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Activities

Objects: 3.1. THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC PARTICULARLY IN THE COUNTY OF DERBYSHIRE (HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "AREA OF BENEFIT"), 3.2. THE PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: LIAISING BETWEEN CHARITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT OR STATUTORY AGENCIES AND WORKING WITH THEM FOR THE PUBLIC'S BENEFIT; ASSISTING IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDING PROGRAMMES TO CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, MONITORING GRANTS, RECOMMENDING GRANTS FOR SUCH ORGANISATIONS AND ASSISTING THEM IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS; AND ACTING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN RELATION TO HOW THE SECTOR IS AFFECTED BY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND LEGISLATION.

Activities: Supporting health related voluntary organisations and community groups across Derbyshire

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DERBYSHIRE
- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£691,294	£775,423	£746,421	13
2024-03-31	£682,170	£543,141	£830,550	14
2023-03-31	£601,527	£618,364	£691,521	14
2022-03-31	£715,575	£573,243	£708,358	17
2021-03-31	£662,411	£446,953	£566,026	15

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIE DIXON	Chair	2013-10-09
Jill Manion-Brunt		2023-10-11
Julia Cook		2023-10-11
Seema Sahni		2024-10-16
Timothy Alexander Adwick		2024-10-16

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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

Julie Dixon, Chair
Wan Ten Yap
Helen Bagley
Julia Cook
Jill Manion-Brunt
Sue Wheatcroft
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CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Chair presents her statement as Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board of Trustees:

It is with great pride and gratitude that I present this year's Chair's Report for Derbyshire Voluntary Action. The past year has been both challenging and inspiring, and I continue to be humbled by the dedication, creativity, and resilience of our team, volunteers, and partners.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action has remained at the heart of community wellbeing across Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover, and beyond. Our work has spanned infrastructure support, strategic representation, mental health advocacy, and grassroots engagement, each contributing to a stronger, more connected voluntary sector.

One of our most impactful initiatives, the Feeling Connected Project, has grown significantly. It supported 78 volunteer-organisers and delivered 62 micro-grants, helping to reduce loneliness and social isolation. Survey results showed that 85% of attendees felt their social circle had expanded, and 88% reported having more people to turn to for help in daily life. These outcomes reflect the deep value of community-led initiatives.

The Hub @ Low Pavement has become a vital space for connection and support. Welcoming between 60 and 70 people each week, it offers a safe and inclusive environment where individuals can engage in activities, access information, and build relationships. This year, we began transitioning the Hub to a volunteer-led model, empowering local people to take ownership and lead activities themselves, a testament to the strength and commitment of our community.

Our Mental Health Liaison Service continued to provide strategic representation and support, delivering forums, bulletins, and the deeply moving 'Moments in Time' documentary project. This initiative, which shares personal stories of mental health and suicide, is a powerful reminder of the importance of compassion, connection, and early intervention.

We also celebrated the fifth and final year of Community Chesterfield, our award-winning partnership with the University of Derby. This collaboration has left a legacy of learning, connection, and innovation, which continues to shape our work. In response to proposed funding cuts, we launched the 'Save Our Sector' campaign, standing firmly in defense of Derbyshire's voluntary services. Despite overwhelming public support, the cuts were approved, but our advocacy efforts demonstrated our unwavering commitment to protecting essential community services and infrastructure.

The Winter Festival, held in autumn 2024, was a joyful celebration of the voluntary sector's resilience and creativity. It brought together local organisations, volunteers, and community members for a day of connections, recognition, and inspiration.

Financially, we ended the year in a strong position, with total income of £682,170 and net income of £139,029. While we remain cautious about future funding uncertainties, our reserves provide a stable foundation for continued impact. Looking ahead, our focus is on deepening our reach, strengthening our infrastructure, and amplifying the voices of lived experience. We will continue to champion innovation, inclusion, and collaboration, ensuring Derbyshire Voluntary Action remains a trusted and responsive organisation at the heart of community wellbeing.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Chief Executive, Jacqui Willis, the staff team, our volunteers, and my fellow Trustees. Your dedication and passion make everything we do possible. Together, we are building a stronger, more connected Derbyshire.



Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 28 November 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity'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 (FRS 102) (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 charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, Integrated Care Board (ICB) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building community capacity through support to local VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise) groups and services.
2. VCSE infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCSE.
3. Effective volunteer support and brokerage.
4. VCSE engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCSE services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCSE is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all.

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCSE organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCFSE has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Objectives and activities (continued)

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

b. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health-related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

Infrastructure Support: Strengthening the Foundations of Community Wellbeing

Infrastructure support is at the heart of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's mission. It underpins everything we do to enable voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations to thrive, collaborate, and deliver meaningful impact across Derbyshire. Our approach is rooted in hyper-local engagement, ensuring that support is accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the lived realities of our communities. We work alongside organisations, not above them, building trust, fostering collaboration, and amplifying the strengths of the sector.

Our support allows groups to grow, adapt, and respond to the evolving needs of their communities. This includes tailored advice, capacity building, funding guidance, governance support, and strategic representation. We help organisations navigate complex systems, access resources, and build the confidence and resilience needed to sustain their work.

In 2024/25, our infrastructure support has been instrumental in:

- Supporting new and existing groups through grant programmes such as the Health and Wellbeing Grant and Start-Up Grant.
- Facilitating strategic engagement through forums, collaboratives, and partnerships.
- Providing timely and relevant information through our bulletins, database, and communications channels.
- Offering mentoring, training, and networking opportunities that strengthen leadership and encourage innovation.
- Advocating for the sector's voice in local and county-wide decision-making spaces.
- Designing and implementing a county-wide campaign and event entitled 'Save Our Sector'.

Our infrastructure support is not just about operational guidance, it is about strategic empowerment, sector advocacy, and long-term sustainability. We are a strong and vocal advocate for the VCFSE sector, ensuring its value is recognised and its voice is heard in decision-making spaces. In 2024/25, we led the 'Save Our Sector' campaign in response to proposed cuts to discretionary grant funding by Derbyshire County Council. This campaign mobilised organisations, stakeholders, and the public to stand up for the essential services provided by local groups. Despite the approval of the funding cuts, our campaign demonstrated the sector's unity, strength, and determination. It also reinforced our role as a trusted infrastructure organisation that not only supports the sector behind the scenes but also champions it publicly and strategically. As funding pressures and system changes continue to challenge the VCFSE landscape, our infrastructure support remains a vital lifeline. It enables organisations to stay connected, informed, and resilient, and ensures that the voluntary sector continues to play a vital role in shaping health and wellbeing across Derbyshire.

We continue to represent the sector at local and county-wide levels, advocating for sustainable funding, inclusive commissioning, and meaningful engagement with VCFSE organisations. Our infrastructure support is deeply rooted in place-based working, ensuring that solutions are shaped by the lived experience of communities and the organisations that serve them.

As we look ahead, Derbyshire Voluntary Action remains committed to strengthening the foundations of the sector—through practical support, strategic leadership, and bold advocacy. We will continue to stand alongside our members, amplify their voices, and work tirelessly to ensure the sector is valued, visible, and empowered.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Wellbeing Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum continues to be a cornerstone of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's commitment to sector-wide collaboration, strategic engagement, and community-led influence. In 2024/25, the Forum met on four occasions, one virtually and three in person, bringing together a diverse range of voluntary and community organisations working across the health and wellbeing landscape.

These meetings provided a vital space for members to share insights, raise concerns, and collaborate on solutions to emerging challenges. The Forum is more than a meeting it is a dynamic platform for dialogue, learning, and collective action. It enables organisations of all sizes to engage with strategic developments, influence local policy, and strengthen partnerships with statutory bodies and system leaders.

The Forum remains responsive to the evolving needs of its membership and the wider health and care environment. It has played a key role in amplifying the voice of the voluntary sector, ensuring that community-based organisations are not only heard but actively involved in shaping services and systems. Discussions have covered a wide range of topics, from integrated care and funding pressures to mental health, social prescribing, and health inequalities.

Importantly, the Forum fosters a culture of mutual support and shared learning. It helps build sector resilience by encouraging innovation, promoting best practice, and facilitating connections between organisations that might otherwise work in isolation. It also provides a valuable opportunity for smaller groups to engage with larger strategic conversations, ensuring that grassroots perspectives are represented at every level.

As we look ahead, Derbyshire Voluntary Action is committed to further developing the Forum's role as a strategic connector and enabler. We will continue to invest in its growth, accessibility, and impact, ensuring it remains a trusted space for collaboration, advocacy, and sector leadership.

News Bulletin - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

During 2024/25, Derbyshire Voluntary Action produced and distributed 114 electronic information bulletins to a growing audience of 770 recipients. These bulletins are a cornerstone of our communications strategy, ensuring that our members, stakeholders, and wider networks remain informed, connected, and empowered.

Each bulletin is carefully curated to include timely updates on funding opportunities, training events, policy developments, local initiatives, and national campaigns relevant to the health and wellbeing voluntary sector. The bulletins are highly valued by recipients for their clarity, relevance, and accessibility, and they play a vital role in strengthening sector-wide knowledge and collaboration.

Our ability to distribute same-day information when needed ensures that urgent updates such as funding deadlines, public health alerts, or strategic consultations reach the sector without delay. This responsiveness has proven especially important during times of change or uncertainty.

Feedback from recipients consistently highlights the bulletin's usefulness in helping organisations stay informed, access resources, and engage with opportunities they might otherwise miss. It is a key tool in our mission to build capacity, foster partnerships, and amplify the voice of the voluntary sector across Derbyshire.

Our New Branding

In 2024/25, Derbyshire Voluntary Action launched a refreshed brand identity that reflects our values, purpose, and the vibrant communities we serve. More than a visual update, our new branding has become a powerful tool for connection, clarity, and impact.

Objectives and activities (continued)

The new visual identity is vibrant, inclusive, and recognisable. It is designed to resonate with the diverse audiences we serve, from grassroots volunteers to strategic partners. It captures the energy and warmth of our work, while reinforcing our role as a trusted infrastructure organisation at the heart of Derbyshire's health and wellbeing sector.

Designed to be inclusive, professional, and approachable, the fresh look has strengthened our visibility across our projects and platforms, from printed materials and signage to our website and digital communications. It has helped us better communicate who we are and what we stand for, while resonating with a wide range of audiences including volunteers, partners, and funders.

The branding process was collaborative and community-informed, ensuring it reflects the heart of our organisation. Since its launch, we have seen increased engagement, stronger recognition, and overwhelmingly positive feedback from stakeholders.

But the power of our brand does not stop at design, it comes to life through our communications, especially our growing presence on social media.

The Power of Our Social Media Campaigns

Building on the momentum of our refreshed branding, Derbyshire Voluntary Action has continued to strengthen its digital presence through dynamic and purposeful social media campaigns. These platforms have become essential tools for storytelling, advocacy, and engagement, allowing us to connect with our communities in real time and amplify the voices of the voluntary sector.

Throughout 2024/25, our social media channels have been used to share updates, celebrate achievements, and promote opportunities that matter to our members and stakeholders. From highlighting the impact of our Feeling Connected initiatives to rallying support for the Save Our Sector campaign and sharing information and achievements of our members and the wider VCSFE community, our posts have reflected the energy, compassion, and resilience of the sector we represent.

We have embraced a more strategic and creative approach to content, using visuals, video, and storytelling to bring our work to life. Our campaigns have helped raise awareness around key issues such as mental health, loneliness, and community wellbeing, while also showcasing the incredible work being done by local groups and volunteers.

Importantly, social media has enabled us to respond quickly to emerging needs, whether sharing urgent funding news, promoting events, or signposting support services. It has become a space not just for broadcasting information, but for fostering dialogue, building relationships, and encouraging collaboration across sectors.

The growth in engagement across our platforms is a testament to the power of authentic communication. Our followers are not just passive recipients; they are active participants in shaping the conversation around health and wellbeing in Derbyshire. As we look ahead, we remain committed to using social media as a force for good: to inform, inspire, and connect.

Website - www.dva.org.uk

In line with our new branding, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's website underwent a significant refresh in 2024/25, transforming it into a more dynamic, accessible, and user-friendly platform. The redesign was not just cosmetic, it was a strategic move to better reflect our values, improve navigation, and enhance the way we communicate with our communities.

The updated site now serves as a central hub for information, engagement, and connection. It features regularly updated news and events, funding opportunities, project updates, and details about our services and small grants. The layout is clean and intuitive, making it easier for visitors to find what they need and explore the breadth of our work.

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Importantly, the website now better highlights the diversity and impact of the voluntary sector in Derbyshire. It highlights member organisations, shares stories from our projects, and provides clear pathways for individuals and groups to get involved, whether through volunteering, partnership, or accessing support.

The refreshed design also aligns seamlessly with our new visual identity, reinforcing brand consistency across all our communications. Feedback from users has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on the improved clarity, warmth, and professionalism of the site.

As we continue to grow and evolve, the website will remain a vital tool for outreach, advocacy, and collaboration, ensuring that Derbyshire Voluntary Action remains visible, approachable, and responsive to the needs of our communities.

Community Champions

Throughout 2024/25, Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued to deliver impactful community engagement work focused on the wider determinants of health. Our Community Champions initiative played a key role in bridging the gap between public health messaging and local communities, ensuring that vital information was shared in a way that was accessible, relevant, and rooted in lived experience.

Working in close partnership with Derbyshire County Council Public Health and the NHS, we produced and distributed regular targeted information bulletins to 407 recipients. These bulletins were crafted to reflect the needs and concerns of local communities, translating complex health guidance into clear, community-focused communications. Whether addressing seasonal health issues, promoting mental wellbeing, or signposting to local services, the bulletins helped ensure that public health messaging reached the people who needed it most.

The Community Champions work reflects our commitment to inclusive, place-based engagement. By empowering communities with information and representation, we help build resilience, improve health outcomes, and strengthen the connection between statutory services and the voluntary sector.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health-related community organisations, with a particular focus on North Derbyshire. The database is a key component of our infrastructure support and provides a comprehensive and up-to-date record of charities, social enterprises, and volunteer-led groups working to improve health and wellbeing across the region. Our membership currently stands at 371 organisations, with 21 new memberships approved by our Board of Trustees during 2024/25. This growth reflects the sector's continued dynamism and the increasing recognition of the value of voluntary and community organisations in shaping local health outcomes.

The database is regularly updated to ensure accuracy and relevance, and it plays a vital role in connecting people to services, supporting social prescribing, and strengthening the visibility of grassroots initiatives. It also underpins our communications work, helping us tailor bulletins, campaigns, and outreach to the real needs of our communities.

As we move forward, we will continue to invest in the development and promotion of the database, ensuring it remains a trusted and effective tool for building a more connected and resilient voluntary sector in Derbyshire.

Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input, and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

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Thrive Evaluation

We received funding to evaluate the effectiveness of the Thrive Children and Young People's Social Prescribing project.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing Grant

In 2024–25, the Integrated Care Board and Derbyshire County Council Public Health allocated four separate funding streams to Derbyshire Voluntary Action. These were combined and administered as a single Health and Wellbeing Grant, covering Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover.

The grant programme is designed to support both new and existing not-for-profit voluntary and community organisations in their efforts to strengthen local communities and improve the health and wellbeing of their beneficiaries. It prioritises initiatives that addressed health inequalities, promoted social connectedness, and responded to the wider determinants of health.

A total of 32 Health and Wellbeing Grants were awarded during the year, enabling a diverse range of grassroots projects to flourish. These included peer support groups, community-led wellbeing activities, outreach programmes, and preventative health initiatives, all tailored to meet the unique needs of local residents.

Beyond financial support, the grant programme also fostered capacity building, partnership development, and increased visibility for smaller organisations that often operate below the radar. Many recipients reported that the funding helped them reach new audiences, expand their services, and build stronger connections within their communities.

The success of the Health and Wellbeing Grant reflects Derbyshire Voluntary Action's commitment to equitable, place-based investment in community health.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on advocating for continued and sustainable funding that empowers local organisations to lead the way in improving wellbeing across Derbyshire.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Start-Up Grant

The Start-Up Grant is a vital part of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's commitment to nurturing grassroots community action. Designed specifically to support newly formed community groups, the grant helps volunteers cover the essential costs of setting up and running their initiatives, often at the earliest and most vulnerable stage of development.

Whether it's hiring a venue, purchasing materials, promoting activities, or covering insurance, the Start-Up Grant provides flexible funding that enables passionate individuals and informal groups to turn their ideas into action. It removes financial barriers and empowers people to respond to local needs with creativity, compassion, and energy.

During 2024/25, 5 Start-Up Grants were awarded, each helping to seed new community-led initiatives that contribute to social connectedness, wellbeing, and inclusion. These small but strategic investments have a ripple effect building confidence among organisers, encouraging participation, and laying the foundations for sustainable community activity.

The Start-Up Grant reflects our belief that meaningful change often begins at the grassroots level. By supporting people to take the first step, we help foster a culture of local leadership, innovation, and resilience across Derbyshire.

Derbyshire Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grant

In response to growing concerns that vulnerable residents may struggle to heat their homes during the colder months, potentially impacting both physical and mental health, Derbyshire County Council provided funding to Derbyshire Voluntary Action to deliver the Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grant scheme.

This initiative aims to create a network of free, warm, and inclusive spaces across the county, offering comfort, connection, and practical support to those most at risk of isolation or hardship during the winter period. The scheme recognised the vital role that community venues and voluntary organisations play in supporting wellbeing, especially during times of economic and social pressure.

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Grants ranging from £1,000 to £3,000 were made available to voluntary and community organisations, as well as informal community-led groups, to establish or enhance warm spaces within their local areas. These funds supported a wide range of project-related costs, including heating, refreshments, activities and staffing, ensuring each space could offer a welcoming and dignified experience.

The response to the grant programme was overwhelming, with 131 applications received. Of these, 89 were successful, while 42 were unfortunately unsuccessful due to the scheme being oversubscribed. This level of demand highlights both the need for such support and capacity of Derbyshire's voluntary sector to respond quickly and compassionately to community challenges.

In addition to the county-wide scheme, Erewash Borough Council provided a supplementary pot of funding, which was distributed to 10 successful groups within the borough to support the same initiative. The Warm and Welcoming Spaces initiative not only provided immediate relief during the winter months, but it also strengthened community ties, reduced isolation, and demonstrated the power of local action in promoting health and wellbeing.

Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Strategic representation remains essential to Derbyshire Voluntary Action's role within the health and care system. Throughout 2024/25, our Chief Executive, Jacqui Willis, has continued to provide strong and consistent representation for the health and care-related VCFSE sector across Derbyshire. Jacqui's involvement spans a wide range of influential boards and partnerships, including the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board, County Place Partnership Board, Place Alliance Leadership Meeting (PALM), and the Learning Disability County Partnership Board, where she serves as Chair. Her contributions also extend to the Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board and the VCFSE Alliance, ensuring that the voluntary sector's voice is embedded in strategic planning and decision-making at the highest levels.

Locally, Jacqui has played a key role in Chesterfield's Strategic Community Wellbeing Coordination Group, as well as the Place Alliances and Health and Wellbeing Partnerships for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover. Her active participation in the Living Well Collaboratives across these districts has helped ensure that community insight and lived experience are central to the design and delivery of services.

This strategic representation is not only about presence, but also about influence. Jacqui brings the perspectives of grassroots organisations into spaces where decisions are made, advocating for inclusive, person-centred approaches and championing the value of community-led solutions. Her leadership helps bridge the gap between statutory systems and the voluntary sector, fostering collaboration, trust, and shared purpose. Through this work, Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to ensure that the VCFSE sector is recognised as an essential partner in shaping the future of health and wellbeing across the county.

Save Our Sector: Standing Up for Derbyshire's VCSE Community

In response to proposed discretionary funding cuts, Derbyshire Voluntary Action launched the Save Our Sector campaign to protect the vital work of voluntary and community organisations across the county. The campaign culminated in a high-impact event, hosted in partnership with Chesterfield Football Club, which brought together stakeholders, service providers, and community leaders in a united call for action.

The accompanying Impact Report highlighted:

- The essential role VCSE organisations play in supporting health, wellbeing, and social care.
- The disproportionate impact funding cuts would have on vulnerable communities.
- A call for Derbyshire County Council to collaborate with the sector to find sustainable, long-term solutions.

The campaign gained widespread support, including a petition and media coverage, and reinforced the message that community-led services are not optional, they are foundational.

Objectives and activities (continued)**c. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance (continued)**Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors. Every three years, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's membership elects two representatives to fulfil the role of Partner Governor and represent the VCFSE in the running of local healthcare services. Dave Radford and Tim Adwick are our current Partner Governors.

Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to host and manage North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS), commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services. MHLS plays a pivotal role in ensuring that the voluntary sector is meaningfully represented in the planning, delivery, and evaluation of mental health services across the county.

The service is built on four core objectives:

1. To provide a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together, share insights, and influence strategic planning.
2. To represent voluntary sector mental health providers on commissioning bodies and key planning groups.
3. To ensure voluntary sector voices are present and valued in multi-agency forums and review bodies.
4. To train and support voluntary sector representatives to engage confidently and effectively in strategic spaces.

In 2024/25, MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN), which now includes 116 representatives from both VCFSE and statutory providers. The network met through four successful forums, including two Joint Countywide Forums in collaboration with Derbyshire Mental Health Forum, and three North Derbyshire Mental Health Forums, alongside several themed workshops and events. These gatherings fostered shared learning, strengthened partnerships, and created space for open dialogue on pressing mental health issues. Additionally, 57 electronic bulletins were distributed to 246 recipients, ensuring timely dissemination of opportunities, updates, and sector intelligence.

Strategic representation was significantly enhanced this year through the leadership of Rachel Bounds, our Mental Health Liaison Service Manager. Rachel provided voluntary sector representation at both strategic and operational levels, contributing to a wide range of influential groups including:

- Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership
- Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover Mental Health Partnerships
- High Peak Living Well Collaborative
- Living Well – Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF) groups: Workforce Planning, Integrated Care Steering, Governance
- Mental Health First Aid Network
- Community Mental Health Communications and Engagement Sub-Group
- Derbyshire Community of Practice for Living Well Leads
- Living Well Programme Delivery Group
- Urgent Care Steering Group
- MH Helpline / Crisis Alternatives Steering Group
- Population Mental Health Task and Finish Group
- Joined Up Care – Mental Health, Neurodiversity, Learning Disability/Autism Alliance
- Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Board of Governors

This extensive engagement ensures that the voluntary sector's expertise, lived experience, and community insight are embedded into the design and delivery of mental health services. Rachel's contributions have helped shape policy, influence commissioning decisions, and advocate for inclusive, person-centred approaches across the system.

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MHLS continues to be a vital connector between statutory services and community organisations, championing collaboration, equity, and innovation in mental health. As we move forward, we remain committed to strengthening this strategic role, ensuring that voluntary sector voices are not only heard, but actively shape the future of mental health care in Derbyshire.

Support for Voluntary Groups

A key function of the Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS) is to support voluntary groups working in the mental health space by connecting them to relevant information, opportunities, and strategic developments. MHLS maintains strong links locally, regionally, and nationally with a wide range of organisations, enabling it to function as a conduit between grassroots providers and the wider mental health system.

Throughout 2024/25, MHLS continued to share timely and targeted updates with its network, ensuring that voluntary sector organisations were informed about funding opportunities, policy changes, training events, and collaborative initiatives. This flow of information helps build sector capacity, encourages innovation, and strengthens the ability of small and medium-sized groups to engage meaningfully with strategic agendas.

One of the most valued resources shared by MHLS is the Mental Health Support Pack, a simple, accessible guide designed to help individuals and organisations navigate the mental health landscape. The pack has been widely distributed across Derbyshire and beyond and has proven to be a practical tool for frontline workers, community organisers, and statutory partners alike. It continues to be used by mental health teams and voluntary groups as a reference point for signposting, service design, and community engagement.

By offering this kind of support, MHLS ensures that voluntary groups are not only informed but empowered. It helps them build confidence, strengthen their voice, and contribute to the co-production of mental health services that reflect the real needs of Derbyshire's communities.

Moments in Time

In 2024/25, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS) embarked on an ambitious and emotionally resonant project: the creation of a documentary titled 'Moments in Time'. This innovative initiative was designed to raise awareness around suicide prevention and mental health by sharing the deeply personal stories of four individuals who have experienced profound moments of crisis, recovery, and resilience.

Led by Rachel Bounds and Ellie Scott, the project brought together lived experience, professional insight, and creative storytelling. Working in close collaboration with a Mental Health and Wellbeing Film Consultant and a professional film crew, the team ensured that each story was captured with sensitivity, authenticity, and impact.

The documentary aims to challenge stigma, spark conversation, and promote understanding of the complex realities surrounding mental health and suicide. It reflects Derbyshire Voluntary Action's commitment to amplifying the voices of those with lived experience and embedding those voices into the heart of strategic planning and service design.

Moments in Time is more than a film, it is a strategic tool for advocacy, education, and engagement. Once completed, it will be shared widely across Derbyshire and beyond, including at local documentary festivals. It will also serve as a resource for professionals, community groups, and educational settings, helping to foster empathy, encourage early intervention, and support suicide prevention efforts across all ages.

This project exemplifies the power of storytelling in shaping public understanding and influencing policy. It reinforces MHLS's role not only as a connector and representative of the voluntary sector, but also as a catalyst for meaningful change in how mental health is understood and supported across our communities.

Living Well

In 2024/25, Derbyshire Voluntary Action successfully completed its commissioned work with the Living Well programme, a transformative initiative aimed at reshaping mental health support through community-led collaboration and the integration of lived experience.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Under the leadership of Ellie Scott, Living Well Coordinator for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover, the programme saw the successful development and completion of three local Living Well Collaboratives. These collaborative spaces brought together statutory services, voluntary organisations, and individuals with lived experience to co-design solutions that are inclusive, responsive, and rooted in real community need.

Ellie's work within these collaboratives has been instrumental in ensuring that the voice of lived experience remains central to the Living Well approach. She has championed the contributions of the voluntary and community sector, fostered new and innovative partnerships, and facilitated meaningful dialogue between stakeholders. Her leadership has helped bridge gaps between systems and communities, creating a culture of trust, shared learning, and co-production.

Among the programme's key achievements was the development of the 'Waiting Well Pack,' a co-designed resource now being adopted countywide. This pack offers practical and emotional support to individuals awaiting mental health services, helping them stay connected and informed during a vulnerable period. Alongside this, the 'Letter of Hope,' another co-produced initiative provides compassionate guidance to individuals at risk of suicide, offering reassurance and signposting in moments of crisis.

Crucially, and thanks to Ellie, the collaboratives were not only successful in their delivery they were also designed with sustainability in mind. As the commissioned phase ended, Derbyshire Voluntary Action worked to ensure that the relationships, structures, and momentum built through Living Well could continue independently. This legacy approach reflects our commitment to long-term impact and community resilience.

The Living Well programme has demonstrated the power of strategic representation, co-production, and voluntary sector leadership in shaping mental health services that truly reflect the needs and strengths of our communities. It stands as a testament to what is possible when lived experience is not just acknowledged but actively embedded into the heart of system change.

Feeling Connected

The project aims to tackle the adverse impacts upon health caused by loneliness and social isolation across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire. We are commissioned by a partnership of local authorities, Chesterfield Borough Council, NE Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The project's objective is to create a flourishing of sustainable, grassroots, volunteer-led initiatives that bring people together, reducing isolation and loneliness. We support volunteer-organisers by providing mentoring, micro-grants, training, and networking opportunities. Whilst broadly raising awareness of the importance of social connectedness for one's health, we aim to inspire people to start new initiatives, be they one-off events, regular groups, community projects, or neighbourhood-based activities. Many of the volunteer organisers we support are starting from scratch and prefer to remain 'informal'. We are the only organisation to offer them support without requiring them to formalise.

During this year we conducted our first survey that aimed to understand the impact upon the attendees on the initiatives we support. The survey found that 85% of attendees found their social circle had grown, 88% agreed that they now had more people to ask for help or advice in daily life. 55% have since joined one or more other social activities.

Most attendees said that their activity was very important to them. Here are some quotes to illustrate that:

"Very important, given me motivation to go out and meet people."

"Without this I would be a hermit never going out. It helps to know other people who also have chronic pain. This group is my life saver! "

"As I live on my own it gets me out the house it keeps my mind active. It is very important as I like to be with people and have made some good friends. They are always there for you."

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Objectives and activities (continued)

During this period, we have supported 78 volunteer-organisers and administered 62 micro-grants (between £75 and £300). We have held 11 networking events and delivered 8 training workshops in venues across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire. We have supported 27 individuals directly to broaden their social circle within our Community Connector Service in NE Derbyshire to provide one- to-one support for individuals at risk of isolation and need help engaging in local activities.

The Hub @ Low Pavement

The Hub is a small community venue, in the center of Chesterfield. We provide a safe and welcoming space for people to meet, engage in activities and access public health focused information. We have a full program of volunteer-led groups, whilst also hosting other organisations so they can engage the public. We provide personal coaching for individuals who want to broaden their network of activities and community venues.

We estimate that 60-70 people come in each week, which includes roughly 45 regular attendees, plus 20 people popping in occasionally or only once, often looking for information.

We estimate that 30% of attendees are brought to the Hub by a professional or key worker, while 70% self-refer, sometimes being recommended by another service. There is a high prevalence of people who have had adverse experiences in their life and/or trauma. They often present with complex psychological needs, low confidence, and self-esteem. There are a lot of neurodivergent attendees, people with a learning disability and people with a brain disorder. Some older adults have found themselves isolated outside of the Hub and attended very regularly.

During the last quarter of this period, we have made significant steps toward re-organising of the way the Hub is run. We have developed a new model with reduces staff time and increases the responsibilities taken by volunteers to run it themselves. All volunteers and the participants of their activity groups have risen to this challenge.

Community Chesterfield: Celebrated Five Years of Impactful Partnership

Community Chesterfield, the award-winning collaboration between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University of Derby, marked the successful completion of its fifth and final year. With some remaining funds, the project was able to extend its reach through a period of legacy work in the months that followed.

Over its five-year lifespan, Community Chesterfield consistently exceeded expectations building strong, meaningful relationships with colleagues across the University, initiating new collaborative projects, and creating valuable opportunities for learning and engagement. These connections brought together voluntary and community organisations, researchers, students, and lecturers in ways that enriched all involved.

Although the formal project has now concluded, its legacy continues. The relationships forged and the training and skills support embedded within Derbyshire Voluntary Action remain integral to our ongoing work with community organisation

d. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
 - Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
 - Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
 - Social Prescribing services.
 - A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills.
1. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

Minimising Harm: Our Commitment to People and the Environment

At Derbyshire Voluntary Action, we recognise two key areas where harm could potentially arise from our activities: harm to people and harm to the environment.

Prioritising People: A Culture of Safety, Support, and Wellbeing:

At Derbyshire Voluntary Action, the safety, wellbeing, and professional development of our team are central to everything we do. We maintain a strong culture of care through comprehensive health and safety and safeguarding policies, ensuring that all staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries are protected and supported in every aspect of our work.

Our commitment goes beyond compliance. All staff receive regular one-to-one supervision, participate in team meetings, and engage in whole-organisation team-building days that strengthen collaboration and morale. Every team member completes accredited training in Mental Health First Aid and Safeguarding Adults, equipping them with the skills to support both colleagues and the communities we serve.

In addition, we provide access to a range of wellbeing resources, including peer support networks and professional counselling services. This holistic approach ensures our team feels valued, supported, and empowered to thrive—both personally and professionally.

Environmental Impact and Sustainable Practices:

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, our operations were spread across three sites in Chesterfield, with staff regularly travelling to meetings by car or public transport. Since the pandemic, we have adopted a more sustainable hybrid working model. Most staff now work from home for the majority of the week, attending our single office space only on Thursdays. This shift has significantly reduced travel-related emissions, with most meetings now held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Our use of paper and printing remains minimal, with the exception of essential materials such as posters and printing support provided by the Hub @ Low Pavement. We continue to prioritise digital communication wherever possible.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy guides our efforts to reduce our ecological footprint through practices such as recycling and car sharing. Staff are actively encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible behaviours, ensuring that the positive impact of our work continues to outweigh any potential harm.

In 2020, we proudly signed Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge, reinforcing our commitment to reducing single-use plastics across all areas of our work.

The Board of Directors is not aware of any other significant risks of harm arising from our activities.

2. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff, and volunteers from the voluntary and community sector who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 371 are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and 693 such groups and individuals benefit from our information services;

Objectives and activities (continued)

- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;
- The Health and Social Care ‘System’ – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

e. Achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action’s achievements in 2024/25 are:

Key Achievements 2024–2025**1. Strategic Representation and Advocacy**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued to provide strong strategic representation for the VCFSE sector across Derbyshire, ensuring the voluntary sector’s voice was embedded in health and care planning. This included active involvement in the Health and Wellbeing Board, Place Alliances, and the VCFSE Alliance. The organisation also led the ‘Save Our Sector’ campaign, advocating against funding cuts and raising awareness of the sector’s vital role.

2. Infrastructure Support and Sector Development

Infrastructure support remained central to DVA’s work, helping 371 member organisations access information, funding, training, and strategic guidance. The organisation supported new groups through the Start-Up Grant, administering Health and Wellbeing Grants, and maintaining a refreshed database of health-related community organisations.

3. Successful Rebranding and Website Development

DVA launched a refreshed brand identity that reflects its values, purpose, and community focus. Alongside this, a new website was developed to improve accessibility, highlight services, and enhance engagement with members, stakeholders, and the public. The new branding and website have strengthened visibility and created a more cohesive digital presence.

4. Innovative Engagement and Support Across Our Services

Throughout the year, Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued to embrace innovative approaches to engaging and supporting both our existing members and new beneficiaries. Our work was delivered through a range of impactful programmes, each tailored to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

5. Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grants

DVA administered this winter support initiative, distributing grants to the value of £164,480 across Derbyshire to create inclusive, heated spaces for vulnerable residents to come together in community spaces over the winter months.

6. Led the Save Our Sector campaign

A bold and coordinated response to Derbyshire County Council’s proposed cuts to discretionary grant funding. Derbyshire Voluntary Action mobilised the VCFSE community and wider public, bringing together over 50 affected organisations to highlight the devastating impact the cuts would have on essential VCFSE services. The campaign included a high-profile stakeholder event, widespread communications and strategic advocacy, resulting in 92% of consultation respondents opposing the cuts.

Objectives and activities (continued)

7. Hosted the inaugural Winter Festival

A vibrant celebration of the voluntary sector's resilience, creativity, and collective achievements. Held in the heart of Chesterfield, the event brought together local organisations volunteers, and community members for a joyful day of connection, storytelling, and inspiration. Featuring live music, poetry, stalls, and interactive activities, the festival created a powerful space for networking, peer support and recognition, reinforcing the unity and strength of Derbyshire's VCFSE community during a time of uncertainty.

8. Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)

MHLS delivered four Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network forums, distributed 57 bulletins, and provided representation on over 20 strategic planning groups. The service supported the development of the mental health Waiting Well Pack and Letter of Hope, both co-produced resources now being adopted countywide.

During the year we initiated development professionally filmed documentary designed to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote early intervention. To honour these voices and ensure their stories are told with sensitivity and impact, we partnered with a renowned film crew to produce a high-quality documentary. Filming has now concluded, capturing authentic and moving accounts that highlight the importance of compassion, connection, and early intervention. The documentary, and sections from it, will be widely distributed locally and nationally, serving as a vital resource for education, advocacy, and community engagement.

9. Feeling Connected

We expanded the Feeling Connected programme to encompass all grassroots community engagement work. This included initiatives focused on social connectedness, mental health, supporting our ageing population, front door social prescribing, and our community hub, successfully empowering individuals to take part in and develop lead peer-driven creative activities.

In addition, we continued to deliver highly respected outreach workshops and training events, supporting grassroots action through micro-grants and mentoring, and ran awareness campaigns to tackle loneliness and promote inclusive community connection.

Feeling Connected played a vital role in reducing isolation and enhancing wellbeing across Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

10. The Hub @ Low Pavement

The Hub continued to serve as a welcoming town centre community space, hosting volunteer-led groups and providing public health information. A new operational model was introduced, increasing volunteer ownership and sustainability.

11. Active Neighbourhood Pilots

These pilots explored innovative ways to foster community-led action by placing residents at the heart of decision-making. Through a co-productive approach, we collaborated with local people to design and deliver initiatives that truly reflected their priorities, from wellbeing walks to neighbourhood events, ensuring relevance, ownership, and long-term sustainability. By empowering residents to lead rather than simply participate, we deepened grassroots engagement and built more resilient, connected communities. The pilots clearly demonstrated the transformative power of co-production in unlocking local potential, strengthening collaboration, and nurturing active citizenship.

12. Living Well Collaboratives

DVA successfully completed its commissioned work with the Living Well programme, facilitating collaboratives in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover. These spaces embedded lived experience into service design and created sustainable models for ongoing community-led collaboration.

Objectives and activities (continued)

13. Community Chesterfield Legacy Work

Following the formal conclusion of the Community Chesterfield partnership with the University of Derby, DVA continued to embed its learning and relationships into ongoing sector support.

14. Communications and Engagement

DVA produced 114 information bulletins reaching 770 recipients, and 17 targeted health bulletins reaching 407 recipients. The organisation expanded its social media presence and used digital platforms to amplify campaigns, share opportunities, and celebrate sector achievements.

Financial review

a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £691,294 (2024: £682,170) and total expenditure was £775,423 (2024: £543,141) giving net expenditure of £84,129 (2024: net income £139,029). Total funds carried forward were £746,421 (2024: £830,550) of which £313,766 (2024: £480,389) were restricted and £432,655 (2024: £350,161) were unrestricted.

b. Reserves policy

The free reserves policy of the charity is to hold reserves equal to approximately 6 months operating expenses in the general fund plus redundancy and running down costs. This would equate to £170,056 at 31 March 2025.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2025 are £432,655 (2024: £350,161) of which £102,000 were designated for upcoming projects and match funding as detailed in note 14 (2024: £117,200). Free reserves at 31 March 2025 were £330,655. The Directors recognise that the actual free reserves will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances and are mindful of future cost increases and pressures on funding.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 28 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2024/25 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2026 which is a key area of focus for the board.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible.

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d. Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from 3rd Floor, Dents Chambers, 81 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

Plans for future periods

Looking ahead, Derbyshire Voluntary Action is focused on strengthening the foundations of the VCFSE sector while continuing to innovate, collaborate, and respond to the evolving needs of our communities.

Our future plans include:

- **Sustaining and Expanding Core Programmes**
We will continue to develop and grow our core initiatives including, Infrastructure Support, Mental Health Liaison Service, and Feeling Connected, ensuring they remain responsive, inclusive, and impactful. We aim to expand their reach and deepen their integration into local systems of care and support.

Plans for future periods (continued)

- **Championing Sector Sustainability**
We will actively campaign for long-term infrastructure funding and advocate for the sustainability of our members.

This includes using community insight to push for equal partnership in the co-production of person-centred services, with a strong focus on health inequalities and prevention.
- **Investing in Capacity and Leadership**
We plan to strengthen our internal capacity by expanding our management and community development teams, ensuring our staff are well-supported and our work is adequately resourced. We will also develop a VCFSE Learning and Development Hub to support skills growth, leadership development, and succession planning across the sector.
- **Enhancing Strategic Influence and Insight**
As the landscape of health and wellbeing evolves, we are committed to actively strengthening cross-sector partnerships to ensure the VCFSE sector remains a central and respected partner in shaping local systems. This includes working closely with colleagues across Integrated Care Systems, local authorities, and community networks to align strategies, co-design services, and embed community voice into decision-making.

We will continue to represent the sector across the Integrated Care System and at neighbourhood level, including our role on the Chesterfield Neighbourhood Board, overseeing the allocation of £20 million in regeneration funding. We will also enhance our data and insight capabilities to better evidence impact, inform strategy, and support decision-making.
- **Building Collaborative Infrastructure**
Derbyshire Voluntary Action remains firmly committed to partnership working across infrastructure organisations, recognising that collaboration is key to delivering effective, sustainable support for our communities. We will continue to work towards shared goals that benefit the people of Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and the wider Derby and Derbyshire footprint, reducing duplication, sharing resources, and amplifying collective impact.

Our commitment is to build a more connected and coordinated infrastructure; one that enables organisations to work smarter together, leverages local strengths, and ensures that services are responsive to the real needs of people and communities. By fostering trust, transparency, and shared learning, we aim to create a collaborative environment where innovation thrives, and no community is left behind.

Locally, we will continue to develop an income-generating VCFSE shared space in Chesterfield town centre, creating a vibrant hub for collaboration, visibility, and innovation. Strengthening cross-sector partnerships will remain a priority, ensuring the VCFSE sector is recognised as a key player in shaping local health and wellbeing systems.
- **Driving Innovation and Community Resilience**
Derbyshire Voluntary Action remains committed to championing innovation at the grassroots level, recognising that real change begins within communities themselves. We will continue to nurture and invest in hyper-local community activity, supporting residents and groups to take the lead in shaping solutions that matter to them. This includes fostering new partnerships, encouraging collaborative working, and enabling communities to build their own resilience from the ground up.

Our approach is rooted in the belief that communities thrive when they are empowered, connected, and supported. We will continue to act as a catalyst for community-led innovation, providing the tools, networks, and encouragement needed to turn ideas into action. Whether through micro-grants, peer learning, or place-based development, we are committed to creating the conditions where local energy and creativity can flourish.

Plans for future periods (continued)

As we look to the future, we will also explore new models of community engagement and leadership, ensuring that our support evolves alongside the changing needs of the people and places we serve. This work will remain central to our mission and embedded in everything we do.

- **Championing Lived Experience and Community Voice**

We believe that the most effective and equitable services are those shaped by the people who use them and are committed to embedding lived experience and community voice at the heart of service design, delivery, and commissioning.

By actively listening to individuals and communities, particularly those most affected by health inequalities we ensure that their insights inform priorities, challenge assumptions, and drive meaningful change.

Our approach goes beyond consultation; we advocate for co-production as a standard, where people are not just heard but are equal partners in shaping the services that impact their lives. Through our programmes, partnerships, and strategic representation, we will continue to create platforms for authentic engagement, ensuring that commissioning decisions are grounded in real-world experience and reflect the diverse needs of Derbyshire's communities.

Through this forward-thinking approach, DVA will continue to be a trusted and responsive infrastructure organisation, supporting a thriving, resilient voluntary sector across Derbyshire.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

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

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

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



Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 28 November 2025

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('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

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Signed: Nicola O'Sullivan
Signer ID: MMITLPRPJQ...

Dated: 02/12/2025 GMT

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	124,123	555,969	680,092	679,620
Investments	5	8,280	-	8,280	-
Other income	6	15	2,907	2,922	2,550
Total income		132,418	558,876	691,294	682,170
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	79,385	696,038	775,423	543,141
Total expenditure		79,385	696,038	775,423	543,141
Net income/(expenditure)		53,033	(137,162)	(84,129)	139,029
Transfers between funds	14	29,461	(29,461)	-	-
Net movement in funds		82,494	(166,623)	(84,129)	139,029
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		350,161	480,389	830,550	691,521
Net movement in funds		82,494	(166,623)	(84,129)	139,029
Total funds carried forward	14	432,655	313,766	746,421	830,550

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006 and includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	41,133	16,069
Investments	12	-	170,000
Cash at bank and in hand		783,065	658,339
		<u>824,198</u>	<u>844,408</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(77,777)	(13,858)
Net current assets		<u>746,421</u>	<u>830,550</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>746,421</u>	<u>830,550</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>746,421</u></u>	<u><u>830,550</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	313,766	480,389
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	14	102,000	117,200
General funds	14	330,655	232,961
Total unrestricted funds	14	<u>432,655</u>	<u>350,161</u>
Total funds		<u><u>746,421</u></u>	<u><u>830,550</u></u>

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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:



Julie Dixon
Chair
Date:

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	17	(53,554)	226,165
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Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest from investments		8,280	-
Purchase of current asset investments		-	(170,000)
Disposal of current asset investments		170,000	-
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Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		178,280	(170,000)
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		124,726	56,165
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		658,339	602,174
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	783,065	658,339
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

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. 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.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 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 financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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 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 Taxation

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

2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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.

2.9 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 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.

2.11 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.

2.12 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

2.13 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.

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

Restricted funds 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. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Active Partners Trust	-	(10,117)	(10,117)	80,000
Chesterfield Borough Council (Fundamental Training)	-	1,000	1,000	3,000
Chesterfield Borough Council (Springboard Service) CBC UKSPF	-	4,000	4,000	2,976
Chesterfield Borough Council (Building Confidence Grant)	-	5,770	5,770	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Feeling Connected)	-	25,000	25,000	-
Chesterfield FC Community Trust ANP	-	-	-	17,515
DCC Chesterfield (Community Champions)	-	-	-	25,000
DCC (Chesterfield Social Connectedness)	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
DCC (Infrastructure)	-	-	-	18,166
DCC (Social Connectedness) CST	23,471	-	23,471	5,305
DCC (Thrive Evaluation)	-	-	-	11,340
DCC (Warm and Welcoming Spaces)	-	150,000	150,000	1,000
DCHS (returning funding for MSK Link worker)	-	-	-	(40,030)
DCHS (Charities Community Hub)	-	92,927	92,927	15,914
Derby City Council (Quality Conversations)	-	-	-	50,000
DVA Small Grants	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Erewash Borough Council (Warm Spaces)	-	16,280	16,280	-
Erewash Voluntary Action (Living Well Coordinator)	-	46,000	46,000	46,000
Erewash Voluntary Action (Mental Health Grants)	1,000	3,689	4,689	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	116,674
NED District Council (Community Champion)	-	-	-	25,000
NED District Council (Inclusive Community)	-	24,416	24,416	24,423
NED District Council (Inclusive Community Buddy)	-	19,592	19,592	11,669
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	27,500	27,500	45,000
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (ANP project)	-	40,000	40,000	18,705
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Infrastructure)	79,661	-	79,661	76,892
balance c/f	104,132	481,057	585,189	589,549

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4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
balance b/f	104,132	481,057	585,189	589,549
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (MHLS)	-	30,547	30,547	29,486
NHS Derby and Derbyshire (Leeds)	19,991	-	19,991	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Signposting)	-	2,789	2,789	2,692
Other	-	5,226	5,226	9,996
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	32,000	32,000	37,897
Thinking Place (Town Plan)	-	4,350	4,350	-
University of Derby	-	-	-	10,000
Total 2025	<u>124,123</u>	<u>555,969</u>	<u>680,092</u>	<u>679,620</u>
Total 2024	<u>100,363</u>	<u>579,257</u>	<u>679,620</u>	

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Bank interest	8,280	8,280	-
	<u>8,280</u>	<u>8,280</u>	<u>-</u>

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rental Income	-	2,256	2,256	950
Other income	15	651	666	1,600
Total 2025	<u>15</u>	<u>2,907</u>	<u>2,922</u>	<u>2,550</u>
Total 2024	<u>29</u>	<u>2,521</u>	<u>2,550</u>	

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7. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Payroll costs	1,713	-	1,713	1,421
Bank charges	413	13	426	397
Consultancy	978	10,000	10,978	3,207
Contract work*	389	83,641	84,030	7,982
Experts by experience	-	180	180	2,926
Grants paid out	10,000	226,129	236,129	96,593
Insurance	2,786	-	2,786	2,596
IT costs	8,683	4,992	13,675	18,438
Marketing	23,141	2,117	25,258	20,864
Postage	21	226	247	108
Premises costs	8,043	2,387	10,430	21,431
Printing	-	915	915	688
Professional fees	3,820	-	3,820	4,158
Room hire and catering	906	14,034	14,940	4,159
Salaries, NI and pension	112,059	236,295	348,354	345,619
Stationery	113	568	681	1,135
Subscriptions	2,199	1,340	3,539	4,184
Sundries	604	9,247	9,851	1,697
Telephone	504	846	1,350	1,776
Training	-	3,240	3,240	1,135
Travel	861	2,020	2,881	2,627
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(97,848)	97,848	-	-
Total 2025	79,385	696,038	775,423	543,141
Total 2024	51,656	491,485	543,141	

* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

** Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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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	3,820	3,638

9. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	305,302	307,434
Social security costs	28,163	24,843
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	14,889	13,342
	348,354	345,619

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

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
	13	14

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

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £78,956 (2024: £69,198). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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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, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2024 - £nil).

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	3,976	4,173
Grants receivable	37,157	11,896
	<u>41,133</u>	<u>16,069</u>

12. Current asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Unlisted investments	-	170,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>170,000</u>

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	63,800	2,424
Other taxation and social security	5,112	3,829
Other creditors	4,893	3,061
Accruals and deferred income	3,972	4,544
	<u>77,777</u>	<u>13,858</u>

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14. Statement of funds**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Hub sustainability	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Branding	22,200	-	-	(22,200)	-
New project development	20,000	-	-	(5,000)	15,000
Match funding	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Capital replacement	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
External fundraising support	-	-	-	12,000	12,000
	<u>117,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,200)</u>	<u>102,000</u>
<i>General funds</i>					
General Funds	<u>232,961</u>	<u>132,418</u>	<u>(79,385)</u>	<u>44,661</u>	<u>330,655</u>
<i>Total Unrestricted funds</i>	<u>350,161</u>	<u>132,418</u>	<u>(79,385)</u>	<u>29,461</u>	<u>432,655</u>

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Active Neighbourhood Projects	92,339	29,883	(81,439)	-	40,783
Living Well	13,104	-	-	(13,104)	-
The Hub @ Low Pavement	580	9,513	(4,739)	-	5,354
Public Health	8,652	32,000	(31,632)	-	9,020
Quality Conversations	37,771	-	(2,586)	(1,400)	33,785
CBC UKSPF	2,643	4,000	(7,830)	1,187	-
Charities Together Fund	13,259	92,927	(87,543)	-	18,643
Warm Spaces	-	166,280	(164,193)	-	2,087
Mental Health Liason Service	2,430	30,547	(32,271)	42,488	43,194
Community Chesterfield	99,947	-	(69,013)	(30,934)	-
Moments in Time	-	1,599	(9,895)	10,600	2,304
Social Connectedness	52,349	86,770	(58,769)	51,163	131,513
Bowel Cancer Engagement	21,477	-	-	-	21,477
Community Champions	76,616	-	(40,001)	(36,615)	-
NED UKSPF Inclusive Community	16,683	44,008	(44,957)	(15,734)	-
Living Well Stories	17,892	46,000	(39,337)	(24,555)	-
Fundamental Training	3,000	1,000	(2,313)	(1,687)	-
Thrive Evaluation	11,340	-	(3,899)	(7,441)	-
Other Funds	10,307	14,349	(15,621)	(3,429)	5,606
	480,389	558,876	(696,038)	(29,461)	313,766
Total of funds	830,550	691,294	(775,423)	-	746,421

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14. Statement of funds (continued)**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Hub sustainability	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Branding	-	-	-	22,200	22,200
New project development	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Match funding	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Capital replacement	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
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	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
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<i>General funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
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<i>Total Unrestricted funds</i>	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(350)	350,161
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14. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Active Neighbourhood Projects	-	116,221	(23,882)	-	92,339
Living Well	-	46,000	(32,896)	-	13,104
The Hub @ Low Pavement	6,981	4,814	(11,215)	-	580
Public Health	39,087	37,897	(68,332)	-	8,652
Quality Conversations	-	51,400	(13,629)	-	37,771
CBC UKSPF	-	2,976	(3,357)	3,024	2,643
Charities Together Fund	-	15,914	(2,655)	-	13,259
Warm Spaces	9,306	-	(9,306)	-	-
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	(1,718)	-
Mental Health Liason Service	3,831	29,486	(30,887)	-	2,430
Community Chesterfield	116,295	129,168	(145,516)	-	99,947
Moments in Time	41,662	(40,030)	-	(1,632)	-
Social Connectedness	51,457	70,000	(69,811)	703	52,349
Bowel Cancer Engagement	26,627	-	(6,868)	1,718	21,477
Community Champions	67,224	50,000	(40,608)	-	76,616
NED UKSPF Inclusive Community	-	36,092	(19,409)	-	16,683
Living Well Stories	15,000	7,500	(4,608)	-	17,892
Fundamental Training	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Thrive Evaluation	1,042	11,340	-	(1,042)	11,340
Other Funds	9,516	10,000	(8,506)	(703)	10,307
	<u>389,746</u>	<u>581,778</u>	<u>(491,485)</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>480,389</u>
<i>Total of funds</i>	<u><u>691,521</u></u>	<u><u>682,170</u></u>	<u><u>(543,141)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>830,550</u></u>

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15. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Designated funds	117,200	-	-	(15,200)	102,000
General funds	232,961	132,418	(79,385)	44,661	330,655
Restricted funds	480,389	558,876	(696,038)	(29,461)	313,766
	<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,294</u>	<u>(775,423)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>746,421</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
General funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
Restricted funds	389,746	581,778	(491,485)	350	480,389
	<u>691,521</u>	<u>682,170</u>	<u>(543,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830,550</u>

15. Summary of funds (continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

Active Neighbourhood Projects: This funding supports Active Neighbourhood Pilots in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, aiming to increase walking levels through a systems approach. By engaging communities in the co-production of solutions, the project provides valuable insights and learning to enhance the pilot's delivery.

Living Well: Living Well Derbyshire focuses on helping local residents recover from mental health issues within the community, aiming to provide more accessible support for mental health and wellbeing. The funding supports the coordination of two multi-agency collaboratives in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. These collaboratives aim to develop a multi-agency approach to reforming mental health services, with a strong emphasis on including lived experiences.

The Hub @ Low Pavement: Derbyshire Voluntary Action's community hub in central Chesterfield. The hub is a vibrant community space designed to bring people together. It hosts various groups and activities and is committed to being inclusive, and a welcoming environment for the public and volunteer-led community groups. Additionally, the Hub is the proud home of our Feeling Connected Project.

Public Health: This small grants scheme, administered by Derbyshire Voluntary Action, provides financial support to voluntary and community groups. The funds enable these groups to run projects and activities that align with Derbyshire County Council Public Health's priorities at a local level across Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover.

Quality Conversations: This funding supports one-on-one conversations with patients on Chesterfield Royal Hospital's gastro and orthopaedic waiting lists. A 'quality conversation' is a well-established, person-centred approach that encompasses general communication skills and specific health coaching techniques. It aims to understand the factors underpinning a person's health and wellbeing.

CBC UKSPF- This funds was for a small amount of funding to contribute to the salary of a member of staff working in the Hub to support and 'Springboard' individuals who accessed the Hub.

Charities Together Fund: Funded by NHSE Charities Together, the Derbyshire Community Hubs Network aims to create a peer support and learning network for community hubs across Derby City and Derbyshire. These activities support the creation, operation, and growth of community-led safe spaces for wellbeing.

Warm Spaces: Derbyshire County Council has provided funds to Derbyshire Voluntary Action for a Warm and Welcoming Spaces Grant, a free and warm, space for people across Derbyshire who are struggling to heat their homes this winter.

Mental Health Liaison Service: Commissioned by the Derby and Derbyshire ICB, this service provides essential infrastructure through specialised training and support, strategic representation, and a collaborative platform. It brings together voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to discuss common interests and influence strategic planning in mental health.

Community Chesterfield: is a collaborative partnership between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University of Derby. This initiative connects the resources of the University of Derby Chesterfield with the voluntary and community sector in Chesterfield, truly "Putting the UNI in Community." Our mission is to strengthen the local community and the health and social care sector. This community-led project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

15. Summary of funds (continued)

Moments in Time: A DVA project to produce a documentary film raising awareness and reducing stigma around suicide.

Social Connectedness: Public Health funding supports our 'Feeling Connected' project, a collaborative initiative led by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. This project aims to combat loneliness and social isolation in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield by implementing a Social Connectedness Action Plan. It enhances local strategies for fostering social connections, bringing people together, and developing a confident, capable, and supportive network of community builders passionate about creating connection and belonging.

Bowel Cancer Engagement: awareness-raising campaign of signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, and importance of attending screening; with focused engagement on the ground in target communities with greatest health inequalities and lowest uptake of screening.

NED UKSPF Inclusive Community: UKSPF funding supports people across North East Derbyshire in connecting with their local community and social activities. This project enhances the Feeling Connected initiative by directly assisting individuals in NEDDC wards who feel lonely and isolated. It aims to empower residents with the confidence to attend local groups and activities, thereby reducing social isolation. Additionally, it grows community activists and provides participants with extra support, training, and social events.

Living Well Stories: This funding supports quality conversations with individuals experiencing poor mental health, developing system learning and insight.

Fundamental Training: This was for a small amount of funding from CBC for the Feeling Connected team to facilitate workshops run by the CBC.

Thrive Evaluation: funding to evaluate the effectiveness of the Thrive Children and Young People's Social Prescribing project.

DVA Small Grant: funding provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via its Service Level Agreement to enable DVA to offer its 'DVA Small Grant Scheme' for small health-related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

Designated funds: This funding supports various needs, including capital replacement, external fundraising support, new project development, match funding and the sustainability of our community hub.

Transfers between funds

Transfers this year of £29,461 were made to from restricted funds into unrestricted funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled, as approved by the DVA board.

Transfers of £15,200 were made from designated to unrestricted funds to release all the Branding fund and some of the new project development and to establish the external fundraising support fund.

Other transfers

During the year, a number of transfers were made within the restricted funds. These transfers were undertaken as part of a year-end review to ensure that funds were correctly allocated to the appropriate projects and to improve clarity in financial reporting. The transfers were administrative in nature only, and all expenditure has been applied in accordance with the respective funders' conditions.

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	510,432	313,766	824,198
Creditors due within one year	(77,777)	-	(77,777)
Total	432,655	313,766	746,421

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	364,019	480,389	844,408
Creditors due within one year	(13,858)	-	(13,858)
Total	350,161	480,389	830,550

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Net (expenditure)/income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(84,129)	139,029
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(8,280)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(25,064)	92,979
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	63,919	(5,843)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(53,554)	226,165

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18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash in hand	783,065	658,339
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	783,065	658,339

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April	Cash flows	At 31 March
	2024	£	2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	658,339	124,726	783,065
Liquid investments	170,000	(170,000)	-
	828,339	(45,274)	783,065

20. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2024: £nil).

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

Trustees

Julie Dixon, Chair
Dominic Rees-Jones
Wan Ten Yap
Helen Bagley (appointed 11 October 2023)
Julia Cook (appointed 11 October 2023)
Jill Manion-Brunt (appointed 11 October 2023)
Sue Wheatcroft (appointed 11 October 2023)
Amy Harris (appointed 11 October 2023, resigned 29 February 2024)
Tony Hedley (resigned 26 March 2024)
Wendy Munro (resigned 11 October 2023)

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CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Chair presents her statement as Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board of Trustees:

I am delighted to introduce Derbyshire Voluntary Action's annual report for 2023/24. It is an immense privilege to be part of such a professional team.

Over the past three years as Chair, I have witnessed the exceptional work of our staff in supporting communities across Derbyshire during these challenging times. Our team consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the best collaborative efforts with colleagues from both the voluntary and statutory sectors. We have worked diligently to provide essential support, ensuring that as a leading specialist infrastructure organisation, we bolster the health and wellbeing of the voluntary and community sector. This enables them to deliver vital services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Our adaptability in service provision is a point of pride, particularly in our work with groups and individuals with lived experience in mental health and wellbeing. We also focus on developing community resilience through our outreach efforts.

Our Mental Health Liaison Service has expanded, incorporating the Chesterfield and Northeast Derbyshire & Bolsover Living Well Collaborates, which are recognised as the most successful in the county. Our transformation project, Feeling Connected, continues to thrive with additional Northeast Derbyshire UKSPF funding, allowing us to extend our outreach to enthusiastic individuals who want to support their communities through additional workshops, training, and social events. In Chesterfield, UKSPF funding has enabled us to deliver 'Fundamentals' training to local voluntary sector groups and organisations. The Hub @ Low Pavement offers numerous user-developed and led activities, along with new health and wellbeing initiatives, providing a much-needed safe and welcoming space for all, including our most isolated and marginalized individuals. In June, we celebrated five years of our innovative, national award-winning Community Chesterfield partnership project with Derby University, now entering its final legacy year.

This year, as in previous years, I have seen our staff strengthen and build new working partnerships, embracing our new business plan and ways of working. They have worked tirelessly to secure funding, ensuring staff roles are maintained and our support and services are enhanced and expanded. Our new opportunities have flourished thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of our staff and the trust my fellow trustees place in us as a forward-thinking team. Our partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding with Chesterfield FC Community Trust and the University of Derby will continue to foster future project and research developments. Our strategic representation and membership on the Chesterfield Town Centre Board bring sector opportunities and allow us to pass on vital community insights.

Despite additional workloads, financial pressures, and campaigning against proposed statutory grant funding cuts across Derbyshire, Derbyshire Voluntary Action has fulfilled its funders' obligations and responsibilities.

Moving forward, we will focus our business plan on supporting our members, strengthening the resilience of our sector, enhancing our community offer, developing projects within our existing structure and progressing our ambition for a shared space. We will rebrand to create a fresh look for the organisation while always being mindful of sustainability.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this fantastic organisation, especially our dedicated staff teams and the Board of Trustees for their dedication and expertise. We also thank our amazing members and stakeholders who have believed in us.



Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity'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 (FRS 102) (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 charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, Integrated Care Board (ICB) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building community capacity through support to local VCSE groups and services.
2. VCSE infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCSE.
3. Effective volunteer support and brokerage.
4. VCSE engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCSE services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCSE is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all.

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCES organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCSE has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

Community Champions

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued its community engagement work related to the wider determinants of health throughout the 2023/24 period. Working closely with Derbyshire County Council Public Health and NHS to deliver their health messaging, we provided information bulletins (16 in total to 436 recipients) in a community-focused way.

Representation: at a strategic level, our Chief Executive provided voluntary sector representation for Chesterfield and North-East Derbyshire at the Derbyshire Community Forum (previously COVID Community Champs Forum) and she was a key contributor and partner in Chesterfield's Strategic Community Wellbeing Coordination Group.

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health and Social Care Forum met on four occasions in 2023/24. One meeting was held virtually over Zoom and the three others were held in person.

'Network' Newsletter

We are proud to champion the services, activities, successes and diversity of the health and care related voluntary sector, and we continued to promote the excellent work that takes place in our communities every day through our online newsletter 'Network at Home.'

'E News Update' - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

We produced and distributed 95 information bulletins to 749 recipients during the year. These valued and popular information-sharing bulletins help our stakeholders, members, and other interested parties to keep up to date with opportunities, news, and events locally, regionally, and nationally. We can distribute same-day information if necessary.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health-related community organisations, predominantly in North Derbyshire. This database is available to all and can be via the interactive map on the homepage of our website.

Our membership stands at 358 charities, social enterprises, and volunteer-led groups, and 17 new memberships were approved by our Board of Trustees during 2023/24.

In addition, DVA staff use Lamplight, a cloud-based based management system, to record groups, interactions, activities, and support given. There are currently 537 organisations and groups listed there.

Website - www.dva.org.uk

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action website is updated on a regular basis with current and interesting news and events, links to VCSE groups and organisations, funding opportunities and information about our small grants, projects, and services - thus providing an additional communication channel with groups, statutory agencies and the wider public. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Senior Administrator remains responsible for its population and general administration.

Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input, and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing Grant

Integrated Care Board and Derbyshire County Council Public Health made available a total of four different funding streams to Derbyshire Voluntary Action in 2023-24, which were administered as a single 'Health and Wellbeing Grant' for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. The purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Grant was to support new and existing not-for-profit voluntary and community groups/organisations in their work to strengthen the local community and improve the health and wellbeing of their beneficiaries. Applications could be for core costs or project projects only, or for a combination of the two. During this period, 51 health and wellbeing grants were distributed during the period.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Start-Up Grant

The Start-Up Grant is for newly forming groups. It helps volunteers to meet the costs of getting a new group off the ground, 6 start-up grants were granted during the period.

Cost of Living Grant

During this period, 3 cost of living grants were distributed.

Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Jacqui Willis provided strategic representation for the health and care related VCSE throughout the year, including at: Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Derbyshire Integrated Community Place Board, Derbyshire System Insight Group, Joined Up Care Derbyshire Exec Leadership Programme, VCSE Leadership Programme, Place Alliances in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire/Bolsover; Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover and the newly formed VCSE Alliance.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors. Every three years, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's membership elects two representatives to fulfil the role of Partner Governor and represent the VCSE in the running of local healthcare services. Dave Radford, Keith Clarke and Bridget Dunks are our current Partner Governors.

Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosts and manages North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS). In 2023-24 the service was commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire.

Objectives:

MHLS continued to:

- Support a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together to discuss matters of common interest and influence strategic planning in mental health.
- Represent voluntary sector mental health providers on strategic commissioning and other key planning groups.
- Ensure voluntary sector representation on other joint agency planning groups and review bodies.
- Train and support other voluntary sector representatives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

I. A Platform for Voluntary Agencies to Discuss Issues and Influence Strategic Planning

During the period MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN). VSMHN membership extends to 121 representatives of mental health service providers from VCS and statutory providers. Four successful forums took place during the year, including 1 Joint Countywide Forums (in collaboration with Derbyshire Mental Health Forum), 3 North Derbyshire Mental Health Forums. As well as several themed workshops and events. During this year we also created our Reflections Group, which is a space for people with lived experience to come together and hold to account the Living Well framework and other strategic work taking place. Information was distributed via regular electronic bulletins (109 in total) to 264 recipients.

II. Representing the Voluntary Sector on Planning Groups

Rachel Bounds, our Mental Health Liaison Service Officer, provided VCSE representation at both strategic and 'task and finish' level with stakeholders at: Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership; Chesterfield Mental Health Partnership; North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover Mental Health Partnership; High Peak Living Well Collaborative; Living Well – Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF) Workforce Planning Group; Living Well - CMHF Integrated Care Steering Group; Living Well - CMHF Governance Group; Mental Health First Aid Network; Community Mental Health Communications and Engagement Sub-Group; Derbyshire Community of Practice for Living Well Leads; Living Well Programme Delivery Group; Urgent Care Steering Group; MH Helpline / Crisis Alternatives Steering Group; Chesterfield Living Well Collaborative; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Living Well Collaborative; Population Mental Health Task and Finish Group; Joined Up Care – Mental Health, Neurodiversity, Learning Disability/Autism Alliance; and Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Board of Governors.

III. Support for Voluntary Groups

MHLS has links locally, regionally, and nationally with a wide range of organisations and regularly shares information and opportunities from the wider mental health world with its network. In addition, it supported a number of local events and initiatives over the last year, including: ThinkFest, Baton of Hope, World Suicide Prevention Day football matches and mental health related events and group sessions at Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Hub @ Low Pavement.

We have continued to share our Mental Health Support Pack across the country, providing simple and accessible support information to our colleagues and communities. The support pack has been utilised by many organisations across the county, as well as being a valuable resource for mental health teams.

During Suicide Awareness Week the DVA MHLS designed, developed and delivered a highly successful Memorial Service and engagement event. The event brought together 5 partner organisations, The Georgia Bird Foundation, The Tomorrow Project, Survivors of Bereavement (SOBS), Kakou and Mentell to highlight suicide awareness and provide one-to-one support for individuals, families and carers.

Living Well

This year also saw the MHLS hosting the role of Living Well Collaborative Coordinator. Ellie Scott has successfully ran innovative collaboratives for Chesterfield, and North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover. As well as led on multiple Meet the Groups Events with support from the Mental Health Liaison Service and Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support. The Living Well Collaboratives bring together partners and colleagues from across the system, to support, challenge and review the work of the new community mental health framework. These collaborative spaces have been instrumental in shaping Living Well and making sure the voice of lived experience remains at the centre of the work we do. Within this space, Ellie has championed the voice of lived experience, shared the amazing work of the voluntary and community sector, created new and exciting partnership working and co-designed and co-produced the Waiting Well Pack, which is a model now being developed countywide.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Feeling Connected

The project aims to tackle the adverse impacts upon health caused by loneliness and social isolation across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire. We are commissioned by a partnership of local authorities, Chesterfield Borough Council, NE Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The project's objective is to create a flourishing of sustainable, grassroots, volunteer-led initiatives that bring people together, reducing isolation and loneliness. We support volunteer-organisers by providing mentoring, micro-grants, training, and networking opportunities.

Whilst broadly raising awareness of the importance of social connectedness for one's health, we aim to inspire people to start new initiatives, be they one-off events, regular groups, community projects, or neighbourhood-based activities. Many of the volunteer-organisers we support are starting from scratch and prefer to remain 'informal'. We are the only organisation to offer them support without requiring them to formalise.

The organiser of the Grassmoor Meet and Greet Group reported: "We wouldn't have done what we have done without Feeling Connected. It picked us both up and has had a big impact. The support, advice, and encouragement we've had has been so helpful and the Feeling Connected funding has enabled us to keep our group moving forward".

In turn, the attendees of the activities our volunteer-organisers benefit from the companionship they find there. One such attendee of the Grassmoor Meet and Greet Group said:
"It's a great place if you're feeling a little lonely. Lots of shared stories and laughs, and lovely new friends too. This group gives you purpose to your week, something to look forward to."

During this period, we have supported 66 volunteer-organisers and administered 53 micro-grants (between £75 and £300). We have held 12 networking events and delivered 13 training workshops in venues across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire.

In the final quarter of this period, we launched a new service call Community Connector in NE Derbyshire to provide one-to-one support for individuals at risk of isolation and need help engaging in local activities.

The Hub @ Low Pavement

The Hub is a small community venue, in the centre of Chesterfield. We provide a safe and welcoming space for people to meet, engage in activities and access public health focused information. We have a full programme of volunteer-led groups, whilst also hosting other organisations so they can engage the public. We provide personal coaching for individuals who want to broaden their network of activities and community venues.

We estimate that 60-70 people come in each week, which includes roughly 45 regular attendees, plus 20 people popping in occasionally or only once, often looking for information.

We estimate that 30% of attendees are brought to the Hub by a professional or key worker, while 70% self-refer, sometimes being recommended by another service. There is a high prevalence of people who have had adverse experiences in their life and/or trauma. They often present with complex psychological needs, low confidence, and self-esteem. There are a lot of neurodivergent attendees, people with a learning disability and people with a brain disorder. Some older adults have found themselves isolated outside of the Hub and attended very regularly.

The diverse challenges people present have often had a significant impact on their expectations of others and organisations', and on their interpersonal relationships outside of, and within the Hub. Below is a comment from one attendee, responding to the question, 'What does the Hub mean to you?'

Objectives and activities (continued)

"I have complex PTSD resulting from 20 years of abuse. To help with my condition I attend the Hub's groups. I need an environment that is safe, non-pressurised, non-demanding. The Hub is very supportive, the staff are very friendly and supportive. I fear people, places I don't know and worry about getting things wrong because I relate it to punishment. I attend the Art group as therapy, such as grounding mindfulness, avoiding isolation. I also acknowledge the other members of the group who are very friendly."

Community Chesterfield

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's award-winning partnership with the University of Derby, Community Chesterfield celebrated its fifth and last year of operation. The project has built strong relationships with colleagues across the University of Derby, exceeding expectations, forging new projects and ultimately providing learning and collaboration opportunities for voluntary community organisations, researchers, students and lecturers. Much of this work will continue as Derbyshire Voluntary Action is embedding the valuable training and skills support for community organisations within the heart of the organisation, and as partners, we seek further funding opportunities to explore new collaboration opportunities. Over the past five years, the project has averaged over 1,000 meaningful connections between university members and the Voluntary Community Sector each year, facilitated over 100 people from the community sector with lived experience to talk to students, over 30 student projects, over 50 student placements within community organisations, over 2,350 hours of training, skills development and shared learning for the voluntary community sector, attended by almost 1,000 people.

Bowel Cancer Engagement

Building on the learning of our 2018-19 'Be Cancer Safe' project across North Derbyshire, Derbyshire Voluntary Action worked in partnership with Derbyshire Public Health to undertake a piece of targeted engagement work around bowel cancer awareness. The initiative aims to increase uptake of bowel cancer screening in communities with the greatest inequalities and lowest uptake of screening – focusing on Chesterfield, Bolsover District and Erewash. The campaign takes an 'on the ground' approach to engage in person and online with local people, businesses and organisations, in order to raise awareness and generate support by recruiting 'cancer champions'. Champions learn about signs and symptoms and pledge to start cancer conversations with their colleagues, friends and family. Over a four-month period we reached 9,000 people, engaged 406 cancer champions' and gained 41 online pledges of support. Career progression of the project worker left a period of inactivity; however, we are pleased to say that our new Bowel Cancer Project Worker took over the helm in February 2023.

Understanding the importance of this project and appreciating the power of people and conversation, Kat Johnson, our dedicated project worker, embarked on sharing the important message of 'Early Screening Saves Lives'. She has engaged in conversations with businesses, participated in networking events, and made a presence in local communities. As conversations gained momentum, we have gathered the support of over 300 champions, representing local businesses, residents, event participants, and exhibitors.

With support of local media and magazines, our campaign has already reached an audience exceeding 300,000. Our project has been featured in various publications, including two titles within the NG magazine group (with a readership of 40,000 in Ilkeston and Long Eaton) and three titles published by Heron Publishing (reaching 36,000 readers), along with Ilkeston Life (with a readership of 10,000). We also marked the first anniversary of Dame Deborah James' passing by broadcasting prerecorded messages on Greatest Hits Radio. Bite-sized segments encouraging listeners to recognise symptoms were played during drive-time news slots at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm, reaching a listening audience of over 52,000.

Materials including posters, leaflets, window stickers and coasters have been displayed in a variety of premises and businesses, including supermarkets that have more than 25,000 customers per week. We have also reached out to builders' merchants and similar businesses which attract over 500 customers per week.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Some businesses were unable to display resources for their customers, but recognised the importance of raising awareness, and took materials to display for their own staff.

There were some initial barriers to overcome as many individuals anticipated donation requests, however, once we explained the Be Cancer Safe campaign, this led to fantastic support.

c. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.
- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
- Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
- Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
- Social Prescribing services
- A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills

1. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

There are two possible harms identified in the work of Derbyshire Voluntary Action: harm to people and harm to the environment. The organisation takes its health & safety and safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and ensures that no harm arises to employees, volunteers and beneficiaries from the way in which it undertakes its activities, by implementing appropriate policies and procedures. In terms of environmental impact, pre-Covid-19 Derbyshire Voluntary Action ran from three bases in Chesterfield and staff travelled by car or public transport to meetings. During 2023/24 most staff continued to work the majority of week using home-based working and most meetings were held virtually using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Travel, printing and paper consumption continued to be minimal. The exception was staff working at the Hub @ Low Pavement to which travel was necessary and printing essential. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy aims to minimise the impact of its activity via recycling, car sharing, etc. to ensure that the benefits of our work continue to outweigh the harm. In 2020 we signed up to Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge and give additional consideration to minimizing our use of single-use plastics in our work. The Directors are not aware of any other causes of harm likely to arise from the activities of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

2. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff, and volunteers from the voluntary and community sector who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 358 are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and 749 such groups and individuals benefit from our information services;
- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;

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

- The Health and Social Care 'System' – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

d. Achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's achievements in 2023/24 are:

- We integrated our social connectedness, social prescribing, and community hub work into a fourth pillar of DVA under the banner of Feeling Connected. Therefore, embedding our ethos of working with a hyper local community approach.
- Continued support for VCSE through high level strategic representation, active engagement at place and in neighbourhoods, grant giving and being an active member of the VCSE Alliance.
- Continued collaboration with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust, including signing a Partnership Agreement. Using that partnership approach to bring in much needed funding; for Thr1ve, our young people's social prescribing service, via PCN and Public Health support. The new funding supported the service to move into a third year, increase its geographical coverage and grow the staff team. We were delighted that Thr1ve won the HSJ Award for 'Best / Most Effective Contribution to Integrated Care'.
- DVA continued to adopt innovative new ways of engaging and supporting our existing membership and new beneficiaries through our Community Chesterfield, Feeling Connected and Be Cancer Safe projects.
- The Mental Health Liaison Service revamped its approach to supporting our smaller members by creating a bespoke 'Small Groups Network'.
- The Last Photo Exhibition, organised by Rachel Bounds the DVA Mental Health Liaison Service Worker in collaboration with five mental health organisations, was a resounding success drawing national recognition. Held over a week in the Hub @ Low Pavement as part of Suicide Awareness Week 2022, it gave a sensitive and compassionate glimpse into the trauma caused by losing a family member, relative, friend or colleague.
- Community Chesterfield not only continued to deliver successful training, shared learning and community development but also was given access to collaborate with all Derby University (UoD) faculties, therefore opening many more doors and opportunities. We are proud to say that the success of Community Chesterfield has led to DVA becoming a UoD Strategic Partner, a Civic Agreement Signatory, and sitting on the University Court and the Business, Law, and Social Sciences Advisory Group.
- The Feeling Connected pillar of DVA has grown to include all work at ground level, including Social Connectedness, Social Prescribing, The Hub @ Low Pavement and Be Cancer Safe.
- Feeling Connected developed a successful program of outreach workshops to upskill residents to take community action.
- Following last year's first week-long communications campaign: Feeling Connected Week, which aimed to highlight local approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation, this year we increased it to a two-week campaign linked to a series of events.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

- the Hub @ Low Pavement, our community hub in central Chesterfield, went from strength to strength developing into a must have space in the Centre of Chesterfield. It's a vibrant and person-centred safe place for people to be creative, discover new interests and activities while making new social connections and supporting their health and wellbeing.
- Social prescribing based at the Hub @ Low Pavement supported significant and life changing opportunities for people with poor mental and physical wellbeing. By working with people in a community venue with a combination of a safe space, self-referral (walking through the door), a friendly face, time, and peer support we evidenced a unique way to socially prescribe. Proving that a 'no wrong door approach' really works.
- We held a week-long Social Prescribing Exhibition, with fabulous artwork produced by our clients.

Financial review

a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £682,170 (2023: £601,527) and total expenditure was £543,141 (2023: £618,364) giving net income of £139,029 (2023: net expenditure £16,837). Total funds carried forward were £830,550 (2023: £691,521) of which £480,389 (2023: £389,746) were restricted and £350,161 (2023: £301,775) were unrestricted.

b. Reserves policy

The free reserves policy of the charity is to hold reserves equal to approximately 6 months operating expenses in the general fund plus redundancy and running down costs. This would equate to £161,312 at 31 March 2024.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2024 are £350,161 (2023: £301,775) of which £117,200 were designated for upcoming projects and match funding as detailed in note 14 (2023: £nil). Free reserves at 31 March 2024 were £232,961. The Directors recognise that the actual free reserves will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances and are mindful of future cost increases and pressures on funding.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 28 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2023/24 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2025 which is a key area of focus for the board.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible.

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

d. Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from 3rd Floor, Dents Chambers, 81 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

Plans for future periods

At the outset of the 2024/25 financial year, our plans for the coming 12 months are:

- We will focus on ensuring the continuation and development of projects in line with our existing work: Infrastructure, Mental Health Liaison Service and Feeling Connected.
- We will focus on expanding our Mental Health Liaison Service and Feeling Connected offers.
- We will actively campaign for infrastructure and our members sustainability.
- We will continue to develop an income earning VCSE shared space offer in Chesterfield town centre
- We will continue to sit on the Chesterfield Town Board to oversee the allocation of £20,000,000 of government funding to support a 10-year plan to regenerate the town center, across 3 themes.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Plans for future periods (continued)

- We will develop a new 'Moments in Time' suicide awareness project.
- We will deliver the Living Well Collaboration service for Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire, and Bolsover until 31 March 2025. We will be active partners and representatives in the Collaboratives.
- We will continue to represent our voluntary and community sector across the Integrated Care System. As Derbyshire's health and care system continues its transformation to integrated services we will use community insight, pushing for equal partnership in the co-production of new person-centered services, while focusing on prevention.
- We will seek to add capacity to our management team to ensure that our work is adequately resourced, and our staff teams are well supported.
- We will continue to support community resilience and new partnerships, while building on our knowledge of hyper local community activity.
- We will continue to develop our relationships and opportunities with the University of Derby and Chesterfield Football Club's Community Trust via Memorandum of Understandings (MoU's).

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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



Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('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

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Signed: 
Signer ID: CZYRUVFAHR...

Dated: 11/10/2024 GMT

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DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	100,363	579,257	679,620	598,885
Other income	5	29	2,521	2,550	2,642
Total income		100,392	581,778	682,170	601,527
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	51,656	491,485	543,141	618,364
Total expenditure		51,656	491,485	543,141	618,364
Net income/(expenditure)		48,736	90,293	139,029	(16,837)
Transfers between funds	14	(350)	350	-	-
Net movement in funds		48,386	90,643	139,029	(16,837)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		301,775	389,746	691,521	708,358
Net movement in funds		48,386	90,643	139,029	(16,837)
Total funds carried forward		350,161	480,389	830,550	691,521

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006 and includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	11	16,069	109,048
Investments	12	170,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		658,339	602,174
		<u>844,408</u>	<u>711,222</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(13,858)	(19,701)
Net current assets		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
Total net assets		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	480,389	389,746
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	14	117,200	-
General funds	14	232,961	301,775
Total unrestricted funds	14	<u>350,161</u>	<u>301,775</u>
Total funds		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

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:



Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided/(used in) by operating activities	17	226,165	(107,076)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of current asset investments		(170,000)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		(170,000)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		56,165	(107,076)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		602,174	709,250
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	658,339	602,174

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

1. General information

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. 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.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 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 financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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 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 Taxation

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- Over 3 years
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2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 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.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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.

2.11 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.

2.12 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

2.13 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.

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

Restricted funds 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.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Active Partners Trust	-	80,000	80,000	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Fundamental training)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Springboard Service) CBC UKSPF	-	2,976	2,976	-
Chesterfield FC Community Trust ANP	-	17,515	17,515	-
Cost of Living Grants	-	-	-	31,000
DCC Chesterfield (Community Champions)	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
DCC (Chesterfield Social Connectedness)	-	25,000	25,000	-
DCC (Contain Outbreak)	-	-	-	2,653
DCC (Infrastructure)	18,166	-	18,166	13,625
DCC (Social Connectedness) CST	5,305	-	5,305	22,063
DCC (Thrive Evaluation)	-	11,340	11,340	-
DCC (Warm and Welcoming Spaces)	-	1,000	1,000	-
DCHS (returning funding for MSK Link worker)	-	(40,030)	(40,030)	-
DCHS (MSK Link Worker)	-	-	-	38,850
DCHS (Charities Community Hub)	-	15,914	15,914	-
Derby City Council (Quality Conversations)	-	50,000	50,000	-
DVA Small Grants	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Erewash Voluntary Action (Living Well Coordinator)	-	46,000	46,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	116,674	116,674	162,965
NED District Council (Community Champion)	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
NED District Council (Inclusive Community)	-	24,423	24,423	-
NED District Council (Inclusive Community Buddy)	-	11,669	11,669	-
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	45,000	45,000	86,600
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (ANP project)	-	18,705	18,705	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Infrastructure)	76,892	-	76,892	81,469
<i>balance c/f</i>	100,363	489,186	589,549	499,225

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
balance b/f	100,363	489,186	589,549	499,225
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (MHLS)	-	29,486	29,486	29,486
NHS Derby and Derbyshire (Leeds)	-	-	-	15,000
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Signposting)	-	2,692	2,692	2,659
Other	-	9,996	9,996	9,083
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	37,897	37,897	23,500
University of Derby	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Western Power	-	-	-	9,932
Total 2024	100,363	579,257	679,620	598,885
Total 2023	101,783	497,102	598,885	

5. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Expert by Experience	-	-	-	397
Rental Income	-	950	950	2,245
Other income	29	1,571	1,600	-
Total 2024	29	2,521	2,550	2,642
Total 2023	-	2,642	2,642	

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Payroll costs	1,421	-	1,421	1,590
Bank charges	393	4	397	408
Consultancy	205	3,002	3,207	1,289
Contract work*	-	7,982	7,982	54,462
Careers that care	-	-	-	13
Experts by experience	-	2,926	2,926	-
Grants paid out	10,000	86,593	96,593	136,402
Insurance	2,596	-	2,596	2,548
IT costs	7,584	10,854	18,438	13,875
Marketing	24	20,840	20,864	8,403
Postage	93	15	108	60
Premises costs	9,772	11,659	21,431	20,208
Printing	6	682	688	510
Professional fees	4,158	-	4,158	3,780
Recruitment	-	-	-	245
Room hire and catering	1,096	3,063	4,159	5,199
Salaries, NI and pension	98,827	246,792	345,619	356,310
Stationery	55	1,080	1,135	871
Subscriptions	2,410	1,774	4,184	4,142
Sundries	218	1,479	1,697	620
Telephone	628	1,148	1,776	1,802
Training	659	476	1,135	3,896
Travel	631	1,996	2,627	1,731
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(89,120)	89,120	-	-
Total 2024	51,656	491,485	543,141	618,364
Total 2023	92,621	525,743	618,364	

* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

** Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the company's annual accounts	3,638	3,465

8. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	307,434	320,517
Social security costs	24,843	22,269
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	13,342	13,524
	345,619	356,310

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
	14	15

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

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £69,198 (2023: £74,867). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2023 - £nil).

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
At 1 April 2023	4,621
Disposals	(4,621)
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At 31 March 2024	-
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At 1 April 2023	4,621
On disposals	(4,621)
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At 31 March 2024	-
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 2024	-
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At 31 March 2023	-
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11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	4,173	1,240
Grants receivable	11,896	107,808
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	16,069	109,048
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12. Current asset investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unlisted investments	170,000	-

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,424	5,904
Other taxation and social security	3,829	7,401
Other creditors	3,061	2,068
Accruals and deferred income	4,544	4,328
	13,858	19,701

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14. Statement of funds**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Hub sustainability	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Branding	-	-	-	22,200	22,200
New project development	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Match funding	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Capital replacement	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
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	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
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<i>General funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
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<i>Total Unrestricted funds</i>	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(350)	350,161
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14. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Active Neighbourhood Projects	-	116,221	(23,882)	-	92,339
Living Well	-	46,000	(32,896)	-	13,104
The Hub @ Low Pavement	6,981	4,814	(11,215)	-	580
Public Health	39,087	37,897	(68,332)	-	8,652
Quality Conversations	-	51,400	(13,629)	-	37,771
CBC UKSPF	-	2,976	(3,357)	3,024	2,643
Charities Together Fund	-	15,914	(2,655)	-	13,259
Cost of Living	9,306	-	(9,306)	-	-
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	(1,718)	-
Mental Health Liason Service	3,831	29,486	(30,887)	-	2,430
Community Chesterfield	116,295	129,168	(145,516)	-	99,947
Connect to...	41,662	(40,030)	-	(1,632)	-
Social Connectedness	51,457	70,000	(69,811)	703	52,349
Bowel Cancer Engagement	26,627	-	(6,868)	1,718	21,477
Community Champions	67,224	50,000	(40,608)	-	76,616
NED UKSPF Inclusive Community	-	36,092	(19,409)	-	16,683
Living Well Stories	15,000	7,500	(4,608)	-	17,892
Fundamental Training	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Thrive Evaluation	1,042	11,340	-	(1,042)	11,340
Other Funds	9,516	10,000	(8,506)	(703)	10,307
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	389,746	581,778	(491,485)	350	480,389
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<i>Total of funds</i>	691,521	682,170	(543,141)	-	830,550
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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>				
Unrestricted funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
Living Well	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Hub @ Low Pavement	-	15,838	(8,857)	6,981
Public Health	67,176	34,500	(62,589)	39,087
Feed Chesterfield	-	599	-	599
Connect Derbyshire Conference	4,000	500	(3,797)	703
Cost of Living	-	31,000	(21,694)	9,306
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	1,718
Mental Health Liason Service	-	29,486	(25,655)	3,831
Community Chesterfield	73,624	188,361	(145,690)	116,295
Connect to...	24,514	38,850	(21,702)	41,662
Social Connectedness	81,695	95,010	(125,248)	51,457
Bowel Cancer Engagement	27,646	600	(1,619)	26,627
Community Champions	46,041	50,000	(28,817)	67,224
DVA Small Grants	916	10,000	(11,131)	(215)
Dora	-	5,000	(1,571)	3,429
Fundamental Training	5,000	-	-	5,000
Other Funds	68,415	-	(67,373)	1,042
	<u>415,745</u>	<u>499,744</u>	<u>(525,743)</u>	<u>389,746</u>
<i>Total of funds</i>	<u><u>708,358</u></u>	<u><u>601,527</u></u>	<u><u>(618,364)</u></u>	<u><u>691,521</u></u>

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15. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
General funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
Restricted funds	389,746	581,778	(491,485)	350	480,389
	<u>691,521</u>	<u>682,170</u>	<u>(543,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830,550</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
Restricted funds	415,745	499,744	(525,743)	389,746
	<u>708,358</u>	<u>601,527</u>	<u>(618,364)</u>	<u>691,521</u>

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

Living Well: Living Well Derbyshire focuses on helping local residents recover from mental health issues within the community, aiming to provide more accessible support for mental health and wellbeing. The funding supports the coordination of two multi-agency collaboratives in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. These collaboratives aim to develop a multi-agency approach to reforming mental health services, with a strong emphasis on including lived experiences.

The Hub @ Low Pavement: Derbyshire Voluntary Action's community hub in central Chesterfield. The hub is a vibrant community space designed to bring people together. It hosts various groups and activities and is committed to being inclusive, and a welcoming environment for the public and volunteer-led community groups. Additionally, the Hub is the proud home of our Feeling Connected Project.

Public Health: This small grants scheme, administered by Derbyshire Voluntary Action, provides financial support to voluntary and community groups. The funds enable these groups to run projects and activities that align with Derbyshire County Council Public Health's priorities at a local level across Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover.

Quality Conversations: This funding supports one-on-one conversations with patients on Chesterfield Royal Hospital's gastro and orthopaedic waiting lists. A 'quality conversation' is a well-established, person-centred approach that encompasses general communication skills and specific health coaching techniques. It aims to understand the factors underpinning a person's health and wellbeing.

Charities Together Fund: Funded by NHSE Charities Together, the Derbyshire Community Hubs Network aims to create a peer support and learning network for community hubs across Derby City and Derbyshire. These activities support the creation, operation, and growth of community-led safe spaces for wellbeing.

Feed Chesterfield: fund to support Chesterfield food providers.

Connect Derbyshire Conference: funds held on behalf of DCC Public Health; designated to meet the event costs of Connect Derbyshire Conference.

Cost of Living: grant funding to support the rising costs to VSCE small groups.

Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group: network of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations working collectively to improve the lives of people affected by cancer across Derbyshire.

Mental Health Liaison Service: Commissioned by the Derby and Derbyshire ICB, this service provides essential infrastructure through specialized training and support, strategic representation, and a collaborative platform. It brings together voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to discuss common interests and influence strategic planning in mental health.

Community Chesterfield: is a collaborative partnership between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University of Derby. This initiative connects the resources of the University of Derby Chesterfield with the voluntary and community sector in Chesterfield, truly "Putting the UNI in Community." Our mission is to strengthen the local community and the health and social care sector. This community-led project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Connect to...: social prescribing service to support individuals to identify and access community-based services and activities to improve health and wellbeing and increase social connectedness.

15. Summary of funds (continued)

Social Connectedness: Public Health funding supports our 'Feeling Connected' project, a collaborative initiative led by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. This project aims to combat loneliness and social isolation in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield by implementing a Social Connectedness Action Plan. It enhances local strategies for fostering social connections, bringing people together, and developing a confident, capable, and supportive network of community builders passionate about creating connection and belonging.

Bowel Cancer Engagement: awareness-raising campaign of signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, and importance of attending screening; with focused engagement on the ground in target communities with greatest health inequalities and lowest uptake of screening in Chesterfield, Bolsover and Erewash.

Community Champions: work in support of DCC Public Health's containment of Covid-19 in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, including dissemination of Covid-19-related messaging and development of a network of 'Covid Community Champions'.

DVA Small Grant: funding provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via its Service Level Agreement to enable DVA to offer its 'DVA Small Grant Scheme' for small health-related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

NED UKSPF Inclusive Community: UKSPF funding supports people across North East Derbyshire in connecting with their local community and social activities. This project enhances the Feeling Connected initiative by directly assisting individuals in NEDDC wards who feel lonely and isolated. It aims to empower residents with the confidence to attend local groups and activities, thereby reducing social isolation. Additionally, it grows community activists and provides participants with extra support, training, and social events.

Living well stories: This funding supports quality conversations with individuals experiencing poor mental health, developing system learning and insight.

Active Neighbourhood Projects: This funding supports Active Neighbourhood Pilots in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, aiming to increase walking levels through a systems approach. By engaging communities in the co-production of solutions, the project provides valuable insights and learning to enhance the pilot's delivery.

Thrive Evaluation: funding to extend Children and Young People's Social Prescribing pilot project into a second year and expand service provision through partnership with School Nursing Team.

The purpose of the designated funds are:

Designated funds: This funding supports various needs, including capital replacement, organisational rebranding, new project development, match funding, and the sustainability of our community hub.

Transfers between funds

Transfers this year were made to funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled and the establishment of designated funds.

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	364,019	480,389	844,408
Creditors due within one year	(13,858)	-	(13,858)
Total	350,161	480,389	830,550

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	321,476	389,746	711,222
Creditors due within one year	(19,701)	-	(19,701)
Total	301,775	389,746	691,521

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	139,029	(16,837)
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	92,979	(76,725)
Decrease in creditors	(5,843)	(13,514)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	226,165	(107,076)

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18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	658,339	602,174
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	658,339	602,174

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023	Cash flows	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	602,174	56,165	658,339
Liquid investments	-	170,000	170,000
	602,174	226,165	828,339

20. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2023: £nil).

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1134329

Accounts

Registered number: 06956527
Charity number: 1134329

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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 2023

Trustees

Bev Crighton (resigned 9 September 2022)
Julie Dixon, Chair
Tony Hedley
Wendy Munro (resigned 11 October 2023)
Dominic Rees-Jones (appointed 7 December 2022)
Julian Smith (resigned 5 July 2022)
Ann Sullivan (resigned 4 December 2022)
Wan Ten Yap (appointed 7 December 2022)
Amy Harris (appointed 11 October 2023)
Sue Wheatcroft (appointed 11 October 2023)

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Charity registered number

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CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Chair presents her statement as Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board of Trustees:

I am delighted to introduce Derbyshire Voluntary Action's annual report for 2022/23 and am immensely proud to be part of such a professional team.

As the cost of living brings challenges to VCSE job retention, it is with sadness we have said goodbye to some treasured staff members but have been so fortunate to attract exceptionally talented new staff that can only enhance our already excellent reputation across Derbyshire.

Since becoming Chair in October 2021, I have seen the continued hard work DVA staff members have put in to supporting communities across Derbyshire in what continues to be challenging times for so many people in our community and beyond. The whole team, as ever, works to the utmost of their capacity and at times beyond, to ensure the best collaborative efforts with colleagues from the voluntary, statutory, and private sectors. We have provided essential support to ensure that, as a first-rate infrastructure organisation, we support the voluntary and community sector in ensuring they can deliver their services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has fulfilled its funders' obligations and responsibilities despite our additional workloads.

We pride ourselves on being able to adapt our service provision to support voluntary and community sector organisations in the best way possible. This is particularly true in the way we work with groups and individuals with lived experience in the field of mental health and wellbeing, and how this has continued to evolve over the last twelve months.

Our innovative Community Chesterfield project again proved its well-deserved recognition, receiving nominations for several national awards. The Hub @ Low Pavement continues to prove a much needed safe and welcoming space for all, including some of our most isolated and often marginalized. It offers many user-developed and led activities and new health and wellbeing initiatives to help people in the present economic climate that proves so difficult for many groups and individuals. Our partnership with Chesterfield FC Community Trust has seen the Thr1ve young people's social prescribing project expand and receive national recognition by winning the HSJ 'Most Effective Contribution to Integrated Care' award.

This year, as previously, I have seen how staff have worked to build new working partnerships, willingly embraced new ways of working, and worked tirelessly to secure funding to continue, enhance, and grow the support we offer. Our new services have developed and grown thanks to the enthusiasm, and hard work of staff and the trust our funders have put in us as a forward-thinking team.

Moving forward, DVA will consolidate and strengthen services and projects within our existing structure, always being mindful of the importance of sustainability for the organisation.

Many thanks go to all involved in this fantastic organisation, especially the staff teams, and the Board of Trustees for the dedication and experience they bring. We thank those who have chosen to leave, and warmly welcome the new trustees who have joined us.

I look forward to working with members, staff, and fellow trustees on the development of our new business plan and further embedding our vision, mission, and values into strengthening our groups and communities.

Julie Dixon
Chair
Date:

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity'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 (FRS 102) (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 charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building community capacity through support to local VCSE groups and services.
2. VCSE infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCSE.
3. Effective volunteer support and brokerage.
4. VCSE engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCSE services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCSE is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCES organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCSE has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Objectives and activities (continued)

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. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Response to Covid-19

Covid Community Champions: Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued its community engagement work related to Covid-19 throughout the 2022/23 period. Working closely with Derbyshire County Council Public Health, we provided weekly information bulletins (29 in total to 463 recipients), sharing essential information and messaging about Covid restrictions, testing, vaccinations, and myth busting - in a community-focused way. Instant messaging was also shared through our social media channels. We collected information and communicated community issues and concerns to the Covid Community Partners forum on a weekly basis, and where possible, supported colleagues from Public Health's Outbreak Team in their work on the ground. As the pandemic became less threatening DVA has continued to share messaging on both Covid and, now more extensively, the wider determinants of health.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Mini-Forums: as part of our ongoing proactivity we organise and host mini-forums according to requests for members attending our main Health and Wellbeing Forums. We held one mini-forum during this year giving the VCSE during the year, enabling our groups and organisations to give and receive support, and share common experiences, information and good practice around Covid-19.

Life in Lockdown: our book highlighting the creative and personal experiences of local people during the pandemic is still available from The Hub @ Low Pavement. The coffee table book is an engaging and beautiful record of how we lived during the unprecedented times of 2020 and 2021. It beautifully collates the words, photographs, and artwork of 120 contributors.

Covid-19 Vaccinations: From January 2022 Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosted weekly pop-up Covid vaccination clinics at The Hub @ Low Pavement. These well attended outreach clinics benefited from our accessible and centrally located premises. Their success helped develop a positive partnership with NHS colleagues as a result of this collaboration, which continued throughout 2022.

Representation: at a strategic level, our Chief Executive provided voluntary sector representation for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire at the Derbyshire Community Forum (previously COVID Community Champs Forum) and she was a key contributor and partner in Chesterfield's Strategic Community Wellbeing Coordination Group.

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health and Social Care Forum met on four occasions in 2022/23. Meetings continued to be held virtually over Zoom.

'Network' Newsletter

We are proud to champion the services, activities, successes and diversity of the health and care related voluntary sector, and we continued to promote the good work that takes place in our communities every day through our online newsletter 'Network at Home'.

'E News Update' - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

We produced and distributed 151 information bulletins to 699 recipients during the year. These valued and popular information-sharing bulletins help our stakeholders, members, and other interested parties to keep up to date with opportunities, news and events locally, regionally and nationally. We can distribute same-day information if necessary.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Objectives and activities (continued)

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health-related community organisations, predominantly in North Derbyshire. This database is available to all and can be accessed via the interactive map on the homepage of our website.

Our membership stands at 355 charities, social enterprises, and volunteer-led groups, and 20 new memberships were approved by our Board of Trustees during 2022/23.

In addition, DVA staff use Lamplight, a cloud-based management system, to record groups, interactions, activities, and support given. There are currently 548 organisations and groups listed there.

Website - www.dva.org.uk

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action website is updated on a regular basis with current and interesting news and events, links to VCSE groups and organisations, funding opportunities and information about our small grants, projects and services - thus providing an additional communication channel with groups, statutory agencies and the wider public. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Senior Administrator remains responsible for its population and general administration.

Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing Grant

NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council Public Health made available a total of four different funding streams to Derbyshire Voluntary Action in 2022-23, which were administered as a single 'Health and Wellbeing Grant' for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. The purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Grant was to support new and existing not-for-profit voluntary and community groups/organisations in their work to strengthen the local community and improve the health and wellbeing of their beneficiaries. Applications could be for core costs or projects only, or for a combination of the two. During this period, 42 health and wellbeing grants were distributed during the period.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Start-Up Grant

The Start-Up Grant is for newly forming groups. It helps volunteers to meet the costs of getting a new group off the ground, 4 start-up grants were granted during the period.

Cost of Living Grant

During this period, 21 cost of living grants were distributed.

Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Jacqui Willis provided strategic representation for the health and care related VCSE throughout the year, including at: Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Derbyshire Integrated Community Place Board, Derbyshire System Insight Group, Joined Up Care Derbyshire Exec Leadership Programme, VCSE Leadership Programme, Place Alliances in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire/Bolsover; Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover and the newly formed VCSE Alliance.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors. Every three years, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's membership elects two representatives to fulfil the role of Partner Governor

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Objectives and activities (continued)

and represent the VCSE in the running of local healthcare services. Lynn Tory and Keith Clarke are our current Partner Governors.

Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosts and manages North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS). In 2022-23 the service was commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire.

Objectives:

MHLS continued to:

- Support a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together to discuss matters of common interest and influence strategic planning in mental health.
- Represent voluntary sector mental health providers on strategic commissioning and other key planning groups.
- Ensure voluntary sector representation on other joint agency planning groups and review bodies.
- Train and support other voluntary sector representatives.

I. A Platform for Voluntary Agencies to Discuss Issues and Influence Strategic Planning

During the period MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN). VSMHN membership extends to 107 representatives of mental health service providers from VCS and statutory providers. Eight successful forums took place during the year, including 2 Joint Countywide Forums (in collaboration with Derbyshire Mental Health Forum), 4 Small Groups Networks and 2 North Derbyshire Mental Health Forums. Information was distributed via regular electronic bulletins (120 in total) to 244 recipients.

II. Representing the Voluntary Sector on Planning Groups

Rachel Bounds, our Mental Health Liaison Service Officer, provided VCSE representation at both strategic and 'task and finish' level with stakeholders at: Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership; Chesterfield Mental Health Partnership; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Mental Health Partnership; High Peak Living Well Collaborative; Living Well – Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF) Workforce Planning Group; Living Well - CMHF Integrated Care Steering Group; Living Well - CMHF Governance Group; Mental Health First Aid Network; Community Mental Health Communications and Engagement Sub-Group; Derbyshire Community of Practice for Living Well Leads; Living Well Programme Delivery Group; Urgent Care Steering Group; MH Helpline / Crisis Alternatives Steering Group; Chesterfield Living Well Collaborative; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Living Well Collaborative; Population Mental Health Task and Finish Group; Joined Up Care – Mental Health, Neurodiversity, Learning Disability/Autism Alliance; and Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Board of Governors.

III. Support for Voluntary Groups

MHLS has links locally, regionally, and nationally with a wide range of organisations and regularly shares information and opportunities from the wider mental health world with its network. In addition, it supported a number of local events and initiatives over the last year, including: ThinkFest, World Suicide Prevention Day football matches, the rolling out of delirium training for carers and colleagues in the VCSE, and mental health related events and group sessions at Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Hub @ Low Pavement.

This year also saw the creation of our mental health support pack. An A5 booklet that has an abundance of information, training and free services to support those living with mental health issues. Due to the success of the electronic version, Derbyshire County Council funded the printing of 5 thousand booklets.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

During Suicide Awareness Week the DVA MHLS designed, developed and delivered a highly successful and award-winning Last Photo exhibition and engagement event, named the Last photo. The event brought together 5 partner organisations, The Georgia Bird Foundation, The Tomorrow Project, Survivors of Bereavement (SOBS), Kakou and Mentell to highlight suicide awareness and provide one-to-one support for individuals, families and carers. Our working group welcomed around 500 people to view the exhibition and take part in our creative arts workshops. During the weeklong exhibition we held over 300 meaningful conversations, around 200 people were signposted to community groups, peer support groups, helplines and recovery and peer support services. Around 40 people were signposted to social prescribing services and link worker services. Along with 60 people who were directed to talking therapies, sexual abuse services and domestic violence services.

Social Prescribing

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's long standing social prescribing support continued throughout the year, supporting people self-identifying at The Hub @ Low Pavement.

Following on from a successful first year in pilot form, our children and young people's social prescribing service in partnership with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust went into its second year of service delivery with a new name 'Thr1ve' and logo, both chosen and designed by the young using the service. In addition to working with Derbyshire School Nursing Service, the new funding from DCHS and North Hardwick & Bolsover Primary Care Network (PCN) enabled us to increase the team to 4 Link Workers, a Project Manager and a DCHS employed Occupational Therapist. Thr1ve ended this financial year winning the prestigious HSJ Awards category for Most Effective Contribution to integrated Care. The winning HSJ statement said:

"Thr1ve brings two NHS organisations into a pre-existing pioneering partnership between Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust and Derbyshire Voluntary Action, to create an integrated Children and Young People's Social Prescribing Service. The partners have developed a trusted referral pathway from school nurses and GPs to a specialist team of Children and Young People's Social Prescribing Link Workers and Occupational Therapist. Focusing on social prescribing for under-18s, inclusion of an occupational therapist, use of a new IT system for referrals and tracking and working with research teams to develop young people-specific outcome measures, Thr1ve is a truly innovative project. The judges felt that this work was outstanding, the passion of the panel shone through. "It's a simple solution to a very complex issue. The service is genuinely embedded in the community and the data sharing solution is ground-breaking. There is huge potential for spread and scale across the UK; well done to everyone involved."

Feeling Connected in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield

We continued the delivery of North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield's Social Connectedness Action Plan throughout 2022-23. Central to the success of the plan is our multi-agency Social Connectedness Action Group (SCAG) and our Social Connectedness Development Workers, who developed some excellent relationships with communities and networks across both areas and provided responsive and bespoke support to residents who wanted to bring people together and make a difference in their community.

Delivery work on 5 Feeling Connected Fund projects took place throughout the year, and we also allocated 3 Covid Local Action Fund grants. We promoted the benefits of social connectedness through our 'Feeling Connected Two Weeks' at the end of September.

We have a strong communications approach, focusing promoting connectedness. We have published a physical newspaper; 'Nurturing Neighbourliness', launched a website; www.feelingconnected.org.uk, and maintained a social media presence with our Facebook page and group.

This year we have launched a fresh approach to our development services, called the Neighbourhood Organisers' Programme. This is aimed at providing support to very small and emerging groups who want to make a difference where they live, but don't necessarily want to formalise or progress toward becoming a charity. The programme will be flexible

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Objectives and activities (continued)

and responsive to their needs.

It will embed an asset-based ethos and share the 'risks' of starting something new while including them in the wider, Feeling Connected family.

We have been awarded a grant for £19,000 to deliver improved Development Services, adding to our current Mentoring and Sign-posting work, we will:

- Provide small start-up grants of £75, available to 50 new Neighbourhood Organisers.
- Provide 24 'bite-size' workshops for Organisers to build their capacity and ground them in community development best practice.
- Provide 12 networking events for Organisers in order to build a self-supporting 'Family' of projects across NE Derbyshire and Chesterfield.

The Hub @ Low Pavement

Supported by our relationship with Community Spaces, an organisation that links the VCSE to opportunities in the commercial sector, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's community hub in the center of Chesterfield has gone from strength to strength. 'The Hub @ Low Pavement' has created a positive and welcoming safe space, which acts as a public-facing 'front door' to local community support and opportunities for people to improve their health wellbeing.

All activities and groups within the Hub are co-produced with ordinary people, starting with an asset-based approach to draw out their skills, passions and interests. Activities and groups create opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and sharing, while establishing strengths focused environment to regain confidence and mitigate against anxieties. All groups are volunteer-led and also create opportunities to help out in less formal ways.

We are open four days each week from 10-3pm. During the year attendance has gradually increased to the point where we reach capacity at some periods. We have 26 seats and some room for standing. Over the winter the Hub @ Low Pavement joined the Chesterfield Warm Space initiative, which brought new people in. In March we held a 'Visioning' process with attendees to foster greater understanding.

Here is a sample of responses when asked to share their initial impression of the Hub:

- "Happy people, great community, equal opportunity, comfortable atmosphere."
- "A vital place for mental health support, amazing to see."
- "Didn't expect to get along with people but have made friends."
- "Helped with my anxiety."
- "Really kind people. Feel so welcome and included."
- "I learnt knitting and other crafts."
- "It is my home from home now. I really look forward to coming -there's such a range of great people here."

Community Chesterfield

2022-23 was the fourth year of the partnership project between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University Derby, which aimed to 'put the uni in community'. This year the partnership has gone from strength to strength and the project now works across most of the University colleges, and is delivering staff and student projects with community organisations or has plans for future projects. The team have delivered a mix of virtual and in-person initiatives, highlights included a very successful series of tailored 'Training and Tea' training workshops for the VCSE and the award winning 'Experts by Experience' and are developing some research projects. Students from a wide range of subjects have been supported with learning opportunities including live briefs, placements and module contributions. The partnership supports Derby's Civic University agenda. Further funding bids to support collaborative projects are in preparation. This year the project won at the Voluntary Sector Awards and was shortlisted at the Student Nursing Times Awards and the

Objectives and activities (continued)

Third Sector Business Awards.

Bowel Cancer Engagement

Building on the learning of our 2018-19 'Be Cancer Safe' project across North Derbyshire, Derbyshire Voluntary Action worked in partnership with Derbyshire Public Health to undertake a piece of targeted engagement work around bowel cancer awareness. The initiative aims to increase uptake of bowel cancer screening in communities with the greatest inequalities and lowest uptake of screening – focusing on Chesterfield, Bolsover District and Erewash. The campaign takes an 'on the ground' approach to engage in person and online with local people, businesses and organisations, in order to raise awareness and generate support by recruiting 'cancer champions'. Champions learn about signs and symptoms and pledge to start cancer conversations with their colleagues, friends and family. Over a four- month period we reached 9,000 people, engaged 406 cancer champions' and gained 41 online pledges of support. Career progression of the project worker left a period of inactivity; however, we are pleased to say that our new Bowel Cancer Project Worker took over the helm in February 2023.

Understanding the importance of this project and appreciating the power of people and conversation, Kat Johnson, our dedicated project worker, embarked on sharing the important message of 'Early Screening Saves Lives'. She has engaged in conversations with businesses, participated in networking events, and made a presence in local communities. As conversations gained momentum, we have gathered the support of over 300 champions, representing local businesses, residents, event participants, and exhibitors.

With support of local media and magazines, our campaign has already reached an audience exceeding 300,000. Our project has been featured in various publications, including two titles within the NG magazine group (with a readership of 40,000 in Ilkeston and Long Eaton) and three titles published by Heron Publishing (reaching 36,000 readers), along with Ilkeston Life (with a readership of 10,000). We also marked the first anniversary of Dame Deborah James' passing by broadcasting prerecorded messages on Greatest Hits Radio. Bite-sized segments encouraging listeners to recognise symptoms were played during drive-time news slots at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm, reaching a listening audience of over 52,000.

Materials including posters, leaflets, window stickers and coasters have been displayed in a variety of premises and businesses, including supermarkets that have more than 25,000 customers per week. We have also reached out to builders' merchants and similar businesses which attract over 500 customers per week.

Some businesses were unable to display resources for their customers, but recognised the importance of raising awareness, and took materials to display for their own staff.

There were some initial barriers to overcome as many individuals anticipated donation requests, however, once we explained the Be Cancer Safe campaign, this led to fantastic support.

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.
- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
- Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
- Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
- Social Prescribing services
- A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills

1. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

There are two possible harms identified in the work of Derbyshire Voluntary Action: harm to people and harm to the environment. The organisation takes its health & safety and safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and ensures that no harm arises to employees, volunteers and beneficiaries from the way in which it undertakes its activities, by implementing appropriate policies and procedures. In terms of environmental impact, pre-Covid-19 Derbyshire Voluntary Action ran from three bases in Chesterfield and staff travelled by car or public transport to meetings. During 2022/23 most staff continued to work the majority of week using home-based working and most meetings were held virtually using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Travel, printing and paper consumption continued to be minimal. The exception was staff working at the Hub @ Low Pavement to which travel was necessary and printing essential. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy aims to minimise the impact of its activity via recycling, car sharing, etc. to ensure that the benefits of our work continue to outweigh the harm. In 2020 we signed up to Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge and give additional consideration to minimizing our use of single-use plastics in our work. The Directors are not aware of any other causes of harm likely to arise from the activities of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

2. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff and volunteers from the voluntary and community sector who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 355 are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and 699 such groups and individuals benefit from our information services.
- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;
- The Health and Social Care 'System' – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's achievements in 2022/23 are:

- We integrated our social connectedness, social prescribing, and community hub work into a fourth pillar of DVA under the banner of Feeling Connected. Therefore, embedding our ethos of working with a hyper local community approach.
- Continued support for VCSE through high level strategic representation, active engagement at place and in neighborhoods, grant giving and being an active member of the VCSE Alliance.
- Continued collaboration with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust, including signing a Partnership Agreement. Using that partnership approach to bring in much needed funding; for Thr1ve, our young people's social prescribing service, via PCN and Public Health support. The new funding supported the service to move into a third year, increase its geographical coverage and grow the staff team. We were delighted that Thr1ve won the HSJ Award for 'Best / Most Effective Contribution to Integrated Care'.
- DVA continued to adopt innovative new ways of engaging and supporting our existing membership and new beneficiaries through our Community Chesterfield, Feeling Connected and Be Cancer Safe projects.
- The Mental Health Liaison Service revamped its approach to supporting our smaller members by creating a bespoke 'Small Groups Network'.
- The Last Photo Exhibition, organised by Rachel Bounds the DVA Mental Health Liaison Service Worker in collaboration with five mental health organisations, was a resounding success drawing national recognition. Held over a week in the Hub @ Low Pavement as part of Suicide Awareness Week 2022, it gave a sensitive and compassionate glimpse into the trauma caused by losing a family member, relative, friend or colleague.
- Community Chesterfield not only continued to deliver successful training, shared learning and community development but also was given access to collaborate with all Derby University (UoD) faculties, therefore opening many more doors and opportunities. We are proud to say that the success of Community Chesterfield has led to DVA becoming a UoD Strategic Partner, a Civic Agreement Signatory, and sitting on the University Court and the Business, Law, and Social Sciences Advisory Group.
- The Feeling Connected pillar of DVA has grown to include all work at ground level, including Social Connectedness, Social Prescribing, The Hub @ Low Pavement and Be Cancer Safe.
- Feeling Connected developed a successful program of outreach workshops to upskill residents to take community action.
- Following last year's first week-long communications campaign: Feeling Connected Week, which aimed to highlight local approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation, this year we increased it to a two-week campaign linked to a series of events.
- The Hub @ Low Pavement, our community hub in central Chesterfield, went from strength to strength developing into a must have space in the Centre of Chesterfield. It's a vibrant and person-centred safe place for people to be creative, discover new interests and activities while making new social connections and supporting their health and wellbeing.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

- Social prescribing based at the Hub @ Low Pavement supported significant and life changing opportunities for people with poor mental and physical wellbeing. By working with people in a community venue with a combination of a safe space, self-referral (walking through the door), a friendly face, time, and peer support we evidenced a unique way to socially prescribe. Proving that a 'no wrong door approach' really works.
- We held a week-long Social Prescribing Exhibition, with fabulous artwork produced by our clients.

Financial review

a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £601,527 (2022: £715,575) and total expenditure was £618,364 (2022: £573,243) giving net expenditure of £16,837 (2022: net income £142,332). Total funds carried forward were £691,521 (2022: £708,358) of which £389,746 (2022: £415,745) were restricted and £301,775 (2022: £292,613) were unrestricted.

b. Reserves policy

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2023 are £301,775 (2022: £292,613). The year-end reserve represents more than 12 months operating expenditure for the general fund, assuming no contribution from restricted funds for core costs, and covers in full the minimum reserve target for the general fund of approximately £140,000. The minimum reserve target equals approximately 6 months operating expense in the general fund, redundancy costs and lease costs. It was established by estimating obligations that might still need to be covered if funding were withdrawn. Free reserves at 31 March 2023 are £301,775. The Directors recognise that the actual reserve will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 17 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2022/23 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2024 which is a key area of focus for the board.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our Commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible

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d. Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from 3rd Floor, Dents Chambers, 81 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

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Plans for future periods

At the outset of the 2023/24 financial year, our plans for the coming 12 months are:

- We will focus on ensuring the continuation and development of projects in line with our existing work across our four 'pillars': Infrastructure, Mental Health Liaison Service, Feeling Connected and Community Chesterfield.
- Integrated Care System: As Derbyshire's health and care system continues its transformation to integrated services, we will continue to represent our voluntary and community sector as an equal partner in the co-production of new joined-up person-centred services.
- Living Well: in the domain of mental health, we will be active partners and representatives in the Living Well Collaboratives in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover.
- We will work with partners and collaborators to secure further funding and a more sustainable future for the specialist social prescribing pilot work we launched in 2021.
- We will seek to add capacity to our management team to ensure that our work is adequately resourced, and our staff teams are well supported.
- We will continue to support community resilience and new partnerships, while building on our knowledge of hyper local community activity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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


Julie Dixon (Dec 11, 2023 09:28 GMT)

Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: Dec 11, 2023

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('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

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.


Nicola Adams (Dec 11, 2023 09:40 GMT)

Signed:

Dated: Dec 11, 2023

Nicola Adams ACA DChA

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DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	101,783	497,102	598,885	711,531
Charitable activities	5	-	-	-	2,250
Other income	6	-	2,642	2,642	1,794
Total income		101,783	499,744	601,527	715,575
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	92,621	525,743	618,364	573,243
Total expenditure		92,621	525,743	618,364	573,243
Net movement in funds		9,162	(25,999)	(16,837)	142,332
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		292,613	415,745	708,358	566,026
Net movement in funds		9,162	(25,999)	(16,837)	142,332
Total funds carried forward		301,775	389,746	691,521	708,358

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006 and includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	12	109,048	32,323
Cash at bank and in hand		602,174	709,250
		<u>711,222</u>	<u>741,573</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,701)	(33,215)
Net current assets		<u>691,521</u>	<u>708,358</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>691,521</u>	<u>708,358</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>691,521</u></u>	<u><u>708,358</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	389,746	415,745
Unrestricted funds	14	301,775	292,613
Total funds		<u><u>691,521</u></u>	<u><u>708,358</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:


Julie Dixon (Dec 11, 2023 09:28 GMT)
Julie Dixon
Chair
Date: Dec 11, 2023

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/ provided by operating activities	17	(107,076)	157,118
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(107,076)	157,118
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		709,250	552,132
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	602,174	709,250
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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. 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. 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.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 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 financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income relating to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is recognised in the period for which the funding is claimed.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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 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 Taxation

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- Over 3 years
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2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 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.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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.

2.11 Operating leases

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

2.12 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.

2.13 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

2.14 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.

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3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Careers that Care	-	-	-	8,426
Chesterfield Borough Council (Neighbourhood Fund)	-	-	-	8,070
Chesterfield Borough Council (Life in Lockdown)	-	-	-	2,000
Chesterfield Borough Council (Covid Recovery)	-	-	-	69,323
Cost of Living Grants	-	31,000	31,000	-
DCC NED (Community Champions)	-	25,000	25,000	-
DCC (Connect Derbyshire)	-	-	-	4,000
DCC (Contain Outbreak)	2,653	-	2,653	24,696
DCC (Community Champions)	-	25,000	25,000	54,166
DCC (Infrastructure)	13,625	-	13,625	23,471
DCC (Social Connectedness)	2,653	19,410	22,063	-
DCHS (MSK Link Worker)	-	38,850	38,850	40,030
DCHS (Young People Social Prescribing)	-	-	-	122,000
D&D CCG (Infrastructure)	-	-	-	75,608
D&D CCG (Living Well)	-	-	-	15,000
D&D CCG (MHLS)	-	-	-	28,993
D&D CCG (Signposting)	-	-	-	2,648
DVA Small Grants	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
East Midlands Chamber (Kick Start Fund)	-	-	-	6,909
National Lottery Community Fund	-	162,965	162,965	157,052
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	86,600	86,600	18,994
balance c/f	18,931	398,825	417,756	671,386

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4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
balance b/f	18,931	398,825	417,756	671,386
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Infrastructure)	81,469	-	81,469	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (MHLS)	-	29,486	29,486	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire (Leeds)	-	15,000	15,000	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Signposting)	-	2,659	2,659	-
Other	1,383	7,700	9,083	3,689
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	23,500	23,500	34,500
University of Derby	-	10,000	10,000	1,956
Western Power	-	9,932	9,932	-
Total 2023	101,783	497,102	598,885	711,531
Total 2022	123,826	587,705	711,531	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Management fees	-	-	2,250
Total 2022	2,250	2,250	

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Expert by Experience	-	397	397	993
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme income	-	-	-	801
Rental Income	-	2,245	2,245	-
Total 2023	-	2,642	2,642	1,794
Total 2022	801	993	1,794	

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7. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Payroll costs	1,590	-	1,590	1,733
Bank charges	408	-	408	637
Consultancy	1,289	-	1,289	7,856
Contract work*	475	53,987	54,462	42,054
Careers that care	-	13	13	4,421
Grants paid out	10,000	126,402	136,402	54,109
Insurance	2,548	-	2,548	2,409
IT costs	6,259	7,616	13,875	14,994
Marketing	786	7,617	8,403	6,781
Postage	32	28	60	125
Premises costs	13,493	6,715	20,208	24,386
Printing	133	377	510	98
Professional fees	3,780	-	3,780	3,785
Recruitment	245	-	245	770
Room hire and catering	466	4,733	5,199	812
Salaries, NI and pension	109,676	246,634	356,310	382,388
Stationery	97	774	871	229
Subscriptions	2,910	1,232	4,142	6,964
Sundries	97	523	620	4,461
Telephone	836	966	1,802	2,082
Training	540	3,356	3,896	9,425
Travel	390	1,341	1,731	1,838
Additional costs re COVID-19	-	-	-	886
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(63,429)	63,429	-	-
Total 2023	92,621	525,743	618,364	573,243
Total 2022	127,554	445,689	573,243	

* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

** Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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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	3,465	3,150

9. Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	320,517	344,119
Social security costs	22,269	23,097
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	13,524	15,172
	356,310	382,388

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
	15	17

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

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £74,857 (2022: £77,602). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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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, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2022 - £nil).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
<i>Cost or valuation</i>	
At 1 April 2022	4,621
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 April 2022	4,621
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>

12. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	1,240	5,098
Grants receivable	107,808	27,225
	<u>109,048</u>	<u>32,323</u>

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,904	13,478
Other taxation and social security	7,401	6,671
Other creditors	2,068	2,714
Accruals and deferred income	4,328	10,352
	<hr/> 19,701 <hr/>	<hr/> 33,215 <hr/>

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14. Statement of funds**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>				
Unrestricted funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
Living Well	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Hub @ Low Pavement	-	15,838	(8,857)	6,981
Public Health	67,176	34,500	(62,589)	39,087
Feed Chesterfield	-	599	-	599
Connect Derbyshire Conference	4,000	500	(3,797)	703
Cost of Living	-	31,000	(21,694)	9,306
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	1,718
Mental Health Liason Service	-	29,486	(25,655)	3,831
Community Chesterfield	73,624	188,361	(145,690)	116,295
Connect to...	24,514	38,850	(21,702)	41,662
NED Social Connectedness	81,695	95,010	(125,248)	51,457
Bowel Cancer Engagement	27,646	600	(1,619)	26,627
Covid Community Champion	46,041	50,000	(28,817)	67,224
DVA small grants	916	10,000	(11,131)	(215)
Dora	-	5,000	(1,571)	3,429
Good Health Group	5,000	-	-	5,000
DCHS	68,415	-	(67,373)	1,042
	415,745	499,744	(525,743)	389,746
<i>Total of funds</i>	708,358	601,527	(618,364)	691,521

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14. Statement of funds (continued)
Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	227,108	126,877	(127,554)	66,182	292,613
Restricted funds					
Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)	218	28,994	(33,753)	4,541	-
Living Well	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Hub @ Low Pavement	-	15,619	(27,520)	11,901	-
Public Health	59,432	34,500	(38,501)	11,745	67,176
Macmillan Expert Patient	18,430	-	-	(18,430)	-
Macmillan Safe & Sound	377	-	-	(377)	-
Connect Derbyshire Conference	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	3,436	-	-	(1,718)	1,718
DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing	23,418	-	1,000	(24,418)	-
Community Chesterfield	53,613	168,725	(148,714)	-	73,624
Connect to...	64,851	87,863	(77,750)	(50,450)	24,514
NED Social Connectedness	32,282	88,317	(38,904)	-	81,695
Bowel Cancer Engagement	36,132	-	(8,486)	-	27,646
Covid Community Champion	40,686	13,480	(8,125)	-	46,041
DVA small grants	-	10,000	(9,084)	-	916
Foundation Derbyshire	20	-	-	(20)	-
Good Health Group	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Winter Planning	1,023	200	(2,267)	1,044	-
DCHS	-	122,000	(53,585)	-	68,415
	338,918	588,698	(445,689)	(66,182)	415,745
Total of funds	566,026	715,575	(573,243)	-	708,358

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15. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
Restricted funds	415,745	499,744	(525,743)	389,746
	708,358	601,527	(618,364)	691,521

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	227,108	126,877	(127,554)	66,182	292,613
Restricted funds	338,918	588,698	(445,689)	(66,182)	415,745
	566,026	715,575	(573,243)	-	708,358

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

Living Well: funding to enable lived experience of mental ill-health and mental health services to be included in development of new mental health services in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

The Hub @ Low Pavement: pilot project to create a community hub in central Chesterfield. Set up costs granted by Borough of Chesterfield's Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion Fund.

Public Health: grant fund for voluntary and community groups to run projects and activities which meet DCC Public Health's health and wellbeing priorities at locality level.

Feed Chesterfield: fund to support Chesterfield food providers.

Connect Derbyshire Conference: funds held on behalf of DCC Public Health; designated to meet the event costs of Connect Derbyshire Conference.

Cost of Living: grant funding to support the rising costs to VSCE small groups.

Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group: network of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations working collectively to improve the lives of people affected by cancer across Derbyshire.

Mental Health Liaison Service: funding to enable liaison between voluntary sector providers of mental health services and support, and the statutory mental health sector.

Community Chesterfield: project to link together the resources of the University of Derby's Chesterfield campus and the voluntary and community sector in Chesterfield.

Connect to...: social prescribing service to support individuals to identify and access community-based services and activities to improve health and wellbeing and increase social connectedness.

NED Social Connectedness: 'Feeling Connected in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield' is a multi-agency project led by DVA, which aims to combat loneliness and social isolation by implementing a Social Connectedness Action Plan to improve local approaches to social connectedness.

Bowel Cancer Engagement: awareness-raising campaign of signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, and importance of attending screening; with focused engagement on the ground in target communities with greatest health inequalities and lowest uptake of screening in Chesterfield, Bolsover and Erewash.

Covid Community Champion: work in support of DCC Public Health's containment of Covid-19 in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, including dissemination of Covid-19-related messaging and development of a network of 'Covid Community Champions'.

DVA Small Grant: funding provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via its Service Level Agreement to enable DVA to offer its 'DVA Small Grant Scheme' for small health-related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

Dora: fund doated by Dora 17 to support Children and Young People's activities.

Good Health Group: funding for Good Health Group activities.

DCHS: funding to extend Children and Young People's Social Prescribing pilot project into a second year and

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

expand service provision through partnership with School Nursing Team.

Macmillan Expert Patient: project to develop a community and workplace-based network of 'expert patients' to support cancer patients, cancer survivors and those caring for cancer patients across North Derbyshire.

Macmillan Safe and Sound: project to support Bolsover residents with a cancer diagnosis and their carers – enabling them to access advice, information, medical, practical and emotional support through a team of volunteers managed by Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing: grant fund to enable '5 Ways to Wellbeing' to be embedded in community projects which promote improved mental health.

Foundation Derbyshire: grant received at beginning of Covid-19 Lockdown for ICT equipment to enable home working.

Winter Planning: funding from Chesterfield Borough Council towards the role of COVID-19 Response Worker.

Transfers between funds

Transfers in prior year were made to general funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	321,476	389,746	711,222
Creditors due within one year	(19,701)	-	(19,701)
Total	301,775	389,746	691,521

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	325,828	415,745	741,573
Creditors due within one year	(33,215)	-	(33,215)
Total	292,613	415,745	708,358

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(16,837)	142,332
Adjustments for:		
Increase in debtors	(76,725)	(4,292)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13,514)	19,078
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(107,076)	157,118

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	602,174	709,250
Total cash and cash equivalents	602,174	709,250

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19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2022	Cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	709,250	(107,076)	602,174
	<u>709,250</u>	<u>(107,076)</u>	<u>602,174</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

The company had no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31 March 2023.

21. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2022: £nil).

Derbyshire Voluntary Action

Nicola Adams ACA DChA
BHP LLP
57-59 Saltergate
Chesterfield
S40 1UL

Dear Ms Adams

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charitable company qualifies as small in accordance with the conditions set out in chapter 1 of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 3 We confirm that the charitable company was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 audited. We also confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 4 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 2 July 2021, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 5 All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 6 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.

7 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Assets and liabilities

8 The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

9 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.

10 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

11 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

Loans and arrangements

12 The charitable company has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Legal claims

13 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

14 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

15 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

16 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

17 We believe that the charitable company’s financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company’s needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company’s ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

18 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

19 We have reviewed unrestricted and restricted funds and confirm that the funds carried forward are accurate.

Yours faithfully


Julie Dixon (Dec 11, 2023 09:28 GMT)

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Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Date: Dec 11, 2023










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Final Audit Report

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Accounts

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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

Heather Fawbert, Chair (resigned 13 October 2021)
Roland Brown, Vice Chair (resigned 23 July 2021)
Bev Crighton
Robert Audis, Honorary Treasurer (resigned 13 October 2021)
Julie Dixon, Chair
Amy Harris (resigned 13 October 2021)
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DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Chair presents her first statement as Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board of Trustees:

I am delighted to introduce Derbyshire Voluntary Action's annual report for 2021/22 – our thirtieth year. I am very proud to be part of such a professional team. I know our previous Chair, Heather Fawbert worked hard to maintain good working relationships across the organisation, and I will endeavour to continue that work.

Since becoming Chair in October 2021, I have seen the sheer hard work that DVA staff members have put in to supporting communities across Derbyshire in what has continued to be challenging times for so many people. The whole team has continued to work to the utmost of their capacity and at times beyond, to ensure the best collaborative efforts with colleagues from the voluntary, statutory and private sectors. We have provided essential support to ensure that, as a first-rate infrastructure organisation, we support the voluntary and community sector in ensuring they can deliver their services to the most vulnerable in our communities. DVA has fulfilled its funders' obligations and responsibilities despite our additional workloads.

We pride ourselves on being able to adapt our service provision to support voluntary and community sector organisations in the best way possible. This is particularly true of the way our work with groups in the field of mental health and wellbeing has evolved most recently. Our work in the social prescribing forum is increasingly seen as innovative. We are also incredibly proud of our Community Chesterfield project and the well-deserved recognition it received at the prestigious 2022 Nursing Times Awards - where it was awarded the accolade of Best Student Experience. Our pilot project at The Hub @ Low Pavement is proving to be a much needed safe and welcoming space for a number of new health and wellbeing initiatives to help people as they recover from the impacts of Covid-19.

Throughout the year, I have seen how staff have worked to build new working partnerships, willingly embraced new ways of working, and worked tirelessly to secure funding to continue, enhance and grow the support we offer. Our new services have developed and grown thanks to the enthusiasm, and hard work of staff and the trust our funders have put in us as a forward-thinking team.

Moving forward, DVA will consolidate services and projects within our existing structure, always being mindful of the importance of sustainability for the organisation.

Many thanks go to all involved in this fantastic organisation, especially the staff teams, and the Board of Trustees (past and present) for the dedication they bring.

Julie Dixon

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Chair

Date: Oct 10, 2022

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity'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 (FRS 102) (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 charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building Community Capacity through support to local VCS groups and services.
2. VCS infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCS.
3. Effective Volunteer Support and Brokerage.
4. VCS Engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCS services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCS is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCS organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCS has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

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

Objectives and activities (continued)

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. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Response to Covid-19

Covid Community Champions: Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued its community engagement work related to Covid-19 throughout the 2021/22 period. Working closely with Derbyshire County Council Public Health, we provided weekly information bulletins (55 in total to 543 recipients), sharing essential information and messaging about Covid restrictions, testing, vaccinations and myth busting - in a community-focused way. Messaging was also shared through our social media channels. We collected information and communicated community issues and concerns to the Covid Community Partners forum on a weekly basis, and where possible, supported colleagues from Public Health's Outbreak Team in their work on the ground.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Mini-Forums: as part of our ongoing Covid-19 response, we organized and hosted three opportunities for the VCS to meet together during the year, enabling our groups and organisations to give and receive support, and share common experiences, information and good practice around Covid-19.

Life in Lockdown: our book highlighting the creative and personal experiences of local people during the pandemic was launched in November 2021 at a community event at The Hub @ Low Pavement. Colleagues from our Mental Health Liaison Service (Rachel Bounds) and Connect to... project (Charlotte Higgins) worked tirelessly over the summer to collate together the words, photographs and artwork of 120 contributors, and the resulting book is an engaging and beautiful record of how we lived during the unprecedented times of 2020.

Covid-19 Vaccinations: From January 2022 Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosted weekly pop-up Covid vaccination clinics at The Hub @ Low Pavement. These outreach clinics benefitted from our accessible and centrally located premises and proved to be very successful. We developed a very positive partnership with NHS colleagues as a result of this collaboration, which will continue through into 2022/23.

Representation: at a strategic level, our Chief Executive provided voluntary sector representation for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire at Derbyshire's Local Resilience Forum and the Stronger Communities Forum, and she was a key contributor and partner in Chesterfield's Strategic Community Wellbeing Coordination Group.

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health and Social Care Forum met on four occasions in 2021/22. Meetings continued to be held virtually over Zoom.

'Network' Newsletter

We are proud to champion the services, activities, successes and diversity of the health and care related voluntary sector, and we continued to promote the good work that takes place in our communities every day through our newsletter 'Network at Home'.

'E News Update' - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

We produced and distributed 153 information bulletins to 652 recipients during the year. These valued and popular information-sharing bulletins help our stakeholders, members and other interested parties to keep up to date with opportunities, news and events locally, regionally and nationally.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health-related community organisations, predominantly in North Derbyshire. This database is available to all and can be accessed via the interactive map on the homepage of our website. In 2021 we engaged Lamplight Database Systems Ltd to design and develop a new cloud-based case management system for Derbyshire Voluntary Action, which went live in early 2022. There are currently 479 organisations and groups listed there. Our membership stands at 337 charities, social enterprises and volunteer-led groups, and 19 new memberships were approved by our Board of Trustees during 2021/22.

Website - www.dva.org.uk

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action website is updated on a regular basis with current and interesting news and events, links to funding opportunities and information about our projects and services - thus providing an additional communication channel with groups, statutory agencies and the wider public. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Senior Administrator remains responsible for its population and general administration.

Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing Grant

NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Derbyshire County Council Public Health made available a total of four different funding streams to Derbyshire Voluntary Action in 2021-22, which were administered as a single 'Health and Wellbeing Grant' for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. This single grant scheme replaced our previous DVA Small Grant and Public Health Small Grants schemes. The purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Grant was to support new and existing not-for-profit voluntary and community groups/organisations in their work to strengthen the local community and improve the health and wellbeing of their beneficiaries. Applications could be for core costs or project projects only, or for a combination of the two. 37 health and wellbeing grants were distributed during the period.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Start-Up Grant

The Start-Up Grant is for newly forming groups. It helps volunteers to meet the costs of getting a new group off the ground. 4 start-up grants were granted during the period.

Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Jacqui Willis provided strategic representation for the health and care related VCS throughout the year, including at: Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Derbyshire Integrated Community Place Board, Derbyshire System Insight Group, Joined Up Care Derbyshire Exec Leadership Programme, VCSE Leadership Programme, Place Alliances in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire/Bolsover; and Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors. Every three years, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's membership elects two representatives to fulfil the role of Partner Governor and represent the VCS in the running of local healthcare services. Lynn Tory and Keith Clarke are our current Partner Governors.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosts and manages North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS). In 2021-22 the service was commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire.

Objectives:

MHLS continued to:

- Support a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together to discuss matters of common interest and influence strategic planning in mental health;
- Represent voluntary sector mental health providers on strategic commissioning and other key planning groups;
- Ensure voluntary sector representation on other joint agency planning groups and review bodies;
- Train and support other voluntary sector representatives.

I A Platform for Voluntary Agencies to Discuss Issues and Influence Strategic Planning

During the period MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN). VSMHN membership extends to 97 representatives of mental health service providers from VCS and statutory providers. Eight successful forums took place during the year, including, two joint countywide forums (in collaboration with Derbyshire Mental Health Forum), four Small Groups Networks and two North Derbyshire Mental Health Forums. Information was distributed via regular electronic bulletins (69 in total) to 231 recipients.

II Representing the Voluntary Sector on Planning Groups

Rachel Bounds, our Engagement Worker, provided VCS representation at both strategic and 'task and finish' level with stakeholders at: Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership; Chesterfield Mental Health Partnership; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Mental Health Partnership; High Peak Living Well Collaborative; Living Well – Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF) Workforce Planning Group; Living Well - CMHF Steering Group; Living Well - CMHF Governance Group; Community Mental Health Communications and Engagement Sub-Group; Derbyshire Community of Practice for Living Well Leads; Chesterfield Living Well Collaborative; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Living Well Collaborative; Derbyshire Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Board: Population Mental Health Task and Finish Group; Joined Up Care – Mental Health, Neurodiversity, Learning Disability/Autism Alliance; and Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Board of Governors.

III Support for Voluntary Groups

MHLS has links locally, regionally and nationally with a wide range of organisations and regularly shares information and opportunities from the wider mental health world with its network. In addition, it supported a number of local events and initiatives over the last year, including: ThinkFest, World Suicide Prevention Day football matches, the rolling out of delirium training for carers and colleagues in the VCS, and mental health related events and group sessions at Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Hub @ Low Pavement.

Connect to... Social Prescribing Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's longstanding social prescribing support continued throughout the year, with our Link Worker, Natalie Evans providing ongoing one to one support and our Community Coordinator working with a number of organisations (including Chesterfield College) and community groups to develop new connections and action. In addition, 2021 saw the launch of two new social prescribing partnerships. Firstly, in May we began a year-long pilot project in collaboration with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to create a children and young people's social prescribing service and to employ Mollie Ward, our first specialist Young People's Physical Activity Link Worker. By the end of the year, the partnership had grown to include the Derbyshire School Nursing Service and continuation funding for a second

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Objectives and activities (continued)

year of the project had been secured. Secondly, in August we began a second social prescribing pilot project: in the field of community support for musculo-skeletal conditions (MSK), in partnership with Derbyshire Community Healthcare Services. Our MSK Link Worker, Cassy Fitzharris set up the new initiative, working closely with NHS colleagues and community stakeholders.

Feeling Connected in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield

We continued the delivery of North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield's Social Connectedness Action Plan throughout 2021-22. Central to the success of the plan is our multi-agency Social Connectedness Action Group (SCAG) and our Social Connectedness Development Worker, Debbie Fennell. Debbie developed some excellent relationships with communities and networks across the area and provided responsive and bespoke support to residents who wanted to bring people together and make a difference in their community. Delivery work on five Feeling Connected Fund projects took place throughout the year, and we also allocated three Covid Local Action Fund grants. We promoted the benefits of social connectedness through our 'Feeling Connected Week' at the end of September.

The Hub @ Low Pavement

Building on a new relationship with Community Spaces, an organization that links the VCS to opportunities in the commercial sector, Derbyshire Voluntary Action took occupancy of a town-centre retail unit in early 2021 and opened a community hub 'The Hub @ Low Pavement' there in September. We are working towards creating a positive and welcoming space, which is community-led, and acts as a public-facing 'front door' to local community support and opportunities for people to improve their mental health and regain their confidence to (re)connect with others, as communities recover from the impact of Covid-19.

Community Chesterfield

2021-22 was the third year of the partnership project between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and University of Derby, which aimed to 'put the uni in community'. After the challenges of moving the whole work programme online in 2020/21, the third year proved to be a very successful mix of virtual and in-person initiatives. Highlights included a very successful series of tailored 'Training and Tea' training workshops for the VCS, themed shared learning sessions bringing together colleagues from across multiple sectors, and 'Careers that Care' – a weeklong online programme which shone a spotlight on community-based careers in health and care. The project forged an increasing number of meaningful connections between the academic and community spheres through 'Experts by Experience' and 'Negotiated Module.' The partnership developed to encompass Derby's drive to become a Civic University. At the end of March, it proved possible to extend the project by three months due to underspend in Year 2. A bid to enable the project to continue for a further two years through to 2024 is in preparation. Funding secured in May 2022.

Bowel Cancer Engagement

Building on the learning of our 2018-19 'Be Cancer Safe' project, Derbyshire Voluntary Action worked in partnership with Derbyshire Public Health to undertake a piece of targeted engagement work around bowel cancer awareness. The initiative aimed to increase uptake of bowel cancer screening in communities with the greatest inequalities and lowest uptake of screening – focusing on Chesterfield, Bolsover District and Erewash. The campaign, led by Richard Colgrave, launched in Spring 2021 taking an 'on the ground' approach to engage in person and online with local people, businesses and organisations, in order to raise awareness and generate support by recruiting 'cancer champions'. Champions learn about signs and symptoms and pledge to start cancer conversations with their colleagues, friends and family. Over a four-month period we reached 9,000 people, engaged 406 cancer champions and gained 41 online pledges of support.

Objectives and activities (continued)

c. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

1. What are the benefits that arise from our aims and actions?

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.
- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
- Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
- Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
- Social Prescribing services
- A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills

2. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

There are two possible harms identified in the work of Derbyshire Voluntary Action: harm to people and harm to the environment. The organisation takes its health & safety and safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and ensures that no harm arises to employees, volunteers and beneficiaries from the way in which it undertakes its activities, by implementing appropriate policies and procedures. In terms of environmental impact, pre-Covid-19 Derbyshire Voluntary Action ran from three bases in Chesterfield and staff travelled by car or public transport to meetings. During 2020/21 all staff moved to home-based working and the vast majority of meetings were held virtually using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Travel, printing and paper consumption reduced dramatically. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy aims to minimise the impact of its activity via recycling, car sharing, etc. to ensure that the benefits of our work continue to outweigh the harm. In 2020 we signed up to Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge and we now give additional consideration to minimizing our use of single-use plastics in our work. The Directors are not aware of any other causes of harm likely to arise from the activities of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

3. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff and volunteers from the voluntary and community sector who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 337 are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and 652 such groups and individuals benefit from our information services.
- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;
- The Health and Social Care 'System' – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's achievements in 2021/22 are:

- Reaching our 30th birthday! North Derbyshire Voluntary Action was created in 1991 as an alliance of Derbyshire's infrastructure organisations. Its role was to provide a dedicated point of link and liaison between statutory health partners and the health and care related VCS. Thirty years on we continue to fulfill this role and will be an active partner in championing the VCS in the development of Derbyshire's Integrated Care System.
- We worked collaboratively with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to create a new pilot project in the field of social prescribing for children and young people – the first such service in Derbyshire.
- We worked collaboratively with Derbyshire Community Healthcare Services to create a new pilot project in the field of specialist social prescribing for people with long term musculo-skeletal conditions (MSK) – this included the first such specialist Link Worker role in Derbyshire.
- We adopted innovative new ways of engaging and supporting with our existing membership and new beneficiaries. Most notably, our Community Chesterfield project designed and led an online initiative to promote community-based roles in health and care professions through 'Careers that Care' week. Secondly, we opened our community hub in central Chesterfield, which we are developing into a vibrant and person-centred safe place for health and wellbeing related work and activities. Thirdly, we ran our first week-long communications campaign: Feeling Connected Week, which aimed to highlight local approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation.
- We integrated our social connectedness, social prescribing and community hub work into a fourth pillar of DVA under the banner of Feeling Connected. Therefore, embedding our ethos of working with a hyper local community approach.

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Financial review

a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £715,575 (2021: £662,411) and total expenditure was £573,243 (2021: £446,953) giving net income of £142,332 (2021: £215,458). Total funds carried forward were £708,358 (2021: £566,026) of which £415,745 (2021: £338,918) were restricted and £292,613 (2021: £227,108) were unrestricted.

b. Reserves policy

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2022 are £292,613 (2021: £227,108). The year-end reserve represents more than 12 months operating expenditure for the general fund, assuming no contribution from restricted funds for core costs, and covers in full the minimum reserve target for the general fund of approximately £140,000. The minimum reserve target equals approximately 6 months operating expense in the general fund, redundancy costs and lease costs. It was established by estimating obligations that might still need to be covered if funding were withdrawn. Free reserves at 31 March 2022 are £292,613. The Directors recognise that the actual reserve will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 19 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2021/22 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2022 which is a key area of focus for the board.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our Commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible

d. Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from Offices 2a - 2c, Second Floor, The Market Hall, Chesterfield S40 1AR.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

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

Plans for future periods

At the outset of the 2022/23 financial year, our plans for the coming 12 months are:

- Following the challenges and extended period of heavy workload precipitated by Covid-19, 2022-23 will be a period of consolidation for Derbyshire Voluntary Action. We will focus on ensuring the continuation of our existing work across our four 'pillars': Infrastructure, Mental Health Liaison Service, Feeling Connected and Community Chesterfield.
- Integrated Care System: As Derbyshire's health and care system continues its transformation to integrated services, we will continue to represent our voluntary and community sector as an equal partner in the co-production of new joined-up person-centred services.
- Living Well: in the domain of mental health, we will be active partners and representatives in the Living Well Collaboratives in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover.
- We will work with partners and collaborators to secure further funding and a more sustainable future for the specialist social prescribing pilot work we launched in 2021.
- We will seek to add capacity to our management team to ensure that our work is adequately resourced, and our staff teams are well supported.
- We will continue to support community resilience and new partnerships, while building on our knowledge of hyper local community activity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities


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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

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


Julie Dixon (Oct 10, 2022 08:09 GMT+1)

Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: Oct 10, 2022

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('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

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.


Philip Allsop (Oct 10, 2022 13:56 GMT+1)

Signed:

Dated: Oct 10, 2022

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DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
	Note				
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		123,826	587,705	711,531	645,638
Charitable activities	5	2,250	-	2,250	12,336
Other income	6	801	993	1,794	4,437
Total income		126,877	588,698	715,575	662,411
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	127,554	445,689	573,243	446,953
Total expenditure		127,554	445,689	573,243	446,953
Net (expenditure)/income		(677)	143,009	142,332	215,458
Transfers between funds	14	66,182	(66,182)	-	-
Net movement in funds		65,505	76,827	142,332	215,458
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		227,108	338,918	566,026	350,568
Net movement in funds		65,505	76,827	142,332	215,458
Total funds carried forward		292,613	415,745	708,358	566,026

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

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Tangible assets	11	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	12	32,323	28,031
Cash at bank and in hand		709,250	552,132
		<u>741,573</u>	<u>580,163</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(33,215)	(14,137)
Net current assets		<u>708,358</u>	<u>566,026</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>708,358</u>	<u>566,026</u>
Total net assets		<u>708,358</u>	<u>566,026</u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	415,745	338,918
Unrestricted funds	14	292,613	227,108
Total funds		<u>708,358</u>	<u>566,026</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:

Julie Dixon
Julie Dixon (Oct 10, 2022 08:09 GMT+1)

Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: Oct 10, 2022

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17	157,118	201,979
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		157,118	201,979
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		552,132	350,153
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	709,250	552,132
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

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. 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.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 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 financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income relating to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is recognised in the period for which the funding is claimed.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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 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 Taxation

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- Over 3 years
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2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 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.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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.

2.11 Operating leases

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

2.12 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.

2.13 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

2.14 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.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Active Partners Trust (YPPALW)	-	-	-	5,000
ARC PCN (Connect to...)	-	-	-	18,675
Careers that Care	-	8,426	8,426	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Neighbourhood Fund)	-	8,070	8,070	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Life in Lockdown)	-	2,000	2,000	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Covid Recovery)	-	69,323	69,323	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Coronavirus BRRG)	-	-	-	10,000
Chesterfield Borough Council (Winter Planning)	-	-	-	8,500
Chesterfield H&WB Partnership (Connect to...)	-	-	-	16,316
Chesterfield H&WB Partnership (YPPALW)	-	-	-	17,233
DCC - (Bowel Cancer Engagement)	-	-	-	50,000
DCC (Connect Derbyshire)	-	4,000	4,000	-
DCC (Contain Outbreak)	24,696	-	24,696	-
DCC (Covid Community Champion)	-	54,166	54,166	50,000
DCC (Infrastructure)	23,471	-	23,471	20,819
DCHS (MSK Link Worker)	-	40,030	40,030	-
DCHS (Young People Social Prescribing)	-	122,000	122,000	-
D&D CCG (Infrastructure)	75,608	-	75,608	63,548
D&D CCG (Living Well)	-	15,000	15,000	-
D&D CCG (MHLS)	-	28,993	28,993	28,203
D&D CCG (Signposting)	-	2,648	2,648	2,575
DVA Small Grants	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
East Midlands Chamber (Kick Start Fund)	-	6,909	6,909	-
Foundation Derbyshire	-	-	-	3,000
Good Health Group	-	-	-	5,000
Macmillan (Expert Patient)	-	-	-	16,661
Macmillan (Safe and Sound)	-	-	-	2,180
National Lottery Community Fund	-	157,052	157,052	143,941
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	18,994	18,994	88,506
NHS England and Improvement	-	-	-	16,000
balance c/f	123,775	547,611	671,386	576,157

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4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
balance b/f	123,775	547,611	671,386	576,157
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	34,500	34,500	56,500
North East Derbyshire Health Care - Community Care Co-ordinator	-	-	-	9,712
University of Derby	-	1,956	1,956	-
Other	51	3,638	3,689	3,269
Total 2022	123,826	587,705	711,531	645,638
Total 2021	95,917	549,721	645,638	

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Management fees	2,250	-	2,250	12,336
Total 2021	1,000	11,336	12,336	

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6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Expert by Experience	-	993	993	-
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme income	801	-	801	4,437
Total 2022	801	993	1,794	4,437
Total 2021	4,437	-	4,437	

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7. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Payroll costs	980	753	1,733	1,274
Bank charges	637	-	637	317
Consultancy	4,681	3,175	7,856	1,965
Contract work*	-	42,054	42,054	8,964
Careers that care	-	4,421	4,421	-
Grants paid out	10,000	44,109	54,109	51,738
Insurance	2,060	349	2,409	1,680
IT costs	5,778	9,216	14,994	15,130
Marketing	160	6,621	6,781	6,659
Postage	23	102	125	262
Premises costs	4,835	19,551	24,386	12,655
Printing	50	48	98	78
Professional fees	3,785	-	3,785	3,570
Recruitment	-	770	770	484
Room hire and catering	238	574	812	179
Salaries, NI and pension	118,038	264,350	382,388	328,667
Stationery	62	167	229	251
Subscriptions	4,890	2,074	6,964	1,718
Sundries	1,401	3,060	4,461	546
Telephone	734	1,348	2,082	1,555
Training	1,799	7,626	9,425	7,550
Travel	581	1,257	1,838	640
Additional costs re COVID-19	754	132	886	1,071
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(33,932)	33,932	-	-
Total 2022	127,554	445,689	573,243	446,953
Total 2021	93,775	353,178	446,953	

* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

** Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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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	3,785	3,570

9. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	344,119	295,502
Social security costs	23,097	19,435
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	15,172	13,730
	382,388	328,667

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

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
	17	15

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

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £77,602 (2021: £76,061). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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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, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2021 - £nil).

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
<i>Cost or valuation</i>	
At 1 April 2021	4,621
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 April 2021	4,621
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>

12. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and accrued income	5,098	2,132
Grants receivable	27,225	25,899
	<u>32,323</u>	<u>28,031</u>

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	13,478	2,555
Other taxation and social security	6,671	5,802
Other creditors	2,714	2,210
Accruals and deferred income	10,352	3,570
	<hr/> 33,215 <hr/>	<hr/> 14,137 <hr/>

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14. Statement of funds**Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
Unrestricted funds	227,108	126,877	(127,554)	66,182	292,613
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)	218	28,994	(33,753)	4,541	-
Living Well	-	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Hub @ Low Pavement	-	15,619	(27,520)	11,901	-
Public Health	59,432	34,500	(38,501)	11,745	67,176
Macmillan Expert Patient	18,430	-	-	(18,430)	-
Macmillan Safe & Sound	377	-	-	(377)	-
Connect Derbyshire Conference	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	3,436	-	-	(1,718)	1,718
DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing	23,418	-	1,000	(24,418)	-
Community Chesterfield	53,613	168,725	(148,714)	-	73,624
Connect to...	64,851	87,863	(77,750)	(50,450)	24,514
NED Social Connectedness	32,282	88,317	(38,904)	-	81,695
Bowel Cancer Engagement	36,132	-	(8,486)	-	27,646
Covid Community Champion	40,686	13,480	(8,125)	-	46,041
DVA small grants	-	10,000	(9,084)	-	916
Foundation Derbyshire	20	-	-	(20)	-
Good Health Group	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Winter Planning	1,023	200	(2,267)	1,044	-
DCHS	-	122,000	(53,585)	-	68,415
	338,918	588,698	(445,689)	(66,182)	415,745
<i>Total of funds</i>	566,026	715,575	(573,243)	-	708,358

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14. Statement of funds (continued)**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>				
Unrestricted funds	219,529	101,354	(93,775)	227,108
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)	-	28,203	(27,985)	218
Public Health	23,870	56,500	(20,938)	59,432
Macmillan Expert Patient	14,342	17,338	(13,250)	18,430
Macmillan Safe & Sound	3,901	4,840	(8,364)	377
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	1,718	-	3,436
DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing	24,418	-	(1,000)	23,418
Community Chesterfield	20,403	138,211	(105,001)	53,613
Connect to...	42,955	90,311	(68,415)	64,851
NED Social Connectedness	(568)	88,506	(55,656)	32,282
Bowel Cancer Engagement	-	50,000	(13,868)	36,132
Covid Community Champion	-	58,930	(18,244)	40,686
DVA small grants	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Foundation Derbyshire	-	3,000	(2,980)	20
Good Health Group	-	5,000	-	5,000
Winter Planning	-	8,500	(7,477)	1,023
	131,039	561,057	(353,178)	338,918
<i>Total of funds</i>	350,568	662,411	(446,953)	566,026

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15. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
General funds	227,108	126,877	(127,554)	66,182	292,613
Restricted funds	338,918	588,698	(445,689)	(66,182)	415,745
	<u>566,026</u>	<u>715,575</u>	<u>(573,243)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>708,358</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	219,529	101,354	(93,775)	227,108
Restricted funds	131,039	561,057	(353,178)	338,918
	<u>350,568</u>	<u>662,411</u>	<u>(446,953)</u>	<u>566,026</u>

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

Mental Health Liaison Service: funding to enable liaison between voluntary sector providers of mental health services and support, and the statutory mental health sector.

Living Well: funding to enable lived experience of mental ill-health and mental health services to be included in development of new mental health services in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

The Hub @ Low Pavement: pilot project to create a community hub in central Chesterfield. Set up costs granted by Borough of Chesterfield's Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion Fund.

Public Health: grant fund for voluntary and community groups to run projects and activities which meet DCC Public Health's health and wellbeing priorities at locality level.

Macmillan Expert Patient: project to develop a community and workplace-based network of 'expert patients' to support cancer patients, cancer survivors and those caring for cancer patients across North Derbyshire.

Macmillan Safe and Sound: project to support Bolsover residents with a cancer diagnosis and their carers – enabling them to access advice, information, medical, practical and emotional support through a team of volunteers managed by Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

Connect Derbyshire Conference: funds held on behalf of DCC Public Health; designated to meet the event costs of Connect Derbyshire Conference.

Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group: network of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations working collectively to improve the lives of people affected by cancer across Derbyshire.

DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing: grant fund to enable '5 Ways to Wellbeing' to be embedded in community projects which promote improved mental health.

Community Chesterfield: project to link together the resources of the University of Derby's Chesterfield campus and the voluntary and community sector in Chesterfield.

Connect to...: social prescribing service to support individuals to identify and access community-based services and activities to improve health and wellbeing and increase social connectedness.

NED Social Connectedness: 'Feeling Connected in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield' is a multi-agency project led by DVA, which aims to combat loneliness and social isolation by implementing a Social Connectedness Action Plan to improve local approaches to social connectedness.

Bowel Cancer Engagement: awareness-raising campaign of signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, and importance of attending screening; with focused engagement on the ground in target communities with greatest health inequalities and lowest uptake of screening in Chesterfield, Bolsover and Erewash.

Community Advocate: work in support of DCC Public Health's containment of Covid-19 in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, including dissemination of Covid-19-related messaging and development of a network of 'Covid Community Champions'.

DVA Small Grant: funding provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via its Service Level Agreement to enable DVA to offer its 'DVA Small Grant Scheme' for small health-related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

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15. Summary of funds (continued)

Foundation Derbyshire: grant received at beginning of Covid-19 Lockdown for ICT equipment to enable home working.

Good Health Group: funding for Good Health Group activities.

Winter Planning: funding from Chesterfield Borough Council towards the role of COVID-19 Response Worker during Winter 2020/21.

DCHS: funding to extend Children and Young People's Social Prescribing pilot project into a second year and expand service provision through partnership with School Nursing Team.G

Transfers between funds

Transfers are made to general funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled.

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	325,828	415,745	741,573
Creditors due within one year	(33,215)	-	(33,215)
Total	292,613	415,745	708,358

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	241,245	338,918	580,163
Creditors due within one year	(14,137)	-	(14,137)
Total	227,108	338,918	566,026

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	142,332	215,458
Adjustments for:		
Increase in debtors	(4,292)	(22,389)
Increase in creditors	19,078	8,910
Net cash provided by operating activities	157,118	201,979

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	709,250	552,132
Total cash and cash equivalents	709,250	552,132

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	552,132	157,118	709,250
	552,132	157,118	709,250

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20. 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	-	5,626
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Operating lease rentals charged to the SOFA during the year were £5,626 (2021: £5,626).

21. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2021: £nil).

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Dear Sirs

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charitable company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charitable company qualifies as small in accordance with the conditions set out in chapter 1 of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 3 We confirm that the charitable company was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 audited. We also confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the financial year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 4 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as directors as set out in the terms of your engagement letter dated 2 July 2018, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 5 All the transactions undertaken by the charitable company have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 6 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charitable company, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.

7 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Assets and liabilities

8 The charitable company has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charitable company's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

9 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.

10 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Accounting estimates

11 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

Loans and arrangements

12 The charitable company has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of, directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Legal claims

13 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

14 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Related parties

15 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

Subsequent events

16 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

17 We believe that the charitable company's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charitable company's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

18 All grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.

Yours faithfully

Julie Dixon

Julie Dixon (Oct 10, 2022 08:09 GMT+1)

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Date: Oct 10, 2022










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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*

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Heather Fawbert, Chair
Roland Brown, Vice Chair (resigned 23 July 2021)
Angela Parnell (resigned 6 June 2020)
Narinder Sharma (resigned 9 November 2020)
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CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The chair presents her statement for the year.

It is with immense pride that I write my Chair's introduction to Derbyshire Voluntary Action's annual report for 2020/21. I am incredibly proud that DVA has provided so much support to communities across North Derbyshire, in what has been the most difficult of years for so many people - locally, nationally and internationally.

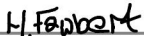
The team took up the challenge of joining the Covid-19 emergency response effort in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire last April without hesitation. Working collaboratively with colleagues from the voluntary, statutory and private sectors, we provided essential support to many residents, families and organisations throughout year.

Staff often had to change direction from their usual roles and focus on the most vulnerable in our communities. Despite the additional workload, DVA has continued to fulfill its obligations and responsibilities to its funders. We adapted our service provision in order to support voluntary and community sector organisations that focus on a range of issues, especially mental health and wellbeing.

Throughout the year, staff have worked tirelessly to build new partnerships, pilot new ways of working, and secure funding to continue and enhance the support we offer. New services have evolved and the staff team has continued to grow.

Looking forward to the next financial year, DVA's priority will be to consolidate our services and projects within our existing structure, and to develop opportunities to diversify our income streams.

My thanks go to everyone involved in the organisation and especially the staff teams and the Board of Trustees - without their dedication DVA would not be the charity it is today.



Heather Fawbert (Oct 8, 2021 15:58 GMT+1)

Chair: Heather Fawbert

Date: Oct 8, 2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity'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 (FRS 102) (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 charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building Community Capacity through support to local VCS groups and services.
2. VCS infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCS.
3. Effective Volunteer Support and Brokerage.
4. VCS Engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCS services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCS is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCS organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCS has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

Objectives and activities (continued)

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. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Response to Covid-19

As a partner in community infrastructure in North Derbyshire, the Derbyshire Voluntary Action team was called on to play a key role in the emergency response to Covid-19. We stepped up to play our part and worked collaboratively with statutory partners, communities and members of the public in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire throughout the year. Our lead role within the Community Response Hub had a significant impact on the workload of our staff during the period.

Phase 1: Here for You and Open for Business

Derbyshire Voluntary Action remained open for business from the outset of the pandemic and we continued to proactively support our members, clients and our community, albeit in a more virtual way. Our team moved to home working with immediate effect when lockdown was first announced in March, but remained dedicated to supporting our membership to stay connected and to maintain their support for their beneficiaries wherever possible. Our projects, 'Community Chesterfield' and 'Social Connectedness' continued to be fully operational and worked virtually too.

Our first action was to create a new Facebook page: Covid-19 Connect, so that we could share useful information, suggest enjoyable online activities which would support mental health, and create a space where members could feel more connected to others and share uplifting stories about community action.

Phase 2: Emergency Response and Community Response Hub

Our Chief Executive was a valued member of the Chesterfield Strategic Planning Group which was responsible for planning the local community response to Covid-19. We took the lead role in triaging referrals from Derbyshire County Council's Community Response Unit in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, following up on referrals in order to allocate them to the most appropriate source of assistance and support from volunteers. This included requests for help with shopping, prescriptions and emotional support. Our staff team worked collaboratively to facilitate the creation of a public-facing directory of community services and sources of assistance, by working in partnership with six local organisations and community members to collect and collate information, make it accessible and post it online.

Phase 3: Life in Lockdown

In Summer 2020 colleagues from the Mental Health Liaison Service and Connect to... began work on an ambitious community engagement project. Their aim was to create a book which would showcase the creative and personal experiences of communities in Chesterfield and surrounding areas, during the first lockdown and beyond. The project has proved to be a valuable exercise in connecting members of the community through creativity, and the resulting book, which will be titled 'Life in Lockdown' will be published in Autumn 2021.

Phase 4: DVA Mini Forum and Covid Community Champions

In November 2020 we launched our "mini forum" as a response to our members needs to give and receive support from each other during the ongoing challenge of lockdown and to find ways to share common experiences, good practice and

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opportunities to collaborate. These forums are shorter and more informal than the quarterly Health and Social Care Forum and the agenda is led by participants.

In December 2020 Derbyshire Voluntary Action was engaged by Derbyshire County Council Public Health to develop a Covid Community Champions initiative in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. The aim of the approach is to engage members of the community in sharing information and messaging about Covid-19 and the community response to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, including containing the spread of the virus, testing, vaccinations, misinformation, etc.

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health and Social Care Forum met on three occasions in 2020/21. The May Forum was cancelled due to Covid-19. Subsequent meetings in July, October and February were virtual and took place over Zoom. In November we launched a series of 'mini-forums in response to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. These virtual meetings were a chance for the VCS and wider stakeholders to come together on a more informal basis to discuss challenges and share ideas and mutual support. A total of three such forums took place between November and March.

'Network' Newsletter

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'Network' newsletter is produced four times per year as a marketing tool to highlight the services, activities, successes and sheer diversity of our membership. Due to the restrictions of the pandemic, Network was produced in electronic format and rebranded as 'Network at Home.'

'E News Update' - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued to produce and distribute, several times a week our electronic bulletin called 'E News Update' and our regular Mental Health Liaison Service e-bulletin. These popular and cost-effective communication channels help stakeholders, members and interested parties to keep up-to-date with news and events both locally, regionally and nationally. The bulletins ended the year with a combined distribution list of 795 recipients.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health related voluntary organisations predominantly in North Derbyshire. There are currently 489 organisations listed on the database. Following Derbyshire Voluntary Action Board approval, we listed new members on the database 19 times this year.

Website - www.dva.org.uk

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action website is updated on a regular basis with current and interesting news and events, links to funding opportunities and information about our projects and services - thus providing an additional communication channel with groups, statutory agencies and the wider public. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Senior Administrator remains responsible for its population and general administration.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action commissioned a local developer to build an enhanced website which went live in April 2020, and create a new brand for the organisation, which was launched in summer 2020.

Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

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Derbyshire Voluntary Action Small Grant

During this financial year, Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued to administer our Small Grant Scheme on behalf of NHS Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (DDCCG). The Scheme offers support to health related voluntary and community groups across North Derbyshire. Funding is available for core service delivery and running costs.

Public Health Locality Grants

During 2020/21, Derbyshire Voluntary Action administered Public Health Locality Grants for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. These community focused small grants are awarded to support improved community development and resilience. Applications were considered by scoring and decision-making panels made up of Public Health staff and Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Chief Executive.

Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Chief Executive, Jacqui Willis, and Mental Health Liaison Service Worker, Rachel Bounds, continued to provide strategic representation for the health/mental health related voluntary sector throughout the year, including at the many Covid-19 Emergency response and recovery networks which were created during 2020/21.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Trust's chairperson and non-executive directors.

Every three years Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Health & Social Care Forum members elect two representatives to fulfill the role of Partner Governor and represent the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Angela Parnell stood down from her role as DVA Board Member and Governor in June 2020. We thank Angela for her commitment to, and enthusiasm for, the Partner Governor role. Keith Clarke of ACCA (African Caribbean Community Association Chesterfield) was nominated as a Partner Governor following the DVA AGM in October, and he joins Lynn Tory as our voluntary sector representative.

Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosts and manages North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS). In 2020/21 the service was commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire.

Objectives:

MHLS continued to:

- Support a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together to discuss matters of common interest and influence strategic planning in mental health;
- Represent voluntary sector mental health providers on strategic commissioning and other key planning groups;
- Ensure voluntary sector representation on other joint agency planning groups and review bodies;
- Train and support other voluntary sector representatives.

Activities:

I. A Platform for Voluntary Agencies to Discuss Issues and Influence Strategic Planning

During the period, MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN). VSMHN membership extends to 105 mental health service providers from statutory and VCS sectors. VSMHN met on two occasions and in addition, two Countywide Forums were held, which were organized jointly by MHLS and Derbyshire Mental Health Forum (DMHF). Information was distributed via a weekly electronic bulletin to 219 recipients and via an

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email network to a wider group of interested parties.

II. Representing the Voluntary Sector on Planning Groups

The Mental Health Liaison Worker has provided VCS representation at both strategic and 'task and finish' level with stakeholders from Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, Joined Up Care Derbyshire, The Living Well Collaborative, Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership and Place Alliance Mental Health Partnerships in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, Bolsover and High Peak. She is also an appointed governor for Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust.

III. Support for Voluntary Groups

MHLS has links locally, regionally and nationally with a range of organisations, providing information, tender documentation and training opportunities, which is circulated via an email network, bespoke e-bulletin and at the VSMHN Forums.

In 2020/21 in partnership with DMHF, MHLS set up the Derbyshire Mental Health Community Groups Network, which offers a space for small and micro organisations with no, or few, paid staff to support each other and share ideas. The first meeting was held in March 2021.

Connect to... Social Prescribing Service

Connect to... is Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Social Prescribing Service. In 2020-21 the service consisted of five Community Link Workers (three of whom were employed by Arc Primary Care and hosted by Derbyshire Voluntary Action), a Support & Outcomes Officer, and a Community Coordinator supporting a team of volunteer Social Connectors.

In the early part of the year the work of the social prescribing team was dominated by the emergency response to the first Covid-19 lockdown. The team contributed to the efforts made to provide a community response hub in Chesterfield and supported their considerable client caseload over the telephone. Unable to meet with clients face-to-face for much of the year, our Link Workers rose to the challenge and developed new ways of supporting their clients remotely, formed a new partnership with Arts Derbyshire through the Cultural Prescriptions project, and set up online activity groups to help their clients to feel connected to others.

Community Chesterfield - 'Putting the Uni into Community'

Community Chesterfield is a three-year partnership between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University of Derby which aims to raise aspirations in the area, as well as strengthening Chesterfield's VCS. It is a dedicated resource, linking Chesterfield's health and social care voluntary sector/communities with the St Helena Campus in Chesterfield and the wider resources held within Derby University.

In 2020-21 the Community Chesterfield team adapted the project programme to reflect the changes in working practice enforced by the Covid-19 pandemic. Team members contributed to the wider DVA effort to lead the Community Response Hub for the Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire area. From summer onwards the Community Chesterfield programme was moved wholly online and was able to achieve successful engagement with both University of Derby colleagues and the community in Chesterfield. The team continued to broker relationships between the university and the community and to deliver a wide range of short, tailored training courses to meet the needs of VCS and the wider community.

Feeling Connected in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield

Derbyshire Voluntary Action was commissioned by North East Derbyshire District Council in September 2019 to be the lead organisation in a multi-agency approach to improve social connectedness in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield. Steered by our Social Connectedness Action Group, the programme was put on hold from April through to July, and adopted a local Action Plan in August 2020. This included the role of Social Connectedness Development Worker, two

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different funding streams and a communications campaign. DVA welcomed Debbie Fennell as Development Worker in November. Funding to support neighbourliness and enhance community spirit was made available via The Covid Local Action Fund, and larger sums were available to groups and organisations through the Feeling Connected Fund, which aimed to address some of the barriers to connectedness. Delivery work across the four work streams is ongoing and will extend across the whole of 2021/22.

Macmillan Expert Patient Programme

The project covered patients 18+ years old, registered with a GP practice in North Derbyshire, who had a cancer diagnosis. The focus was on Breast, Colorectal and Prostate patients. During the first year of the project, our Macmillan Expert Patient Programme Manager successfully established a network of trained 'expert patient' volunteers who provided non-clinical peer support to cancer patients and their carers. In 2020/21 this network made an invaluable contribution to the Covid community response, by providing friendly calls to local people in need of contact during lockdown. The funded two-year programme came to an end in November 2020. Sam Taylor, the Programme Manager and some members of her volunteer team have gone on to found Derbyshire Cancer Buddies, an independent group of people with lived experience of cancer, who offer online group and 1:1 telephone support to people affected by cancer.

c. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

1. What are the benefits that arise from our aims and actions?

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.
- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
- Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
- Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
- Social Prescribing services
- A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills

2. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

There are two possible harms identified in the work of Derbyshire Voluntary Action: harm to people and harm to the environment. The organisation takes its health & safety and safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and ensures that no harm arises to employees, volunteers and beneficiaries from the way in which it undertakes its activities, by implementing appropriate policies and procedures. In terms of environmental impact, pre-Covid-19 Derbyshire Voluntary Action ran from three bases in Chesterfield and staff travelled by car or public transport to meetings. During 2020/21 all staff moved to home-based working and the vast majority of meetings were held virtually using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Travel, printing and paper consumption reduced dramatically. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy aims to minimise the impact of its activity via recycling, car sharing, etc. to ensure that the benefits of our work continue to outweigh the harm. In 2020 we signed up to Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge and we now give additional consideration to minimizing our use of single-use plastics in our work. The Directors are not aware of any other causes of harm likely to arise from the activities of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

3. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff and volunteers from voluntary and community groups who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 349 groups are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action (this includes 12 individual members), and 489 such groups benefit from our information services;
- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;
- The Health and Social Care 'System' – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

d. Achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's achievements in 2020/21 are:

- The organisation's agility and ability to respond to the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, maintaining business continuity and playing our part at operational level in the local community response to the unprecedented circumstances of lockdown. This involved working closely with partners in the local authority and VCS. It also involved us engaging and supporting an extended team of volunteers, and delivering 1:1 and small group support to existing clients and members of the public.
- The dedication and flexibility of our staff, who quickly rose to the challenge of adapting to home working. Our three teams worked together remotely to meet the fast-changing and unpredictable needs of the community during the emergency response phase of the first lockdown. All team members learnt new skills quickly and dealt with increased workload in order to meet the new challenges we were presented with. They also worked unstintingly to adapt the delivery of our existing services throughout the year.
- Our Chief Executive gave a huge amount of time given to representing the VCS within the framework of the community response to the pandemic. The value of a strong, well-supported voluntary and community sector was never more evident than during lockdown and the new level of relationships and joined-up working between sectors which emerged as a result of the pandemic will be carried forward into future strategic and operational work.
- We forged new partnerships with Derbyshire Community Healthcare Services and Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to develop and expand the social prescribing offer in Chesterfield.

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Financial review

a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £662,411 (2020: £520,897) and total expenditure was £446,953 (2020: £520,379) giving net income of £215,458 (2020: £518). Total funds carried forward were £566,026 (2020: 350,568) of which £338,918 (2020: £131,039) were restricted and £227,108 (2020: £219,529) were unrestricted.

b. Reserves policy

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2021 are £227,108 (2020: £219,529). The year-end reserve represents more than 12 months operating expenditure for the general fund, assuming no contribution from restricted funds for core costs, and covers in full the minimum reserve target for the general fund of approximately £142,000. This gives unrestricted free reserves of £85,000 at the year end. The minimum reserve target equals approximately 6 months operating expense in the general fund, redundancy costs and lease costs. It was established by estimating obligations that might still need to be covered if funding were withdrawn. The Directors recognise that the actual reserve will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 15 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2020/21 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2022 which is a key area of focus for the board.

The short term nature of the funding for some of our projects, (most notably 'Connect to...') also means we have to focus energy on project survival, rather than project development and growth.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our Commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible

d. Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from Offices 2a - 2c, Second Floor, The Market Hall, Chesterfield S40 1AR.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

Plans for future periods

At the outset of the 2021/22 financial year, our plans for the coming 12 months include:

- A pilot community hub in shop-front premises at Low Pavement in Chesterfield.
- A partnership with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to pilot a Young People's Physical Activity Link Worker role.
- A partnership with Derbyshire Community Healthcare Services to employ a Specialist MSK Link Worker.
- The development of a Supporter Package for individuals, VCS Groups and businesses which will generate unrestricted income and aid financial sustainability.
- A celebration of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's 30th anniversary in 2021.

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

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

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


Heather Fawbert (Oct 8, 2021 15:58 GMT+1)

Heather Fawbert

Chair

Date: Oct 8, 2021

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('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

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.



Signed:

Dated: Oct 8, 2021

Nicola Adams

ACA DChA

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DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	95,917	549,721	645,638	496,266
Charitable activities	5	1,000	11,336	12,336	23,497
Investments	6	-	-	-	1,134
Other income	7	4,437	-	4,437	-
Total income		101,354	561,057	662,411	520,897
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	93,775	353,178	446,953	520,379
Total expenditure		93,775	353,178	446,953	520,379
Net movement in funds		7,579	207,879	215,458	518
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		219,529	131,039	350,568	350,050
Net movement in funds		7,579	207,879	215,458	518
Total funds carried forward		227,108	338,918	566,026	350,568

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

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Tangible assets	12	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	13	28,031	5,642
Cash at bank and in hand		552,132	350,153
		<u>580,163</u>	<u>355,795</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(14,137)	(5,227)
Net current assets		<u>566,026</u>	<u>350,568</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>566,026</u>	<u>350,568</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>566,026</u></u>	<u><u>350,568</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	338,918	131,039
Unrestricted funds	15	227,108	219,529
Total funds		<u><u>566,026</u></u>	<u><u>350,568</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:


Heather Fawbert (Oct 8, 2021 15:58 GMT+1)

Heather Fawbert

Chair

Date: Oct 8, 2021

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	18	201,979	38,472
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Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		201,979	38,472
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		350,153	311,681
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Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	19	552,132	350,153
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. General information

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. 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.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 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 financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 Going concern

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

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.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income relating to the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme is recognised in the period for which the funding is claimed.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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 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 Taxation

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

2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- Over 3 years
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2.7 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.8 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. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 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.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.10 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.

2.11 Operating leases

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

2.12 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.

2.13 Employee benefits

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

2.14 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. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Active Partners Trust (YPPALW)	-	5,000	5,000	-
ARC PCN (Connect to...)	-	18,675	18,675	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Coronavirus BRRG)	10,000	-	10,000	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Winter Planning)	-	8,500	8,500	-
Chesterfield H&WB Partnership (Connect to...)	-	16,316	16,316	-
Chesterfield H&WB Partnership (YPPALW)	-	17,233	17,233	-
DCC - Bowel Cancer Engagement	-	50,000	50,000	-
DCC (Covid Community Champion)	-	50,000	50,000	-
DCC (Infrastructure)	20,819	-	20,819	116,149
D&D CCG (Infrastructure)	61,829	1,719	63,548	-
D&D CCG (MHLS)	-	28,203	28,203	28,203
D&D CCG (Signposting)	-	2,575	2,575	-
DVA Small Grant	-	10,000	10,000	-
Foundation Derbyshire	-	3,000	3,000	-
Good Health Group	-	5,000	5,000	-
Macmillan (Expert Patient)	-	16,661	16,661	28,159
Macmillan (Safe and Sound)	-	2,180	2,180	30,945
National Lottery Community Fund	-	143,941	143,941	128,408
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	88,506	88,506	138,837
NHS England and Improvement	-	16,000	16,000	-
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	56,500	56,500	30,000
vSPA Grants and Projects	-	-	-	(15,075)
North East Derbyshire Health Care - Community Care Co ordinator	-	9,712	9,712	-
Dronfield 2gether	-	-	-	342
DCC - 5 Ways to Wellbeing	-	-	-	10,000
Other	3,269	-	3,269	298
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	95,917	549,721	645,638	496,266
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Total 2020	116,447	379,819	496,266	
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5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Management fees	1,000	11,336	12,336	23,497
Total 2020	14,883	8,614	23,497	

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Investment income	-	-	1,134
Total 2020	1,134	1,134	

7. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme income	4,437	4,437	-
Total 2020	-	-	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

8. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Payroll costs	288	986	1,274	2,263
Bank charges	317	-	317	38
Consultancy	914	1,051	1,965	2,390
Contract work*	-	8,964	8,964	11,752
Grants paid out	1,017	50,721	51,738	101,363
Insurance	1,680	-	1,680	2,940
IT costs	8,005	7,125	15,130	17,224
Light and heat	-	-	-	192
Marketing	3,984	2,675	6,659	10,938
Postage	30	232	262	1,082
Premises costs	7,067	5,588	12,655	17,657
Printing	50	28	78	2,837
Professional fees	3,570	-	3,570	2,700
Recruitment	(1,725)	2,209	484	175
Room hire and catering	86	93	179	4,301
Salaries, NI and pension	131,543	197,124	328,667	323,098
Stationery	36	215	251	5,267
Subscriptions	1,504	214	1,718	2,531
Sundries	239	307	546	96
Telephone	640	915	1,555	1,670
Training	768	6,782	7,550	3,339
Travel	245	395	640	6,526
Additional costs re COVID-19	1,071	-	1,071	-
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(67,554)	67,554	-	-
Total 2021	93,775	353,178	446,953	520,379
Total 2020	169,120	351,259	520,379	

* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

** Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

9. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees payable to the company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the company's annual accounts	3,570	2,700

10. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	295,502	289,516
Social security costs	19,435	19,727
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	13,730	14,675
	328,667	323,918

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

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
	15	14

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

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £76,061 (2020: £76,362). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2020 - £165 to 2 Trustees). These related to travelling and other expenses reimbursed in respect of costs incurred on the charity's business.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £
<i>Cost or valuation</i>	
At 1 April 2020	4,621
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 April 2020	4,621
At 31 March 2021	<u>4,621</u>
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>

13. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,132	1,570
Grants receivable	25,899	4,072
	<u>28,031</u>	<u>5,642</u>

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,555	2,059
Other taxation and social security	5,802	-
Other creditors	2,210	468
Accruals and deferred income	3,570	2,700
	<u>14,137</u>	<u>5,227</u>

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>				
Unrestricted funds	<u>219,529</u>	<u>101,354</u>	<u>(93,775)</u>	<u>227,108</u>
<i>Restricted funds</i>				
Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)	-	28,203	(27,985)	218
Public Health	23,870	56,500	(20,938)	59,432
Macmillan Expert Patient	14,342	17,338	(13,250)	18,430
Macmillan Safe & Sound	3,901	4,840	(8,364)	377
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	1,718	-	3,436
DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing	24,418	-	(1,000)	23,418
Community Chesterfield	20,403	138,211	(105,001)	53,613
Connect to...	42,955	90,311	(68,415)	64,851
NED Social Connectedness	(568)	88,506	(55,656)	32,282
Bowel Cancer Engagement	-	50,000	(13,868)	36,132
Community Advocate	-	58,930	(18,244)	40,686
DVA small grants	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Foundation Derbyshire	-	3,000	(2,980)	20
Good Health Group	-	5,000	-	5,000
Winter planning	-	8,500	(7,477)	1,023
	<u>131,039</u>	<u>561,057</u>	<u>(353,178)</u>	<u>338,918</u>
<i>Total of funds</i>	<u>350,568</u>	<u>662,411</u>	<u>(446,953)</u>	<u>566,026</u>

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15. Statement of funds (continued)**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
General Funds	279,545	132,464	(169,120)	(23,360)	219,529
<i>Restricted funds</i>					
Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS)	-	28,203	(32,126)	3,923	-
Dronfield 2gether	1,560	342	(1,389)	(513)	-
Youth Skills	6,500	-	(5,881)	(619)	-
Public Health	22,744	30,000	(28,874)	-	23,870
Macmillan Expert Patient	2,329	30,659	(18,646)	-	14,342
Macmillan Safe & Sound	3,712	37,059	(36,870)	-	3,901
Men Going Forward	1,978	-	-	(1,978)	-
vSPA	-	(15,075)	(7,472)	22,547	-
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	2,094	-	(376)	-	1,718
DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing	29,588	10,000	(15,170)	-	24,418
Community Chesterfield	-	128,408	(108,005)	-	20,403
Connect to...	-	138,837	(95,882)	-	42,955
NED Social Connectedness	-	-	(568)	-	(568)
	70,505	388,433	(351,259)	23,360	131,039
<i>Total of funds</i>	350,050	520,897	(520,379)	-	350,568

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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16. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
General funds	219,529	101,354	(93,775)	227,108
Restricted funds	131,039	561,057	(353,178)	338,918
	<u>350,568</u>	<u>662,411</u>	<u>(446,953)</u>	<u>566,026</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
General funds	279,545	132,464	(169,120)	(23,360)	219,529
Restricted funds	70,505	388,433	(351,259)	23,360	131,039
	<u>350,050</u>	<u>520,897</u>	<u>(520,379)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>350,568</u>

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16. Summary of funds (continued)

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

Mental Health Liaison Service: The funding is provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG to develop liaison between voluntary sector service providers and the statutory sector in Derbyshire.

Public Health: A grant fund for voluntary and community groups to run projects and activities to help meet DCC Public Health priorities.

Macmillan Expert Patient: a project that is developing a community and workplace-based network of “expert patients” to support cancer patients, cancer survivors and those caring for cancer patients across North Derbyshire. The project aims to develop a variety of ways for cancer patients, carers, survivors and ‘expert patients’ to form meaningful relationships of mutual support. The project is funded by Macmillan for two years.

Macmillan Safe and Sound: A project to support residents of Bolsover District who have a diagnosis of cancer and their carers – enabling them to access advice, information, medical, practical and emotional support through a team of volunteers managed by Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

Dronfield 2gether: This is the remainder of funding granted in 2015-16 for a project to build community capacity in Dronfield in partnership with the voluntary sector, the NHS and local government.

Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group: The purpose of the Derbyshire cancer steering group is to improve the lives of people affected by cancer across Derbyshire.

DCC 5 Ways to Wellbeing: The ‘5 Ways to Wellbeing’ Small Grants Fund is part of a county-wide targeted approach aimed at supporting people who are at higher risk of developing mental ill health.

Community Chesterfield: The project creates a new dedicated resource (a Centre of Community Collaboration and Innovation) to link together Chesterfield Communities and the University of Derby's Chesterfield campus. The Centre's role is one of link and liaison between the voluntary and community groups and organisations in Chesterfield and the staff and students of the St Helena campus. Our team acts as connectors, matchmakers and brokers - enabling both parties to forge new relationships and create new mutually beneficial projects and collaborations.

Connect to...: A social prescribing service which supports individuals to identify and access community-based services and activities to improve their health and wellbeing and increase their social connectedness.

NED Social Connectedness: An action plan on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships of Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. Over a two year period, the project will support the Partnerships to develop a social connectedness strategy and action plan, and then go on to provide the necessary supporting infrastructure to enable implementation of the strategy.

Bowel Cancer Engagement - project aims to raise awareness of bowel cancer signs and symptoms and the importance of screening; with a particular focus on target areas, with the greatest inequalities, in Derbyshire where screening uptake is traditionally low – specific areas within Chesterfield, Bolsover and Erewash.

Community Advocate - funding received for Community Champions due to COVID-19

Small Grants: The funding for the Small Grants Scheme is provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via a service level agreement. The fund is designed to offer funding to support small health related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

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16. Summary of funds (continued)

Foundation Derbyshire - grant received for home working

Good Health Group - funding for the Good Health Group activities

Winter Preparedness - funding for COVID-19 response workers

Youth Skills: a project that has been funded by the National Lottery Community Fund Awards for All grants. The funding supported two 'Connect to Wellbeing' events that were held in Chesterfield and Buxton to support children and young people aged 11 years and above. The aim of these events was to promote positive activities that can increase self-esteem and wellbeing.

Men Going Forward: A project to enable middle-aged men suffering from or at risk of mild to moderate health issues to access meaningful activities.

The Voluntary Sector Single Point of Access (vSPA): A telephone service linking front-line professionals with the voluntary sector service providers and includes projects designed to help the public to access the voluntary sector. vSPA enables access to other sources of funding to meet community needs.

Transfers between funds

Prior year:

Funds have been transferred from unrestricted to restricted funds to cover the deficit made on the Mental Health Liaison Service. In regards to the deficit on vSPA, in 2019 the surplus made on the project was transferred into unrestricted funds. However, within the year a clawback was made of this funding therefore the deficit on this fund has been covered by unrestricted funds.

Transfers are also made to general funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled, this is the case for Dronfield 2gether, Youth Skills, Connect to Wellbeing and Men Going Forward in 2020.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	241,245	338,918	580,163
Creditors due within one year	(14,137)	-	(14,137)
Total	227,108	338,918	566,026

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	224,756	131,039	355,795
Creditors due within one year	(5,227)	-	(5,227)
Total	219,529	131,039	350,568

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	215,458	518
Adjustments for:		
(Increase)/(decrease) in debtors	(22,389)	36,818
Increase in creditors	8,910	1,136
Net cash provided by operating activities	201,979	38,472

19. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	552,132	350,153
Total cash and cash equivalents	552,132	350,153

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20. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020	Cash flows	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	350,153	201,979	552,132
	<u>350,153</u>	<u>201,979</u>	<u>552,132</u>

21. 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	<u>5,626</u>	<u>5,626</u>

Operating lease rentals charged to the SOFA during the year were £5,626 (2020: £5,626).

22. Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions during the period (2020: £nil).