

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION
UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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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)
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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:

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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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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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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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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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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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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

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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.

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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.

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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 HSI 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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- 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

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

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.

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

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

DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
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.

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
		711,222	741,573
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,701)	(33,215)
Net current assets		691,521	708,358
Total assets less current liabilities		691,521	708,358
Total net assets		691,521	708,358
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	14	389,746	415,745
Unrestricted funds	14	301,775	292,613
Total funds		691,521	708,358


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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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	4,621
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 April 2022	4,621
At 31 March 2023	4,621
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 March 2023	-
At 31 March 2022	-

12. Debtors

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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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
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	19,701	33,215
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
Restricted funds				
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
Total of funds	708,358	601,527	(618,364)	691,521

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

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
	<u>708,358</u>	<u>601,527</u>	<u>(618,364)</u>	<u>691,521</u>

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
	<u>566,026</u>	<u>715,575</u>	<u>(573,243)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>708,358</u>

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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
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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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