
DISABILITY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
(a company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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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 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 2024

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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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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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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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
	<hr/> 4,909 <hr/>	<hr/> 4,909 <hr/>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	6,902	6,902
Radar keys	109	109
	<hr/> 7,011 <hr/>	<hr/> 7,011 <hr/>

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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> </u>	<u> </u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	58	58
	<u> </u>	<u> </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
	<u>54,806</u>	<u>26,428</u>	<u>81,234</u>

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	<u>1,020</u>	<u>1,020</u>

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
	<u>78,911</u>	<u>48,858</u>

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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.