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Middleton Tyas  
Nr Richmond  
North Yorkshire DL10 6QY

Yvonne Nicholson  
Chairman  
We Can Dance  
Woodlands  
Smith Gutter Lane  
Middleton Tyas  
Richmond  
DL10 6QY

6 February 2025

Dear 

✓ We Can Dance (Charity Number 1136698)

Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2024

I have reviewed the above accounts and supporting information and am able to provide assurance that they appropriately reflect the financial results of We Can Dance for the year ending 31 December 2024. The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis consistent with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on 1 November 2016.

Yours sincerely



Robert J Davies FID F CMA

**We Can Dance**  
Charity Number 1136698  
Receipts and Payments  
Year Ending 31 December 2024

Receipts	2024
Fundraising Events	
Ascot	2,489.12
Great North Run	4,307.72
Magic of Christmas	.00
Tennants	.00
Concert	.00
Cartier 2025	.00
Fundraising Receipts	<u>6,796.84</u>
Rank	
Grants	40,070.00
School Contributions	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total	<u>43,570.00</u>
Other Donations	3,068.70
Miscellaneous	.00
Gift Aid	1,205.94
Interest	<u>1,081.59</u>
Total Receipts	<u>55,723.07</u>
Payments	
Fundraising Events	
Ascot	814.50
Great North Run	1,393.00
Golf Day and Ladies Lunch	.00
Concert	.00
Cartier 2025	<u>500.00</u>
Fundraising Costs	<u>2,707.50</u>
Teachers	
Su Crossland	3,575.00
Helen Grant	3,350.00
Rachel Harrison	3,417.50
June Mitchell-Flynn	5,050.00
Sandra Smith	1,725.00
Sue Thornton	875.00
Gemma Thompson	6,450.00
Melanie Philo	3,212.50
Other	.00
Teachers	<u>27,655.00</u>
Exam Fees	169.00
Equipment	3,421.52
Training Day	351.40
HSBC Bank Charges	74.16
All Other	<u>1,104.66</u>
Total Payments	<u>35,483.24</u>
Net Surplus /(Deficit)	<u>20,239.83</u>

**We Can Dance**  
Charity Number 1136698  
Balance Sheet  
Year Ending 31 December 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>Charity Funds funds</b>		
Brought forward from previous year	35,557.75	23,698.54
Net Surplus /(Deficit)	20,239.83	11,859.21
Prepayment		
<b>Accumulated funds at year end</b>	<u><b>55,797.58</b></u>	<u><b>35,557.75</b></u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Current Account	365.31	5,832.07
Deposit Account	9,933.79	2,107.27
Yorkshire Building Society	45,498.48	27,618.41
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>55,797.58</b></u>	<u><b>35,557.75</b></u>

I have examined the above receipts and payments account and balance sheet and certify that they are in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations supplied to me.

Robert J Davies  
LLD FCMA

Dated .....





**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From**            **1st January 2024**    **To**                    **31st December 2024**

**Charity name: We Can Dance**

**Charity registration number: 1136698**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the Charity shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The relief of those in need, specifically children and young adults with disabilities by supporting dance events and activities for children and young adults with special needs in Northern England</li><li>• To promote the active involvement of any person with an interest in furthering the Objects of the association, including young adults with special needs.</li></ul>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>This year We Can Dance have provided dance lessons costing £27,655 equating to over 1,100 hours to 18 schools. In addition we have provided T Shirts with Logo, Ballet shoes, paid exam fees, provided certificates and medals and props totalling £3590.</p> <p>We held fundraising events towards the cost of these lessons and other supplies namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascot Ladies Day</li> <li>• Entries to the Great North Run</li> </ul> <p>We also applied for and were awarded grants from the following benefactors:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tesco</li> <li>• Teesside Charity</li> <li>• Mark / Allertonshire Masonic Charity</li> <li>• National Lottery</li> <li>• Boshier Hinton Trust</li> <li>• Moto Foundation</li> <li>• Thirsk Lions</li> <li>• Darlington Lions</li> <li>• Rank Foundation</li> <li>• Brunton Trust</li> <li>• EE Lawler Foundation</li> </ul> <p>In addition we held a Training Day for our current teachers and several others who were potential new recruits. This was run by the Northern Ballet (Leeds) and was extremely successful</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the Trustees of We Can Dance have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>All our Trustees and Committee members are volunteers and receive no payment including expenses. Their work includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending meetings</li> <li>• Taking and Production of minutes</li> <li>• Managing the finances including payment to teachers etc</li> <li>• Arranging functions and managing them on the day</li> <li>• Applying for grants and when successful monitoring the spend and completing closure reports</li> <li>• Visiting and liaison with schools and teachers on a regular basis</li> </ul>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>This year We Can Dance have provided dance lessons costing £27,655 equating to over 1,100 hours to 18 schools. In addition we have provided T Shirts with Logo, Ballet shoes, paid exam fees, provided certificates and medals and props totalling £3590.</p> <p>The benefits and important skills achieved from our regular lessons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raising physical co-ordination powers</li> <li>- Increasing self-confidence, self-awareness and self-discipline</li> <li>- Developing greater sense of social skills through the enjoyment of dancing</li> <li>- Developing listening and concentration skills</li> <li>- Promoting a sense of pride and achievement</li> <li>- Developing memory skills</li> <li>- Improving self-initiative</li> <li>- Co ordination, social interaction, enjoyment and happiness.</li> </ul> <p>The evidence of these benefits and skills has been reported back on numerous occasions from both the school staff and parents.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We Can Dance had £55,797.58 in our bank and building society accounts at the end of December 2024
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is to hold 12 months in reserve to enable forward planning and continuity for our students, schools and most of all our teachers.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£45,498 (more than 12 months)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None anticipated currently

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We held fundraising events towards the cost of dance lessons and other supplies namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascot Ladies Day</li> <li>• Great North Run!</li> </ul> <p>We also applied for and were awarded grants from the following benefactors:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tesco</li> <li>• Teesside Charity</li> <li>• Mark / Allertonshire Masonic Charity</li> <li>• National Lottery</li> <li>• Boshier Hinton Trust</li> <li>• Moto Foundation</li> <li>• Thirsk Lions</li> <li>• Darlington Lions</li> <li>• Rank Foundation</li> <li>• Brunton Trust</li> <li>• EE Lawler Foundation</li> </ul>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	



Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Registered charity
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	All Trustees are elected annually at our AGM

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	We Can Dance
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1136698
Charity's principal address	1 Stansted Grove Middleton St George Darlington DL2 1UU



### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Yvonne Nicholson	Chair		
2	Emma Howells	Vice Chair & School Liaison		
3	Barbara Collins	Treasurer		
4	Joan Mitchie	Secretary		
5	Jonica Britton	School Liaison		
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) 

B A Colling	Yvonne Nicholson
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Full name(s) 

Barbara Colling	Yvonne Nicholson
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 

Treasurer	Chair
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Date 

28/02/25
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