



Annual Accounts

31 March 2023

Charity Number: 1134405

TRUSTEES

Fatima Sanneh
Caite Ni Ceileachair
Sedley Wilson

PRINCIPLE OFFICE

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COMPANY NUMBER

7079932

CHARITY NUMBER

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9-11 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

TRUSTEES

The trustee's names on page 2 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Disability Croydon exists to:

- Eliminate barriers and empower individuals with disabilities to take part fully in society within the social model of disability;
- Promote the realities of self-representation and independence for people with disabilities;
- Advise organisations on effective consultation methods and active involvement of people with disabilities in services and decision-making processes which affect their lives;
- Increase awareness of disability issues among non-disabled people and organisations.

In setting objectives, developing strategies and undertaking activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the aftermath of the Covid pandemic, Disability Croydon remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the residents of Croydon through our newly established Community Hub located in the heart of the city.

In addition to our existing services, we have introduced a new initiative—a drop-in service catering to individuals experiencing low-level mental health challenges, such as depression and anxiety.

Regrettably, our Information and Advice Service had to be discontinued due to the Local Authority halting funding amidst their declaration of bankruptcy. This setback,

TRUSTEES' REVIEW

which constituted a significant portion of our funding, has not only impacted our organization but has also affected disabled individuals, their families, and caregivers.

Nevertheless, with financial support from the NHS and a few modest grants from organisations like the National Lottery, we have managed to sustain our operations. This support has enabled us to successfully transition to our new offices on High Street Croydon and continue refurbishing our extensive premises with ongoing backing from the community and dedicated volunteers.

Throughout this period, Disability Croydon took proactive steps to enhance community awareness and understanding of disability by providing training sessions for London Trams staff on 'Disability Awareness and Equality.'

We express our deepest gratitude for the unwavering dedication of our Advocate, Michelle Kearns, who continues to contribute significantly to our cause by also devoted her time to mentoring and training volunteers to support the community.

Throughout the period we had about 6 volunteers, who made an invaluable contribution to the community and the organisation.

Despite the challenges, we persistently strive to secure funding through collaborations with partner organisations and consistently reevaluate our services to ensure we deliver the best possible support to the disabled individuals of Croydon.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st March 2023 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives.

RISK REVIEW

The trustees conduct periodic reviews of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems and procedures to manage those risks identified are implemented so as to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES


Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:


- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 31 December 2023 and signed on their behalf.





Sedley Wilson - Trustee

Fatima Sanneh - Trustee

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31st March 2020 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

Responsibility of Examiner

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43(3)a of the 1993Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. proper accounting records are kept; and
 - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records. Or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date: ...31.03.2024.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ 2023	£ 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	9,539	-	9,539	9,327
Grants	-	106,739	106,739	96,680
Investment Income	-	0	0	1
Other	0	-	0	10,362
Total incoming resources £	9,539	106,739	116,277	116,370
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Cost of raising funds	510	-	510	152
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	0	109,037	109,037	97,120
Other expenditure	555	0	555	10,362
Total resources Expended £	1,065	109,037	110,102	107,634
Net resources surplus (deficit) for the year £	8,474	(2,298)	6,176	8,736
Transfer between reserves	0	0	0	1,700
Total funds brought forward	(1,362)	1	(1,361)	449
Total funds carried forward £	7,112	(2,297)	4,815	10,885

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses.

The Charity does not have any gains and losses other than the income and Expenditure for the period to report.


BALANCE SHEET

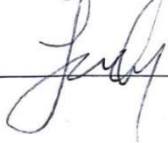
**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1.6		2,039		2,549
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		3,416		931	
		<u>3,416</u>		<u>931</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
		(4,898)		(3,698)	
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Net current assets or current liabilities £			(1,482)		(2,767)
Total assets less total liabilities £			<u>557</u>		<u>(218)</u>
Funds of the charity					
Funds brought forward			(218)		-9023
Restricted funds			775		4,113
Unrestricted funds					4,692
Total charity funds £			<u>557</u>		<u>(218)</u>

- For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies' subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements were approved and signed by the trustees on the 31st December 2023:





Sedley Wilson

Fatima Sanneh

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follow:

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations and similar incoming resources are accounted for on receipt by the charity, any pledges of income also gift aid refunds are accrued in the accounting period that they arise.

1.3 Investment income

Investment income consists of interest received from saving and deposit accounts at the bank.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

- Restricted - these are funds which can only be used in accordance with the charitable specific purpose;
- Unrestricted (general funds) - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.6 Depreciation Tangible Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates on assets in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful. The rates of depreciation are as follow:

- Fixtures & Fittings 20%
- Motor Vehicle 25%
- Computer Equipment 20% reducing balance
- Plant and Machinery 33.33% reducing balance

Note: A correction of £286 was posted above to bring the depreciation up to date. Below shows what the figures should be.

	2023 £	2022 £
Cost		
Cost at 1 April	5,433	3,331
Additions	-	2,122
Total at 31 March	5,433	5,453
Depreciation		
Total at charged at 1 April	2,884	2,760
Charge for the year	510	144
On disposals	-	-
At 31 March	3,394	2,904
Net book values		
For the year ended 31 March	2,039	2,549
Total £	2,039	2,549

1.7 Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Trustees		
Remuneration	0	0
Value of contributions to trustees pension	0	0
Total £	0	0
Employees		
Wages & Salaries	49,835	14,097
Social security costs	0	0
Pensions	0	0
Total £	49,835	14,097

2 Employees during the year

1.8 Resources Expended

	2023	2022
	£	£
COST OF GENERATING INCOME		
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	7,100.00	25,444.64
BANK CHARGES	349.14	150.51
CHARITY ACTIVITIES	24,079.40	20,794.40
MANAGEMENT FEES	12,425.00	4,635.00
PRINTING, POSTAGE AND STATIONERY	1,300.00	2,310.37
FINES & PENALTIES	555.00	-
WAGES AND SALARIES	49,835.20	29,969.39
POWER, LIGHT AND HEAT	7,052.59	4,812.49
INSURANCES	600.00	243.00
ACCOUNTANCY	1,200.00	1,200.00
DEPRECIATION	509.80	102.56
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL FEES	-	168.24
RENT & RATES	-	5,258.41
TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE	-	2,230.97
ADMINISTRATIVE & OFFICE EXPENSES	5,096.24	5,721.00
SUB & DUES	-	714.17
GENERAL ADMIN - OTHER	-	143.88
INTEREST PAYABLE	-	7.01
SUNDRY EXPENSES	-	3,671.28
	<u>110,102.37</u>	<u>107,577.32</u>

2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity was under the control of the Trustee throughout the current year. No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as that required disclosure.