

DEAFCONNECT
(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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:

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

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 2025

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 2025

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 Freeman and Mark Symmonds 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 persons together with their carers, dependents and families, located in the counties of England.

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)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES (continued)
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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

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:


Rhianon 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	4	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
	£	£	£
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

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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.