine Scullion MAAT
25th October 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 2020 £
Income from:						
Donations and legacies	1	11,076	500	11,576	3,398	-
Investment income		7,583	-	7,583	7,363	-
Charitable activities	2	90,943	133,948	224,891	165,843	133,879
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Income		109,602	134,448	244,050	176,604	133,879
Expenditure on:						
Raising Funds		-	-	-	3,357	-
Charitable activities	3	147,912	106,896	254,808	217,133	113,109
Other		-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		147,912	106,896	254,808	220,490	113,109
Net income/(expenditure)		(38,310)	27,552	(10,758)	(43,886)	20,770
Transfer between funds		14,744	(14,744)	-	4,640	(4,640)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(losses) on investments		45,628	-	45,628	(3,804)	-
Net Movement in funds		22,063	12,808	34,871	(43,050)	16,130
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward 1st April 2020		280,891	51,033	331,924	323,941	34,903
Total funds carried forward 31 March 2021		302,954	63,841	366,795	280,891	51,033

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2021

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted Restricted		Total	Unrestricted Restricted	
		2021	2021		2020	2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	5	2,643	-	2,643	4,244	-
Investments	6	272,492	-	272,492	226,864	-
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	11,216	417	11,633	19,020	2,737
Cash at bank and in hand		19,244	63,533	82,777	34,885	48,296
		30,460	63,950	94,410	53,905	51,033
Creditors						
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,641)	(109)	(2,750)	(4,122)	-
		(2,641)	(109)	(2,750)	(4,122)	-
Net Current Assets		27,819	63,841	91,660	49,783	51,033
Net assets/(liabilities)		302,954	63,841	366,795	280,891	51,033
Charity Funds						
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
Unrestricted funds	9	302,954	-	302,954	280,891	
Restricted	10	-	63,841	63,841		51,033
		302,954	63,841	366,795	280,891	51,033

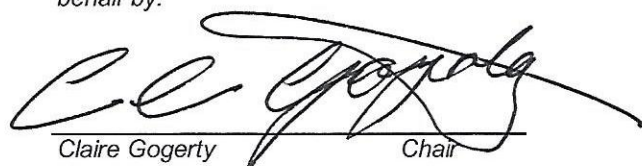
For the year ending 31st March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the _____ year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees at a committee meeting held on 29th September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:


 Claire Gogerty Chair

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The company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities on the grounds that it enables the financial statements to show a true and fair view of the result for the year.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated funds is set out in the notes to the financial statements. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Grants are brought into account on a receivable basis.

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets over £500 are capitalised. The cost less the estimated residual value of furniture and equipment is written off on a straight line basis.

Intangible income

Intangible income, in the form of donated facilities and voluntary help etc., is not included in the financial statements since it is not considered practicable to quantify such income.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments, and the replacement of certain assets. Not all grants/course income are received at the beginning of the financial others are received in arrears.

Risk

The directors/trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

The organisation has employer and public liability insurance to protect it in the case of a claim.

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	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2020 Restricted Funds £
1 Donations and Legacies					
General Donations	11,076	500	11,576	3,398	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	11,076	500	11,576	3,398	-
2 Charitable Activities					
Grants:					
Children in Need	-	37,621	37,621	-	36,928
NCC Prevention Grant	37,800	-	37,800	37,800	-
ESF Job Club	-	14,562	14,562	-	25,719
50+	-	-	-	170	-
Hard of Hearing Project Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery HOH	-	40,829	40,829	-	56,232
NBC - COVID Relief	11,000	-	11,000	-	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	26,222	26,222	-	-
NCF - 50+ Wellbeing	-	14,714	14,714	-	-
HMRC Furlough	4,640	-	4,640	-	-
Awards 4 All 50+	-	-	-	-	10,000
NCF - The Compton Fund 50+	-	-	-	-	5,000
Other:					
Interpreting Fees	9,923	-	9,923	29,211	-
Training Course Fees	1,374	-	1,374	23,460	-
PA Support	15,322	-	15,322	30,911	-
SD Room Hire	4,888	-	4,888	28,304	-
Voiceability	3,207	-	3,207	7,550	-
Fundraising	-	-	-	4,610	-
Other Income	2,789	-	2,789	3,827	-
	90,943	133,948	224,891	165,843	133,879

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3 Charitable activities	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Employment costs 4	94,008	92,555	186,563	120,930	74,241
DBS Checks	54	15	69	500	-
Adult Services	2,449	2,475	4,924	1,015	7,388
Adult trading, BSL & Interpreters Group	3,311	461	3,772	15,137	-
Childrens Services	239	4,176	4,415	293	7,201
Fundraising	-	-	-	3,357	-
Publicity/Advertising	5,032	400	5,432	1,009	204
Depreciation	2,381	-	2,381	2,121	-
Motor and travel expenses	654	215	869	1,623	2,416
Printing, postage and stationery	1,507	34	1,541	1,336	1,854
Telephone	5,140	-	5,140	5,261	1,396
Premises costs	7,159	-	7,159	6,089	7,182
Training	437	1,254	1,691	1,098	771
Accounting and Professional Fees	2,910	366	3,276	6,431	3,259
Insurance	3,042	-	3,042	1,695	1,304
Independent Examination	1,316	-	1,316	1,423	-
Interpreter Fees	10,423	3,477	13,900	25,992	1,688
Office Costs	6,376	1,468	7,844	14,095	4,204
Other Costs	1,474	-	1,474	4,626	1
Bad Debt Written Off	-	-	-	6,459	-
	147,912	106,896	254,808	220,490	113,109

4 Trustees and Employment costs	2021	2021	2021	2020	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted
	Funds	Funds		Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Gross salaries	87,906	88,693	176,599	112,438	70,657
Employer N I	4,016	3,158	7,174	5,470	2,962
Employer pension	2,086	704	2,790	2,225	622
Recruitment expenses	-	-	-	797	-
	94,008	92,555	186,563	120,930	74,241

There is no employee being paid in excess of £60,000 per annum.

The average number of employees during the year was: 14 (2020: 15)

During the year trustee received £nil in remuneration. (2020:£nil)

The total expenditure reimbursed to trustees amounted to £nil. (2020:£nil)

Remuneration paid to Key Management Personnel in the year £102,211

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	Total 2021	Total 2020
5 Fixed Assets	Furniture & Equip	Furniture & Equip
Cost	15,534	9,169
<i>Add: additions during the year</i>	780	6,365
	<u>16,314</u>	<u>15,534</u>
Depreciation		
<i>At 1 April 2020</i>	11,290	9,169
<i>Charge in year</i>	2,381	2,121
<i>At 31 March 2021</i>	<u>13,671</u>	<u>11,290</u>
Net Book Value		
<i>At 31 March 2021</i>	<u>2,643</u>	
<i>At 31 March 2020</i>		<u>4,244</u>

	Quoted Unrestricted £	Quoted Restricted £	Total 2021 £
<i>Market Value as at 1 April 2020</i>	226,864	-	226,864
<i>Disposals</i>	-	-	-
<i>Net loss/gain on revaluation</i>	45,628	-	45,628
	-	-	-
Market value as at 31 March 2021	<u>272,492</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>272,492</u>

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £
7 Debtors					
<i>Trade Debtors</i>	8,450	-	8,450	18,870	-
<i>Other Debtors</i>	1,847	417	2,264	150	2,737
<i>Pre-paid</i>	919	-	919	-	-
	<u>11,216</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>11,633</u>	<u>19,020</u>	<u>2,737</u>

	2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Unrestricted £	2020 Restricted £
8 Creditors					
<i>Amounts falling due within one year</i>					
<i>Trade Creditors</i>	(229)	-	(229)	(3,067)	-
<i>Others</i>	(940)	(109)	(1,049)	(55)	-
<i>Accruals and deferred income</i>	(1,472)	-	(1,472)	(1,000)	-
<i>Social security and other taxation</i>	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(2,641)</u>	<u>(109)</u>	<u>(2,750)</u>	<u>(4,122)</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,789 (2020:£2,847)

10 Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2020 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2021 £
Unrestricted General Reserves	126,647	155,230	(146,311)	14,744	150,311
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	4,244	-	(1,601)	-	2,643
	280,891	155,230	(147,912)	14,744	302,954

11 Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2020 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2021 £
Children in Need	-	37,621	(32,207)	(2,279)	3,135
ESF Job Club	-	14,562	(13,443)	(1,119)	-
NCF - Wellbeing 50+	-	14,714	(2,186)	-	12,528
Big Lottery	42,602	40,829	(26,137)	(11,375)	45,919
NCF - Compton Fund 50+	1,573	-	(1,602)	29	-
Awards 4 All - 50+	6,858	-	(5,099)	-	1,759
Hagerty	-	500	-	-	500
Lottery Community Fund	-	26,222	(26,222)	-	-
	51,033	134,448	(106,896)	(14,744)	63,841

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

ESF Job Club - To provide support to unemployed or economically inactive participants to overcome barriers to move into, or closer to, paid employment.

NCF - Wellbeing - To provide wellbeing support to 50+ British Sign Language Group

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

NCF - Compton Fund - Towards 50+ British Sign Language Group

Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group

Hagerty - Towards Painting & Decorating the centre

Lottery Community Fund - Towards supporting the organisations core costs during the COVID 19 Pandemic

12 Comparative Funds:

Comparative Unrestricted Reserves	Opening Balance 2019 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer Between Funds £	Closing Balance 2020 £
Unrestricted General Reserves	153,933	176,604	(208,530)	4,640	126,647
Designated - Development Fund	150,000	-	-	-	150,000
Designated - IT	15,000	-	(10,756)	-	4,244
Designated - Fundraising 2019/2020	2,008	-	(2,008)	-	-
Designated - Advocacy Project	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
	323,941	176,604	(224,294)	4,640	280,891

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Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 2019	Movement In	Movement Out	Transfer Between Funds	Closing Balance 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Children in Need	1,528	36,928	(36,243)	(2,213)	-
ESF Job Club	3,000	25,719	(26,292)	(2,427)	-
Boshier Hilton	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	-
Big Lottery	28,375	56,232	(42,005)	-	42,602
NCF - Compton Fund 50+	-	5,000	(3,427)	-	1,573
Awards 4 All - 50+	-	10,000	(3,142)	-	6,858
	34,903	133,879	(113,109)	(4,640)	51,033

Children in Need - Funds are provided towards providing support to children and families

ESF Job Club - To provide support to unemployed or economically inactive participants to overcome barriers to move into, or closer to, paid employment.

Boshier Hilton - Towards hard of hearing training and social groups

Big Lottery - Towards Hard of Hearing Support Services

NCF - Compton Fund - Towards 50+ British Sign Language Group

Awards 4 All 50+ - Towards activities for the 50+ Group

13 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under no-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year.

	2021	2020
	£	£
Land and buildings:		
Not later than 1 year	240	240
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	960	960
Later than 5 years	4,320	4,320

14 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charitable company is under the ultimate control of its trustees, who are also the directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.