



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the
Financial Year ended 31st March 2022

Charity Registration Number 1129601

**DEAF ACTIVE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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DEAF ACTIVE CHARITY INFORMATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Charity Name

Deaf Active

Registered Charity Number

1129601

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**DEAF ACTIVE
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the fund's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and the '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)'.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Deaf Active is a non-profit association and is controlled by its governing document, a written constitution adopted on 1 April 2008 as amended on 21 September 2012.

Organisational Structure

Deaf Active is a registered charity with The Charity Commission, Charity Number 1129601. It is managed by a Committee of trustees who regularly meet.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trustees are aware of the need to strengthen the committee and are looking to appoint new trustees.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

When planning and programming activities for the local residents the Trustees of Deaf Active are mindful of the Charity Commission's guidelines on Public Benefit.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objects of the charity are to advance in life and relieve the needs of deaf children, young people, children of deaf adults, hearing family members, friends and peers.

These objects are met through the provision of the following activities:

- (a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
- (b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
- (c) To help children and young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
- (d) To act as a resource for children and young people up to the age of 19 living in Merseyside by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities.
- (e) Advancing in life and helping children and young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society in independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- (f) Advancing education;
- (g) Relieving unemployment;
- (h) Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

We helped

6800

People through
our service

We worked with

23 Volunteers

Volunteers who donated

560 hours

To help us deliver our services

1200

Children & Young People

Accessed to youth and play services

Taught sign language
to over

2500

In primary school

We provided work
placements for

8 Students

Which contributed just over

900 hours



Our Mission

We are here to make a positive difference to the people we support, promote, and advance the lives of Deaf and Hearing people by providing innovative services that empower people to control their own lives.

Our specialist service areas include Play & Youth Service, Volunteering, British Sign Language Training and Coaching, Residential Activities, Language Coaching, Sports Coaching, Personal Training and Providing Health and Wellbeing activities. Our work is funded through fees from local authority contracts, grants, individual funders and fundraising activities.

Review of Activities

The objectives of the charity as set out in the Constitution are to Support, Promote and Enhance the Lives of Deaf and Hearing people.

The Trustees of and those therein employed with Deaf Active aim to reduce social and cultural isolation faced by deaf people and are committed to delivering high levels of participation by way of reversed integration and provide fully inclusive service provision throughout all its activities.

Over the past year, we have concentrated on moving forward with our strategy and vision, which includes;

- Continuing our great services and meeting the needs of the community, listening to what they want, holding steering groups and giving them the access and encourage them to have their say.
- Submit several funding bids to ensure the charity becomes more resilient, this will include partnering with other organisations that share the same ethos.
- Continue to strengthen our business arm to help generate income to sustain our services so we are not solely reliable on funding.

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- Offer ongoing training to our staff to ensure our service users receive consistently high-quality support.
- Identifying new partnerships and relationships that allow us to seek new contract work and new modes of working, in collaboration with other third sector organisations
- Provide support packages for young Deaf people by way of Deaf Educational intervenors and Support staff
- Generating additional income that may provide us with opportunities to employ further staff and fill gaps in services
- Raising our profile

We continue to deliver our HANDS project, teaching sign language in schools, and we teach over 2500 primary aged children British Sign Language (although this year we focused on reception aged children), and we remain overwhelmed with the amount of interest and demand this project attracts. Each School showcases their newly developed skills as part of the project. This was delivered in its early stages of this financial year as an on-line digital project and as things returned to normal post-pandemic we were able to once again offer this project face-to-face services.



Deaf Active's accredited training provision has gone from strength to strength, and we are over-subscribed for each course that we provide. Students attending the course have received excellent results and we continue to build on these services by providing a Level 2 qualification and by making in-roads into developing our Level 3 qualification. We have also delivered successful tailor-made Deaf Awareness days to local organisations, retail, education, and public sector. These days have led to interest in the Tailor-made courses we have on offer.

We have continued our partnership with Liverpool City Council Play and Youth service providing an inclusive service for both Deaf and hearing children throughout the City of Liverpool and with additional funding allocated from Children In Need we were able to entertain over 850 children and young people, once again this service has been a great success.

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Deaf Active continues to grow and develop and our iPhone and Android App BSL Hands One and Hands Two apps go from strength to strength with some superb feedback from users. We have contacted a local provider to work with us to develop our website and we are excited to work in partnership with such a well-established organisation and see how our website helps us advertise and raise the profile of our charity and share the ongoing successes.

We have been lucky enough to have been given exposure in both local and national media that has allowed us to gain a little momentum and provide support and guidance to other Deaf organisations who wish to provide similar services. Deaf Active aims to provide similar services next year with a little more support in areas such as training and employment awareness. Having received funding from The Henry Smith Foundation allowed us to provide essential support to up to 30 young Deaf people assisting them through the transitional periods from education to employment and ensuring they have the skill set and knowledge to support them in becoming more 'work ready'



Progress Report

This year has shown a tremendous amount of growth and progress. Deaf Active, through the concept of reverse integration and total communication, have provided a series of activities that allowed both Deaf and hearing children and young people to have full access to inclusive activities and as a result have improved physical and mental health. We continue to grow from strength to strength every year and this year has been no exception. Through delivery of our services we have once again been able to far exceed our targets relating to our projected outcomes. The team continue to work hard to improve delivery, operationally and structurally. Although we constantly review, monitor and evaluate to help us improve our outcomes and goals we are extremely pleased in the direction we are heading.

Sign Language

This element of the project is delivered in a fun, unique, and interactive way and includes awareness raising for hearing people as to how to best communicate in a culturally appropriate way with Deaf people. Participants are being introduced to a particular skill set that sets them on a steady path to their goal in becoming bi-lingual, which in turn supports the project's/charity's efforts to reduce cultural barriers locally.

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During the past 12 months we have taught in over 60 schools allowing 2500 children and young people to develop a new skill set. In addition to this projected outcome Deaf Active delivered Deaf Awareness workshops which saw over 200 adults from various professions/organisations (retail, local council, community groups, training professions and other organisations) to come together to participate, engage, understand and meet the needs of the Deaf community leading to reduced isolation.

Feedback from events such as this was nothing but positive with organisations wanting us to engage more often with them in order to improve inclusive service practice and become more Deaf Aware. This positive feedback has provided us with the confidence, drive, and connections to move forward with additional partners with our goal to deliver workshops and training on a grander scale. Organisations continually contact us asking us to either provide half day, full day workshops and many are keen on our tailor-made sign language. Due to time and costing constraints this allows organisations to learn sign language more specific to their organisation in a more realistic and achievable way.

We are supporters of Deaf Awareness week and this gave us the opportunity to showcase the work we deliver in schools. Although this was on the whole a digital presence the impact nevertheless was just as remarkable.

“Wow! What a fantastic performance this afternoon by Reception! Thanks to all the adults who came to watch the show! Thank you @BSL Hands Adam and Lauren for all your hard work teaching us over the past 9 weeks!”

“It was great to see our friends from @BSL Hands in school today. Top quality teaching from top quality staff. Children quickly picked up the sign language taught today”

“Today in our sign language lesson we have been learning about weather and seasons, we even put it together in a whole sentence”

Youth & Play Service & Activities

Our youth club setting provides Deaf and Hearing Children and Young People with access to a variety of activities and projects. We offered football coaching, Zumba, sign language, arts and crafts, cooking, film club, homework club, project specific activities and free time. Having this service enables young people to develop their social and emotional needs and allows our experienced team to work with them to facilitate their personal, social and educational development. Confidence and independence continue to grow and develop due to having access to such a diverse group of activities, with focus on reducing isolation and encouraging social interaction.

Deaf Active remains resolute in using the method of reversed integration within every aspect of its service provision and it is to this end that sign language is being promoted and learnt as a developing skill set with it being showcased and promoted at events and social gatherings. Children and young people particularly enjoy this element of the project as they can showcase the passion they have for the language and the inclusivity of the project.

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Children and young people performed at various events and setting such as Dee Street Media's 'Peace Out' campaign and Hope University Art College's 'The Big Scene Art Challenge'

This raised immediate Deaf Awareness and communicated to the public the importance of learning a second language and ensuring Deaf people are accepted by the wider community and the ease in which this can be done. Children and Young people had a lot of fun with the concept of raising awareness by creating their own game shows for the public to take part in i.e. lip-reading games, as well as performing their own sign language skills through song.

Children and young people have been involved in countless projects throughout the year, one of which was a project working with our 2 profoundly Deaf Dance coaches to deliver a series of workshops culminating in a showcase which was filmed and disseminated on social media.



Other projects children and young people have participated in include themed events; Halloween, Bonfire, Christmas, Mothers/Fathers/Carers Day, Easter, St Patricks Day, St Davids Day, St Georges Day, Life Skills and Take the Lead but to name a few. These are just a few of the themed days and projects C&YP have been supported to engage and participate in.

Deaf Children and young people have been extremely supportive in terms of raising money for the charity and took it upon themselves to fund raise for equipment by participating in a mount walk in Wales. We were extremely proud of their commitment to their project and feel overwhelmed at their passion and sense of belonging.

This, and other heart felt successes, is a result of members of our older youth club coming together every Thursday and really facilitating their own projects,

Feedback indicates that our activities have such a positive impact on their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

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We have built fantastic relationships with the parents/carers of the children and young people and enjoy positive feedback on an almost daily basis. We ensure there is clear, open and honest communication with parents/carers ensuring they can be as equally honest and open with us when sharing any concerns or comments about our services, offering feedback in a number of ways to help support this: feedback form, comments box, face to face.

In terms of participation in activities, we have been overwhelmed with the number of children who have chosen Deaf Active as their preferred provider.



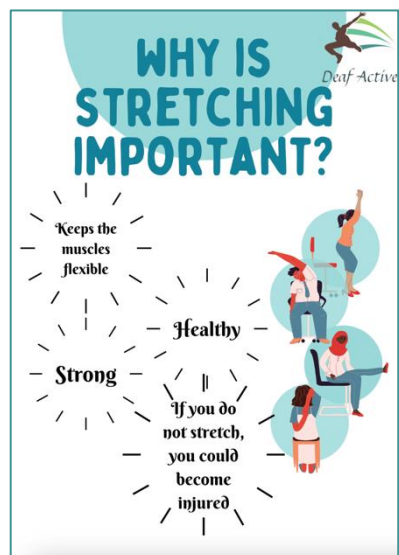
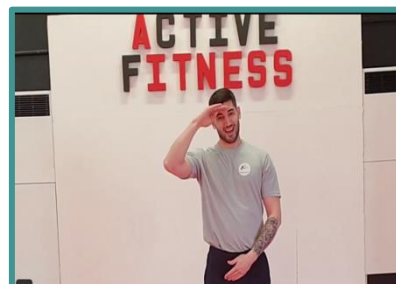
CAFT

We have worked closely with CAFT (Childrens Adventure Farm Trust) who have provided us with residentials and day trips for the children, and with a small cost associated with attending, children and young people fund raised their own money to cover the cost. This took the form of cake sales, sponsored runs, name the teddy and raffles. This residential allowed us the chance to take a group of 15 children and young people who wouldn't necessarily have a holiday this year and participate in some creative and engaging activities. This is a much loved partnership and we will work hard to establish this as a staple part of Deaf Active services.

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Deaf Active Hub

The Hub was a huge success and a great way of ensuring that we maintained meaningful contact with Deaf children and Young People through the pandemic. Although there is less of a reliance upon the Hub it was deemed an essential service and therefore, we made the decision to continue this digital presence. There remain high levels of engagements and the Hub provides a great opportunity for our volunteers to participate in profound and practical provision.



Organisations and Stakeholders

Over this past year we have from strength to strength focusing on building our profile, networking, and building relationships with organisations and stakeholders. We continue to hold a great reputation with the schools across Merseyside and are extremely proud of the achievements and outcomes derived from the project.

We have successfully hosted our own event this year during Deaf Awareness week as previously mentioned, but also continued to support other organisations and attend their events giving us the scope to talk about our project.

Training

Over the last year our team and those around us have been lucky enough to have received a whole series of training including Paediatric 1st Aid, Online Safeguarding, Level 6 Sign Language, Deaf Intervener Training, Defibrillator Training, Level 3 Education & Training.

Deaf young people themselves participated in a 12-week training programme with the National Deaf Children's Society along with other Deaf-led organisation and charities. This was a great way of ensuring the charity stays on path of being young person directed and Deaf led.



Volunteers

Whilst there was a drop in volunteering opportunities this year, this did not mean that the support they provided was any less important. In fact, a successful bid to the Henry Smith Foundation has enabled Deaf Active to continue to provide 10 Deaf young people with a package of training and support developing new skill set and have that skill set support us in progressing through a number of projects.

Case Study

FK has been attending for around 2 years now. When she arrived she had just been removed from mainstream school and placed in a school for children who require additional support. This was because FK was quite disruptive and struggled with socialising. She displayed the same characteristics at Deaf Active and was involved in several incidents of bullying. During lockdown we continued to support FK via zoom and even started her on a British Sign Language Level 1 qualification. Since lockdown FK has returned to our Youth club and attended playscheme for 3 weeks throughout the summer. FK would be considered unrecognisable in comparison to the child we saw just last year. She is very helpful and polite towards staff. She became a role model for the younger children during playscheme and assisted them when they needed help. She is also assisting Deaf staff in communication and using her BSL knowledge to communicate independently. She would previously spend her time in the company of staff and become fixated on certain members. She is now socialising with children and participating in activities without this reliance.

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DD attended playscheme over the 4 weeks of playscheme. He has autism, ADHD, Attachment disorder and hyper mobility. Upon arrival at Deaf Active DD was clearly very confident and had no issues with adapting to the new surroundings. DD struggled with listening to instructions and following basic rules. He also refused to participate in any new activity. Staff at Deaf Active spent time with DD and learned about his interests and struggles. With staff having training and experience around these disorders we were able to adapt sessions to meet DD's needs whilst using compromise. This meant that DD would participate in new games and activities without his brother who he heavily relied on at the start. He became used to the routine and showed great improvement by the end of the 4 weeks. We also received feedback from parents about the improvement on his behaviour at home. He showed less aggression towards siblings and parents and listened better.

The BSL ACT 2022

This has been a long time coming and it is hoped that we will finally have an piece of legislation that we can be proud of and that will create greater recognition and understanding of BSL, and inclusion and equality for BSL users by:

- Legally recognising BSL as a language for England, Wales, and Scotland.
- Requiring government departments to report on how they are promoting and facilitating the use of BSL.
- Providing guidance to government departments and public bodies on how to meet the needs of people who use BSL as their first or preferred language.



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The timeline is extremely important for our charity to recognise along with all the hard work of everyone in moving this along, including ourselves supporting this by attending a rally in Trafalgar Square.

- 18 March 2003: UK Government first formally recognised BSL as a language. It also promised to investigate a legal status for BSL.
- 18 May 2021: BDA launched the BSL Act Now! campaign with support from across the sector.
- 16 June 2021: The BSL Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by the Labour MP, Rosie Cooper. Rosie is a Child of Deaf Adults (CODA) herself, considers BSL her first language, and is well placed to understand the barriers that BSL users face.
- 18 March 2022: An estimated 3,000 to 5,000 people attended a rally in Trafalgar Square, London, and the Bill completed its passage through the House of Commons unopposed.

Deaf Active are keen to continue working with the other organisations involved in the campaign to ensure the Government meets their commitments if the Bill officially becomes an Act. This includes:

- Establishing a non-statutory Advisory Board where representatives of the Deaf community can advise public services
- Increasing the number of registered interpreters
- Improving Access to Work provision for claimants and employers.

These are exciting times ahead for Deaf people and we are excited for the future and what this means for the Deaf community.

Henry Smith

We were able to attract funding from the Henry Smith Foundation to support Deaf young people aged 18 – 25. Funding helped us to employ two part-time staff members (A Project Co-ordinator and a Language Coach) and allowed us to provide an inclusive programme of activities that will see 10 young people per annum (30 young people over the duration of 3 years) to participate in accredited qualification and non-accredited courses; provide practical work based learning and work with a multi-disciplinary team and communicate in a language and format appropriate to need.



This training and practical knowledge then allowed young Deaf people to deliver practical sessions to over 2700 children and young people throughout the project. The project co-ordinator was on hand to manage the overall project and provide hands on support to the language coach in delivering a series of training and practical based sessions and the language coach is responsible for coaching the learners through an accredited Level 1 and Level 2 British Sign Language qualification, provide supervision to learners when delivering sessions in primary based settings and support the Project Co-Ordinator as and when required.

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Deaf young people participating in this project were involved in a structured work experience programme, ensuring improved transitions towards training, employment, and independent living. Participants will then assist in developing and delivering a range of support activities for Deaf children and their families. The project is extremely successful, and we are in the process of planning an awards evening.

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust

A successful bid to the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust allowed Deaf Active the exciting opportunity to employ a Deaf Personal Trainer who would work with the Deaf community to provide a series of one-to-one and small group fitness sessions. Sessions were delivered in the home, on a digital platform and face to face. This has been an extremely rewarding project with a high number of Deaf people getting involved from the very outset. There are very few charities who work with Deaf people who are able to boast such a project. The isolation Deaf people feel when accessing mainstream fitness sessions and fitness outlets is astonishing as they are unable to get benefit from the social element of a gym, always remaining excluded due to a lack of understanding and awareness from mainstream providers.

Deaf Active, through a native British Sign Language user, and qualified Personal Trainer, were able to break down these barriers and allow Deaf people to gain access and insight into the importance of health and wellbeing along with the practical element that secured the results they are looking for.



Reaching Communities & Tudor Trust

Deaf Active wants to ensure that every Deaf child has the same chances as their hearing peers in terms of access to information, activities, services and opportunities. We want to provide opportunities for Deaf children and young people so they are less socially and culturally isolated by providing them with access to activities and services led by Deaf role models; bringing together Deaf Children & Young People in an inclusive setting and into an environment that meets their language and cultural needs. The only time that Deaf children and young people (due to geographic disbursement) see each other is in an educational setting.

Thanks to this much needed funding we were able to secure employment of our team to provide a youth and play setting, after school activities and diversionary residential activities that will allow this cohort of Deaf people to socialise with other Deaf people, get involved in activities led by Deaf people using a native language approach, ensure access to information using a first language approach, ensure they are aware of their rights and entitlements, support them to identify future job roles and the types of skills and knowledge they need to achieve their goals.

The successful continuation funding we received from the lottery's Reaching Communities bid has provided us with an opportunity to continue the hard work of the charity and to continue to support Deaf children and young people for the next 4 years. Our original funding was cut by 40% but with a successful bid to the Tudor Trust we are delighted to be able to say that the next 4 years are looking really good and we are excited

Awards for All

A successful application to Awards For All has allowed Deaf Active to further enhance our play and youth service by providing experiential activities and a series of residential breaks to Deaf children and young people. This, along with a contribution towards a minibus, has allowed Deaf children and young people to experience activities they have been prevented from accessing due to obvious barriers such as communication, transportation and economic constraints.

The contribution towards a minibus has assisted us in placing a bid with the Steve Morgan Foundation with the result pending.



Steve Morgan Foundation

We have submitted an application to the Steve Morgan foundation for a Smiley minibus. Currently we are hiring a minibus when we need to pick up and drop off children and young people or take them on experiential activities. A minibus of our own would allow us to use these hire fees on other essential support.

John Moores Foundation

We have placed a bid into the John Moores Foundation to provide our children and young people with experiential activities throughout the year. This bid is pending but we hope to find out the result in early July.

Future Plans

The Deaf Active team have discussed, at length, ways in which we are able to promote and enhance services already being provided and how to derive an income from those services. The following services will generate an income:

HANDS – the very popular Hands project is embedded into the curriculum of a substantial amount of schools throughout Merseyside. In preparation for funding coming to an end for a service that has been delivered for free for many years, a consultation went ahead in order to identify which schools would be willing to pay for the service and at what price. Schools settled on a fee of £300 for 10 half hour sessions. This has the potential of generating 20-40K per annum.

Active Fitness – Active Fitness is another extremely popular service that is able to generate an income. Due to the COVID pandemic there has not been a full return to session so a decision was made to drop these sessions from 9 sessions per week to 3 sessions per week. In recent years Deaf Active was more reliant upon the income generated from classes, however, successful bids across the board has meant that we are able to be a little more flexible and concentrate on other projects. However, the 3 classes per week at £3 per session and Personal Training sessions that will be charged at £10 per half hour session will have the potential to generate an income of £5,000 per annum and early signs suggest that this is a conservative figure.

British Sign Language Level 1 & 2 - Great inroads have been made in terms of generating an income through teaching accredited sign language. The training of 2 other team members will allow this income to flourish and grow in future years with potential income of £22,500 per annum. Improved links with other 3rd Sector and Statutory organisations has made demand for these accredited courses high. Level 2 has not yet commenced but this is in the plans for the forthcoming year. A lot of the training for BSL Level 1 was provided through digital technology and whilst successful we were glad of the announcement that we could return to class-based learning, which had a significant impact on the uptake of people wanting to learn sign language.

Football Camp

The introduction of a new member of the team (Sports Coach) will allow us to make plans to begin football camps through the half term breaks. These will run along side our Discovery Camp play schemes and will provide Deaf Active with the opportunity to offer up more FREE places to Deaf and Hearing children.

Partnership/Work Bids

While we continue to work with the usual partners, we felt it was imperative, especially post-Covid and all the hard work we had done during the pandemic, in terms of building relations with other Deaf led charities, to build upon new relations.

Deaf Active traded services to build a great relationship with the 'Invisible Windmill Factory' in that we provided them with free Deaf Awareness training, and they provided us with free access to their roller rink. Deaf Active made the most of this by creating a family event, which saw more than 250 family members attend an evening of fun and engaging activities. This was a huge success, and we hope to build upon this relation in future years.

BBC Radio Merseyside also worked with Deaf Active to highlight the impact COVID-19 has had on the Deaf community. An informal conversation took place to establish both the positive and negative aspects of the pandemic and how it impacted Deaf people. This provided us with the opportunity to showcase our services and advertise our products. We hope to maintain a positive relationship with Radio Merseyside and hope to feature once again during Deaf Awareness Week or Sign Language Awareness Week.

Halloween provided us with the perfect opportunity to work with both The Deafness Resource Centre and Merseyside Society for Deaf People. We offered a series of family events that saw participants from all wards come together and enjoy culturally rich events and activities.

The success of building bridges meant that we were able to have discussions around submitting a bid to The Life Rooms. If successful this will allow us to up-scale our Fitness and Wellbeing sessions, provide a wider degree of support and a whole host of Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard or Hearing people throughout the wards of Liverpool.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

The Charity holds unrestricted funds for the purpose of supporting its charitable objectives and activities.

Where grant income and other incoming resources are received and designated for a specific project, restricted funds are created with incoming resources and resources expended in respect of that project being allocated to the fund.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

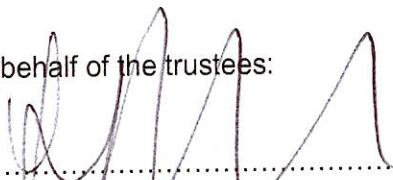
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give true and fair view of the fund's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing accounts giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the fund will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the fund and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the applicable law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the fund and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the trustees:


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Stacey Robinson – Trustee


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Date

DEAF ACTIVE
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF DEAF ACTIVE

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 17 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave 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.

Signed: Stephen Leonard

Date: 24-1-23

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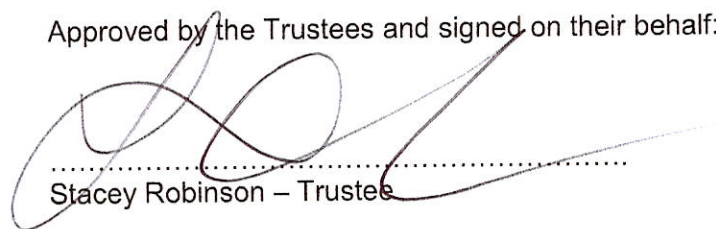
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	Note	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming & endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	6,989	-	6,989	42,836
Charitable activities	3	-	294,066	294,066	211,874
Other trading activities	4	30,405	-	30,405	19,043
Investments	5	-	-	-	-
Total income		37,394	294,066	331,460	273,753
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	17,974	258,877	276,851	179,650
Total expenditure		17,974	258,877	276,851	179,650
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers		19,420	35,189	54,609	94,103
Transfer between funds	13	-	-	-	-
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year		19,420	35,189	54,609	94,103
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		82,594	53,207	135,801	41,698
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		102,014	88,396	190,410	135,801

**DEAF ACTIVE
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**
Charity Number: 1129601

	Note	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	8,526	2,234	10,760	11,460
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	99,945	86,162	186,107	128,330
		<u>99,945</u>	<u>86,162</u>	<u>186,107</u>	<u>128,330</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,457)	-	(6,457)	(3,989)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>93,488</u>	<u>86,162</u>	<u>179,650</u>	<u>124,341</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>102,014</u>	<u>88,396</u>	<u>190,410</u>	<u>135,801</u>
FUNDS	13				
Unrestricted funds				102,014	82,594
Restricted funds				<u>88,396</u>	<u>53,207</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>190,410</u>	<u>135,801</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:


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Stacey Robinson – Trustee

24/01/2023
.....
Date

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the inclusion of investments at market value, and in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities' 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 accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity and monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Income

Incoming recognition

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

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resource.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure.

Governance Costs

These include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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Grants and Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specific service or output.

Grants payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity

Tangible fixed assets

All IT equipment, plant & machinery and fixtures & fittings with an original cost of less than £1,000 are written off in the year in which the expenditure was incurred.

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

Plant and machinery	- 15.0% on reducing balance
IT Equipment	- 33.3% on straight line

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.

Fund accounting

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

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities and is not registered for VAT.

DEAF ACTIVE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Note	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2 Donations and legacies				
Donations	6,989	-	6,989	42,836
	<u>6,989</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,989</u>	<u>42,836</u>
	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3 Charitable activities				
Liverpool Council	-	27,157	27,157	11,275
Priority Youth	-	3,500	3,500	12,250
Big Lottery	-	66,740	66,740	97,546
Awards for All	-	10,000	10,000	-
BBC Children in Need	-	46,655	46,655	20,663
Workers Education	-	7,419	7,419	-
Henry Smith	-	40,000	40,000	-
Tudor Trust	-	35,000	35,000	-
Postcode Neighbourhood	-	18,480	18,480	-
Support Service	-	39,115	39,115	-
Other Lottery funding	-	-	-	5,530
CAF	-	-	-	41,605
ESF	-	-	-	6,492
Liverpool Council Covid Grant	-	-	-	10,000
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	-	-	4,013
PH Holt	-	-	-	2,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>294,066</u>	<u>294,066</u>	<u>211,874</u>
	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
4 Activities for generating funds				
Class & sign language fees	30,405	-	30,405	19,043
	<u>30,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,405</u>	<u>19,043</u>
	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
5 Investments				
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

DEAF ACTIVE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Note	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
6 Resources Expended				
Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
Staffing Costs	-	198,785	198,785	152,538
Advertising & Marketing	-	-	-	47
Depreciation	2,766	394	3,160	2,372
Insurance	564	-	564	432
Office Equipment	6,427	-	6,427	1,962
Payroll Fees	-	662	662	662
Pension Fees	-	576	576	576
Rent & Rates	-	22,625	22,625	11,200
Repairs & Maintenance	278	-	278	807
Sign Language Fees	701	7,577	8,278	2,677
Sports Equipment	597	-	597	-
Staff Training	-	6,147	6,147	1,524
Sessional Workers	-	9,428	9,428	-
Telephone & Internet	1,186	-	1,186	1,356
Trips	-	2,869	2,869	447
Uniforms	-	1,008	1,008	617
Volunteer Expenses	-	8,806	8,806	-
Other	4,355	-	4,355	1,383
Governance Costs (see note 7)	1,100	-	1,100	1,050
	<u>17,974</u>	<u>258,877</u>	<u>276,851</u>	<u>179,650</u>
			2022	2021
7 Included in Governance costs			£	£
Independent examiner's fee			<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,050</u>
			<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,050</u>
8 Staff Costs and Employees			£	£
Wages and salaries			186,209	145,560
Social security costs			9,268	4,644
Pension			<u>3,308</u>	<u>2,334</u>
			<u>198,785</u>	<u>152,538</u>
No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year			2022	2021
The average number of employees during the year was :			10	11

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Note

9 Fixed Assets	Plant & Machinery		IT equipment	Total
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	
Cost				
At 1 April 2021	16,917	8,171	3,796	28,884
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	2,460	2,460
At 31 March 2022	<u>16,917</u>	<u>8,171</u>	<u>6,256</u>	<u>31,344</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2021	11,015	5,543	866	17,424
On Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	886	394	1,880	3,160
At 31 March 2022	<u>11,901</u>	<u>5,937</u>	<u>2,746</u>	<u>20,584</u>
Net Book Value				
At 31 March 2022	5,016	2,234	3,510	10,760
At 31 March 2021	5,902	2,628	2,930	11,460
10 Debtors			2022	2021
			£	£
Debtors			-	-
Prepayments			-	-
			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
11 Cash at bank and in hand			2022	2021
			£	£
Current Account			186,107	128,330
Cash in hand			-	-
			<u>186,107</u>	<u>128,330</u>
12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year			2022	2021
			£	£
Trade creditors			-	-
HMRC			4,425	2,773
Accruals			2,032	1,216
			<u>6,457</u>	<u>3,989</u>

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Note	Balance at				Balance at
13 Movement in Funds	31 March	Incoming	Resources	Transfers	31 March
	2021	Resources	Expended	In / (Out)	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Fund	82,594	37,394	(17,974)	-	102,014
Restricted Funds					
Inspired Facilities	2,628	-	(394)	-	2,234
Liverpool Council	935	27,157	(28,092)	-	-
Big Lottery	11,055	66,740	(65,052)	-	12,743
Awards for All	-	10,000	(2,500)	-	7,500
CAF	35,089	-	(35,089)	-	-
Priority Youth	3,500	-	(3,500)	-	-
Workers Education	-	7,419	(7,419)	-	-
Priority Youth	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
Henry Smith Foundation	-	40,000	(35,000)	-	5,000
Tudor Trust	-	35,000	(26,250)	-	8,750
Children In Need	-	46,655	(40,306)	-	6,349
Postcode Neighbourhood	-	18,480	(4,620)	-	13,860
Support Service	-	39,115	(7,155)	-	31,960
	53,207	294,066	(258,877)	-	88,396
Total Funds	135,801	331,460	(276,851)	-	190,410

14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021

15 Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021

16 Capital Commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 31 March 2022 (2021: None) either contracted for or authorised by the directors but not contracted for.