

DEAFCONNECT
(A company limited by guarantee)

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

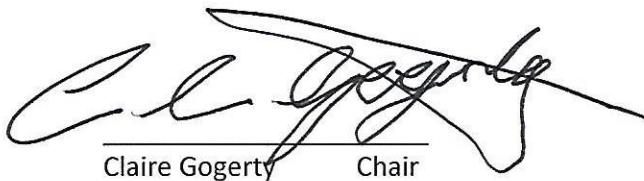
The report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2021

Company Number: 05396874

	Notes	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Restricted 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 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

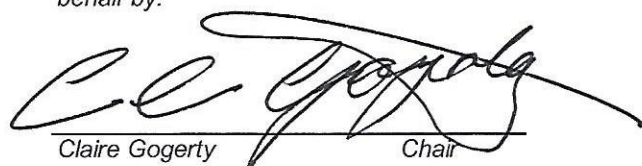
For the year ending 31st March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The notes on Pages 9 to Page 13 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2021**

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

	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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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

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

	2021 Unrestricted	2021 Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted
	£	£	£	£	£
7 Debtors					
Trade Debtors	8,450	-	8,450	18,870	-
Other Debtors	1,847	417	2,264	150	2,737
Pre-paid	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					
Amounts falling due within one year					
Trade Creditors	(229)	-	(229)	(3,067)	-
Others	(940)	(109)	(1,049)	(55)	-
Accruals and deferred income	(1,472)	-	(1,472)	(1,000)	-
Social security and other taxation	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>(2,641)</u>	<u>(109)</u>	<u>(2,750)</u>	<u>(4,122)</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 £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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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.