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DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees	Gordon Pybus, Chairperson Colin Light, Vice Chair Joseph Hutchinson, Treasurer Paul Edwards Samantha Taylor Theresa Moss-Carbert
Company registered number	06688735
Charity registered number	1125848
Registered office	Whessoe Technology Centre Alderman Best Way Darlington County Durham DL1 4WB
Company secretary	Lauren Tinkler
Chief executive officer	Lauren Tinkler
Independent auditors	Clive Owen LLP Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors 140 Coniscliffe Road Darlington County Durham DL3 7RT
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank Plc Birmingham B1 2HB HSBC Bank Plc Darlington County Durham DL3 7LQ
Solicitors	Latimer Hinks 5-8 Priestgate Darlington County Durham DL1 1NL
Senior Management Team	Lauren Tinkler Tracy Roberts Stacey Allan David Thomas

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
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The chairman presents his statement for the year.

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) became law in 1995. Fifteen years later it was combined into the Equality Act 2010. The Act was founded on the principles of the Social Model of Disability. Despite 30 years of legislation its intentions have not fully delivered disability equality. Disabled people of all ages are still discriminated against, many on a daily basis.

One of the major barriers to equality is the impact of lawful discrimination. Too often, statutory minimum requirements are treated as targets rather than baselines to exceed.

Darlington Association on Disability (DAD) has continued to work with the local authority, other public bodies and private companies to change this mindset. Acting as an adviser and critical friend, DAD has been successful in many areas.

Transforming attitudes requires time, persistence, and financial resources and often this vital work goes unseen.

The demand for DAD's services has continued to grow and to meet that demand DAD has also had to grow. This growth could not have been achieved without loyal dedicated employees and volunteers. I am tremendously grateful to them all and I thank each and every one for their commitment to the organisation and its objectives.

DAD can celebrate a very successful year thanks to the hard work of staff, the management team and support from all of our funders. This has enabled the organisation to provide further support for disabled people and carers across the organisation to meet rising demand.

I cannot overstate how appreciative I am to Chief Executive Lauren Robinson, Deputy Chief Executive Tracy Roberts and Senior Managers Stacey Allan and David Thomas who have all done an outstanding job by continuing to make DAD an organisation that is envied by other towns. I thank them for their loyalty, dedication and excellent leadership.

I am indebted to my fellow Trustees for their support to me and their continued hard work and commitment to DAD. I also thank them for their many hours of hands-on work within the organisation that often goes unseen by others.

Gordon Pybus
Chairman

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Annual Report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

- a) to relieve the needs of disabled people and carers, for the public benefit, resident but not limited to, Darlington and the surrounding areas. In particular, but not exclusively, by the promotion of equality, diversity and independence through the provision of services, support, information and training; and
- b) to direct, promote and support the efficient working of charitable organisations, voluntary bodies, and statutory bodies in their work to relieve disability ("the Objects").

Significant activities

Darlington Association on Disability (DAD) was established in 1986 as a voluntary and charitable organisation led by disabled people. It exists to promote independence and choice of disabled people and supports disabled people and carers through the provision of services, support and information and by tackling issues affecting disabled people locally and nationally. DAD promotes the Social Model of Disability and as part of that ethos is actively involved in promoting disability equality and awareness raising. As an organisation, DAD endeavours to ensure that its services are responsive and not prescriptive.

DAD has five strategic aims that it works to achieve;

- Promote the Social Model of Disability.
- Ensure disabled people and carers are involved in all its work.
- Provide high quality services to promote independence and choice.
- Improve access to services, consultation and involvement for sensory impaired people, younger people and people from minority ethnic group.
- Ensure that DAD has a secure, sustainable and independent future.

These aims are met in two ways:

Firstly, DAD acts with disability groups, individual disabled people and carers to jointly tackle issues affecting them, across Tees Valley and surrounding areas, to enable involvement and consultation with service providers, voluntary, public and private sector. Secondly, DAD develops and delivers services with direct involvement of disabled people and carers.

All of the organisation's work relies on volunteers who receive ongoing support. Many disabled people act as role models and mentors for other disabled people to volunteer. Many young people volunteer to support the children and young people's service enabling them to demonstrate skills and experience to future employers.

Members play a vital role in the organisation ensuring that DAD remains user led and anyone who is new to the organisation is encouraged to become a member in order to be able to influence the organisation, 177 people are registered and 62% are disabled people.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Public benefit

The Charity's aims and achievements are set out within this report. The activities set out in this report have been undertaken to further the Charity's charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Trustees have complied with the duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the Trustees have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

DAD continues to monitor, evaluate and develop all of DAD's projects to ensure that each is providing the best possible service and is supporting disabled people and carers to increase independence, choice and control.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Key Achievements 2024-2025

It has been a year of strategic development, service expansion, and impactful delivery. DAD has strengthened our position as a Centre for Independent Living across Tees Valley, expanded our advocacy services, and deepened our support for disabled people and carers during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Most significantly, demand for our services, in line with the picture across the voluntary and community sector, has continued to increase. Meeting this demand is made possible by an excellent team of staff and volunteers who are committed to supporting people to have independence, choice and control and are committed to supporting the organisation to achieve its aims.

Access Interest Group

The group continued to work with the Local Authority and businesses across Darlington and extended its work across Tees Valley as part of the development of infrastructure for electric vehicle charging points, advising Local Authorities and suppliers on accessibility requirements for disabled people.

Work continued with Darlington Council, working on the Towns Fund Project developments, reviewing all planning applications in relation to disability access and the Equality Act, reviewing applications for licenses for scaffolding and pavement cafes and monitoring compliance.

The Chair was appointed as one of the Voluntary Sector representatives on the Plan for Neighbourhoods Board, specifically to address the needs of disabled people.

The Durham & Darlington Police Independent Advisory Group continues to be Chaired by DAD and reviews Police support for disabled people and others from minority groups.

Access Audits and advice for local groups and businesses are also ongoing.

Advocacy

Demand for all areas of advocacy has increased significantly:

- 2,305 new referrals and 2,875 people supported.
- The transition to the new contract with People First, to support people in Tees Valley, has been successful.
- Many complex cases supported including safeguarding, housing, mental health, and culturally sensitive advocacy.
- The Henry Smith Trust extended support for self advocacy for people with learning impairments to June 2026.
- The team are preparing for the Advocacy Quality Performance Mark.
- Advocates are regularly praised for compassion, legal knowledge, and reflective practice.
- This continues to be a major area of growth for the organization.

Carers Support

Support for carers is delivered across the organisation through Information and Advice, Direct Payment Support and Advocacy. Carers breaks have continued to be available at both The Hub and DASH thanks to Better Care funding. Carers and parent carers have been a focus for the support we have provided for Cost of Living.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Children and Young Peoples Service (ChYPS)

- Over 135 children and young people aged 3-25 registered
- DASH delivered Playschemes during school holidays at Easter, Summer, October, and Christmas
- Weekly after school activities including Youth Group, Young Leaders and Mentoring for Independence (MFI) were delivered during term time
- Young Leaders and MFI engaged in NHS consultations and disability history sessions.
- DAD was delighted to secure a £185,000 grant awarded from National Lottery Community Fund to support services for young people aged 13- 25 and work to support the development of the Youth Partnership in Darlington.
- Staff and volunteers received comprehensive training including tracheostomy and epilepsy care.

Direct Payments Support Service

- Supported over 300 people with payroll and managed accounts.
- Continued to provide support to people with managing a Personal Health budget in Darlington and County Durham
- The service received extremely positive feedback from users in Darlington and Redcar. 78% rated the service as 'excellent' and 100% rated the service as either 'excellent' or 'good'.
- New staff recruited: Payroll & Finance Administrator and Project Administrator.
- Skills for Care training was delivered in partnership with Disability North and People First to 346 Employers and Personal Assistants across the North East of which 150 were Darlington residents.

The Independent Living Hub

- The Hub continued to support on average 42 disabled people to attend regular sessions to develop new skills, have access to education, leisure and social activities.
- Health and wellbeing has been a focus of individual plans with people taking up swimming, participating in peer led cooking sessions and learning about healthy eating.
- Information sessions on how to vote in the General Election and NHS campaigns promoting health information raised awareness of important issues.
- The DAD accessible vehicle continued to provide essential transport to enable people to access the service. Plans are being developed with the support of Motability funding to increase the availability of accessible transport.

Information Provision and Cost of Living Support

Support for the Cost of Living crisis has been the key focus to support people to access information. This includes:

- DAD has continued to be a key partner in Darlington Connect, a partnership of voluntary sector organisations working to support mental health and wellbeing from a shop front in the town. DAD's role is to support people who experience barriers accessing the Town Centre or needing home visits.
- Over 470 people provided with support and information
- CAB appointments are delivered at The Independent Living Hub for easy access and support. This support has generated an additional £300,000 of income for disabled people during the year.
- Food and fuel vouchers distributed via The Household Support Fund in partnership with The 700 Club and First Stop.
- Funding from The Energy Saving Trust to support disabled people and carers with energy saving measures and accessible information
- Funding from Smart Energy GB to support access to smart meters
- Introduction of Better off Calculator, an online tool to support people to assess if they are entitled to additional income or how increased earnings will affect existing income.
- DAD is the only local organisation providing access to Fuel Bank vouchers.

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Self-Advocacy - DAD's support for self-advocacy includes:

- Delivery of national Oliver McGowan mandatory training for health and social care providers delivered by accredited trainers with lived experience.
- People's Parliament, as the voice of people with a learning impairment in Darlington, receives support from DAD with the facilitation of the meetings.
- Learning Impairment Network, bringing together people with lived experience and organisations to co-produce solutions.
- Young Leaders, developing young people's skills and confidence to raise awareness of issues affecting young disabled people.
- The Henry Smith Foundation funded self-advocacy project supported 178 individuals on a 1 to 1 basis to develop self-advocacy skills. Research by the Foundation demonstrates that every £1 invested in this work delivers £12 of added value for health and social care organisations.

Transport

Following the pandemic Trustees identified transport barriers as a key issue facing disabled people. Lack of confidence, loss of independent living skills, lack of accessible taxi service were all raised as key issues. To try and tackle this strategically DAD has:

- Invested reserves and an unrestricted grant from Ballinger Trust fund to purchase an additional accessible car to support the provision of DAD services
- Worked in partnership with the Good Life Collaborative to secure funding from Motability for travel training to support adults with learning impairment's to develop or regain independent travel skills.
- Applied to Motability Foundation to fund the costs of extending our transport services to people who do not use DAD services to access the community, including the purchase of a minibus
- Focus on co-production in relation to transport issues to reduce barriers by working with transport providers.

Volunteering

Thank you to the many volunteers who give their time, skills and knowledge very generously to support our work. We were delighted to be successful as a partner with Citizens Advice Bureau, St Teresa's Hospice and wider voluntary sector groups securing one of only 15 national grants for Volunteering for Health. The project will develop a new infrastructure for volunteers in Darlington where DAD will support co-production with people who experience barriers to volunteering including people from minority communities, young people and disabled people.

High Quality Services and Support

- High standards of governance are maintained, improved and demonstrated through CHAS, an accreditation and safety scheme
- DAD was delighted to maintain the Investors in People award.
- The Advocacy Service is working towards the national quality scheme accreditation.
- Following a four year search, the organisation relocated its head office to more suitable premises

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of financial activities and affairs

The financial affairs of the Association were managed by a Trustee sub-committee which met throughout the year and reported to the Trustees.

The last financial year continued to see a significant rise in demand and rapid growth for DAD. Driven by demand, Trustees agreed to allocate reserves to be able to respond effectively to the Cost of Living crisis. Additional support was secured from funders to ensure those disabled people and carers most impacted could be offered some support.

Partnership working has also been a key factor of the organisation's growth and enabled the organisation to build capacity and share skills and knowledge. We would like to thank all of our partners in The Good Life Collaborative, Darlington Connect, People First, Disability North, the developing Youth Partnership, Volunteering for Health, The 700 Club and First Stop.

We are immensely thankful to all our funders including: Ballinger Charitable Trust, Citizens Advice Darlington Redcar and Cleveland, Darlington Borough Council, The Energy Saving Trust, The Henry Smith Foundation, Inclusion North, The Motability Foundation, The National Lottery Community Fund, The NHS North East and Cumbria Integrated Care Board, Point North, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, Skills for Care, Smart Energy GB, The 700 Club and VONNE.

The incoming resources for the 12 month period amounted to £2,069,693 of which £503,961 was for restricted projects and £1,565,732 was attributable to general funds before expenditure.

Reserves policy

The Trustees established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the resources expended in general funds. This is the level assessed by Trustees that would enable the organisation to manage risks associated with a sudden loss of funding. Trustees agreed that a Designated Fund be established to support unmet need and essential development. The level of free reserves at the year end is £596,827.

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Future forecast

Our strategy of operating as a Centre for Independent Living across Tees Valley is a key focus of our Business Plan to support disabled people across the area. The Energy Saving Trust is funding work across Tees Valley to provide Cost of Living Support connecting DAD via the Bread and Butter Thing distribution centres across Tees Valley to disabled people and carers.

The provision of Advocacy across Tees Valley is now embedded through the new subcontract to deliver high quality support. The staff team is being developed and continues to grow to meet demand.

Oliver McGowan national mandatory training will continue to be delivered to NHS and social care staff. The training aims to provide the workforce with the right skills and knowledge to provide safe, compassionate and informed care to autistic people and people with a learning impairment. The training was named after Oliver McGowan, whose death shone a light on the need for health and social care staff to have better training. DAD has recruited and trained new staff as co-trainers who have lived experience to deliver the training to meet demand. DAD is very proud that our staff team includes some of our previous Young Leaders.

Our Direct Payments Support is well established, and we will continue to support people across Darlington, Redcar and Cleveland with a wide range of support including supporting Employers with recruitment, payroll and Managed Accounts. Work to support people with Personal Health Budgets who wish to be Employers is also continuing.

The Access Interest Group has been advising on the major capital improvements to Darlington Railway Station which will be ongoing in 2025. Because Darlington has been identified by Government to benefit from Long Term Plan for Towns investment, DAD will be actively involved to represent disabled people.

DAD continues to play an active role in the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy Group in Darlington and will be working to develop the Volunteering for Health project with CAB, St Teresa's Hospice and the wider sector.

Access to transport will be a key area for development over the coming year, developing travel training and raising awareness of issues.

Developing our capacity to support co-production and engagement of disabled people, to ensure people have a voice, will be critical to addressing the changes to Welfare Reform that are now being raised, alongside many other issues affecting disabled people.

DAD wish to thank all funders and supporters of the organisation. In particular our amazing staff team and the many people who give hours of their time, expertise, skills and knowledge to ensure that DAD continues to be a successful organisation. Volunteers work at all levels of the organisation. As a User Led Organisation, disabled people and carers volunteer as Trustees and others work across the projects which DAD operates. Volunteers are the backbone of the organisation and our thanks and appreciation go to all of them.

DAD will continue to ensure that the organisation has a strong presence going forward, promoting the organisation as a Centre for Independent Living available to support all disabled people and carers.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

DAD has been a registered charity since 1986 and in June 2008 the unincorporated Charity transferred to a Company Limited by Guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

As a user led organisation DAD consulted and involved members, people who use our services, staff and volunteers in developing the Memorandum and Articles that now govern the organisation. The charity is controlled by its governing document that ensures the organisation is user led, requiring a minimum of 75% of Trustees to be disabled people.

The current legal structure provides a strong basis to secure tenders for services and ensure that disabled people and carers can govern, develop and run the services they identify are needed to ensure independence, choice and control.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustees are appointed on a three-year rotation to govern the business of the association. Members at the Annual General Meeting approve the appointment of Trustees as Directors of the Company. The general membership includes individual disabled people and carers, representatives from local groups and local organisations. The membership structure also ensures that a majority are disabled people. The Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson and either the Secretary or Honorary Treasurer must be a disabled person. The Memorandum and Articles allows for up to nine Trustees.

Organisational structure

The Trustees met 7 times during the period of this report and various sub committees including policy, finance and health and safety, met between those meetings and reported to the Trustees.

To ensure the Association has the capacity to develop and address the many changes the organisation faces, operational responsibility is delegated to a Senior Management Team led by a Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and two Senior Managers. This team oversees the day to day running of the organisation including 10 full time and 72 part time or temporary staff and 20 volunteers.

The Finance Committee has responsibility for setting and reviewing the remuneration of the charity's key management personnel.

Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Trustees, as Directors of the Company, regularly discuss their responsibilities as Company Directors and understand them. New Directors receive an induction to the organisation, including a copy of the Charities Commission guide for Trustees, information on charity accounting and the organisation's policies and procedures. All Trustees undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check. Trustees undertake additional training as appropriate.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks facing the organisation and systems have been established to monitor and review these risks. Trustees purchase an external advisory and insurance service to ensure Health and Safety and Personnel risks are minimised. DAD was delighted to again receive recognition as an Investor in People organisation for our support and development of staff and volunteers. An Employee Assistance Programme is provided for employees and volunteers to speak to accredited counsellors via a confidential telephone support line. This also includes financial and legal support, an online interactive mental fitness tool and access to online GP.

Finance systems and reporting are also regularly reviewed to ensure compliance. Specialist advice is sought from DAD's accountants when required. Reports identifying risks are also considered by Trustees at their meetings throughout the year.

A full review of insurance requirements is conducted regularly, and the necessary cover purchased with support from a specialist broker. This year has seen costs in this area increase significantly as Charities are seen as higher risk organisations following the pandemic. Cyber Security insurance has also been included in the cover to minimise increasing risks.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

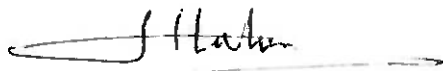
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Auditors

The auditors, Clive Owen LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hutchinson', written over a horizontal line.

Mr J Hutchinson
Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Darlington Association on Disability (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We undertake the following procedure to identify and respond to these risk of non-compliance:

- Understanding the key legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Trust. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications on non-compliance throughout the audit. We determined the most significant of these to be around safeguarding, disability law, employment law, charity law, company law, health and safety law, regulations, taxation law and GDPR.
- Enquiry of directors and management as to policies and procedures to ensure compliance and any known instances of non-compliance.
- Review of Board minutes and correspondence with regulators.
- Enquiry of directors and management as to areas of the financial statements susceptible to fraud and how those risks are managed.
- Challenging management on key estimates, assumptions and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements. These key areas of uncertainty are disclosed in the accounting policies.
- Identifying and testing unusual journal entries, with a particular focus on manual journal entries.

Through these procedures, we did not become aware of actual or suspected non-compliance.

We planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards but owing to the inherent limitations of procedures required in these areas, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected a material misstatement in the financial statements. The further removed non-compliance with law and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statement, the less likely we would become aware of it. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve concealment, collusion, forgery, misrepresentation, or override of internal controls.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

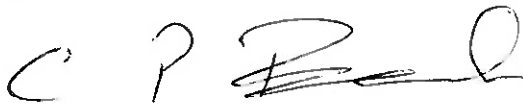
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON
DISABILITY (CONTINUED)**

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Christopher Beaumont BA(Hons) BFP FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf

Clive Owen LLP

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
140 Coniscliffe Road
Darlington
County Durham
DL3 7RT

Date: *31 October 2025*

Clive Owen LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	3,539	-	3,539	3,104
Charitable activities	5	1,551,465	503,961	2,055,426	1,509,193
Investments	6	10,728	-	10,728	2,433
Total income		1,565,732	503,961	2,069,693	1,514,730
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	1,440,752	351,397	1,792,149	1,449,611
Total expenditure		1,440,752	351,397	1,792,149	1,449,611
Net movement in funds		124,980	152,564	277,544	65,119
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		471,847	25,000	496,847	431,728
Net movement in funds		124,980	152,564	277,544	65,119
Total funds carried forward		596,827	177,564	774,391	496,847

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06688735

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	19,579	-
		<u>19,579</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	275,334	280,745
Cash at bank and in hand		631,021	405,363
		<u>906,355</u>	<u>686,108</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(151,543)	(189,261)
Net current assets		<u>754,812</u>	<u>496,847</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>774,391</u>	<u>496,847</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>774,391</u>	<u>496,847</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>774,391</u></u>	<u><u>496,847</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	177,564	25,000
Unrestricted funds	16	596,827	471,847
Total funds		<u><u>774,391</u></u>	<u><u>496,847</u></u>

The entity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the entity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

However, an audit is required in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 30 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

Mr J Hutchinson
Trustee

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The notes on pages 21 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	238,425	(44,117)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	10,728	2,433
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(23,495)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(12,767)	2,433
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	225,658	(41,684)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	405,363	447,047
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	631,021	405,363

The notes on pages 21 to 38 form part of these financial statements

DARLINGTON ASSOCIATION ON DISABILITY
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

Darlington Association on Disability is a charitable company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charitable company's numbers and registered office can be found in the Report of the Trustees.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Darlington Association on Disability meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned where the related services are provided under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to charitable activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included within creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.5 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Accessible transport vehicle	- 25% (charged to the General Fund and included in management and administration costs)
Resource equipment and furnishings for Independent Living Hub	- 25% and 50% (charged to the ILH Equipment Fund and included in expenditure on charitable objects)
Office equipment and computer equipment	- 25% and 50% (charged to the General Fund and included in management and administration costs)
Play equipment for DASH	- 25% (charged to the DASH Equipment Fund and included in expenditure on charitable objects)

2.7 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

2.10 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2.11 Irrecoverable VAT

The charity is partially exempt for VAT and input VAT not recoverable is charged to management and administration costs.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Bad debt provision:

The Trust have included provision for bad and doubtful debts. Debtors considered to be bad are provided in full, the total bad debt provision at 31 March 2025 is £12,342 (2024: £10,676).

Deferred income:

The Charity recognises income in the period to which it relates by determining the stage in which contract terms and spend have been achieved, deferring contracts within the correct periods, the deferred income at 31 March 2025 is £nil (2024: £66,044).

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	3,539	3,539	3,104
	<u>3,539</u>	<u>3,539</u>	<u>3,104</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>3,104</u>	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tees Authorities	1,080,550	-	1,080,550	853,870
Access to Work	99,929	-	99,929	92,177
Children in Need	-	-	-	2,510
ILH	217,253	-	217,253	239,483
Skills for Care	-	43,869	43,869	18,661
Other	153,733	460,092	613,825	302,492
	<u>1,551,465</u>	<u>503,961</u>	<u>2,055,426</u>	<u>1,509,193</u>
Total 2025	<u>1,551,465</u>	<u>503,961</u>	<u>2,055,426</u>	<u>1,509,193</u>
	<u>1,551,465</u>	<u>503,961</u>	<u>2,055,426</u>	
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,281,143</u>	<u>228,050</u>	<u>1,509,193</u>	

Included within "Other" is £133,405 (2024: £60,687) for Chyps & Dash, £75,612 (2024: £54,408) for Henry Smith, £129,790 Oliver McGowen (2024: £20,431), £60,539 Motability - Travelling with Confidence (2024: £nil) and £214,479 (2024: £187,397) other income from charitable activities.

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest	10,728	10,728	2,433
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>2,433</u>	

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Charitable Activities	1,440,752	351,397	1,792,149	1,449,611
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,244,060</u>	<u>205,551</u>	<u>1,449,611</u>	

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Direct costs 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Charitable Activities	1,619,163	172,986	1,792,149	1,449,611
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>1,297,085</u>	<u>152,526</u>	<u>1,449,611</u>	

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	1,196,639	947,366
Depreciation	3,916	2,069
Activities and events	8,336	10,094
Advertising	1,337	2,346
IT costs	62,003	69,739
DBS checks	6,050	99
Heat and light	13,212	16,080
Insurance	8,978	9,671
Travel expenses	42,842	39,552
Postage, printing and stationery	20,825	19,811
Rent and rates	60,134	53,286
Repairs and renewals	30,487	19,056
Room hire costs	7,764	6,792
Telephone	12,686	8,157
Training	38,034	43,450
Project expenses	32,518	7,950
Irrecoverable VAT	33,177	19,371
Relocation costs	2,500	5,000
Agency costs	19,267	5,645
Other sundry costs	18,458	11,551
	<u><u>1,619,163</u></u>	<u><u>1,297,085</u></u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	150,083	126,964
Governance costs	22,903	25,562
	<u>172,986</u>	<u>152,526</u>

9. Governance costs

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Auditors' remuneration	8,000	10,000
Accountancy and legal fees	14,903	15,562
	<u>22,903</u>	<u>25,562</u>

10. Net income/(expenditure)

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Auditors' remuneration	8,000	10,000
Depreciation - owned assets	3,916	2,069
Operating lease payments	27,665	889
	<u>27,665</u>	<u>889</u>

11. Staff costs

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Wages and salaries	1,232,988	982,035
Social security costs	82,883	66,908
Pension costs	30,851	25,387
	<u>1,346,722</u>	<u>1,074,330</u>

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11. Staff costs (continued)

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	<i>2024</i>
	No.	<i>No.</i>
Senior management	4	<i>4</i>
Support workers	68	<i>63</i>
Finance and admin	6	<i>5</i>
	<hr/> 78 <hr/>	<hr/> <i>72</i> <hr/>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Remuneration of key management personnel in the year was £184,298 (2024: £163,197) which included employers' pension contributions of £5,368 (2024: £4,741).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £14 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2024 - £Nil to Trustee).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 April 2024	28,282	2,968	12,685	43,935
Additions	23,495	-	-	23,495
At 31 March 2025	<u>51,777</u>	<u>2,968</u>	<u>12,685</u>	<u>67,430</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024	28,282	2,968	12,685	43,935
Charge for the year	3,916	-	-	3,916
At 31 March 2025	<u>32,198</u>	<u>2,968</u>	<u>12,685</u>	<u>47,851</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2025	<u><u>19,579</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>19,579</u></u>
At 31 March 2024	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	248,880	260,609
Prepayments and accrued income	26,454	20,136
	<u><u>275,334</u></u>	<u><u>280,745</u></u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	37,078	16,172
VAT	10,301	9,828
Other taxation and social security	21,786	16,207
Other creditors	65,875	59,077
Accruals and deferred income	16,503	87,977
	<u>151,543</u>	<u>189,261</u>
	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	66,044	46,427
Resources deferred during the year	-	66,044
Amounts released from previous periods	(66,044)	(46,427)
	<u>-</u>	<u>66,044</u>

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
New Development Investment & Efficiencies	67,615	30,000	(23,367)	74,248
Keep People Connected	24,359	6,261	-	30,620
	<u>91,974</u>	<u>36,261</u>	<u>(23,367)</u>	<u>104,868</u>
General funds				
General Fund	379,873	1,529,471	(1,417,385)	491,959
	<u>471,847</u>	<u>1,565,732</u>	<u>(1,440,752)</u>	<u>596,827</u>
Total Unrestricted funds				

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Skills for Care	-	43,869	(43,515)	354
Accessible Energy Support	-	17,093	(24,039)	(6,946)
Darlington Connect - Cost of Living	25,000	20,520	(35,142)	10,378
D'Ton Connect Social Prescribing	-	18,370	(12,913)	5,457
Getting Connected-Keeping Connected	-	6,078	(6,078)	-
CDCF Short Breaks	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Volunteering for Health	-	15,833	(13,169)	2,664
Household Support	-	7,169	(7,169)	-
Smart Energy	-	14,960	(14,960)	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Chyps	-	58,822	(29,887)	28,935
Travelling with Confidence - Motability	-	60,539	-	60,539
Learning Impairment Network	-	3,261	(2,597)	664
Advocacy Awareness	-	27,999	(7,636)	20,363
Henry Smith	-	75,612	(62,868)	12,744
Oliver McGowen	-	129,790	(87,378)	42,412
Other	-	(954)	954	-
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>503,961</u>	<u>(351,397)</u>	<u>177,564</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>496,847</u></u>	<u><u>2,069,693</u></u>	<u><u>(1,792,149)</u></u>	<u><u>774,391</u></u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
New Development Investment & Efficiencies	69,354	-	(1,739)	67,615
Keep People Connected	26,831	-	(2,472)	24,359
	<u>96,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,211)</u>	<u>91,974</u>
General funds				
General Fund	<u>333,042</u>	<u>1,286,680</u>	<u>(1,239,849)</u>	<u>379,873</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>429,227</u>	<u>1,286,680</u>	<u>(1,244,060)</u>	<u>471,847</u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds

Children in Need	2,501	2,510	(5,011)	-
Skills for Care	-	14,110	(14,110)	-
Accessible Energy Support	-	6,110	(6,110)	-
Darlington Connect - Cost of Living	-	25,000	-	25,000
D'Ton Connect Social Prescribing	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Getting Connected-Keeping Connected	-	2,922	(2,922)	-
CDCF Short Breaks	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Volunteering for Health	-	(809)	809	-
Household Support	-	29,030	(29,030)	-
Smart Energy	-	2,521	(2,521)	-
National Lottery Community Fund - Chyps	-	12,935	(12,935)	-
Tackling Loneliness Comm Trans	-	8,022	(8,022)	-
Learning Impairment Network	-	3,027	(3,027)	-
Skills for care 22/23	-	4,551	(4,551)	-
Advocacy Awareness	-	22,859	(22,859)	-
Henry Smith	-	54,408	(54,408)	-
CDCF Poverty Hurts	-	10,266	(10,266)	-
Oliver McGowen	-	20,431	(20,431)	-
Other	-	2,157	(2,157)	-

2,501	228,050	(205,551)	25,000
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Total of funds	431,728	1,514,730	(1,449,611)	496,847
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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Movements on individual funds are shown above. The purpose of each fund is as follows:

General fund:

This fund meets all the general operating costs of the charity. Transfer are made from the general fund to restricted funds to cover subsidies to particular projects as agreed by Trustees.

Designated funds:

New Development Investment & Efficiencies - software development including accounting systems, cyber and potential office move.

Keep People Connected - support people through the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

Restricted funds:

Skills for Care - support individual employers who use a personal budget and their PAs to access training.

Darlington Connect Cost of Living - support with the cost of living crisis.

Darlington Connect Social Prescribing - facilitating connections between the voluntary sector and social prescribers.

Household Support - individual support to people who need as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Learning Impairment Network - facilitating of Darlington Network.

Advocacy Awareness - grant to support organisations to work towards the equality marks.

Henry Smith - grant to support self advocacy for general issues.

Oliver McGowan - funding to provide Oliver McGowan training.

CDCF Short Breaks - funding short breaks for disabled people.

Getting Connected - Keeping Connected - support for disabled people to connect with, access and build relationships with services and activities to reduce isolation and loneliness, particularly those experiencing the longer-term impacts of Covid-19 restrictions.

Accessible Energy Support - to reduce and remove barriers faced by disabled people and carers to have equal access to understand the energy market and use energy saving measures.

Smart Energy - to ensure people without fundamental digital skills understand the benefits of smart meters.

National Lottery Community Fund - ChYPS - supporting young disabled people to have a voice and influence issues affecting them, promoting choice and control.

Volunteering for Health - to develop co-production with existing and potential volunteers (particularly those who experience barriers to volunteering) ensuring that volunteer voice is at the heart of the partnership.

Travelling with Confidence (Motability) - to provide travel training for adults with learning disabilities.

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17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated funds	91,974	36,261	(23,367)	104,868
General funds	379,873	1,529,471	(1,417,385)	491,959
Restricted funds	25,000	503,961	(351,397)	177,564
	<u>496,847</u>	<u>2,069,693</u>	<u>(1,792,149)</u>	<u>774,391</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	96,185	-	(4,211)	91,974
General funds	333,042	1,286,680	(1,239,849)	379,873
Restricted funds	2,501	228,050	(205,551)	25,000
	<u>431,728</u>	<u>1,514,730</u>	<u>(1,449,611)</u>	<u>496,847</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	19,579	-	19,579
Current assets	728,791	177,564	906,355
Creditors due within one year	(151,543)	-	(151,543)
Total	<u>596,827</u>	<u>177,564</u>	<u>774,391</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Current assets	661,108	25,000	686,108
Creditors due within one year	(189,261)	-	(189,261)
Total	<u><u>471,847</u></u>	<u><u>25,000</u></u>	<u><u>496,847</u></u>

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<u>277,544</u>	<u>65,119</u>
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,916	2,069
Interest received	(10,728)	(2,433)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	4,374	(53,671)
Decrease in creditors	(36,681)	(55,201)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	<u><u>238,425</u></u>	<u><u>(44,117)</u></u>

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	<u>631,021</u>	<u>405,363</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>631,021</u></u>	<u><u>405,363</u></u>

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	405,363	225,658	631,021
	<u>405,363</u>	<u>225,658</u>	<u>631,021</u>

22. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	43,470	1,312
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	57,448	780
	<u>100,918</u>	<u>2,092</u>

23. Related party transactions

During the year, the Charity generated income of £1,015 from Cafe JJ, a charity in which J Hutchinson is a Trustee.

The Charity also generated income of £8,001 and incurred purchases of £2,500 during the year from Bridge Creative, a charity in which L Tinkler is a related party. The trade debtor balance at year end was £736.

During the year, the Charity generated income of £288 and incurred purchases of £2,500 from The Wishing Well (Gateway) Club, a charity in which the Deputy CEO is chair. The trade debtor balance at year end was £216.

L Tinkler, CEO, incurred expenses of £838 during the year, of which £228 was outstanding at year end, included within trade creditors.