



Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for the  
Financial Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity Registration Number 1129601

**DEAF ACTIVE  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

**Charity Name**

Deaf Active

**Registered Charity Number**

1129601

**Registered Office**

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The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with 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

Babies, children,  
young people and  
adults through  
our service  
Support, promote and  
enhance their lives

We worked with

**22 Volunteers**

Volunteers who donated

**8250 hours**

To help us deliver our services

**905**

**Children & Young People**

Accessed youth and play services  
5097 attendances throughout the

Taught sign language

to over **2798**  
children and young  
people

We provided work  
placements for

**20 people**

Which contributed to over

**5160 hours**

**3700**

Accessed Deaf Awareness training,  
sign language courses.

**16,600**

Accessed our online resources  
including social media, and website.

Reaching **33,000**

**13,884**

**Attendances for Active Fitness  
sessions**



## **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.

### **Progress:**

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 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.

There has been a remarkable amount of progress this year. The team have made great progress this year in raising the profile of Deaf Active and strengthening the position of the charity within the community. We have welcomed more children and young people into the centre and supporting families. We have visited a number of mainstream secondary schools throughout the year and delivered impactful pitches to more than 2,000 pupils and teaching staff, sharing information about our services. These efforts have had a profound effect on promoting our play and youth services, solidifying our position and readiness to achieve our objectives as we continue in 2025. We worked with 'Clear Channel', a global advertising company who supported us in broadcasting a nation wide message encouraging people to learn sign language significantly amplifying our reach and mission. Additionally, we continued to work closely with several primary schools, Liverpool City Council, our valued partners at Merseyside Society for Deaf People (MSDP) and the Deafness Resource Centre (DRC), further embedding ourselves in the community.

Success with local funders and establishing new partnerships with local businesses has meant we have been able to offer more than our already busy schedule and has included family events, trips, and new experiences that have brought immense joy and value to the community.

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Following a 10-week course with PilotLight, supported by a dedicated team of Barclays employees, not only have we been able to gain a deeper insight into Deaf Active, we have been set on track to change the charities status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). With the support of our trustees at the annual general meeting, we have already begun taking steps to achieve this transformation, with plans to complete the process during 2025.

Our volunteers have been exceptional, exceeding all expectations in their dedication and efforts to the charity and more so to the community. Fitness and wellbeing sessions have brought together a tight knitted community who are advocating for others alike to get involved. By focusing on upskilling and self-improvement they have enhanced their ability to uplift those around them achieving a sense of belonging which has been somewhat of a struggle in the past. The volunteers have had the opportunity to shadow and experience a wide range of job roles, helping to bridge the previously drastic gap in the transition from education to work life.

The remarkable improvement in confidence and self esteem of the children, young people, adults, staff members and those around has been the highlight of the year. This positive change has empowered individuals to engage more actively, contribute meaningfully and has created a supportive and encouraging environment for all to thrive. Their progress has been evident in their eagerness to take on challenges with enthusiasm and resilience, improved communication amongst each other, which has supported their ability to establish and sustain stronger relationships. This collective progress has significantly improved the overall atmosphere, creating a ripple effect of positivity and growth for everyone involved.

Deaf Active has persisted in maintaining close ties with the community to make sure that needs can be both identified and met. We kept offering children, youth, and parents/carers regular steering groups so they could directly contribute to the way our activities were carried out. In terms of the expected results, we have been able to significantly surpass our goals by providing our services. The group is still working very hard to enhance delivery from an operational and structural standpoint. To help us achieve our objectives and improve our results, we review, monitor, and evaluate continuously. We are very happy with the direction we are going.

Our partnerships with Merseyside Society for Deaf People and the Deafness Resource Centre remain strong, and we have a well-established line of communication between the three organisation's. We also continue to work with the Liverpool City-wide youth consortium, who are always a huge supporter that allows our Deaf and hearing young people to have a voice within the council.

The team has been successful both professionally and personally this year and has ended the year with some amazing achievements. Several of the team members gained their level 3 youth work qualification. The staff achieved their Level 3 in Education and Training qualification and 2 of these achieved the assessor's qualification which supports with the delivery and set up of our Deaf Active Academy. 3 of our coaches achieved their FA Football coaching qualification and we are looking at the the next level for our coaches to

As a team, they have gone from strength to strength, continuously supporting each other along the way.

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Over the past year, we have concentrated on delivering our services face to face and continue to move forward with our strategy and vision of our digital platform:

These included;

- Continuing to deliver 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.
- Deaf Active placed applications for The Masonic Fund, The Talent Fund, Community Foundation, P H Holt, West Derby Wastelands, LCVS, VOLA. These funds will support our play and youth service and allowing us provide trips, and resources at the centre, also support us during a transition of funding coming to an end. Having additional funding for engaging activities allows us to provide activities that they would otherwise be unable to afford.
- An important achievement during the year was taking dedicated time as a team to reflect on individual skill sets and carry out a SWOT analysis of both ourselves and the charity. This was achieved through a focused team away day, strengthening our understanding and ways of working together.
- Continue to build a business arm to help generate income to sustain our services so we are not solely reliable on funding.
- 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
- Investment in our primary coaching package in the education environment and also our pre-school Sign & Play model.
- Investment in our website and other digital platforms used.
- Generating more income enabling us to sustain the employment of the team of staff.
- Raising our profile and networking opportunities.
- Applications for small grants to support other service.
- Raising Deaf Awareness. Liaising with organisations to ensure they have an understanding of Deafness and how to ensure their services and organisation is accessible.
- Fitness and wellbeing sessions are delivered throughout the week to support the community and give them access to fitness coaches and personal trainers for guidance. Wellbeing at Work: introducing at our workplace and encouraging other organisations to set aside 20 minutes each day for exercise or a wellbeing check in.
- From listening to our community they shared the want for more family events. Us along with the community continued with the community events throughout the year. These included: Football trounaments, Roller Discos, Festival, Alton Towers, Arena experiences.
- Supporting organisations to ensure they are accessible: including The ACC Liverpool arena, CO-OP Manchester, The Invisible Wind Factory, and more offering Deaf Awareness and BSL courses.



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- We continue to deliver our HANDS project, teaching sign language in schools, and we teach over 1200 primary aged children British Sign Language, and we remain overwhelmed with the amount of interest and demand this project attracts.
- Our Sign and Play service grows from strength to strength teaching sign language to early years which is supporting them with their language development. Further development of the Deaf Active Academy is providing Sign Language to Secondary Schools and businesses and organisations.
- Employability and Training project is making such a positive impact on Deaf young people's lives. Being able to access Deaf Active to train and improve their skill set is proven to be a huge success. These beneficiaries support the charities growth and opportunity to support more young people within the community. The young people from the Stepping Stones project are inspirational and fantastic role models for the younger generation. Being successful with a grant from The Henry Smith Foundation allows us to support Deaf young people within employment and training for a further 3 years.

## **Sign Language**

Our Sign Language sessions continue to be extremely popular and in high demand. Deaf Active Academy continues to develop this service and with the success of The Henry Smith Foundation Grant we have been able to take action in preparing young people for the roles of becoming BSL tutors. Funding from Birkdale Hearing Trust allowed us to train young people Level 3 in BSL so that their language and communication skills are to a high standard. This qualification is not available to Deaf people during mainstream education, therefore this qualification will support them to go on and achieve their teaching qualification and have more Deaf people with the correct skill set teaching Sign Language.

Deaf Active have had the pleasure of working with Everton Football Player this year, Tim Iroegbunam, a CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) who attended our youth club and football sessions to work with the children on their football skills and highlight the importance of communication in football. He spent some time with the children of Deaf Active who are also CODAs and discussed and compared their experiences growing up with Deaf parents.

Thanks to BBC Sport we were able to raise this awareness and this will help break down barriers and build an understanding of the community. Having someone with the same shared experience as other CODA's was inspiring for the children and young people. Tim and his brother Hugo spoke with the children and sharing those experiences resulted in a boost in confidence and encouraged their aspirations. We believe this will have long term benefits for Deaf Active as this experience aligns with Deaf Active's mission of promoting inclusion and breaking down barriers.

This was aired on BBC Sport in September. Please see the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/videos/c4g9dr5r1xlo>

The 'Hands' project continued to deliver BSL across primary schools in Merseyside. The sessions are much loved and we continue to be inundated with requests, exceeding our goals set out at the start of the year. This year seen 1698 children in primary school be taught BSL. Our accredited adult courses, levels 1 - 3 are extremely busy and continue to book up quickly. As well as our children's sign language sessions which are still continuing weekly. The children are using their signs within the clubs to communicate with their peers and staff members. From this project, we had teachers enquire about enrolling on our BSL course.

Our Stepping Stones project had us teaching early years, secondary school pupils and businesses and organisations. Deaf Active wanted to take the opportunity of Deaf Awareness week to spread the word and encourage people to learn even the basics in BSL. We created a short dictionary of signs on our website and a 10 second advert with a QR code to guide people to the page. Understanding the limitations of our own approach, young people suggested contacting advertising companies for support in reaching a larger target audience. We were thrilled to hear back from Clear Channel who agreed to share the 10 second clip on 119 screens in shopping centres and on public transport across the UK for the full week. We received fantastic support from across the UK during this campaign. Many people took pictures of our advert and tagged us on social media, which helps to raise our profile. We also know that 129 people used the QR code and accessed the information in this week alone. To further extend the impact, some of our team including young volunteers visited Alder Hey Hospital to support the audiology department.

**TAKE A LOOK AT THE TABLE BELOW. 1500 CHILDREN RESPONDED TO OUR QUESTION BY SAYING:**

	Yes	No	Not Really
I Enjoyed The Session	99.45%	0.49%	0.06%
I understand more about Deaf people now	99.45%	0.49%	0.06%
It Made Me Feel More Confident When I Meet Someone Who Is Deaf	99.45%	0.49%	0.06%
I Would Like To Learn More Sign Language In School	99.32%	0.62%	0.06%
I Would Like To Do This Again With My Family	99.32%	0.62%	0.06%

## **Pride of Deaf Active**

We delivered our third large-scale engagement event at the Devonshire Hotel, with attendance exceeding 100 participants. The event was delivered through the Henry Smith Project and brought together 30 partner organisations providing specialist advice, guidance, and signposting.

The event played a critical role in ensuring participants had direct access to accurate information, opportunities to ask questions, and one-to-one engagement with professionals across a range of sectors. This approach supports informed decision-making and reduces barriers to accessing appropriate services.

The event also served as a key milestone in recognising and celebrating the progress of the young people involved, highlighting the distance travelled, skills developed, and individual achievements. This reinforced confidence, motivation, and engagement with next steps.

## **The Hub:**

Our online content continues to develop and the team from Stepping Stones create fantastic resources for those wanting to learn sign language and interact with fun activities and games. Our volunteers play a big part in this service and keep the Hub update with information and ensuring that Deaf people are having the same access as hearing peers.

## **Play & Youth Service**

Our play & youth service have had a busy year maintaining all of the amazing afterschool activities, sports clubs, youth and holiday clubs we have all year round. Weekly sessions of football, BSL, dance and boxing are showing positive results for the children and young people involved. Aside from this the children decided to plan and host monthly events to encourage other children to get involved. These events include; UV parties, pyjama parties, and with thanks to 'Awesome Liverpool' for donating £500 we were able to purchase a foam machine and have a summer foam party. All of the events have been jam packed and brought in new faces.



The team have also visited several local secondary schools and engaged with hundreds of young people to encourage them to get involved with everything we have to offer. This was hugely successful and saw numbers increase to 30+ children an evening. We were also thrilled to be granted £10,000 from 'The Talent Fund' and P H Holt and The Masonic Foundation supporting the play & youth service ensuring that we could continue our services when other main funds came to an end. This has helped strengthen the charity. This also allowed us to have more sessional staff to meet the high demand.

We have been lucky enough to offer several trips to places such as Manley Mere, bowling, several theatre shows, The Children's Adventure Farm Trust, a VIP experience to Disney on Ice with the M&S Bank Arena and attended the Everton vs Liverpool Women's football match.



Deaf Active have maintained close ties with several organisations this year including, Deafness Resource Centre, Merseyside Society for Deaf People, 20 Stories High, Priority Youth and Liverpool City Council. 20 Stories High have supported our children and young people in a variety of workshops where they looked at their identity, expression, and confidence. This resulted in the children and young people performing a mixture of dance and BSL for the opening of 'The Nova Effect: 2124' at Unity Theatre Liverpool. They also performed this at 'The Pride of Deaf Active' in front of their peers and families.



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Four of our young people participated in “New Chapter” which addressed challenges faced by young Deaf, Disabled and neurodivergent individuals. During this workshop it was discovered that many art spaces were failing them. The group shared thoughts, ideas, and provocations to develop a practical step-by-step guide aimed at helping the arts organisations and venues take significant strides towards making the arts more accessible for young audiences, participants, and artists. Working in partnership with 20 Stories high and alongside their young artists and activists has given our young people the opportunity to share their stories and experiences and be able to challenge old rules.

Our young people expressed that “not one size fits all” and appreciated that everyone has their own views and experiences, and it was only right that they represented the community. Before participating in New Chapter Workshop they set up a group forum, and also made this accessible through an online platform so if anyone wanted to share anonymously they could. They then shared this feedback during the “New Chapter” workshop. The access manifesto was created by 20 Stories High, and together with our young people want to create a world where young people, regardless of their abilities, can enjoy and participate in the arts.



Speaking with the children and young people during a focus group, it was said that they hoped for new equipment to broaden our activities further. They specifically wanted more sports equipment and there were several requests for a PlayStation 5. Following this discussion we were able to source and secure funds from Barclays for the sum of £1,000 towards sports equipment and £411 from ‘ASDA Under 18s Better Starts grant’ to purchase a new PlayStation 5. Of course the children were delighted with the new equipment and have been using it daily since.



The Holiday activities and foods (HAF) programme have continued to support us in providing a variety of free healthy lunches to children and young people in need during our Discovery

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Sports Camp and Football club in the school holidays. Our multi-sports camp gave the opportunity for children and young people to participate in camp where they would learn different skills and techniques within a variety of sports. We have welcomed old and new faces each half term and through regular conversation, have continued to engage with parents and caregivers to ensure we are meeting the needs of those in the area.

***WHAT DIFFERENCE DO YOU THINK IT HAS MADE TO YOUR CHILD/REN IF THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH DEAF ACTIVE IN THE PAST YEAR?***

	Yes	No	I don't know	I don't use ths
Fitter/healthier since getting involved with the sports here	85.19%	1.85%	7.41%	5.56%
Happier since coming along and joining in	100%	0%	0%	0%
Better/able to communicate their feelings more with me/us	87.04%	1.85%	9.26%	1.85%
We are getting on better since they got involved here	79.63%	5.56%	11.11%	3.70%
Holiday club helps us get through the school breaks	81.48%	5.56%	5.56%	7.41%
More self confidence	96.30%	0%	3.70%	0%
Better/able to cope at school	68.52%	5.56%	22.22%	3.70%
Have made friends/mates here	100%	0%	0%	0%
The sessions give me/us a break	90.74%	7.41%	1.85%	0%

"Deaf Active have made a big difference to our lives. My daughter has social and communication difficulties and struggles in social settings. In Deaf Active my daughter is able to mix socially with other children in a safe setting with structured activities. The sta help to support her emotionally. My daughter really enjoys attending.

My son loves youth club, it's a chance to see friends outside school which helps build friendships and make them stronger

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Deaf Active continued to provide play and youth services at the centre five days a week. Activities included boxing, dance, sign language, football, multi sports and so much more, as well as a youth club. Deaf Active used its online hub to share and deliver a variety of different content for young people to access at home as there was still a request for online sessions.

Being able to offer these activities gives children and young people from a disadvantaged area the opportunity to learn and develop their skills without finance being a barrier. Football coaching sessions remain extremely popular, and our Deaf Sports program, which was developed that teach sign language along with the sport, offers that inclusivity. Our 3g astro pitch makes tournaments, youth visits, and events more popular and appealing to other youth groups. Over the past year, the sports coach and young people have planned different events to showcase the children's skills and bring the community together.

We held a fundraising steering group/workshop where we had children and young people come together to develop a fundraising strategy to help raise funds for Deaf Active to continue services especially as funding began to run out. We had a fantastic group who were passionate and thoroughly enjoyed thinking creatively on how to generate funds. They were keen to deliver workshops at Christmas time, many suggested that there were lots of sessions being advertised on social media and couldn't see why we couldn't provide something similar. Therefore they worked together to host 2 weeks worth of events on the build up to Christmas. This fundraising helped support the purchase of equipment and materials ready for the new year 2025.



Having the community involved with the fundraising strategy has had such a powerful and positive impact on the charity.

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Due to feedback we were receiving from parents and families, expressing the financial pressures they were going to be facing during the summer holidays, there was much concern about limited opportunities for day trips or family holidays, creating fun memories with their children. From this we decided to plan a family day out to Alton Towers. As always these trips come with an expensive price tag and we didn't want to burden families with this so we wrote to West Derby wastelands who supported the event and offered us the funds to cover travel costs and entry into the park. This allowed more than 30 families, 81 people to attend a fun filled day, and create some fantastic memories.

"These things are always a dream to do but with the hefty price tag it isn't always achievable so we are very grateful to deaf active for the opportunity to make fantastic memories with our children"

"I feel different after the trip to the Alton Tower. It was my first time going with the deaf community and hearing friends & making it a fun trip with the best group"

"It was a great opportunity for our family to spend some quality time together especially after being so busy with school and work. Much needed! Thank you very much Deaf Active, moments we will cherish forever"

"A fantastic day out, we are so appreciative as we wouldn't have been able to do this without you, thank you"

"The staff at Deaf Active are so passionate about inclusion and engagement, Thomas loves their Thursday sessions and he really loved today! Thank you"





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We also had the annual Joseph Lappin Festival which we were delighted to be part of. The celebration is designed to raise money for the centre and awareness for the different services that are on offer. It invites the local community to the centre where there were bouncy castles, food, entertainment, crafts stalls to support local businesses, opportunity to meet the local councillor and much more. This strengthened our connection with the local community, increased awareness of our service, and an opportunity to support the centre. By engaging with the local community through activities and conversations, we were able to foster relationships, promote inclusivity, and contribute to the shared goal of raising awareness and community engagement. Additionally, our involvement highlighted our commitment to community collaboration.

With the tragedy that struck Southport in 2024, Liverpool came together to offer what support we could for the families of those affected. One event, created by "all together for southport" saw 20 local entertainment businesses come together for a funday fundraiser at The Isla Gladstone. Deaf Active reached out and offered communication support for any Deaf families that wished to attend. Overall, the event brought the community closer together, provided much-needed support for those affected, and showed the incredible strength and kindness of the people of Liverpool.

The team at ACC Liverpool were able to offer us two VIP experiences this year. Our younger Deaf children attended 'Disney on Ice' which they were able to view from a private box with an interpreter so they had full access to the show. Then in November, a group of Deaf and hearing young people were able to attend "The Script's" concert from a private box, where they had the opportunity to co-perform songs they had been working on translating together. This has encouraged one of our young Deaf attendees to pursue her dream of becoming a professional BSL performer. Maintaining our well established relationship with the team at the Invisible Wind Factory, Deaf Active were able to offer a refresher session in Deaf Awareness and BSL skills for the team. They again allowed us exclusive use of their venue, equipment and staff to enable us to host our third year of Roller Disco for the Deaf community. We decided to host a Halloween special on mischief night to give the children and young people a safe alternative to being on the streets.

As always, Deaf Active is continuously trying to inspire young people and broaden their aspirations for the future. Throughout the year, we had several influential Deaf people attend the centre and talk with the young people about their careers and how they got there. This is a project we have delivered over the years and still continue to do so. We have a huge passion to ensure that Deaf, hard of hearing young people know they can aspire to be anything and that the support is out there. We encourage them to believe in themselves and dream big.

## **Volunteers**

A team of young volunteers are still working hard in creating a variety of content for our social media platforms to be distributed amongst the Deaf community. This is again showing great success in reaching and engaging with followers far and wide.

With the cost of living crisis looming throughout the year there was a need to support the Deaf community in access to information, resources and financial support to ensure they are not left struggling. We had a lady from 'Signs Of A Rainbow' set up and deliver weekly sessions around financial matters for the Deaf community. This was essentially a small group to start with who then decided to create weekly coffee mornings and open the doors to the wider community so information could be shared and participants were able to support each other.

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Deaf Active played a crucial part for one of our young volunteers to achieve his goals and make a significant impact. He has a variety of complex needs and by Deaf Active providing an inclusive environment that enables young volunteers to nurture skills, build confidence, and encourage self-expression meant he felt empowered to enroll at college and explore his passion for technology and computers. Whilst learning he noticed that the ever changing and progressive nature of technology is hard to grasp for a lot of people and he wanted to enable others to access the digital world. Not only is it a fun hobby but it can be very useful in the day-to-day lives of Deaf people. From this he set up a range of courses for all levels which he delivered for free in his spare time at Deaf Active. Delivering the courses helped his confidence grow and gave him a real sense of achievement and belonging within the Deaf community. These workshops supported Deaf Active in being successful in a funding application with 'VOLA' who granted us funding to purchase 8 high tech laptops with integrated webcams and allowed us to upgrade our broadband. This now means he can continue and expand these much loved and needed workshops.

The social hub provides a space for networking, support, and collaboration, and has also helped bridge the digital divide. We apply the concept of 're-versed integration' when delivering our work, which integrates hearing and able-bodied people into the activities and practices of deaf and disabled people. This has enabled Deaf people to become more connected within their community and it develops a greater understanding between all groups of young people. This approach helps reduce the barriers which are experienced by young people living with Deafness and has a longer-term impact on their socialisation.



The Deafemine peer support project brought both Deaf and Hearing young women together in a series of 12 facilitated group sessions providing informal, information, advice and guidance as well practical and emotional support around topics faced by Deaf young women. These topics included: •Recognising abuse and controlling behaviours in relationships •Sexuality and gender identity. •Keep fit and sports sessions •Mental health and resilience sessions •Staying Connected how to build a social circle •Employment and work •Cooking healthy meals on a budget •Pregnancy and motherhood •Hair and beauty session •Setting goals and action planning •Accessing support services. These groups were female led by a Deaf woman and a hearing woman ensuring that they are inclusive and accessible to both the Deaf and wider community. This innovative method of “reverse integration” empowers Deaf

women to take part in their first language and creates Deaf Awareness within the wider community. Women who took part in the sessions were able to access one to one mentoring session where necessary from one of the facilitators. This project had such a positive a powerful impact on the women involved and they were able to develop skills and grow together. A safe space was created were they could explore issues affecting them on a day to day basis and be supported and access services. These workshops led to them taking action which moved them away from poverty. They had access to training and education opportunities including youth work, sports coaching, and sign language and support allowed them to build on a skill set to apply to local jobs. The outcomes of this project shows fantastic results and highlighted the need for these groups.

After a campaign 'BSL in our hands' set out by the British Deaf Association (BDA) the stepping stones project, a team of 10 young Deaf volunteers, highlighted a gap in our services that has previously been overlooked, early years support. The team was very passionate about ensuring that we create sessions specifically for this age group and their families. They got together with the project lead and set up a weekly Sign and Play session. This started out very small but sessions were soon full to capacity in just a short amount of time. This has now been developing for the past couple of years and is now a growing service within Deaf Active. The sessions are designed to support Deaf and hearing children in learning BSL and to support families of Deaf children in learning the language and communicating effectively. Deaf Active's Sign and Play program has been a key part of our sustainability plan. The success of the program showed us there is a real need for interactive learning resources that help teachers incorporate BSL (British Sign Language) into their classrooms.

Our volunteers along with the staff took part in a VR research and development programme with Liverpool University. We worked alongside professors from the university who had created a VR for Mental wellbeing for students, however they wanted to develop a programme suitable for Deaf people. They were very keen to listen to the experiences of Deaf people barriers they are challenged with and how that can be resolved. These sessions were over 3 weeks and all the participants thoroughly enjoyed being part of this development and it allowed them to feel a sense of importance and that their pinions are taken in consideration when such things are being developed and created. They also wanted to work alongside some of our Deaf staff to push forward with the project.

## **Active Fitness**

Our Active Fitness sessions continue to provide valuable opportunities for the community to remain active and support their overall wellbeing. These sessions are designed to be accessible and affordable, offering vital support during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Active Fitness currently delivers four in-person sessions per week, alongside free digital fitness sessions available to the wider community. Being based at The Joseph Lappin Centre places us at the heart of the Old Swan area, and as the leading provider of fitness classes within the community hub, we are well established and clearly meeting a local need. Our dedicated volunteers play a pivotal role in the success of the programme. They support the creation of digital fitness content for the hub, enhancing participant engagement while also extending resources and support to other Deaf organisations. This collaborative approach strengthens our commitment to inclusivity and community empowerment.

We are proud to sustain strong partnerships with SEA and MSDP, ensuring our sessions are inclusive and responsive to the needs of the Deaf community. They are able to sign post their clients to use our services and we visit and deliver where they are based. Togtehr, by actively working to remove communication and participation barriers, we ensure Deaf individuals have equal access to fitness and wellbeing support.

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To measure impact we carry out regular check-in sessions. Not only do these sessions provide a fitness class they are a social network and support for those who participate. Feedback we received: "I would be lost without my lovely Zumba ladies on a Wednesday, I love to come and have a chat and off load my problems" "It's not just a fitness class, they are my "fit family" it is just a boss opportunity for me to switch off from everything that is happening at home and work" "having fitness coaches who are either Deaf or able to sign makes such a big difference to my life"

Active Fitness will continue to deliver four fitness sessions per week, alongside ongoing digital fitness provision.

Total number of classes	132
Total attendances	882

Not only do participants enjoy attending these sessions they are also able to communicate, share and receive support through a closed network group which in turn supports their general wellbeing and offers a sense of belonging.

## **Organisations and Stakeholders**

Over the last 12 months, we have continued to develop positively, with a clear emphasis on increasing visibility, strengthening partnerships, and establishing strong, purposeful relationships with key stakeholders. We are highly regarded by schools across Merseyside and are proud of the outcomes achieved and the positive impact the project has delivered. Collaborative working with organisations including The Joseph Lappin Partnership, Liverpool City Council, Priority Youth, Merseyside Expanding Horizons, MSDP, and DRC has led to the development of additional initiatives, allowing us to broaden and strengthen our service provision.

Building and maintaining strong relationships with other Deaf organisations is a key priority. By working together around shared values and common goals, we are able to collectively improve and enhance the lives of Deaf children and young people. This collaborative approach supports effective information sharing, increases access to opportunities, and helps remove barriers, ensuring children and young people can fully engage with the support and services available to them.

Alongside this, we continue to work closely with The Joseph Lappin Centre to ensure our services remain responsive to the needs of the local community. In June, we supported and attended the community festival, which provided a valuable opportunity to promote our services, strengthen community connections, and engage directly with local families.



## **Training**

We place a strong emphasis on ongoing Continuing Professional Development to ensure our team remains skilled, confident, and informed. We have delivery in specialist training, enabling staff to stay up to date with current legislation, best practice, and emerging sector knowledge. Recent training has covered areas including First Aid, safeguarding, managing challenging behaviour, mental health and wellbeing, domestic violence awareness, Choose Life, workshop delivery, mentoring, and a variety of sector-specific sessions linked to play and youth work, language development, and leadership.

A number of team members have also completed accredited training to become Tutors, Youth Workers, football coaching and Language Coaches, significantly enhancing organisational capacity and supporting long-term sustainability. These newly developed skills, combined with the experience of our established team, will be used to deliver chargeable sessions and activities

beyond the scope of this project, contributing to a more strategic and financially sustainable operating model.

In addition, we actively recognise and utilise the knowledge, skills, and lived experience within our own workforce. Staff and volunteers are encouraged to share expertise and support each other through peer-led training and mentoring. This approach promotes collective learning, strengthens team cohesion, and ensures skills are embedded across the organisation rather than reliant on individuals. By valuing internal expertise and creating opportunities for mutual development, we foster confidence, resilience, and a highly collaborative workforce.

## **Stepping Stones**

The Stepping Stones programme provides the opportunity for up to 10 Deaf young people each year to join our team. Through this programme, participants are supported to develop new skills, which directly contribute to the delivery and progression of a range of projects.

The project also creates space for Deaf young people and CODA participants to reflect on their own development by exploring their individual skill sets and completing a personal SWOT analysis. This process helps them identify their strengths, areas for growth, and potential opportunities, enabling them to better understand their skills and consider future pathways.

In addition to supporting young people, we have worked alongside other businesses and organisations to help their staff reflect on and evaluate their own skills. By providing opportunities for self-analysis and development, we support staff to recognise their strengths, identify growth areas, and make the most of potential opportunities.

We have seen strong engagement from young people volunteering as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, many of whom continue to support the organisation beyond their placement. Parents of children and young people involved in our services have also shown interest in volunteering, alongside others eager to join the team, bringing enthusiasm, commitment, and fresh energy. Volunteers and trainees are a vital part of Deaf Active and play an integral role in supporting our service delivery, helping us maintain high-quality, inclusive provision for the community.

## **Future Plans**

Our future plans are very similar to the previous year as we are at the end point of core funds and at the start of new funding grants and exciting new projects. We continue to strengthen our services that provide an income stream that supports other services within the charity:

**HANDS** – the very popular Hands project is embedded into the curriculum of a substantial amount of schools throughout Merseyside.

**Active Fitness** – Active Fitness is a popular service within the community hub and plays a vital role in providing community classes and an opportunity for people to be sign post to services that are available. Our aim over the next year is to ensure that fitness and wellbeing sessions are available to the community and to continue to generate an income to support with our sustainability plan. We want to look into new ways to market Active Fitness as there is competition within the fitness industry and we want to be sure to promote our unique selling point.

**British Sign Language Level 1 & 2 & 3** - Great inroads have been made in terms of generating an income through teaching accredited sign language. With the success of grants that will allow us to train 10 young people and achieve their Level 3 in Education and Training, along with their BSL



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qualifications, we aim to have young people delivering BSL sessions. Our aim is that they have all achieved their qualification by the end of 2025 and have more Level 1 sessions being taught.

Sign & Play – This continue to grow from strength to strength. More Early Year settings are keen to book sessions and with our employability programme and training up young people they will have the skill set to be able to deliver this course.

Deaf Awareness & Intro to BSL – Successful funded projects allows us to deliver more programmes and reach more Secondary Schools, colleges and businesses. They are very keen to have Deaf Awareness Training and bespoke courses delivered at their setting.

Team Away Day – A very successful team away day helped us look at the strategies and development of deaf Active. We aim to have another away day and opportunity to focus on team building, strategic planning, and organisational growth.

Grants – Funding applications are submitted on a regular basis for new and existing projects. We had our last year of funding from some of our core funders and small funding applications were sent to help support us through this transition of funding ending and others beginning. We have also applied for small grants to support us with arts and crafts materials, trips and residentials and sessional workers for workshops.

Support Service: This service allows Deaf young people have 1 to 1 support within the community and ensure they are able to access services at Deaf Active and other services they would like to attend.

## *Thank You*

It is with massive thanks to the following grant that Deaf Active have been able to continue their services and supporting Deaf and hearing children and young people and the local community.

The Big Lottery, Children In Need, Liverpool City Council, Priority Youth Project, Tudor Trust, The Henry Smith Foundation, The Talent Fund, Asda Foundation, PH Holt, The Masonic Foundation, West Derby Wastelands, VOLA, Community Foundation, LCVS,,and all of the community.

### **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.

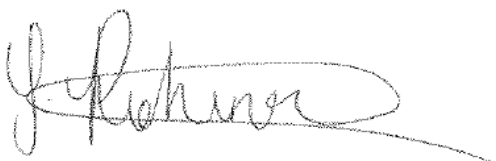
Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give true and fair view of the fund's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

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 – 25.01.26



## DEAF ACTIVE

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

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I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 26 -34

#### **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: .....

Date: .....

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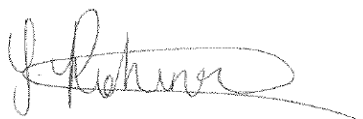
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming &amp; endowments from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	12,174	-	<b>12,174</b>	7,491
Charitable activities	3	-	173,853	<b>173,853</b>	261,337
Other trading activities	4	21,712	65,685	<b>87,397</b>	94,159
Investments	5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total income</b>		<b>33,886</b>	<b>239,538</b>	<b>273,424</b>	<b>362,987</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	6	70,474	266,300	<b>336,774</b>	325,904
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>70,474</b>	<b>266,300</b>	<b>336,774</b>	<b>325,904</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>(36,588)</b>	<b>(26,762)</b>	<b>(63,350)</b>	<b>37,083</b>
Transfer between funds	13	-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year</b>		<b>(36,588)</b>	<b>(26,762)</b>	<b>(63,350)</b>	<b>37,083</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		171,646	92,805	<b>264,451</b>	227,368
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>135,058</b>	<b>66,043</b>	<b>201,101</b>	<b>264,451</b>

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BALANCE SHEET  
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Charity Number: 1129601

	Note	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	7,453	-	<b>7,453</b>	14,926
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	11	131,587	69,874	<b>201,461</b>	259,916
		<u>131,587</u>	<u>69,874</u>	<u><b>201,461</b></u>	<u>259,916</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,982)	(3,831)	<b>(7,813)</b>	(10,391)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>127,605</u>	<u>66,043</u>	<u><b>193,648</b></u>	<u>249,525</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>135,058</u>	<u>66,043</u>	<u><b>201,101</b></u>	<u>264,451</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds				<b>135,058</b>	171,646
Restricted funds				<u><b>66,043</b></u>	<u>92,805</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><b>201,101</b></u>	<u>264,451</u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:



.....  
Stacey Robinson – Trustee

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Date 25.01.26

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention 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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**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
Motor vehicles	- 20.0% 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
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Note	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations	12,174	-	12,174	7,491
	<u>12,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,174</u>	<u>7,491</u>
	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>3 Charitable activities</b>				
Liverpool Council	-	17,104	17,104	12,189
Priority Youth	-	3,500	3,500	3,500
Big Lottery	-	68,561	68,561	70,074
BBC Children in Need	-	-	-	38,306
Henry Smith	-	24,950	24,950	42,400
Tudor Trust	-	-	-	73,500
Life Rooms	-	-	-	8,558
The Talent Fund	-	10,000	10,000	7,500
Birkdale Trust	-	-	-	4,890
Esmee Fairburn	-	-	-	420
P H Holt	-	10,000	10,000	-
HAF Funding	-	5,405	5,405	-
Masonic Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Community Foundation Fund	-	9,487	9,487	-
VOLA	-	7,449	7,449	-
LCVS	-	5,278	5,278	-
West Derby Waste	-	2,840	2,840	-
Sport Foundation	-	1,000	1,000	-
Happy Days	-	3,279	3,279	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>173,853</u>	<u>173,853</u>	<u>261,337</u>
	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>4 Activities for generating funds</b>				
Class & Sign Language fees	21,712	-	21,712	37,538
Support Service	-	65,685	65,685	56,621
	<u>21,712</u>	<u>65,685</u>	<u>87,397</u>	<u>94,159</u>
	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>5 Investments</b>				
Bank interest receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Note	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>6 Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>	£	£	£	£
Staffing Costs	-	219,350	<b>219,350</b>	236,743
Consultancy	12,075	-	<b>12,075</b>	-
Depreciation	5,859	1,614	<b>7,473</b>	2,824
Insurance	2,545	-	<b>2,545</b>	2,556
Office Expenses & Equipment	15,089	-	<b>15,089</b>	9,817
Payroll Fees	768	-	<b>768</b>	768
Pension Fees	576	-	<b>576</b>	576
Rent & Rates	13,965	-	<b>13,965</b>	14,318
Repairs & Maintenance	356	-	<b>356</b>	1,363
Sign Language Fees	-	10,944	<b>10,944</b>	9,283
Sports Equipment expenses	384	-	<b>384</b>	1,927
Staff Training	921	-	<b>921</b>	3,047
Sessional Workers	-	30,423	<b>30,423</b>	24,432
Trips & Activities	4,273	3,969	<b>8,242</b>	4,917
Uniforms	-	-	-	895
Volunteer Expenses	8,630	-	<b>8,630</b>	6,981
Other	3,658	-	<b>3,658</b>	4,132
Governance Costs (see note 7)	1,375	-	<b>1,375</b>	1,325
	<u>70,474</u>	<u>266,300</u>	<u><b>336,774</b></u>	<u>325,904</u>

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b>7 Included in Governance costs</b>		
Independent examiner's fee	<u><b>1,375</b></u>	<u>1,325</u>
	<u><b>1,375</b></u>	<u>1,325</u>

	£	£
<b>8 Staff Costs and Employees</b>		
Wages and salaries	<b>202,372</b>	218,078
Social security costs	<b>12,467</b>	13,807
Pension	<b>4,511</b>	4,858
	<u><b>219,350</b></u>	<u>236,743</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more during the year

	2025	2024
The average number of employees during the year was :	<b>8.3</b>	9.0

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**Note**

<b>9 Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Plant &amp; Machinery</b>		<b>IT equipment</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Unrestricted £	
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 April 2024	16,917	8,171	6,256	10,163	41,507
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	16,917	8,171	6,256	10,163	41,507
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 April 2024	13,295	6,557	6,051	678	26,581
On Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for year	3,622	1,614	205	2,032	7,473
At 31 March 2025	16,917	8,171	6,256	2,710	34,054
<b>Net Book Value</b>					
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	-	-	-	<b>7,453</b>	<b>7,453</b>
At 31 March 2024	3,622	1,614	205	9,485	14,926
<b>10 Debtors</b>				<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Debtors				-	-
Prepayments				-	-
				-	-
<b>11 Cash at bank and in hand</b>				<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current Account				<b>201,461</b>	259,916
Cash in hand				-	-
				<b>201,461</b>	259,916
<b>12 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>				<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors				<b>725</b>	1,037
HMRC				<b>3,106</b>	5,200
Accruals				<b>3,982</b>	4,154
				<b>7,813</b>	10,391



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

<b>Note</b>	<b>Balance at</b>	<b>Incoming</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at</b>
<b>13 Movement in Funds</b>	<b>31 March</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>In / (Out)</b>	<b>31 March</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Expended</b>	<b>In / (Out)</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Fund	171,646	33,886	(70,474)	-	<b>135,058</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Inspired Facilities	1,614	-	(1,614)	-	-
Esmee Fairburn	420	-	(420)	-	-
Tudor Trust	38,500	-	(38,500)	-	-
Children In Need	9,577	-	(9,577)	-	-
Community Foundation Fund	-	9,487	-	-	<b>9,487</b>
Liverpool Council	-	17,104	(17,104)	-	-
Big Lottery	14,869	68,561	(73,408)	-	<b>10,022</b>
Priority Youth	-	3,500	(3,500)	-	-
Henry Smith Foundation	10,600	24,950	(23,075)	-	<b>12,475</b>
The Talent Fund	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
P H Holt	-	10,000	(2,500)	-	<b>7,500</b>
HAF Funding	-	5,405	(5,405)	-	-
Masonic Foundation	-	5,000	(1,250)	-	<b>3,750</b>
VOLA	-	7,449	(7,449)	-	-
LCVS	-	5,278	(5,278)	-	-
West Derby Waste	-	2,840	(2,840)	-	-
Sport Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Happy Days	-	3,279	-	-	<b>3,279</b>
Support Service	17,225	65,685	(63,380)	-	<b>19,530</b>
	92,805	239,538	(266,300)	-	<b>66,043</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>264,451</b>	<b>273,424</b>	<b>(336,774)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>201,101</b>

**Note**

**14 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024

**15 Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024

**16 Capital Commitments**

The company had no capital commitments at 31 March 2025 (2024: None) either contracted for or authorised by the directors but not contracted for.