

DISABILITY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1131621

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06972820
Registered	2009-09-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Park Road Resource Centre 53 Park Road Mansfield Woodhouse Nottinghamshire NG19 8ER
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE INDEPENDENCE AND CHOICE OF ALL DISABLED PERSONS WITHIN THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AREA BY PROVIDING FREE, CONFIDENTIAL AND IMPARTIAL INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY IN RESPECT OF ANY ASPECT OF DISABILITY TO DISABLED PEOPLE, FAMILY, FRIENDS, CARERS, PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS.

Activities: Advice and guidance to persons who have disabilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£90,666	£119,151	-	-
2024-03-31	£147,018	£116,723	-	-
2023-03-31	£121,158	£81,234	-	-
2022-03-31	£36,074	£40,580	-	-
2021-03-31	£61,494	£50,415	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lorna Carter	Chair	
Anne Callaghan		2025-10-15
Carol Bilzon		2025-03-26
Chris Townhill		2024-03-12
Jayne Marie Stafford		2025-07-29
Michele Baird		2024-03-12
Paul Stafford		2024-03-12
Tim Holloway		2017-02-09

Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Trustees	L Carter, Chairman C Townhill T Holloway M Baird P Stafford P A Kenton-Batt (resigned 7 October 2024) C A Mitchell (resigned 25 December 2024) T Buttery (resigned 13 June 2024) C Bilzon (appointed 26 March 2025) I Garratt
Company registered number	06972820
Charity registered number	1131621
Registered office	Room 6 Park Road Resource Centre 53 Park Road Mansfield Woodhouse Nottinghamshire NG19 8ER
Accountant	Jonathan Wilson FCA, CTA Chartered Accountant Cromwell House 68 West Gate Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 1RR
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC 1-3 Church Street Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 1AL

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The chairman presents her statement for the year.

This financial year the operating environment has continued to be difficult, set alongside increasing demand for services, ever more complex need and case work.

Overall funding continues to be short term and uncertain and looks likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.

The Trustee Director Board recognise this and are fully committed to search and diversify funding streams and income opportunities, using a collaborative approach with a wide range of partners.

However, Disability Nottinghamshire has continued to offer high quality, free advice and support services, to ensure its services reach as many of those people who need our help as possible within available resources.

Our data analysis from the accounting year 2024/25 identified:

- Service users are facing financial hardship, social poverty, and anxiety impacting on their health and wellbeing.
- Often past the point of being able to cut overheads further to manage the cost of daily living. Cuts to winter fuel allowance, 2-child benefit cap remaining, low wage have also added to this.
- In addition, for many with disabilities and/or long-term chronic illness there are extra costs: heating, clothing, laundry, incontinence, travel and charging of electrical equipment, specific diets.
- 1 in 3 of our service users do not have access or skills to use I.T equipment.

Therefore, the focus this year has been to improve wider community wellbeing and service delivery across diverse and often hard to reach communities. In addition, improving our digital support services for those experiencing digital exclusion as more services move online.

We have continued to deliver our services by offering telephone advice, booked face-to-face appointments, form fills, community pop-up advice hubs in variety of locations and, drop-in surgeries.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
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In the past 12 months we have supported 2,213 people, returning an approximate £1.5 million financial worth back into the community. We have also supported 1,426 people to engage in health and social activities. We have also engaged with 76,400 people on social media, where we post information about welfare benefits and events in the community. We have supported 119 professionals and community partners with enquiries relating to disability.

The demand for our work is out stretching capacity, although we always endeavour to fulfil requests for support.

Working within GDPR guidelines we have continued to update our bespoke database. This enables the charity to track progress, impact, achievements and identify the main outcomes of services for people who use them. This information changes progressively in directions chosen by participants.

As a user led charity, we continue to be fully committed to ensuring full user involvement and to seek participants' views on design, development and delivery impact. Our role is to empower and build peoples resilience and recovery rather than create dependency. We have a strengths-based model of delivery which enables, facilitates, and supports people to identify their strengths. Undertaking regular service user feedback surveys and consultation events across the wider community, which influences how we respond.

Our Data also shows the primary areas we work in are Mansfield (64%), Ashfield (20%) Newark / Sherwood (8%), Gedling (3%) and 5% from other locations. This data is also supported by Nottinghamshire County Council web data stating, "Deprivation levels are highest in the urban parts of North Nottinghamshire, particularly Ashfield, Mansfield and Worksop sub areas." High levels of disability and poor health are common themes across ex coalfield areas.

The charity could not continue to support the community we represent without the support of our grant funders donors and our volunteers (25) who have completed 5,928 hours in this financial period (with the exception of training hours). Many of our volunteers performed multiple roles across the organisation, as Trustees, Advisors, Befrienders and outreach support. The total worth of this operational and board support equated to an estimated £90,185 worth of saved expenditure. We are hugely grateful for their ongoing support ad pleased that we can continue to support a positive volunteering experience.

We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but also the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. We always try to work toward sustainability of funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base. We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity. The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed.

L Carter
Date:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

The National Lottery Community Roots Fund which finished September 2024 aimed to support and improve service user independence by raising awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources and information available to them and providing a buddying volunteer system. Plus the ability to strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Improve collaborative working between local people and organisations to share skills and resources and learn from each other. Close access gaps through ongoing identification of unmet need within our communities and working with service users and partner organisations to address. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues across the Mansfield and Ashfield areas, acting as a one stop shop to access all of our services.

Through this funding we have established pop-up hubs across Mansfield and Ashfield, expanded our advice service and welcomed new volunteers. This has been made possible through the funding of resources and staff time including Welfare Benefits Advisors, Community Development workers and Friendship coordinator.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Disability Nottinghamshire delivers support to service users providing general advice on all aspects of disability, welfare benefits advice, form fill support, and appeals advice. This is further supported by a signposting plus service, where the team facilitate routeways for service users to access external services, through step-by-step support, ensuring they achieve the desired outcome.

Within this reporting period, a total 1426 people with disabilities and impairments, their carers, friends, and families accessed our advice services through our office and outreach work. The advice team helped 787 people through telephone advice line and face-to-face appointments at Park Road Resource Centre, Mansfield Woodhouse.

To better serve the people of Nottinghamshire, increasing awareness and access to information and advice, we have organised 85 outreach surgeries and pop-up events across Nottinghamshire. This is an increase of 53 more hubs than in the previous year. These have taken place in a variety of community venues including 'The Hive' community space, in Mansfield and at King's Mill Hospital, Ashfield. A comprehensive breakdown of the outreach activity will follow in the next section.

We receive calls from across Nottinghamshire, predominantly from residents of the Mansfield area (64%). This is an increase of approximately 8% when compared to the data from last year. We also continue to see a large proportion of the rest of our clients coming from the Ashfield region (20%).

Advice and support given on welfare benefits helped to generate an approximate worth of over £1,530,000 of welfare benefits paid back to our clients, thus increasing their financial independence and choice.

Thanks to developing partnerships, there has been a rising number of individuals referred to our services from external organisations. These totalled 330 this year, an increase of 80 from the previous year.

Monitoring and feedback has evidenced that our person-centred approach provides a lifeline to those individuals who do not have the skills or available technology to access online information.

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Local Community Fund, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 2,213. The majority of enquiries received now require support with complex case work. The approximate financial worth of successful welfare benefits case work paid back to our service users is £1,530,00, thus increasing their choice and independence.

The range of help delivered has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services. The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as Local Authorities.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves may cast uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. We believe that the charity will have sufficient resources to continue until June 2028. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. At 31 March 2025 unrestricted reserves totalled £54,753 (2024: £41,152) and restricted funds totalled £15,333 (2024: £57,419). This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors, with the appointment of a new Board Trustee on 26 March 2025. As part of the Trustees succession planning review, we are seeking to recruit a new Chair of the Trustee Director Board. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

A part-time Charity Manager post has proved very successful in supporting the management of the operational activity of the charity according to the strategic direction provided by the Board of Trustees. Plus, continuing to enhance the ethos of Disability Nottinghamshire as a User Led Charity maintained, whilst ensuring the financial sustainability and financial compliance of the charity, alongside improving efficiency, and maintaining quality standards.

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a finance spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year have been slow to recover. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

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Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. The financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support and empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

We continue to be guided by and review the strategic plan (2024 to 2027). It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

The need for new premises has continued to be identified in order to enable the charity to expand and meet the needs of staff, volunteers and the wider community for our services. The charity actively continues to be engaged in seeking new premises, but not identified any suitable premises to date.

However, it is recognised that financial viability to sustain a move longer term will need to be risk assessed against sustainable funding.

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated:

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

Mansfield

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

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	5,000	3,891	8,891	4,909
Charitable activities	4	25,524	53,978	79,502	140,009
Other fundraising activities	5	302	1,111	1,413	1,641
Investments	6	-	860	860	459
Total income		30,826	59,840	90,666	147,018
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	72,912	46,239	119,151	116,723
Total expenditure		72,912	46,239	119,151	116,723
Net movement in funds		(42,086)	13,601	(28,485)	30,295
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		57,419	41,152	98,571	68,276
Net movement in funds		(42,086)	13,601	(28,485)	30,295
Total funds carried forward		15,333	54,753	70,086	98,571

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,479	5,169
Cash at bank and in hand		67,907	99,409
		<u>72,386</u>	<u>104,578</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(2,300)	(6,007)
Net current assets		<u>70,086</u>	<u>98,571</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>70,086</u></u>	<u><u>98,571</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	15,333	57,419
Unrestricted funds	13	54,753	41,152
Total funds		<u><u>70,086</u></u>	<u><u>98,571</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees
Date:

The notes on pages 13 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe that the charity can continue until beyond September 2026.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Pensions

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

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	5,000	3,319	8,319
Radar keys	-	572	572
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>3,891</u>	<u>8,891</u>
		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations		4,597	4,597
Radar keys		312	312
		<u>4,909</u>	<u>4,909</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants receivable	25,524	53,978	79,502

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants receivable	101,031	38,978	140,009

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Fundraising	302	1,111	1,413

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fundraising	517	1,124	1,641

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Interest receivable	860	860
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	459	459
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Wages and salaries	50,098	29,905	80,003
Training	1,980	-	1,980
Advice centre running costs	10,524	9,693	20,217
Insurance	3,180	133	3,313
Office expenses	19	132	151
Volunteers' expenses	2,051	843	2,894
Legal and professional fees	3,581	1,948	5,529
Sundry expenses	78	912	990
Telephone and computer	1,244	888	2,132
Advertising and publications	157	375	532
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,410	1,410
	<u>72,912</u>	<u>46,239</u>	<u>119,151</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and salaries	72,040	9,278	81,318
Advice centre running costs	16,008	769	16,777
Insurance	2,862	-	2,862
Office expenses	107	984	1,091
Volunteers' expenses	1,214	2,043	3,257
Legal and professional fees	1,091	3,102	4,193
Sundry expenses	452	2,613	3,065
Telephone and computer	2,072	-	2,072
Advertising and publications	634	434	1,068
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	96,480	20,243	116,723
	96,480	20,243	116,723

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,020	1,020
	1,020	1,020

9. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	68,141	67,915
Social security costs	8,606	8,249
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	3,256	2,747
	80,003	78,911
	80,003	78,911

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9. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Charitable activities	5	6

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 March 2025, travelling expenses totalling £348 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2024 - £20 to 1 Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,479	5,169

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	213	3,814
Other taxation and social security	677	764
Accruals and deferred income	1,410	1,429
	2,300	6,007

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	16,152	19,840	(12,518)	23,474
Lloyds Bank	25,000	25,000	(30,619)	19,381
Peoples Places Trust	-	15,000	(3,102)	11,898
	<u>41,152</u>	<u>59,840</u>	<u>(46,239)</u>	<u>54,753</u>
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Roots	56,749	-	(56,749)	-
Awards for All	-	18,674	(12,096)	6,578
NCC Admin	-	1,850	(1,546)	304
Brunts charity	-	2,000	-	2,000
Wellness Hub	-	2,500	-	2,500
Thomas Farr	-	3,000	(1,921)	1,079
Our voice singing group	670	2,802	(600)	2,872
	<u>57,419</u>	<u>30,826</u>	<u>(72,912)</u>	<u>15,333</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>98,571</u></u>	<u><u>90,666</u></u>	<u><u>(119,151)</u></u>	<u><u>70,086</u></u>

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	15,925	20,470	(20,243)	16,152
Lloyds Bank	-	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>15,925</u>	<u>45,470</u>	<u>(20,243)</u>	<u>41,152</u>
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Roots	52,172	101,031	(96,454)	56,749
Our voice singing group	179	517	(26)	670
	<u>52,351</u>	<u>101,548</u>	<u>(96,480)</u>	<u>57,419</u>
Total of funds	<u>68,276</u>	<u>147,018</u>	<u>(116,723)</u>	<u>98,571</u>

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

This fund is unrestricted for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds:

National Lottery Awards For All

National Lottery Awards for All supports a Trainee Welfare Benefits Officer and Trainee Social Engagement Worker.

Our Voice singing group

The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to support and improve service users' independence by raising their awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources, and information available to them across voluntary and statutory services. Have access to community resources by supporting individuals through a buddying volunteer system. Strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues acting as a one stop shop to access all our services. Bring people together, help form new relationships and support networks providing a sense of community.

Elizabeth Heath Charity

Supports the continuation of Our Voice Singing Group and the Wellness Hub.

Brunts Charity

Funds marketing to support joint collaborative work.

Peoples Places Trust

Supports the Welfare Benefits and Appeals service to open an additional 5 hours per week to meet additional demand.

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Nottinghamshire Community Foundation - The Thomas Farr Charity

Provided a grant to support running costs.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Supported a six-month administration assistant role.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	15,333	57,053	72,386
Creditors due within one year	-	(2,300)	(2,300)
Total	15,333	54,753	70,086

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	57,419	47,159	104,578
Creditors due within one year	-	(6,007)	(6,007)
Total	57,419	41,152	98,571

16. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £3,256 (2024 - £2,747). £Nil was payable to the fund at either balance sheet date.

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17. Operating lease commitments

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	652	652

18. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2025.

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Trustees

L Carter, Chairman
C Townhill (appointed 12 March 2024)
T Holloway
M Baird (appointed 12 March 2024)
P Stafford (appointed 12 March 2024)
P A Kenton-Batt
C A Mitchell
T Buttery (appointed 12 March 2024)
I Garratt

Company registered number

06972820

Charity registered number

1131621

Registered office

Room 6
Park Road Resource Centre
53 Park Road
Mansfield Woodhouse
Nottinghamshire
NG19 8ER

Accountant

Jonathan Wilson
Chartered Accountant
Cromwell House
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Nottinghamshire
NG18 1RR

Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC
1-3 Church Street
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 1AL

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The chairman presents her statement for the year.

A recent internal evaluation estimated that the organisation generates nearly £2 million in benefits for users of the service.

This is funding that individuals then both spend in the local economy and use to support and improve their own health and well-being. Feedback from service users also demonstrated a high degree of satisfaction with the service received. No-one scored the service negatively, whilst 90% were positive.

The charity continues to experience a high and changing demanding for its services.

For the past year, we have seen that approximately 20% of our service users declare having a mental health problem. We saw an increase of 40% from 2022 – 2023 in the number of service users declaring mental health problems.

The increased complexity of support needs is likely to be linked to the increased difficulties in accessing statutory and voluntary sector services due to service reductions and tightened criteria.

Consultation through 3 x surveys and face-2-face interventions has confirmed the move to services online further excludes already marginalised people in the community we represent, greatly impacting on their lives. Accessing GP appointments, claiming welfare benefits, finding the best energy and food prices all require online access. Inability to access these services coupled with a reduction in face-to-face support further increases social exclusion.

Greater technology has the power paradoxically both to support and hinder service users.

1 in 3 service users tell us they have no access to a computer, lacking skills and finances to manage this.

Closing the skills gap alone will not solve digital poverty. Having a supportive environment at home or at work, which involves positive role models and meets people where they are, is crucial. The increased complexity of support needs is likely to be linked to the increased difficulties in accessing statutory (and voluntary sector) services due to service reductions and tightened criteria. The increasing move to take applications and services online present challenges for many people with disabilities.

There is both an identified need to develop both IT access and skills for service users and to ensure there are still paper based and person to person alternatives.

The Trustee Directors recognise the need to upgrade the digital support the charity currently provides and has identified a fully costed action plan for the new financial year.

This reporting year the charity also completed its consultations and review of its 3 year strategic plan for period 2024-2027. This addresses not only what it wants to do but also what it needs to do to help make this happen. Annual delivery plans guide this process alongside a funding plan and process of annual review.

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
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We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but also the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. We always try to work toward sustainability of funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity.

The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers.

As ever this has been a year of challenge, achievement and getting on with the job, retaining a sense of humour and excellent team working against the backdrop of reduced funding and resources and increasing demand for services.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues. Our data has highlighted the economic impact of the rising cost of living and changes to Welfare Benefits which will have a significant impact on the charity and its service users in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed. We have a constantly changing society and its ethics, the now prevalent use of the internet and the advancement of social media. We know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority spending on the community.

L Carter

Date: 16th September 2024

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

The National Lottery Community Fund allows the charity to support and improve service user independence by raising awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources and information available to them and providing a buddying volunteer system. Plus the ability to strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues, acting as a one stop shop to access all of our services. Bring people together, helping to form new relationships and support networks and provide a sense of community.

"Our Voice" singing group aims to unite people through music and promote the potential of people with disabilities and their wellbeing. 495 service users attended.

Services have been delivered by telephone, face to face booked appointments, social media, outreach surgeries, pop up hubs in a variety of locations across communities for example - The Hive (Four Seasons Shopping Centre) – 309 attendees from 20 events, King's Mill Hospital – 186 attendees from 9 events, a weekly singing group at Big Barn Lane – 495 attendees from 38 events, Mansfield.

Internally the Charities Advice Team "WhatsApp" group ensured good communication.

There has also been and will continue to be an increase in coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire.

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Local Community Fund, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 1,281. The majority of enquiries received now require support with complex case work. Welfare Benefit Advisors are spending at least 2 hours per service user enquiry and the average PIP claim for the period was £4,868. The range of help delivered has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services.

The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as, Local Authorities, plus the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users. Universal credit has had a great impact on service users with disabilities losing premiums and benefits leading to debt and deprivation across the community we serve.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves may cast uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. We believe that the charity will have sufficient resources to continue until beyond September 2025. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. At 31 March 2024 unrestricted reserves totalled £41,152 (2023: £15,925) and restricted funds totalled £57,419 (2023: £52,351). This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors. This year we have appointed 3 new Trustees. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

A part-time Charity Manager post has proved very successful in supporting the management of the operational activity of the charity according to the strategic direction provided by the Board of Trustees. Plus, continuing to enhance the ethos of Disability Nottinghamshire as a User Led Charity maintained, whilst ensuring the financial sustainability and financial compliance of the charity, alongside improving efficiency, and maintaining quality standards.

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a finance spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year have been slow to recover. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

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Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. The financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support and empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2024 to 2027) consultation has commenced. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

The need for new premises has continued to be identified in order to enable the charity to expand and meet the needs of staff, volunteers and the wider community for our services. The charity actively continues to be engaged in seeking new premises, but not identified any suitable premises to date.

However, it is recognised that financial viability to sustain a move longer term will need to be risk assessed against sustainable funding.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 16 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

L Carter
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 18 September 2024

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

Mansfield

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	4,909	4,909	7,011
Charitable activities	4	101,031	38,978	140,009	113,619
Other fundraising activities	5	517	1,124	1,641	470
Investments	6	-	459	459	58
Total income		101,548	45,470	147,018	121,158
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	96,480	20,243	116,723	81,234
Total expenditure		96,480	20,243	116,723	81,234
Net movement in funds		5,068	25,227	30,295	39,924
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		52,351	15,925	68,276	28,352
Net movement in funds		5,068	25,227	30,295	39,924
Total funds carried forward		57,419	41,152	98,571	68,276

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	5,169	4,325
Cash at bank and in hand		99,409	69,805
		<u>104,578</u>	<u>74,130</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,007)	(5,854)
Net current assets		<u>98,571</u>	<u>68,276</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>98,571</u></u>	<u><u>68,276</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	57,419	52,351
Unrestricted funds	13	41,152	15,925
Total funds		<u><u>98,571</u></u>	<u><u>68,276</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter

Chair of Trustees

Date: 16 September 2024

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe that the charity can continue until beyond September 2025.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Pensions

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

2.11 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	4,597	4,597
Radar keys	312	312
	4,909	4,909
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	6,902	6,902
Radar keys	109	109
	7,011	7,011

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants receivable	101,031	38,978	140,009
	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants receivable	98,093	15,526	113,619

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fundraising	517	1,124	1,641
	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising	372	98	470

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	459	459
	<u>459</u>	<u>459</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	58	58
	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Wages and salaries	72,040	9,278	81,318
Advice centre running costs	16,008	769	16,777
Insurance	2,862	-	2,862
Office expenses	107	984	1,091
Volunteers' expenses	1,214	2,043	3,257
Legal and professional fees	1,091	3,102	4,193
Sundry expenses	452	2,613	3,065
Telephone and computer	2,072	-	2,072
Advertising and publications	634	434	1,068
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>96,480</u>	<u>20,243</u>	<u>116,723</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	37,114	11,749	48,863
Advice centre running costs	11,895	6,970	18,865
Insurance	1,645	1,501	3,146
Office expenses	43	250	293
Volunteers' expenses	506	2,248	2,754
Legal and professional fees	1,116	666	1,782
Sundry expenses	337	626	963
Telephone and computer	1,844	1,106	2,950
Advertising and publications	306	292	598
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	54,806	26,428	81,234
	54,806	26,428	81,234

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,020	1,020
	1,020	1,020

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	67,915	43,497
Social security costs	8,249	4,130
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	2,747	1,231
	78,911	48,858
	78,911	48,858

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9. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	6	4

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, travelling expenses totalling £20 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2023 - £NIL to Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	5,169	4,325

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,578	4,474
Accruals and deferred income	1,429	1,380
	6,007	5,854

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	15,925	20,470	(20,243)	16,152
Lloyds Bank	-	25,000	-	25,000
	<u>15,925</u>	<u>45,470</u>	<u>(20,243)</u>	<u>41,152</u>
Restricted funds				
TNL Community Roots	52,172	101,031	(96,454)	56,749
Our voice singing group	179	517	(26)	670
	<u>52,351</u>	<u>101,548</u>	<u>(96,480)</u>	<u>57,419</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>68,276</u></u>	<u><u>147,018</u></u>	<u><u>(116,723)</u></u>	<u><u>98,571</u></u>

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	19,660	22,693	(26,428)	15,925
Restricted funds				
Awards for All	3,809	-	(3,809)	-
National Lottery Community	-	98,093	(45,921)	52,172
Big Lottery COVID-19 IT	128	-	(128)	-
Community champions	4,587	-	(4,587)	-
Our voice singing group	168	372	(361)	179
	8,692	98,465	(54,806)	52,351
Total of funds	28,352	121,158	(81,234)	68,276

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales

This fund is unrestricted for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds:

National Lottery Awards For All

National Lottery Awards for All funded Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor on a part time basis to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media, and outreach surgeries.

Our Voice singing group

The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to support and improve service users' independence by raising their awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources, and information available to them across voluntary and statutory services. Have access to community resources by supporting individuals through a buddying volunteer system. Strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues acting as a one stop shop to access all our services. Bring people together, help form new relationships and support networks providing a sense of community.

Community Champions - Mansfield CVS

Community Champions (Mansfield CVS) is supporting our User Led Organisation within Mansfield District to act as a Mansfield Community champion Anchor Organisation. Funding will support costs with additional capacity and to employ a paid worker as a Disability and Welfare Benefit Advisor to restart outreach surgeries and face to face appointments to support service users with welfare benefits and appeals advice, form fill advice, online forms, and emotional support.

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	57,419	47,159	104,578
Creditors due within one year	-	(6,007)	(6,007)
Total	57,419	41,152	98,571

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	52,351	21,779	74,130
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,854)	(5,854)
Total	52,351	15,925	68,276

16. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £2,747 (2023 - £1,231). £Nil was payable to the fund at either balance sheet date.

17. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2024 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	652	483

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18. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2024.

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Trustees L Carter, Chairman
 E S Twigger (resigned 3 September 2022)
 T Holloway
 P A Kenton-Batt
 C A Mitchell
 I Garratt

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number** 06972820

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number** 1131621

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The chairman presents her statement for the year.

There is no doubt that this reporting period was another extraordinary period overshadowed by the slow recovery post pandemic, the current economic uncertainty fuelled by high inflation and a cost of living crisis. In addition, it is unclear how the political changes of the future with the proposal for combined local authorities will impact on the voluntary and community sector. This is challenging for everyone, service users and the wider community we represent.

Demand for our services has far outstripped what we can afford to provide, so to keep delivery ambition, we have frequently reviewed and transformed the way we do things to meet the challenging needs of service users, keep pace with the rapid technological advances and increasingly competitive funding environment.

The Trustees have worked closely with staff, volunteers and community partners and stayed within the Memorandum and Articles of Association to keep service users at the heart of all we do.

The Trustees, staff, volunteers, service users, partners and members of the community we represent have all contributed to gathering views related to the development and preparation of information for a new strategic business plan. This process included issues of medium and longer term spending, alongside the funding plan, identify funding and how to monitor progress effectively. Through this process everyone that contributed has become more aware of the many challenges that we face. It is hoped that these plans will be completed by December 2023, alongside a funding plan and annual delivery plans.

We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but also the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. We always try to work toward sustainability of funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity.

The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers.

As ever this has been a year of challenge, achievement and getting on with the job against the backdrop of reduced funding and resources and increasing demand for services.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues. Our data has highlighted the economic impact of the rising cost of living and changes to Welfare Benefits which will have a significant impact on the charity and its service users in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed. We have a constantly changing society and its ethics, the now prevalent use of the internet and the advancement of social media. We know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority spending on the community.

L Carter
Date:

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

The National Lottery Community Fund allows the charity to support and improve service user independence by raising awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources and information available to them and providing a buddying volunteer system. Plus the ability to strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues, acting as a one stop shop to access all of our services. Bring people together, helping to form new relationships and support networks and provide a sense of community.

The Mansfield CVS Community Champions funding has enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to restart outreach surgeries and face-to-face appointments, supporting service users with welfare benefits and appeals advice, form fill advice, online forms and emotional support. The Community Champions fund enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to provide additional time and ensure individuals received the correct level of help.

The Mansfield CVS We Are Undefeatable funding has supported "Our Voice" singing group for five months with a contribution to room hire and administrative costs to mentor group members. The aim of the funding is to increase independence, health and well-being and for members to feel more connected through social interaction, friendship groups and their community. The funding enabled "Our Voice" to move venue, supported some of the members with work, mental and physical health issues, improving their overall well-being and ability to engage in local events, building their confidence.

The Tesco Charity Trust grant supports "Our Voice" community choir to meet weekly and continue to develop its own musical and performance range, helped by the recruitment of a volunteer choir director. The aim of the choir is to unite people through music and promote the potential of people with disabilities and their wellbeing. So far there are 18 regular members in the Choir, which is inclusive and open to all. In addition, as part of the development of the choir, members have also forged much stronger social networks with Big Barn Lane Methodist Church, singing Christmas Carols with residents at Fern Leaf Retirement Home, plus presenting a collection of "Our Voice" members favourite songs to residents at Mansfield Retirement Home.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Local Community Fund, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 1,185. The majority of enquiries received now require support with complex case work. Welfare Benefit Advisors are spending at least 2 hours per service user enquiry and the average PIP claim for the period was £4,464. The range of help delivered has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services.

The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as, Local Authorities, plus the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users. Universal credit has had a great impact on service users with disabilities losing premiums and benefits leading to debt and deprivation across the community we serve.

Within the above framework, since the last report, we have continued to strive to maintain and develop services. There has been an ever-increasing demand for advice, information services, buddying and befriending support across the community we serve. We have seen an increase in requests to continue to receive current services, develop social media information, provide new opportunities for social networks in the community and to help people become more active citizens.

There has also been and will continue to be an increase in coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire. Disability Nottinghamshire has been supporting and working in partnership with Access Matter UK to offer "lived experience" consultancy to the National Holocaust Centre and Museum at Laxton, Nottinghamshire who are looking to improve and update access to become an inclusive place to visit.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves may cast uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. We believe that the charity will have sufficient resources to continue until beyond September 2024. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors, which has proved difficult during the pandemic, its aftermath and the current economic climate. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a weekly cash flow spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year have been slow to recover. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. Due to the financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face even following the easing of Government Restrictions and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support, empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2024 to 2026) consultation has commenced. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated:

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

Mansfield

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	7,011	7,011	3,187
Charitable activities	4	98,093	15,526	113,619	32,730
Other fundraising activities	5	372	98	470	156
Investments	6	-	58	58	1
Total income		98,465	22,693	121,158	36,074
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	54,806	26,428	81,234	40,580
Total expenditure		54,806	26,428	81,234	40,580
Net movement in funds		43,659	(3,735)	39,924	(4,506)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		8,692	19,660	28,352	32,858
Net movement in funds		43,659	(3,735)	39,924	(4,506)
Total funds carried forward		52,351	15,925	68,276	28,352

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,325	4,655
Cash at bank and in hand		69,805	29,368
		<u>74,130</u>	<u>34,023</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,854)	(5,671)
Net current assets		<u>68,276</u>	28,352
Total net assets		<u><u>68,276</u></u>	<u><u>28,352</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	52,351	8,692
Unrestricted funds	13	15,925	19,660
Total funds		<u><u>68,276</u></u>	<u><u>28,352</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees
Date:

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe that the charity can continue until beyond September 2024.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	6,902	6,902
Radar keys	109	109
	7,011	7,011
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	2,202	2,202
Grants	949	949
Radar keys	36	36
	3,187	3,187

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants receivable	98,093	15,526	113,619
	<u>98,093</u>	<u>15,526</u>	<u>113,619</u>
	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants receivable	19,605	13,125	32,730
	<u>19,605</u>	<u>13,125</u>	<u>32,730</u>

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising	372	98	470
	<u>372</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>470</u>
	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising	106	50	156
	<u>106</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>156</u>

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	58	58
	<u>58</u>	<u>58</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	37,114	11,749	48,863
Advice centre running costs	11,895	6,970	18,865
Insurance	1,645	1,501	3,146
Office expenses	43	250	293
Volunteers' expenses	506	2,248	2,754
Legal and professional fees	1,116	666	1,782
Sundry expenses	337	626	963
Telephone and computer	1,844	1,106	2,950
Advertising and publications	306	292	598
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>54,806</u>	<u>26,428</u>	<u>81,234</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Wages and salaries	8,172	11,916	20,088
Advice centre running costs	4,189	7,973	12,162
Insurance	-	2,373	2,373
Office expenses	39	702	741
Volunteers' expenses	307	59	366
Legal and professional fees	222	1,096	1,318
Sundry expenses	109	226	335
Telephone and computer	59	2,097	2,156
Advertising and publications	-	21	21
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>13,097</u>	<u>27,483</u>	<u>40,580</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	48,858	20,088

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

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Charitable activities	4	2

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, travelling expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2022 - £NIL to Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,325	4,655

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	4,474	4,496
Accruals and deferred income	1,380	1,175
	5,854	5,671

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	19,660	22,693	(26,428)	15,925
Restricted funds				
Awards for All	3,809	-	(3,809)	-
National Lottery Community	-	98,093	(45,921)	52,172
Big Lottery COVID-19 IT	128	-	(128)	-
Community champions	4,587	-	(4,587)	-
Tesco Charity Trust	168	372	(361)	179
	8,692	98,465	(54,806)	52,351
Total of funds	28,352	121,158	(81,234)	68,276

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	30,780	16,363	(27,483)	19,660
Restricted funds				
Community champions	-	9,146	(4,559)	4,587
We are undefeatable	-	725	(597)	128
Big Lottery AFA	-	9,735	(5,926)	3,809
CRT 2020	984	-	(984)	-
NCF Wheatcroft	465	-	(465)	-
Thomas Farr	200	-	(200)	-
Tesco Charity Trust	284	105	(221)	168
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	(145)	-
	2,078	19,711	(13,097)	8,692
Total of funds	32,858	36,074	(40,580)	28,352

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds:

Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust

The Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust enabled our volunteers to have access to volunteer training and support.

National Lottery Awards For All

National Lottery Awards for All funded Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor on a part time basis to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media, and outreach surgeries.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire's local community choir "Our Voice". The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

Coalfield Community Investment Programme (England)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media and outreach surgeries. CRT also provided additional funding from the DCMS fund to take on a further Disability Advisor to help support service users through the pandemic.

National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to support and improve service users' independence by raising their awareness of and access to existing local facilities, resources, and information available to them across voluntary and statutory services. Have access to community resources by supporting individuals through a buddying volunteer system. Strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the sector, supporting sustainability, raising disability awareness, encouraging social cohesion so that providers understand how to make their services as community integrated and accessible as possible. Sustain and develop our own existing services of advocacy, welfare benefits, appeals, disability information, peer support and social contact by providing fully accessible "pop up" safe space hubs in a range of community venues acting as a one stop shop to access all our services. Bring people together, help form new relationships and support networks providing a sense of community.

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NCF Wheatcroft Fund

NCF Wheatcroft supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide the administration of volunteer support and supervision, along with funds to produce accessible information via social contact resources.

NCF Thomas Farr

NCF Thomas Farr supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide administration costs to facilitate and support consultation via social media.

Community Champions - Mansfield CVS

Community Champions (Mansfield CVS) is supporting our User Led Organisation within Mansfield District to act as a Mansfield Community champion Anchor Organisation. Funding will support costs with additional capacity and to employ a paid worker as a Disability and Welfare Benefit Advisor to restart outreach surgeries and face to face appointments to support service users with welfare benefits and appeals advice, form fill advice, online forms, and emotional support.

We Are Undefeatable – Mansfield CVS

We Are Undefeatable (Mansfield CVS) is funding “Our Voice” singing group for five months with a contribution to room hire and supportive administration costs to support and mentor group members. The aim of the funding is to increase independence, health, and well-being and for members to feel more connected through social interaction, friendships groups and their community.

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	52,351	21,779	74,130
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,854)	(5,854)
Total	52,351	15,925	68,276

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	8,692	25,331	34,023
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,671)	(5,671)
Total	8,692	19,660	28,352

16. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	483	483

17. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2023.

Accounts



disability
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Charity Number: 1131621

Registered in England: 6972820

Annual Report of
Disability Nottinghamshire
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." - Christopher Reeve



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Please note the following are incorporated in the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2021. This report can be viewed on our website or is available upon request in different formats as required.

- **Administrative Information**
- **Structure, Governance, and Management**
- **Objectives and Activities for Public Benefit**
- **Achievements and Performance**
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- **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**



The Aims and Objectives of Disability Nottinghamshire

Promotion of independence and choice for all disabled people in Nottinghamshire by the provision of free, confidential, impartial advice and advocacy on any aspect of disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students. We aim to ensure that all disabled people have the same choice, freedom and control of their lives as everybody else - by providing help to access relevant services, welfare benefits and appeals, peer support, money management and disability rights. We also have developed "Our Voice" community choir, which is open to all, plus a range of social activities.

Our work aims are to improve the health and wellbeing of disabled people, their families, friends and carers. We are a User Led Organisation, managed mainly by volunteers (18 in total) who undertake a variety of tasks across the Charity, including management, supervision and service delivery. Volunteers are recruited from local communities. The direction and development of services is undertaken in consultation with the diverse community we represent.



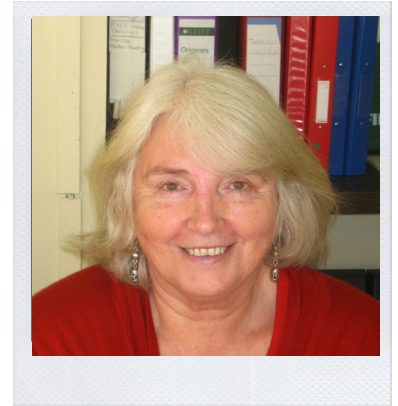
Chairman's statement for the year ending 31 March 2021

Welcome to Disability Nottinghamshire's Annual report.

Throughout the past year the Charity have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable disabled people and all those with chronic long term illness within our area of activity to exercise choice and control within their lives by continuing to provide a range of advice and support services.

No doubt the last year has been incredibly challenging due to the global pandemic. The country has been placed in lockdown at various times resulting in changes to Government Guidance and the adoption of it.

The charities response to all of this was fleet of foot, showing agility, and ability to cope and carry-on delivering services.



I want to recognise, as a user-led charity, the work of our volunteers and small staff team.

As a team they showed great humour, patience, commitment, and flexibility to maintain services, working from home, learning new skills and increasing liaison with our colleagues across the community, voluntary and statutory services to ensure our service users could access them more easily. All services have been delivered by telephone, social media and zoom.

Internally the Charities Advice Team "WhatsApp" group ensured good internal communication, alongside staff and volunteer support zoom meetings.

Trustee Directors, who are also operational volunteers have shown incredible resilience, working together via zoom board meetings, discussions and briefing notes to ensure charity governance was not compromised.

Within the above framework, we continued consultation and feedback with our service users, we have strived to maintain and develop services. There has been an ever-increasing demand for welfare benefits and appeals advice, information services, buddying and befriending support across the community we serve.

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We have seen an increase in requests for;

- Help to complete forms
- Welfare Benefits/Debt Management
- Disability advice
- Requests for help with medication and referrals to food banks
- Help with Appeals
- Buddying and befriending
- Social and Peer group support activities
- Help to cope with the challenges of social isolation

In addition, the charity introduced 6 short information videos on a range of topics plus 3 chair-based exercise videos across the charity's social media accounts. Traditionally our services have always been delivered face to face. This was a new initiative for staff and volunteers, and we were very surprised and delighted with the feedback from service users. With increased visits to our web site and social media to a total of 1500 hits, thus identifying a new service development to plan.

There has also been and will continue to be an increased coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire.

As a charity we now find ourselves standing at a crossroads. The vaccine campaign is under way and there is a slow move to release government restrictions.

We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. The impact of the pandemic has reduced income and opportunities to fund raise. Therefore, without additional funding we could not operate and are very thankful to the financial support we receive from all our donors, fundraises and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but vital to the community we serve in providing and developing relevant services. The Charity recognises that funding grants are short term, however, always try to work toward sustainability of them post-funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

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We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the Charity. The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends, and carers.

Future Plans

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues because of the pandemic, our data has highlighted the economic impact of Coronavirus which will have significant impact on the charity and its service users in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed. We have a constantly changing society and its values, the now prevalent use of the Internet and the advancement of social media. We know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority and Health service spending within the community.

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. The financial hazards, risks and challenges we have experienced and will continue to face with the Covid pandemic even following the easing of Government Restrictions and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support, empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2022 to 2025) consultation has commenced in 2021. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment from diverse communities.

Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore, will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

Lana Carter

L Carter. Chairman

Signed for and on behalf of the Board of Trustee Directors of Disability Nottinghamshire



Social Media

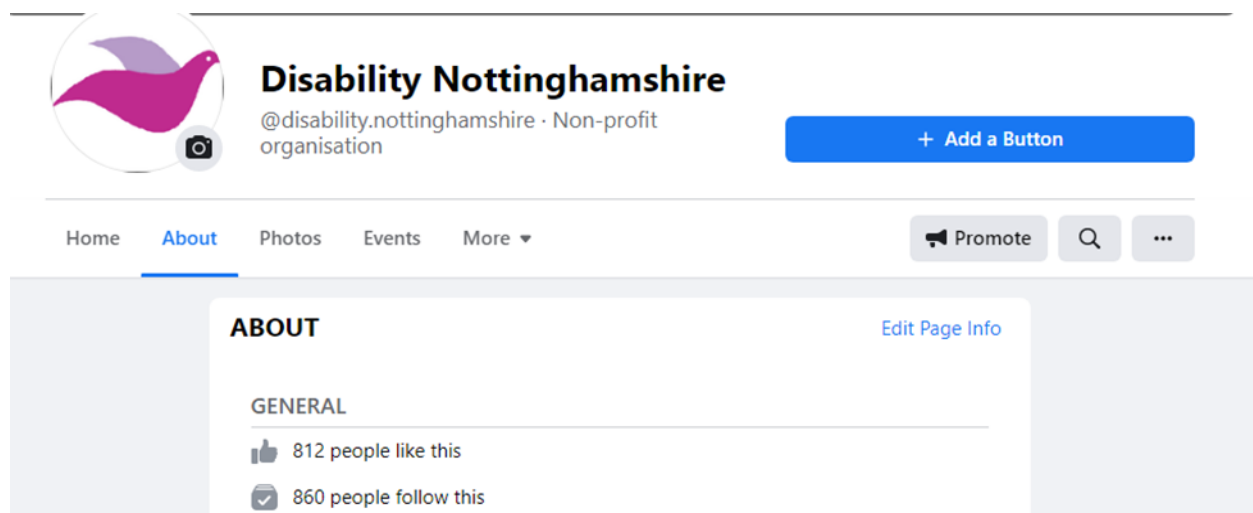
Instagram



Twitter



Facebook



DID YOU KNOW.....

Our Facebook page now has 860 people following it and has received over 1600 interactions in this reporting period. We update our Facebook weekly with useful information about us and any other relevant information about disabilities. You can find us by searching for Disability

AND

On Twitter we now have 371 followers and have been using it to post out regular updates about our work. Find us on twitter @DisabilityNotts.





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38 posts 67 followers 67 following

Disability Nottinghamshire

Registered charity promoting the independence & choice of all persons with disabilities.

<http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7vpwccfr/>

www.disabilitynottinghamshire.org.uk



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We provide a free, confidential and independent advice service relating to any aspect of disability.

📍 Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, UK disabilitynottinghamshire.org.uk

📅 Joined September 2010

121 Following 371 Followers



CORE Information and Advice

Funded and supported through Nottinghamshire County Council and The Coalfield Regeneration Trust, Disability Nottinghamshire adapted and delivered through the pandemic to support services-users with welfare benefits advice, form fill support, appeals advice, signposting plus and access to general advice.

With the pandemic we found that our services increased as a result of the lockdown and our services-users required not only practical advice but also emotional support. Many were sheltering, isolating and alone. It is not surprising that approximately 70% of service-users we spoke to declared an increase in mental health issues, particularly depression and anxiety. During monitoring and follow-up calls, one in three service-users told us they did not have access to online information or the skills. Therefore, our person centred approach has been a lifeline to many.

We have been working closely with the statutory voluntary community sector and have taken referrals from a variety of organisations, i.e. Mansfield CVS, Job CentrePlus, GP surgeries, Community Support Workers and Citizen Advice Bureau's, this tells us that Disability Nottinghamshire can offer the unique support required relating to people with disability/and or long term chronic illness. Any referrals we have made on behalf of services-users to provide them with wider access and support has been followed up to ensure they have received the right levels of support was received.



Ivan Smith



Michele Baird

To keep in touch with our online services-users via Facebook, Instagram and our own website we have created information and advice videos, these have included:-

Welfare Benefits

Access

Exercise videos

Covid 19 information

Transport

This has been received with positivity and no negative comments. The total number of hits was 1510 views and likes. This is something our organisation will endeavour to continue to increase the reach and scope of the charity.

Michele Baird
Disability Advisor



Service-Users Case Studies

Case Study 1

“Mr and Mrs A” telephoned Disability

Nottinghamshire asking for help to complete their Personal Independence Payment (PIP) forms as they were migrating from Disability Living Allowance.

We helped them both to fill the forms out and they had their face-to-face assessments.

They were both successful and both awarded Enhanced Mobility Standard Daily Living.

This entitled them both to a disability premium which went on to help them claim housing benefit and council tax benefit, this generated a financial worth of over £15,000.

Disability Nottinghamshire would not be able to continue this good work without the help and support of our volunteers who play a vital role in the delivery of the service.



Michele Baird

Disability Advisor

Case Study 2

Client A had claimed Personal Independence Payment (PIP) from 21/03/2021 and then it was disallowed following both the initial claim and the mandatory reconsideration. I advised Client A about an appeal to the Tribunal Service, which Client A did, and on 23/11/2021 following a telephone call from DWP, the DWP revised their decision without having to attend a tribunal and awarded both components (daily living and mobility) at standard rates from 21/03/2021. The outcome generated a financial worth of £7872.80 per annum.

As a result, Client A's partner could then claim Carers Allowance from 21/03/2021 until qualifying for State Pension.

Ivan



Pandemic Emergency Funding 2020—2021

The National Lottery Community Fund

When lockdown happened The National Lottery Community Fund invested to enable Disability Nottinghamshire to purchase laptops, along with moving to a Cloud based system and support which allowed members of our team to carry on delivering the service remotely.

NCC Emergency 2020

Nottinghamshire County Council provided additional funding in response to COVID19, enabling Disability Nottinghamshire to provide additional cover and response to service-users during the pandemic.

NCF Wheatcroft Fund

NCF Wheatcroft supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide the administration of volunteer support and supervision, along with funds to produce accessible information via social contact resources.

NCF Thomas Farr

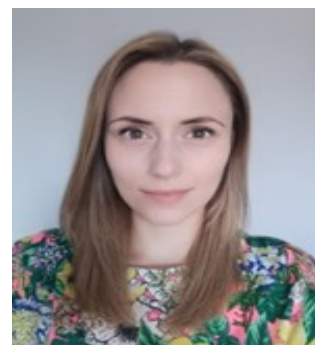
NCF Thomas Farr supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide administration costs to facilitate and support consultation via social media.

Thank you.



“Our Voice” Community Choir

“Our Voice” community choir aims to unite people through music and showcase the potential of people with disabilities, raising public awareness of the skills and abilities of people with disabilities, and supporting the development of stronger social networks. The choir is inclusive regardless of singing ability and is open to anyone who has a disability or long-term health condition as well as their carers, family and friends living in Mansfield and the surrounding areas.



This year was challenging for the choir, as it was for everyone. Whilst the choir was rehearsing wartime songs in preparation for a VE Day event organised by MWCDG at Turner Hall, Covid-19 restrictions meant that the choir had to cease meeting and all future events were cancelled.

“Our Voice” choir evolved during lockdown. Some members joined a WhatsApp group to be able to keep in touch and many took part in videocalls. Members continued to embrace remote methods of engaging with each other, including taking part in a Zoom party and quiz for Christmas 2020. A playlist was created on YouTube and Spotify to encourage members to carry on singing, even though many opted out of online rehearsals due to technical limitations. The priority became supporting all members of the choir, many of them isolated, and the friendships built between members provided vital connections. Despite the challenges this year has presented, it has been inspiring to witness how a small group of individuals have supported each other.

Robyn Gargas



#ConnectwithDN Project.

Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund

November 2019 to November 2020

Overview

This was a one-year pilot project to develop and deliver a fully accessible pop-up social hub in Mansfield, initially one day a week, The target audience being disabled people and people with existing chronic long-term health problems, their carers, families, and friends.

The project met 2 funding priorities (1) bringing people together building strong relationship in and across Mansfield district, and (2) enabling more people to fulfil their potential to address issues at the earliest time.

Initially, a part time project development worker was required, however by the project end, the intention was the Hub would continue to develop as a User Led group with volunteer support.

The hubs provided an informal, welcoming, and safe environment where people could meet and share their challenges, experiences, and solutions informally over 'tea and cake'. Acting as a 'one-stop shop' for advice and support, on a drop-in or appointment basis. All our services were available, welfare benefits advice, appeals, form fills, access advice, peer mentoring, training/workshops, volunteering opportunities, "Our Voice" Community Choir, Sign Posting Plus and Money Management.

The Project support worker and volunteers assisted with meeting an individual's immediate needs and worked with service users in other areas that they identify as impacting on their life including health and wellbeing, employment, finances, loneliness, and social networks.

In this way, the project helped people build confidence, relationships, and a sense of community with others who have similar life experiences, encouraging people to work together to tackle their problems, propose and develop solutions and achieve mutual goals.

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Most importantly, the learning and activities were driven and developed by its Users, who facilitated, non-prescriptive solutions and support.

The project aimed to utilise existing services and organisations, strengthen current and develop new working relationships across the voluntary and community sector, health, and social care services. It helped individuals to access local services through signposting, supporting them to make contact, and if appropriate a volunteer could initially attend services with them, until they felt confident to be independent.

Everything that Disability Nottinghamshire does and stands for as a User-Led Organisation (ULO), is led by its service users, as a ULO, we provide added value both from our local networks, and our ability to represent the voice of real service users who know what works for them.

The project had been designed following:

- Use of social media
- Analysis of our service users wants, needs, and aspirations
- Weekly service user feedback contact
- Online survey monkey
- Membership consultation

Overall analysis showed good support for existing services, however a need had been expressed for a safe and comfortable environment in which to mix with others – to discuss the issues they face, to get advice and support, and to reduce loneliness – all under one roof. People will know about the service via the feedback response to the above. Disability Nottinghamshire is committed to ensuring full user involvement in service design, development, and delivery. We continued to seek and respond to regular feedback from the project's beneficiaries, through face-to-face meetings and questionnaires throughout the project.

April 2020 to November 2020 (end of project)

Having had a fantastic start to the project in November 2020 and achieving all the goals set out above including providing activities and, in some cases, essential meals, plus physical hubs (meeting places) were established at Ladybrook Community Centre and the Four Seasons Shopping Centre (community hub) and a constant core of approx. 10 participants attended these sessions.

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With the arrival of Covid 19 everything changed, we quickly had to respond to this crisis both for DN and the people involved in the project. The decision was taken to suspend all face-to-face activities and instead switch to social media and telephone support.

We also commissioned several chair based keep fit video's available by social media and internet these were very well received.

We kept close supportive contact with the beneficiaries of the project.

During the above time we had 713 people engage with our social media outputs.

The Social media posts mostly consisted of:

Welfare benefits Information

Disability Access Issues

Exercise

Covid19

Transport

Disability Events

In conclusion the project I believe was a great success during a very difficult time however I do feel that if the Pandemic had not occurred, we would have quite possibly had several self-sustaining support groups still active

This was a worthy Project and I greatly enjoyed working on it.

Gary Baird

Community Support Worker



The Coalfield Regeneration Trust / Digital, Culture, Media, and Sport (DCMS)

As part of the grant from The Coalfield Regeneration Trust, Disability Nottinghamshire successfully secured further funding from DCMS to adapt and support service-users during the pandemic. On a part-time basis and delivered remotely from November 2020 to March 2021, I assisted and advised 33 service users on a variety of subjects including welfare benefits, disability access and rights, blue badge, and radar key enquiries.

Social Media was important for Disability Nottinghamshire to communicate information and to have social interaction with service-users. For those without access to social media, regular telephone calls and well-being checks were made with Disability Nottinghamshire's Signposting Plus services available. We found that during lockdown we saw an increase in mental health issues amongst our service users, particularly stress and frustration.

Gary Baird
Disability Support Worker



Fielding The Need

During December 2020 and January 2021 on behalf of Disability Nottinghamshire I worked with Mansfield CVS on a social media project called “Fielding The Need”.

The purpose of the funding was to promote disability awareness, access, and employment. Working alongside Mansfield CVS we created, produced, and edited information videos to be posted on social media.

The promotional videos, which are available to view on YouTube include the following topics:

- The Purple Pound
- Disability awareness
- Help with access to work

This project was funded by the National lottery, due to the evolving changes of Covid 19 the project was delivered on a very tight timescale for completion and delivery.

Gary Baird
Disability Support Worker



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY ABOUT US.....

"You continue to provide advice, information and advocacy for people who have a disability".

"I would love 'Our Voice Choir' to continue forever, I love it so much.

"I appreciated keeping in touch with choir throughout the difficult times"

"I love being part of the choir, it helps me to socialise"

**Thank you
Disability
Nottinghamshire
for all your
support.**



**"You Keep
providing up to
date information,
you are a listening
ear."**

**"Your services keep us up
to date with changes to
benefits etc and also
general information"**

**"You Support us in every way
possible"**



A Volunteers journey

Volunteering as a Trustee for Disability Nottinghamshire is not just about giving, although you give a lot, for me it's equally been about the rewards I have received from this role.

I have a bipolar disorder, a chronic mental health condition, and although I have an extensive professional and academic background, for some years I was unable to work due to my condition. I was aware that the opportunity to work is closely related to functional recovery, and although I live in a country that recognises bipolar disorder as a lifelong disability, with many legally protective rights, my professional background in adult social care, and personal experience meant I was equally aware that equal opportunities, and adjustments at work, even legally required ones, were often not available for people with a bipolar disorder, and other disabilities.

I recently read of a survey by the royal college of psychiatry found that over half of employers would not employ a person with a psychiatric diagnosis, and two thirds said they had never knowingly done so. A few years ago, I approached Disability Nottinghamshire, explained I had a bipolar condition, and was looking for voluntary opportunities to maintain and develop my professional skills. I was warmly welcomed and invited to apply for a position on their board of Trustee/Directors. I was successful in my application.

My expectations were admittedly low. I was anxious of being judged by my condition, and that because of this people might question decisions or action I made ("Oh it must be his medication"), people might question my ability to handle tasks, stress, or complex decisions differently ("but is he stable right now?"), and fear of letting people down during times I wasn't so well. Of course, there have been lots of ups and downs, successes, disappointments, but lots of kindness, understanding and fun too.

Although since this time I have also moved into paid employment, and I am in the final year of a doctoral research degree, I maintain my role with Disability Nottinghamshire. I feel so lucky to have role on the board of an incredibly understanding, accommodating, compassionate and human organisation, where everyone lives and works by our values of a user led organisation where.

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“People who have a disability are the experts, and will always have the loudest voice”

People often talk about volunteer work as “giving something back”, and it is an opportunity for that, but you get a lot back in return, sometimes life changing rewards.

I live, work and study with a bipolar disorder. This is well treated and managed through NHS support and medication, although that doesn’t mean I am well all the time. However, my experience of volunteering for Disability Nottinghamshire has helped me to manage the challenges I face with supportive and understanding colleagues and staff, a sense of belonging to a community, rather than feeling removed, or different from it.

Through my involvement with Disability Nottinghamshire, I know I have received so much more than I have given, and I’m so grateful for positive the impact that Disability Nottinghamshire has had on my life, and many other people with a disability or long-term health condition.

Tim



A big thank you to all our funders

- Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme.
- Nottinghamshire County Council Emergency Fund 2020
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation—Wheatcroft
- Nottinghamshire Community Foundation-Thomas Farr
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
- Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)
- Sir John Eastwood Foundation
- Albert Hunt
- The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
- Asda (Forest Town)
- Councillor Stuart Richardson
- Mansfield CVS 2020—Fielding The Need

A special thank you to all of our Donors and those who kindly supported and contributed to
Disability Nottinghamshire.





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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees

L Carter, Chairman
E S Twigger
T Holloway
P A Kenton-Batt, Vice chairman
C A Mitchell
I Garratt, Treasurer
M Evans (resigned 31 January 2022)

Company registered number

06972820

Charity registered number

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Registered office

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The chairman presents her statement for the year.

There is no doubt that this reporting period was another extraordinary period overshadowed by the pandemic and continued slow recovery from it. This was challenging for everyone, service users and the wider community we represent.

Demand for our services has far outstripped what we can afford to provide, so to keep delivery ambition, we have frequently reviewed and transformed the way we do things to meet the challenging needs of service users, keep pace with the rapid technological advances and increasingly competitive funding environment.

The Trustees have worked closely with staff, volunteers and community partners and stayed within the Memorandum and Articles of Association to keep service users at the heart of all we do.

At the start of this accounting period, the Trustees, staff and volunteers reviewed the strategic business plan. This process included issues of medium and longer term spending, alongside the funding plan, identify funding and monitor progress. A new 3 year strategic business plan consultation is also under way with a view to commencing from December 2022 to December 2025.

We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but also the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. We always try to work toward sustainability of funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity.

The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers.

As ever this has been a year of challenge, achievement and getting on with the job against the backdrop of reduced funding and resources and increasing demand for services.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues post pandemic lock down and recovery. Our data has highlighted the economic impact of Coronavirus, the rising cost of living, changes to Welfare Benefits which will have a significant impact on the charity and its service users in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed. We have a constantly changing society and its ethics, the now prevalent use of the internet and the advancement of social media. We know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority spending on the community.

L Carter
Date: 15 August 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

Between September 2021 and March 2022, grants from The National Lottery Awards For All fund allowed the charity to support 113 service users, 75 with benefits. Most enquiries were around PIP (Personal Independence Payment), then universal credit, employment support allowance, child disability living allowance and disabled students allowance.

The Mansfield CVS Community Champions funding has enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to resume face-to-face appointments and support 17 service users at outreach venues.

The Mansfield CVS We Are Undefeatable funding has supported 12 sessions with 73 participants attending overall.

As a result of the NCF Wheatcroft funding 1,500 service users accessed services which improved mental health, life chances, wellbeing and increased a stronger sense of belonging and togetherness within their communities.

The NCF Thomas Farr grant enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to gain an understanding of how COVID-19 affected the community by facilitating online support via Survey Monkey, Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook and activity videos to connect with service users during lockdown and a time of isolation. A total of 94% of participants said COVID-19 and lockdown affected them moderately to drastically. 80% of participants had previously used our services and 69% said that they found our services helpful during COVID-19. They expressed feelings of being worried and feeling anxious and said it was nice to have a listening ear at the end of the telephone. 80% of service users informed us that they would be interested in online virtual support groups to meet new friends, ask questions and to receive support and advice.

The Tesco Charity Trust grant supports "Our Voice" community choir to meet weekly and continue to develop its own musical and performance range, helped by the recruitment of a volunteer choir director. The aim of the choir is to unite people through music and promote the potential of people with disabilities and their wellbeing. So far there are 11 regular members in the Choir, which is inclusive and open to all.

230 beneficiaries were able to access the Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) which is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council L.I.S project grant, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 988. The majority of enquiries received now require support with complex case work. Welfare Benefit Advisors are spending at least 2 hours per service user enquiry and the average PIP claim for the period was £56,700. The range of help delivered has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services.

The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as, Local Authorities, plus the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users. Universal credit has had a great impact on service users with disabilities losing premiums and benefits leading to debt and deprivation across the community we serve.

Within the above framework, since the last report, we have continued to strive to maintain and develop services. There has been an ever-increasing demand for advice, information services, buddying and befriending support across the community we serve. In particular we have seen an increase in requests for;

- Help to complete forms
- Welfare Benefits/Debt Management
- Disability advice
- Requests for help with medication and referrals to food banks
- Help with Appeals
- Buddying and befriending
- Social and Peer group support activities
- Help to Cope with the challenges of social isolation

In addition to requests to continue current services, we have been asked to develop social media information, provide new opportunities for social networks in the community and to help people become more active citizens.

There has also been and will continue to be an increase in coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire. Disability Nottinghamshire collaboratively worked alongside Mansfield CVS to create and produce several training and information videos and postcards.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves may cast uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Funding has been pledged for the next 3 years so we believe that the charity will have sufficient resources to continue until beyond August 2023. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors, which has proved difficult during the pandemic and its aftermath. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a weekly cash flow spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

During the Covid-19 lockdowns the Board received written reports electronically which continued to provide a range of data and information. Trustee Directors also held Board meetings via zoom during this period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year have been slow to recover. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. Due to the financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face, with COVID-19 even following the easing of Government Restrictions and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support, empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2022 to 2025) consultation has commenced. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 15 August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

L Carter
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 31 August 2022

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

Mansfield

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	3,187	3,187	9,517
Charitable activities	4	19,605	13,125	32,730	47,413
Other fundraising activities	5	106	50	156	4,561
Investments	6	-	1	1	3
Total income		19,711	16,363	36,074	61,494
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	13,097	27,483	40,580	50,415
Total expenditure		13,097	27,483	40,580	50,415
Net movement in funds		6,614	(11,120)	(4,506)	11,079
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,078	30,780	32,858	21,779
Net movement in funds		6,614	(11,120)	(4,506)	11,079
Total funds carried forward		8,692	19,660	28,352	32,858

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,655	2,706
Cash at bank and in hand		29,368	34,279
		<u>34,023</u>	<u>36,985</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,671)	(4,127)
Net current assets		<u>28,352</u>	<u>32,858</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>28,352</u></u>	<u><u>32,858</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	8,692	2,078
Unrestricted funds	13	19,660	30,780
Total funds		<u><u>28,352</u></u>	<u><u>32,858</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees
Date: 15 August 2022

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe that the charity can continue until beyond August 2023 as funding has been pledged for the next 3 years.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	2,202	2,202
Grants	949	949
Radar keys	36	36
	3,187	3,187

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	2,776	2,776
Grants	6,741	6,741
	9,517	9,517

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants receivable	19,605	13,125	32,730

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants receivable	20,055	27,358	47,413

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising	106	50	156

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising	4,561	4,561

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	8,172	11,975	20,147
Advice centre running costs	4,189	7,973	12,162
Insurance	-	2,373	2,373
Office expenses	39	702	741
Volunteers' expenses	307	-	307
Legal and professional fees	222	1,096	1,318
Sundry expenses	109	226	335
Telephone and computer	59	2,097	2,156
Advertising and publications	-	21	21
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>13,097</u>	<u>27,483</u>	<u>40,580</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Wages and salaries	16,381	3,049	19,430
Training	600	-	600
Advice centre running costs	4,202	3,961	8,163
Insurance	740	1,551	2,291
Office expenses	-	394	394
Volunteers' expenses	144	-	144
Legal and professional fees	-	1,204	1,204
Sundry expenses	-	170	170
Telephone and computer	11,206	5,543	16,749
Advertising and publications	250	-	250
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>33,523</u>	<u>16,892</u>	<u>50,415</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	20,088	19,430

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Charitable activities	2	4

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, travelling expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2021 - £144 to 1 Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,655	2,706

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	4,496	2,909
Other taxation and social security	-	198
Accruals and deferred income	1,175	1,020
	5,671	4,127

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	30,780	16,363	(27,483)	19,660
Restricted funds				
Community champions	-	9,146	(4,559)	4,587
We are undefeatable	-	725	(597)	128
Big Lottery AFA	-	9,735	(5,926)	3,809
CRT 2020	984	-	(984)	-
NCF Wheatcroft	465	-	(465)	-
Thomas Farr	200	-	(200)	-
Tesco Charity Trust	284	105	(221)	168
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	(145)	-
	2,078	19,711	(13,097)	8,692
Total of funds	32,858	36,074	(40,580)	28,352

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds				
Awards for All	6,589	-	(6,589)	-
CRT 2020 GB	-	3,451	(3,451)	-
Big Lottery COVID-19 IT	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
CRT 2020	8,528	-	(7,544)	984
NCF Wheatcroft	-	3,000	(2,535)	465
Mansfield CVS 2020	-	600	(600)	-
NCC Emergency 2020	-	2,004	(2,004)	-
Thomas Farr	-	2,000	(1,800)	200
Tesco Charity Trust	284	-	-	284
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	-	145
	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
Total of funds	21,779	61,494	(50,415)	32,858

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds:

Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust

The Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust is enabling our volunteers to have access to volunteer training and support.

National Lottery Awards For All

National Lottery Awards for All is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor on a part time basis to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media, and outreach surgeries.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire's local community choir "Our Voice". The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

Coalfield Community Investment Programme (England)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media and outreach surgeries. CRT also provided additional funding from the DCMS fund to take on a further Disability Advisor to help support service users through the pandemic.

National Lottery Community Fund

When lockdown happened The National Lottery Community Fund invested to enable Disability Nottinghamshire to purchase laptops, along with moving to a Cloud based system and support which allowed members of our team to carry on delivering the service remotely.

NCC Emergency 2020

Nottinghamshire County Council provided additional funding in response to COVID19, enabling Disability Nottinghamshire to provide additional cover and response to service users during the pandemic.

NCF Wheatcroft Fund

NCF Wheatcroft supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide the administration of volunteer support and supervision, along with funds to produce accessible information via social contact resources.

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NCF Thomas Farr

NCF Thomas Farr supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide administration costs to facilitate and support consultation via social media.

Community Champions - Mansfield CVS

Community Champions (Mansfield CVS) is supporting our User Led Organisation within Mansfield District to act as a Mansfield Community champion Anchor Organisation. Funding will support costs with additional capacity and to employ a paid worker as a Disability and Welfare Benefit Advisor to restart outreach surgeries and face to face appointments to support service users with welfare benefits and appeals advice, form fill advice, online forms, and emotional support.

We Are Undefeatable – Mansfield CVS

We Are Undefeatable (Mansfield CVS) is funding “Our Voice” singing group for five months with a contribution to room hire and supportive administration costs to support and mentor group members. The aim of the funding is to increase independence, health, and well-being and for members to feel more connected through social interaction, friendships groups and their community.

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	30,780	16,363	(27,483)	19,660
Restricted funds	2,078	19,711	(13,097)	8,692
	<u>32,858</u>	<u>36,074</u>	<u>(40,580)</u>	<u>28,352</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
	<u>21,779</u>	<u>61,494</u>	<u>(50,415)</u>	<u>32,858</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	8,692	25,331	34,023
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,671)	(5,671)
Total	<u>8,692</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>28,352</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	2,078	34,907	36,985
Creditors due within one year	-	(4,127)	(4,127)
Total	<u>2,078</u>	<u>30,780</u>	<u>32,858</u>

17. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	<u>483</u>	<u>495</u>

18. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2022.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Trustees

L Carter, Chairman
E S Twigger
T Holloway
P A Kenton-Batt, Vice chairman
C A Mitchell
I Garratt, Treasurer
M Evans (resigned 31 January 2022)

Company registered number

06972820

Charity registered number

1131621

Registered office

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NG19 8ER

Accountant

Jonathan Wilson
Chartered Accountant
Cromwell House
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NG18 1RR

Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC
1-3 Church Street
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 1AL

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
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The chairman presents her statement for the year.

There is no doubt that this reporting period was another extraordinary period overshadowed by the pandemic and continued slow recovery from it. This was challenging for everyone, service users and the wider community we represent.

Demand for our services has far outstripped what we can afford to provide, so to keep delivery ambition, we have frequently reviewed and transformed the way we do things to meet the challenging needs of service users, keep pace with the rapid technological advances and increasingly competitive funding environment.

The Trustees have worked closely with staff, volunteers and community partners and stayed within the Memorandum and Articles of Association to keep service users at the heart of all we do.

At the start of this accounting period, the Trustees, staff and volunteers reviewed the strategic business plan. This process included issues of medium and longer term spending, alongside the funding plan, identify funding and monitor progress. A new 3 year strategic business plan consultation is also under way with a view to commencing from December 2022 to December 2025.

We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but also the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. We always try to work toward sustainability of funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity.

The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers.

As ever this has been a year of challenge, achievement and getting on with the job against the backdrop of reduced funding and resources and increasing demand for services.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues post pandemic lock down and recovery. Our data has highlighted the economic impact of Coronavirus, the rising cost of living, changes to Welfare Benefits which will have a significant impact on the charity and its service users in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed. We have a constantly changing society and its ethics, the now prevalent use of the internet and the advancement of social media. We know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority spending on the community.

L Carter
Date: 15 August 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

Between September 2021 and March 2022, grants from The National Lottery Awards For All fund allowed the charity to support 113 service users, 75 with benefits. Most enquiries were around PIP (Personal Independence Payment), then universal credit, employment support allowance, child disability living allowance and disabled students allowance.

The Mansfield CVS Community Champions funding has enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to resume face-to-face appointments and support 17 service users at outreach venues.

The Mansfield CVS We Are Undefeatable funding has supported 12 sessions with 73 participants attending overall.

As a result of the NCF Wheatcroft funding 1,500 service users accessed services which improved mental health, life chances, wellbeing and increased a stronger sense of belonging and togetherness within their communities.

The NCF Thomas Farr grant enabled Disability Nottinghamshire to gain an understanding of how COVID-19 affected the community by facilitating online support via Survey Monkey, Zoom, WhatsApp, Facebook and activity videos to connect with service users during lockdown and a time of isolation. A total of 94% of participants said COVID-19 and lockdown affected them moderately to drastically. 80% of participants had previously used our services and 69% said that they found our services helpful during COVID-19. They expressed feelings of being worried and feeling anxious and said it was nice to have a listening ear at the end of the telephone. 80% of service users informed us that they would be interested in online virtual support groups to meet new friends, ask questions and to receive support and advice.

The Tesco Charity Trust grant supports "Our Voice" community choir to meet weekly and continue to develop its own musical and performance range, helped by the recruitment of a volunteer choir director. The aim of the choir is to unite people through music and promote the potential of people with disabilities and their wellbeing. So far there are 11 regular members in the Choir, which is inclusive and open to all.

230 beneficiaries were able to access the Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) which is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor.

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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council L.I.S project grant, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 988. The majority of enquiries received now require support with complex case work. Welfare Benefit Advisors are spending at least 2 hours per service user enquiry and the average PIP claim for the period was £56,700. The range of help delivered has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services.

The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as, Local Authorities, plus the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users. Universal credit has had a great impact on service users with disabilities losing premiums and benefits leading to debt and deprivation across the community we serve.

Within the above framework, since the last report, we have continued to strive to maintain and develop services. There has been an ever-increasing demand for advice, information services, buddying and befriending support across the community we serve. In particular we have seen an increase in requests for;

- Help to complete forms
- Welfare Benefits/Debt Management
- Disability advice
- Requests for help with medication and referrals to food banks
- Help with Appeals
- Buddying and befriending
- Social and Peer group support activities
- Help to Cope with the challenges of social isolation

In addition to requests to continue current services, we have been asked to develop social media information, provide new opportunities for social networks in the community and to help people become more active citizens.

There has also been and will continue to be an increase in coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire. Disability Nottinghamshire collaboratively worked alongside Mansfield CVS to create and produce several training and information videos and postcards.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves may cast uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Funding has been pledged for the next 3 years so we believe that the charity will have sufficient resources to continue until beyond August 2023. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors, which has proved difficult during the pandemic and its aftermath. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a weekly cash flow spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

During the Covid-19 lockdowns the Board received written reports electronically which continued to provide a range of data and information. Trustee Directors also held Board meetings via zoom during this period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year have been slow to recover. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. Due to the financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face, with COVID-19 even following the easing of Government Restrictions and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support, empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2022 to 2025) consultation has commenced. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 15 August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

L Carter
Chair of Trustees

DISABILITY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 31 August 2022

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

Mansfield

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	3,187	3,187	9,517
Charitable activities	4	19,605	13,125	32,730	47,413
Other fundraising activities	5	106	50	156	4,561
Investments	6	-	1	1	3
Total income		19,711	16,363	36,074	61,494
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	13,097	27,483	40,580	50,415
Total expenditure		13,097	27,483	40,580	50,415
Net movement in funds		6,614	(11,120)	(4,506)	11,079
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		2,078	30,780	32,858	21,779
Net movement in funds		6,614	(11,120)	(4,506)	11,079
Total funds carried forward		8,692	19,660	28,352	32,858

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,655	2,706
Cash at bank and in hand		29,368	34,279
		<u>34,023</u>	<u>36,985</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,671)	(4,127)
Net current assets		<u>28,352</u>	32,858
Total net assets		<u><u>28,352</u></u>	<u><u>32,858</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	8,692	2,078
Unrestricted funds	13	19,660	30,780
Total funds		<u><u>28,352</u></u>	<u><u>32,858</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees
Date: 15 August 2022

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees believe that the charity can continue until beyond August 2023 as funding has been pledged for the next 3 years.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	2,202	2,202
Grants	949	949
Radar keys	36	36
	3,187	3,187

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	2,776	2,776
Grants	6,741	6,741
	9,517	9,517

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants receivable	19,605	13,125	32,730

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants receivable	20,055	27,358	47,413

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising	106	50	156

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising	4,561	4,561

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest receivable	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Wages and salaries	8,172	11,975	20,147
Advice centre running costs	4,189	7,973	12,162
Insurance	-	2,373	2,373
Office expenses	39	702	741
Volunteers' expenses	307	-	307
Legal and professional fees	222	1,096	1,318
Sundry expenses	109	226	335
Telephone and computer	59	2,097	2,156
Advertising and publications	-	21	21
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>13,097</u>	<u>27,483</u>	<u>40,580</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Wages and salaries	16,381	3,049	19,430
Training	600	-	600
Advice centre running costs	4,202	3,961	8,163
Insurance	740	1,551	2,291
Office expenses	-	394	394
Volunteers' expenses	144	-	144
Legal and professional fees	-	1,204	1,204
Sundry expenses	-	170	170
Telephone and computer	11,206	5,543	16,749
Advertising and publications	250	-	250
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>33,523</u>	<u>16,892</u>	<u>50,415</u>

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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9. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	20,088	19,430

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

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Charitable activities	2	4

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, travelling expenses totalling £NIL were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustee (2021 - £144 to 1 Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	4,655	2,706

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	4,496	2,909
Other taxation and social security	-	198
Accruals and deferred income	1,175	1,020
	5,671	4,127

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	30,780	16,363	(27,483)	19,660
Restricted funds				
Community champions	-	9,146	(4,559)	4,587
We are undefeatable	-	725	(597)	128
Big Lottery AFA	-	9,735	(5,926)	3,809
CRT 2020	984	-	(984)	-
NCF Wheatcroft	465	-	(465)	-
Thomas Farr	200	-	(200)	-
Tesco Charity Trust	284	105	(221)	168
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	(145)	-
	2,078	19,711	(13,097)	8,692
Total of funds	32,858	36,074	(40,580)	28,352

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds				
Awards for All	6,589	-	(6,589)	-
CRT 2020 GB	-	3,451	(3,451)	-
Big Lottery COVID-19 IT	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
CRT 2020	8,528	-	(7,544)	984
NCF Wheatcroft	-	3,000	(2,535)	465
Mansfield CVS 2020	-	600	(600)	-
NCC Emergency 2020	-	2,004	(2,004)	-
Thomas Farr	-	2,000	(1,800)	200
Tesco Charity Trust	284	-	-	284
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	-	145
	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
Total of funds	21,779	61,494	(50,415)	32,858

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds:

Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust

The Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust is enabling our volunteers to have access to volunteer training and support.

National Lottery Awards For All

National Lottery Awards for All is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor on a part time basis to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media, and outreach surgeries.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire's local community choir "Our Voice". The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

Coalfield Community Investment Programme (England)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media and outreach surgeries. CRT also provided additional funding from the DCMS fund to take on a further Disability Advisor to help support service users through the pandemic.

National Lottery Community Fund

When lockdown happened The National Lottery Community Fund invested to enable Disability Nottinghamshire to purchase laptops, along with moving to a Cloud based system and support which allowed members of our team to carry on delivering the service remotely.

NCC Emergency 2020

Nottinghamshire County Council provided additional funding in response to COVID19, enabling Disability Nottinghamshire to provide additional cover and response to service users during the pandemic.

NCF Wheatcroft Fund

NCF Wheatcroft supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide the administration of volunteer support and supervision, along with funds to produce accessible information via social contact resources.

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NCF Thomas Farr

NCF Thomas Farr supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide administration costs to facilitate and support consultation via social media.

Community Champions - Mansfield CVS

Community Champions (Mansfield CVS) is supporting our User Led Organisation within Mansfield District to act as a Mansfield Community champion Anchor Organisation. Funding will support costs with additional capacity and to employ a paid worker as a Disability and Welfare Benefit Advisor to restart outreach surgeries and face to face appointments to support service users with welfare benefits and appeals advice, form fill advice, online forms, and emotional support.

We Are Undefeatable – Mansfield CVS

We Are Undefeatable (Mansfield CVS) is funding “Our Voice” singing group for five months with a contribution to room hire and supportive administration costs to support and mentor group members. The aim of the funding is to increase independence, health, and well-being and for members to feel more connected through social interaction, friendships groups and their community.

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	30,780	16,363	(27,483)	19,660
Restricted funds	2,078	19,711	(13,097)	8,692
	<u>32,858</u>	<u>36,074</u>	<u>(40,580)</u>	<u>28,352</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
	<u>21,779</u>	<u>61,494</u>	<u>(50,415)</u>	<u>32,858</u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	8,692	25,331	34,023
Creditors due within one year	-	(5,671)	(5,671)
Total	<u>8,692</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>28,352</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	2,078	34,907	36,985
Creditors due within one year	-	(4,127)	(4,127)
Total	<u>2,078</u>	<u>30,780</u>	<u>32,858</u>

17. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Not later than 1 year	<u>483</u>	<u>495</u>

18. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2022.

Accounts

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Trustees

L Carter, Chairman
E S Twigger
T Holloway
P A Kenton-Batt, Vice chairman
C A Mitchell
I Garratt, Treasurer
M Evans

Company registered number

06972820

Charity registered number

1131621

Registered office

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The chairman presents her statement for the year.

The past year has been an active one for the Charity, faced with the crisis of the pandemic. We have endeavoured to operate our organisation as effectively and efficiently as possible. We could not operate without the financial support of all our donors, fundraisers and grant funders, this is not only critical to paying our rent, accommodation, utilities but the vital continuation and development of services relevant to and requested by the community we serve. The Charity recognises that funding grants are short term, however always try to work toward sustainability of them post funding by promoting a well-trained volunteer base.

As ever this has been a year of challenge, achievement and getting on with the job, against the backdrop of reduced funding and resources and increasing demand for services. Nottinghamshire County Council provided additional funding in response to COVID19, enabling Disability Nottinghamshire to support 356 service users by providing a range of disability information and welfare benefits over a 26 weeks period in respond to pandemic.

We rely on the hard work and dedication of both a small staff team and the many volunteers who contribute in so many ways to the work and success of the charity. The impact of our work goes far beyond those we help directly and includes families, friends and carers. This service could not run without the support of volunteers who are willing to train and update skills on a regular basis. Volunteers have completed over 3,490 volunteering hours in the past year thanks to a grant from the Mary Potter Convent Trust enabling access to training and support.

Advice and Information Services are free, independent, and confidential. The Welfare Reform system continues to impact on service users. Universal Credit has had a big impact on service users with disabilities losing premiums and benefits leading to debt and deprivation across Nottinghamshire. Therefore it is a difficult time for individuals and families across the community we serve.

We have and will continue to face evolving and new issues as a result of the pandemic and it is already clear that the economic impact of Coronavirus will have significant impact on the charity in the coming year. It is clear our planning will need to reflect and evolve the rapidly changing world the disabled person now faces and is much changed from when our existing strategy was originally developed with the changes to the benefits system, our constantly changing society and its ethics, the now prevalent use of the Internet and the advancement of social media. In particular, we know we need to continue to expand on our previous consultation process to ensure that we fully understand the impact of the increasing restrictions on Local Authority spending on social and community care services.

L Carter
Date: 9 August 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Company for the year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The purpose of the charity is to:

Promote the independence and choice of all disabled persons within the area covered by Nottinghamshire County Council by providing free, confidential and impartial information, advice and advocacy in respect of any disability to disabled people, their families, friends, carers, professionals and students.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

Our aim is for all disabled people to have the same choice, control and freedom as any other person. With the provision of information and advice on how to effectively access the relevant benefits, services, peer support and disability rights, we are also aiming to encourage a far greater overall level of health and well being not only for disabled people but also their carers, friends and families. We wish to reflect the purposes for which this charity was originally set up within our incorporated organisation.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Activities of the Charity, have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control and are all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

At the start of this accounting period, trustees, staff and volunteers reviewed the strategic business plan, this helped to identify the many challenges faced in balancing a rise in requests for help, advice and support services against very challenging financial circumstances.

Activities of the Charity have continued to remain focused on providing support to enable people within our area of activity to exercise choice and control, all undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit. Services have been delivered by telephone, social media and zoom by volunteers and staff working from home during the pandemic.

Staff, volunteers and directors had to adapt to a completely different model of service delivery, working from home to support service users. They have started to adapt with great energy, flexibility and an ability to think outside of the box and problem solve. This has enabled a high volume of requests for help to be responded to. As the pandemic continued, and Government guidelines evolved we worked hard to keep our advice service, information provision and buddying support responsive. Building up good relationships with service providers across the voluntary, community and health sectors to gain the additional specialist support our service users required.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the Company

Overall this reporting year, within our core advice services which is part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council L.I.S project grant, the total number of issues and queries dealt with for Nottinghamshire residents was 3066. This figure includes 462 people who have required support with complex case work. The range of help delivered, has included disability advice, equality issues, health matters, welfare benefits, appeals, money management, housing and other services.

The Charity has continued to work across the County to encourage a user led ethos and to assist, for example, individuals, self help groups and single issue groups to feel more confident and become better informed about opportunities to influence policy, consultation or services which have previously been hard to reach or unobtainable. For example, helping to support access and built environment issues by providing advice, sign posting and referring to, the appropriate service such as, Local Authorities, plus the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Working in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, together we continue to support the work of the Disability Independent Advisory Group. This is an independent voice within the community and tackles a range of issues raised by its members, however this has also been impacted by COVID-19. We have achieved Disability confident Employee status.

Within the above framework, since the last report, we have continued to strive to maintain and develop services. There has been an ever-increasing demand for advice, information services, buddying and befriending support across the community we serve. In particular we have seen an increase in requests for;

- Help to complete forms
- Welfare Benefits/Debt Management
- Disability advice
- Requests for help with medication and referrals to food banks
- Help with Appeals
- Buddying and befriending
- Social and Peer group support activities
- Help to Cope with the challenges of social isolation

In addition, the charity introduced 6 short information videos on a range of topics plus 3 chair based exercise videos across the charity's social media accounts. Traditionally our services have always been delivered face to face. This was a new initiative for staff and volunteers, and we were very surprised and delighted with the feedback from service users. With increased visits to our web site and social media to a total of 1,500 hits, thus identifying a new service development to plan.

There has also been and will continue to be an increase in coordination with partner organisations to tackle our shared challenges and to meet the needs of diverse communities across Nottinghamshire.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

The Trustees are aware that the low level of unrestricted reserves casts a material uncertainty over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. We continue to monitor the situation closely and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 19 to the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The charity needs reserves to enable it to meet both its ongoing commitments in respect of its charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements.

The trustees recognise that the greatest single area of risk lies in the charity maintaining adequate reserves. It is the board's view that the charity should aim for reserves of three months' operating requirements plus redundancy commitments. Currently, reserves are adequate to meet this requirement. This financial information is regularly updated in board reports.

For a charity, especially one where its services are free at the point of contact, increasing reserves is a difficult task. Currently the board's policy is to maintain and build reserves.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Disability Nottinghamshire is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum of Association.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

We continue to actively try to recruit new Trustee Directors. The Board meets on average every 6 weeks and are fully responsible for the forward strategy. All members of the Board have continued to give their time and expertise on a voluntary basis, receiving no benefits from the Charity. Any out of pocket expenses reclaimed are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

Within the Board of Trustee Directors 75% of its membership consist of individuals who are disabled, or have a long-term health condition, or care for someone. Trustees are elected annually following the Annual General Meeting.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Financial risk management

There is a revised risk management strategy and matrix in place to ensure where applicable all risks are covered. Where appropriate, policies, financial systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the internal risks the charity might face. The responsibility for monitoring this work is with the full Board of Trustee Directors.

Currently all Board members receive a weekly cash flow spreadsheet and a full range of financial and project monitoring reports received prior to Board Meetings.

In addition, all our funders require evidence based monitoring reports on a regular basis. Performance across all services delivered is assessed against key objectives as agreed with funders.

All reports and reviews go directly to Trustee Director Board Meetings for consideration. Staff attend to present their reports as required.

During the Covid-19 lockdowns the Board received written reports electronically which continued to provide a range of data and information. Trustee Directors also held Board meetings via zoom during this period.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Included in the external risk assessment, the Board recognises that cuts to funding impacts on the way services are delivered and developed with most funding being restricted to fixed term and often as little as 12 months. Opportunities for volunteer fund raising this accounting year had to cease following changing Government guidelines. We continue to work hard to mitigate this by seeking to diversify funding sources to maintain an effective service that meets the needs of service users.

Plans for future periods

The Charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming financial year subject to obtaining satisfactory funding. Due to the financial hazards we have experienced and will continue to face, with COVID-19 even following the easing of Government Restrictions and the resulting constraints on resources, will be constantly reviewed. The direct focus of our work will be to continue to support, empower the community we represent offering person centred support as well as embracing technology.

A new strategic plan (2022 to 2025) consultation has commenced and will continue during 2021. It is important that the community we represent has a voice, and services are maintained, designed, and developed with them not for them. We will also continue to seek funding to develop plans and services identified within this work, working wherever possible with other partners to support delivery of quality services. There will also be focus on volunteer and Board member recruitment. Finally, we believe that equal access to our services is vital for our success and to community wellbeing. Therefore we will continue to strive to learn, adapt and break down barriers.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 9 August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

L Carter
(Chair of Trustees)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Disability Nottinghamshire ('the Company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters, other than those fully detailed below, have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
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Disclosure section

I draw attention to note 19 to the financial statements which indicates that there is a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern due to a relatively low level of unrestricted reserves and a reliance on grant funding. My statements above are not modified in respect of this matter.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated: 23 August 2021

Jonathan Wilson

FCA, CTA

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NG18 1RR

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Note	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	-	9,517	9,517	3,050
Charitable activities	4	20,055	27,358	47,413	47,971
Other fundraising activities	5	-	4,561	4,561	3,264
Investments	6	-	3	3	83
Total income		20,055	41,439	61,494	54,368
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	33,523	16,892	50,415	63,005
Total expenditure		33,523	16,892	50,415	63,005
Net movement in funds		(13,468)	24,547	11,079	(8,637)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		15,546	6,233	21,779	30,416
Net movement in funds		(13,468)	24,547	11,079	(8,637)
Total funds carried forward		2,078	30,780	32,858	21,779

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06972820

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	2,706	2,831
Cash at bank and in hand		34,279	22,139
		<u>36,985</u>	<u>24,970</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,127)	(3,191)
Net current assets		<u>32,858</u>	<u>21,779</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>32,858</u></u>	<u><u>21,779</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	13	2,078	15,546
Unrestricted funds	13	30,780	6,233
Total funds		<u><u>32,858</u></u>	<u><u>21,779</u></u>

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

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

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

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

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

L Carter
Chair of Trustees
Date: 9 August 2021

The notes on pages 12 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The company is a company limited by guarantee. It is incorporated and registered in England (registration number 6972820). The registered office is Room 6, Park Road Resource Centre, 53 Park Road, Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, NG19 8ER.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

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

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis. Further details can be found in note 19.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

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

2.6 Debtors

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.9 Financial instruments

The Company 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	2,776	2,776
Grants	6,741	6,741
Radar keys	-	-
	9,517	9,517

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations	2,805	2,805
Radar keys	245	245
	3,050	3,050

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grants receivable	20,055	27,358	47,413

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grants receivable	30,471	17,500	47,971

5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising	4,561	4,561

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fundraising	256	3,008	3,264

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6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest receivable	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest receivable	83	83
	<u>83</u>	<u>83</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Wages and salaries	16,381	3,049	19,430
Training	600	-	600
Advice centre running costs	4,202	3,961	8,163
Insurance	740	1,551	2,291
Office expenses	-	394	394
Volunteers' expenses	144	-	144
Legal and professional fees	-	1,204	1,204
Sundry expenses	-	170	170
Telephone and computer	11,206	5,543	16,749
Advertising and publications	250	-	250
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	<u>33,523</u>	<u>16,892</u>	<u>50,415</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities (continued)

Summary by fund type (continued)

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Wages and salaries	13,357	25,841	39,198
Training	389	-	389
Advice centre running costs	2,378	10,466	12,844
Line management	1,545	-	1,545
Insurance	-	2,480	2,480
Office expenses	354	778	1,132
Volunteers' expenses	242	-	242
Legal and professional fees	-	1,133	1,133
Sundry expenses	66	93	159
Telephone and computer	-	2,725	2,725
Advertising and publications	108	30	138
Independent examiner's fee	-	1,020	1,020
	18,439	44,566	63,005

8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the Company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Company's annual accounts	1,020	1,020

9. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	19,430	39,198

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9. Staff costs (continued)

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

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	5

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

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, travelling expenses totalling £144 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2020 - £80 to 1 Trustee).

11. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Due within one year		
Prepayments and accrued income	2,706	2,831

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,909	3,179
Other taxation and social security	198	12
Accruals and deferred income	1,020	-
	4,127	3,191

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13. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds				
Awards for All	6,589	-	(6,589)	-
CRT 2020 GB	-	3,451	(3,451)	-
Big Lottery COVID-19 IT	-	9,000	(9,000)	-
CRT 2020	8,528	-	(7,544)	984
NCF Wheatcroft	-	3,000	(2,535)	465
Mansfield CVS 2020	-	600	(600)	-
NCC Emergency 2020	-	2,004	(2,004)	-
Thomas Farr	-	2,000	(1,800)	200
Tesco Charity Trust	284	-	-	284
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	145	-	-	145
	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
Total of funds	21,779	61,494	(50,415)	32,858

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13. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	7,818	23,641	(28,037)	3,422
M&DACWP	19,340	-	(16,529)	2,811
	<u>27,158</u>	<u>23,641</u>	<u>(44,566)</u>	<u>6,233</u>
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery ESIF	27	12,003	(12,030)	-
Awards for All	909	-	(909)	-
Big Lottery AFA 19/20	-	9,508	(2,919)	6,589
CRT 2020 GB	-	8,960	(432)	8,528
D' Oylly Carte	931	-	(931)	-
Tesco Charity Trust	609	256	(581)	284
Mary Potter Convent Hospital	782	-	(637)	145
	<u>3,258</u>	<u>30,727</u>	<u>(18,439)</u>	<u>15,546</u>
Total of funds	<u>30,416</u>	<u>54,368</u>	<u>(63,005)</u>	<u>21,779</u>

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14. Purpose of funds

Purpose of unrestricted funds:

General fund

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Mansfield and District Area Committee for the Welfare of Physically Disabled People

This unrestricted funding supports the core service.

Purpose of restricted funds:

Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust

The Mary Potter Convent Hospital Trust is enabling our volunteers to have access to volunteer training and support.

Building Better Opportunities, Funded by Big Lottery and ESIF (European Social Fund)

The project is funded jointly by the Big Lottery and The European Social Fund. The project aims to assist The Money Sorted in D2N2, to encompass a wide range of diverse communities and individuals – ranging from inner-city Nottingham to rural High Peak. Disability Nottinghamshire will provide specialist support to other partners to help them work effectively with disabled people. This will enable the project to meet targets for working with diverse groups, enable achievement for all and share best practice leaving a legacy of specialist knowledge.

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire's local community choir "Our Voice". The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, room hire and volunteer expenses for events.

Big Lottery Awards For All

Big Lottery Awards for All grant for one year has been received during this accounting period, this funding has enabled the Charity to upskill, support and update training of 5 volunteers (to ensure the continuation of the service at the end of funding) and introduce a Sign Posting Plus Service which will help them not only help individuals to access other services, but help them where appropriate to make contact providing support with initial attendance at services with a volunteer until confident to act independently.

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire's local community choir "Our Voice". The grant will support sessional workers, a pianist, a singing tutor, room hire and sheet music.

Coalfield Community Investment Programme (England)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is funding Disability Nottinghamshire to employ a Disability Advisor to alleviate poverty amongst disabled and disadvantaged people by improving access to benefits, providing a comprehensive benefits advice service via telephone, social media and outreach surgeries.

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Coalfield Community Investment Programme (GB)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust also provided additional funding from the DCMS fund to take on a further Disability Advisor to help support service users through the pandemic.

National Lottery Community Fund

When lockdown happened The National Lottery Community Fund invested to enable Disability Nottinghamshire to purchase laptops, along with moving to a Cloud based system and support which allowed members of our team to carry on delivering the service remotely.

NCC Emergency 2020

Nottinghamshire County Council provided additional funding in response to COVID19, enabling Disability Nottinghamshire to provide additional cover and response to service users during the pandemic.

NCF Wheatcroft Fund

NCF Wheatcroft supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide the administration of volunteer support and supervision, along with funds to produce accessible information via social contact resources.

NCF Thomas Farr

NCF Thomas Farr supported Disability Nottinghamshire with grant funding to provide administration costs to facilitate and support consultation via social media.

15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
General funds	6,233	41,439	(16,892)	30,780
Restricted funds	15,546	20,055	(33,523)	2,078
	21,779	61,494	(50,415)	32,858

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
General funds	27,158	23,641	(44,566)	6,233
Restricted funds	3,258	30,727	(18,439)	15,546
	<u>30,416</u>	<u>54,368</u>	<u>(63,005)</u>	<u>21,779</u>

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Restricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	2,078	34,907	36,985
Creditors due within one year	-	(4,127)	(4,127)
Total	<u>2,078</u>	<u>30,780</u>	<u>32,858</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Restricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	15,546	9,424	24,970
Creditors due within one year	-	(3,191)	(3,191)
Total	<u>15,546</u>	<u>6,233</u>	<u>21,779</u>

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17. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2021 the Company had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	495	2,090

18. Related party transactions

The Company has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Company at 31 March 2021.

19. Going concern

At the date of approving the accounts, there is still a degree of uncertainty about the full economic impact of COVID19. The charity is reliant upon grant funding and although the unrestricted reserves have increased, they remain slightly low, resulting in a material uncertainty which may cast doubt over the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have frequently tested the financial viability of the charity to continue throughout the next twelve month period and are satisfied there is sufficient funding available to do this until at least August 2022. The trustees continue to monitor the position carefully and consider the charity to be a going concern therefore the accounts have been prepared using the going concern basis.