



Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

Registered Charity Name: Speak With IT

Registered Charity No: 1143106

Registered Company No: 07535494

Aphasia is a language disorder caused by damage to areas of the brain responsible for language. Aphasia affects a person's ability to communicate with others.



Our mission is to improve the wellbeing of people with aphasia and their carers, by providing tailored speech and language therapy and long-term support. We want to create a world where every person with aphasia has access to support.



TRUSTEES REPORT

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity operates under the name of Aphasia Support.

The objectives of the charity are:

- To assist in the rehabilitation and treatment of people who have Aphasia by the provision of technological equipment and services which are aimed to supplement and work alongside the treatment given to our clients by doctors and other health care professionals.
- To advance and facilitate the recovery and quality of life of people with Aphasia by the provision of services and facilities as described above.

We have 5 key aims:

- To reduce isolation of people with aphasia
- To improve the communication skills and wellbeing of people with aphasia
- To raise awareness and understanding of aphasia
- To improve the knowledge, skills and confidence of carers and volunteers in providing support to people with aphasia
- To supplement NHS services by providing long-term support for people with aphasia

OUR VALUES

Listen more

Keep it simple

Energy and optimism

Kindness and patience

Stronger together

When reviewing the charity's objectives and activities and future plans we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.



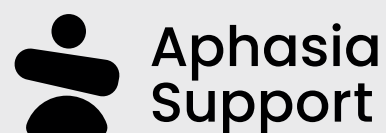
ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

There have been a number of key achievements during the financial year, but the biggest achievement for the charity must be the rebrand to Aphasia Support in November 2022.

It was felt that Speak with IT no longer reflected the breadth of support offered by the charity and that an easier to understand name was required.

The rebrand was funded by the National Lottery and involved reviewing the mission statement and aims, website, all printed materials, and the logo. We shared many logo ideas with the members of our aphasia cafes before making a decision.

The relaunch event was held at Create Cafe in Wakefield and was attended by people with aphasia and family and friends from across Yorkshire. There were also volunteers, staff, trustees and referral partners in attendance.



OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS



Gained Stroke Quality In Rehabilitation (SQulRe) Catalyst funding which enabled the charity to employ 2 Speech & Language Therapy Assistants and specialist Speech & Language Therapists for West & South Yorkshire from April 2023



Creation of a new 'App Club' project in Wakefield after SQulRe Catalyst funding. Students on placement from Leeds Beckett University supported the project.



Creation of the membership, reflecting how the charity is now community led. The membership now meets bi-monthly on Zoom and in-person



The opening of new twice a month meeting aphasia cafes based in Calderdale and Doncaster



The move to our new office at Balne Lane Community Centre in Wakefield



Continued funding received for aphasia cafe groups in Barnsley, Leeds and Wakefield

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Her self-confidence, although fragile at times, has soared. Although she was making progress before, she couldn't measure it. The programme from Aphasia Support allows Sue to see, hear, and feel her amazing progress. The team have played a huge role in Sue's rehab. They have helped her self-reliance, autonomy, and optimism. Quite simply, she wouldn't be where she is today without them.

BOB KIRKE

PERFORMANCE & IMPACT

Aphasia Support focus on building everyday communication skills that are relevant to the individual. We seek to help develop the confidence and self-esteem of a person with aphasia. We do this by providing a 3 stage pathway of support which includes one-to-one support in a person's home using iPads and therapy apps and also group support in our App Clubs and Aphasia Cafes.

93% of the people we support agreed that they felt satisfied with the support provided by Aphasia Support at our last survey in early 2023.

STAGE 1

IMPROVING LANGUAGE OUTCOMES

82% of the people with aphasia we support agree that their communication skills have improved as a result of Aphasia Support. Our stage 1 support is all about improving language outcomes, by working on a person's specific communication goals using therapy apps pre-installed on iPads.

We provide 15 one to one support sessions for a person with aphasia during stage 1. Support is provided by a Speech & Language Therapy Assistant or a trained volunteer, depending on location. The volunteers are supervised by a Specialist Speech & Language Therapist.

82%

of the people we support agree that their communication skills have improved



STAGE 2

FOCUS ON WELLBEING AND QUALITY OF LIFE OUTCOMES

71% of the people we support agree they feel less isolated and 76% agree that their wellbeing has improved as a result of Aphasia Support.

Stage 2 support is about supported conversation and our aims are to improve wellbeing and help a person come to terms with having aphasia. This stage of support is overseen by a specialist Speech and Language Therapist and delivered by an assistant or volunteer.

71%

of the people we support agree they feel less isolated



STAGE 3

APHASIA CAFES

80% of the people we support agree they feel more listened to as a result of Aphasia Support. The charity had 5 aphasia cafes by the end of the financial year, in Leeds, Wakefield, Halifax, Barnsley, and Doncaster.

The aims of the groups are to bring people with aphasia and carers together in a supported group environment where they can support one another and communicate in a space where everyone understands.

80%

of the people we support agree they feel more listened to

RAISING AWARENESS OF APHASIA

Throughout the year Aphasia Support has been active across social media platforms with the primary aim of raising awareness of aphasia and the charity. The national lottery funding for the re brand covered the cost of freelance Marketing and PR support which has seen the charity significantly grow its follower numbers on Instagram and LinkedIn. There has also been strong growth on Twitter and Facebook.

There has been an increase in the number of press releases the charity sends to local media and in June 2022 James Major and Deborah Fahey were interviewed on Leeds TV.



APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH 2022

The charity organised a series of awareness raising activities, such as the Big Step Challenge which saw people taking 360,000 steps throughout the month of June. That's a step a day for a person with aphasia in the UK. There was a stall at Barnsley Metrodome on June 17th and people with aphasia, carers, and staff joined the Wakefield Community Choir at Horbury Street Fayre on 18th June which marked 70 years of the Queen's reign.

PEOPLE

TRUSTEES

The board welcomed 3 new trustees during the financial year with Peter Osborne joining in September 2022 and then Rubina Rashid and Judith Hinton joining in January 2023, taking the number of trustees to 9. Peter brings with him a wealth of public relations experience while Rubina has considerable experience in business development and marketing. Judith Hinton has been involved with the charity for a number of years through her husband James who has been supported by the charity on a one to one basis and also through the Leeds Aphasia Cafe. The trustees meet quarterly in person and on Zoom and there are also sub committees for finance, governance, performance and strategy.

STAFF

The charity is led by James Major who has been in post as Chief Executive since July 2017. James's role is to manage the team and lead on strategy and funding as well as oversee aphasia cafes, suppliers and freelance staff. During the financial year there were 2 Specialist Speech and Language Therapists directly employed by the charity across stages 1 and 2 of the pathway of support, with Gemma Hoyle covering West and North Yorkshire and Emilie Verroken working across South Yorkshire. During the financial year the charity's Volunteer Coordinator was Ashlyn Fairchild and Project Support Officer was Emma Wray. The Charity's Fundraiser was Lynne Spirrett. The charity employs speech and language therapy sessional workers to lead on the place based aphasia cafes.

123

people with aphasia were referred to Aphasia Support during this financial year. Referrals in the main came from NHS Speech & Language Therapists but they also came from The Stroke Association or direct from the person with aphasia and their family or friends. This was a 124% increase on the same period the year earlier.

1893

support sessions were delivered to people with aphasia during the financial year.

172

people with aphasia were supported on a one to one basis during this financial year. This support would have been provided in the home, over Zoom or via the charity's new App Club which ran at Balne Lane Community Centre from October 2022.

28

new volunteers were inducted in the financial year at volunteer inductions held in Wakefield and on Zoom.

The wait time to access stages 1 and 2 of the charity's pathway of support ranged from 3-6 months in most areas due to high referral numbers and existing capacity of volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS

The number of new volunteers inducted into the charity in the financial year was roughly in line with the number of volunteers inducted in the previous 2 years. Volunteer recruitment continues to be challenging but various strategies, including targeted communications and improved engagement, are being used to address this. Volunteers continue to provide vital one to one support for people with aphasia in the home, over Zoom and also through the charity's aphasia cafes. During the year the charity gave talks to Speech and Language Therapy students at Leeds Beckett University and the University of Huddersfield. The volunteer role provides vital experience for people looking to pursue a career in speech and language therapy. The charity also attracts volunteers who may have recently retired and want to give back to their community.

93%

of volunteers agreed in a survey that they had better knowledge and understanding of how to support people with aphasia through volunteering at the charity with 46% strongly agreeing.

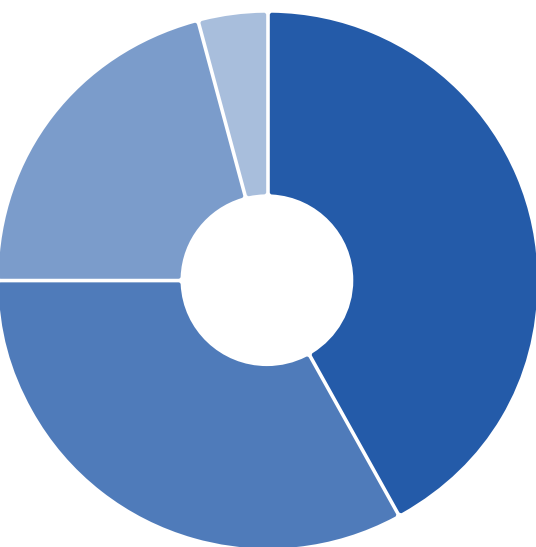
95%

of volunteers agreed that they had improved their skills for supporting a person with aphasia with 46% strongly agreeing.

90%

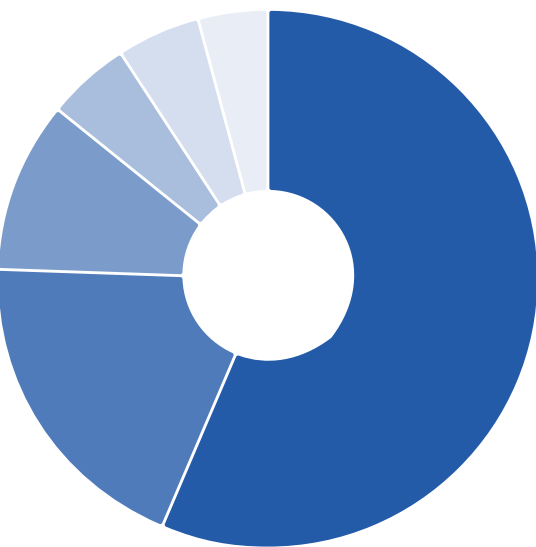
of volunteers agreed that they were satisfied with their overall experience of volunteering with the charity with 46% being very satisfied.

FINANCIAL REVIEW



ANALYSIS OF INCOME 2022/2023

- National Lottery (42%)
- NHS SQulRe Funding (33%)
- Charitable trusts and foundations (21%)
- Fundraising and events (4%)



ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE 2022/2023

- Staff costs (56%)
- General running costs (19%)
- IT costs (10%)
- Consultancy (5%)
- Advertising and fundraising (5%)
- Travel expenses (4%)

ANALYSIS OF INCOME

The National Lottery continues to be the charity’s largest funder. During this financial year there was an increase in funding from the NHS via Stroke Quality in Rehabilitation (SQulRe) Catalyst funding.

The charity continues to generate income from charitable trusts and foundations which fund aphasia cafes and iPads and therapy apps. The charity has also received income during the year from charitable trusts and foundations

which have contributed towards the salary of our speech and language therapy team.

Funds raised from fundraising events and activities are classed as unrestricted. This income remains almost level with the previous year but due to an increase in restricted income is now 4% of income down from 8% in 2021/2022. This is an income stream which needs to grow in order for the charity to be as sustainable as it can be.



ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

The largest cost to the charity is staff costs and there is an increasing amount covering IT costs, such as the iPads and therapy apps which are loaned to people with aphasia. Consultancy costs are mainly the charity's aphasia cafe sessional leaders and the costs associated with the re brand to aphasia support.

Aphasia Support is enormously grateful to the charitable trusts and foundations which have supported the charity during 2022/2023. Organisations who have awarded us grants during the financial year are listed below. We are especially grateful to our major donors.

National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund

NHS England SQulRe Catalyst Funds

Peter Sowerby Foundation

Sir George Martin Trust

Edward Gostling Foundation

Brelms Trust

Hospital Saturday Fund

Albert Hunt Trust

Haribo Happiness Together Fund

Community Foundation for Calderdale

Wades Trust

James Tudor Foundation

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE FUNDRAISING

Unrestricted income from Community & Corporate fundraising dropped slightly from the previous year (£12,502 from £12,754).

2022/2023 saw the birth of the Business Club where businesses pay a membership fee to join the group. In return their logo is added to the charity's website and their businesses will be acknowledged on the charity's social media accounts and newsletters. By the end of the financial year 5 businesses had joined the group.

We would like to thank Elvin Comms, Quite Brilliant Creative, Background, Creative Lens Video, and Mike Shaw Just Mortgages.

A series of fundraising activities were organised throughout the year, such as the 5K Santa Dash held at Thornes Park in Wakefield, The Christmas raffle and the Christmas Choir.

The bonus ball competition ran weekly throughout the year. The charity had entries in the Leeds 10K, Leeds Half Marathon and even had someone taking part in a sky dive raising funds for the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW CONTINUED

The charity generated a surplus of **£106,854** (2022: £2,891), increasing fund balances to **£259,566** (2022: £152,712). Performance is in line with the budgets and forecasts of the charity.

The fund balances of **£259,566** (2022: £152,712) comprise the following:

Restricted grant income of £32,406 (2022: £39,639) received for the purchase of fixtures and fittings, computer equipment and computer software which is included in the balance sheet and had not been fully depreciated at the year end.

Restricted grant income received of £133,749 (2022: £25,439) had not yet been spent at the year end as the grant income was received at the start of a project and expenditure is incurred throughout the project. The significant increase this

year is mainly due to Squire Catalyst funding of £93,567 that was received in March 2023 which covers the period to 31 March 2024.

Unrestricted funds of £55,987 (2022: £55,875). More details are provided in the reserves policy below.

National Lottery funding is received six monthly in advance and a payment was received in February 2023 to cover the charity's expenditure to 31 July 2023. The funding received in advance that relates to period after the year end is £37,424 (2022: £31,756).

RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have reviewed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation.

Reserves are needed to meet the working capital requirements of the charity on an annual basis and the trustees are mindful of the need to maintain free reserves at a level which will meet these requirements. Free reserves are deemed to be all unrestricted reserves excluding unrestricted reserves that have been used to acquire fixed assets.

It is the aim to hold free reserves at a level to cover approximately six months running costs of the charity. A

target reserves figure of £85,000 was agreed by the trustees during the year based on forecast expenditure for 2022/23. At 31 March 2023 the level of reserves was £55,987 (2022: £55,875). The aim of the charity is to continue to increase its free reserves over the next year by retaining some unrestricted income from donations as the majority of expenditure will be met through grants from the National Lottery and other funders.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

At the year end the charity was still waiting on a decision with regards to a further 3 year grant from the National Lottery. This funding is vital to the charity and if approved we expect it to be the last large grant from the National Lottery to cover our work in Yorkshire.

Aphasia Support is committed to working towards a future where every person with aphasia has access to long term

support and will be considering how we expand our service into new areas in as sustainable way as possible during the 2023/2024 period.

We will continue to provide one-to-one support using therapy apps and supported conversation and group support through our aphasia cafes and app clubs.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 February 2011 and registered as a charity on 27 July 2011.

The charity's objects and regulations are governed by the memorandum and articles of association.

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for



This report was approved by the trustees on 25.09.2023 and signed on their behalf by P J Heaton, Trustee

the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees.

The recruitment and appointment of new trustees is based on their expertise and how they can benefit the charity. The appointment of new trustees requires approval by the Board of Trustees.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with 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 charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charity's Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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 (FRS102).

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.



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25.09.2023





STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENSURE ACCOUNT)

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Income and endowments from:	Note	£	£	£	£
Donations and grants	2	12,502	304,920	317,422	161,863
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	12,390	198,178	210,568	158,972
Net income		112	106,742	106,854	2,891
Transfers between funds	12	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		112	106,742	106,854	2,891
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		55,875	96,837	152,712	149,821
Total funds carried forward		55,987	203,579	259,566	152,712

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised this year.

All income and expenditure relates to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	8	7,418	12,910
Tangible assets	9	24,988	26,729
		32,406	39,639
Current assets			
Debtors	10	2,753	2,073
Cash at bank in hand		229,760	112,938
		232,513	115,011
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,353)	(1,938)
Net current assets		227,160	113,073
Total assets less current liabilities		259,566	152,712
Total assets		259,566	152,712
Funds:			
Restricted funds	12	203,579	96,837
Unrestricted funds	12	55,987	55,875
Total funds		259,566	152,712

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.
- These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 26 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25.09.2023 and are signed on their behalf by:



P J Heaton
Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Statement of account policies

General information and basis of preparation

Speak With IT is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Balne Lane Community Centre, Balne Lane, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 0DP. The charity is also known as Aphasia Support.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

Cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of the exemptions in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity 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 charity for particular purposes. The cost 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.

Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Grants

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 meeting any performance-related conditions, there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

No amount has been included in the financial statements for volunteer time.

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1. Statement of account policies (continued)

Other income

Other income is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the charity has provided the goods or services.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under as follows:

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer software	25% straight line
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Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	15% reducing balance
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Computer equipment	25% straight line
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Pension costs

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

2. Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Grants	-	304,620	304,620
Donations from volunteer visits and assessments	1,695	-	1,695
Other donations	8,274	300	8,574
Other income	2,533	-	2,533
	12,502	304,920	317,422

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Grants	-	149,109	149,109
Donations from volunteer visits and assessments	3,240	-	3,240
Other donations	7,561	-	7,561
Other income	1,953	-	1,953
	12,754	149,109	161,863

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Activities undertaken directly			
Staff costs	7,042	111,789	118,831
Rent and rates	-	10,255	10,255
Insurance	-	804	804
Travel expenses	-	7,660	7,660
Telephone and internet	225	2,558	2,783
IT costs	2,057	19,979	22,036
Postage and stationery	115	1,602	1,717
Room hire	937	1,020	1,957
Staff and volunteer training	-	537	537
Volunteer recruitment	-	1,037	1,037
Advertising	12	9,582	9,594
Fundraising costs	482	1,260	1,742
Sundry costs	164	1,829	1,993
Consultancy fees	756	8,952	9,708
Amortisation	-	5,492	5,492
Depreciation	-	13,102	13,102
	11,790	197,458	209,248
Support costs			
Governance costs (see note 4)	600	720	1,320
	600	720	1,320
	12,390	198,178	210,568

All activities undertaken directly relate to the activity of offering support to people with aphasia through specialist aphasia software.

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3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Activities undertaken directly			
Staff costs	-	77,469	77,469
Rent and rates	-	8,561	8,561
Insurance	-	688	688
Travel expenses	-	3,869	3,869
Telephone and internet	-	2,475	2,475
IT costs	327	13,679	14,006
Postage and stationery	-	1,810	1,810
Room hire	-	330	330
Staff and volunteer training	-	2,535	2,535
Volunteer recruitment	-	2,621	2,621
Advertising and PR	-	1,328	1,328
Sundry costs	-	3,821	3,821
Consultancy fees	-	19,820	19,820
Amortisation	-	6,101	6,101
Depreciation	-	13,058	13,058
	327	158,165	158,492
Support costs			
Governance costs (see note 4)	-	480	480
	-	480	480
	327	158,645	158,972

All activities undertaken directly relate to the activity of offering support to people with aphasia through specialist aphasia software.

4. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	600	720	1,320
	600	720	1,320

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration	-	480	480
	-	480	480

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FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. Net income for the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	13,102	13,058
Amortisation of intangible assets (included within charitable activities)	5,492	6,101
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,320	480

6. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	113,238	74,709
Social security costs	3,512	1,448
Other pension costs	2,081	1,312
	118,831	77,469

b. Staff numbers

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Administration and support	5	3
Management	1	1
	6	4

c. Higher paid staff

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the year exceeding £60,000 (2022: none).

d. Key management personnel

The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charity was £43,548 (2022: £41,482).

7. Related Party Transactions - Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees were paid remuneration or received other benefits from an employment with the charity (2022: none).

During the year, one trustee received reimbursement of £157 travel expenses (2022: none).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 15.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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8. Intangible Fixed Assets

	Computer Software
Cost	£
At 1 April 2022	24,453
Disposals	(3,600)
At 31 March 2023	20,853
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2022	11,543
Charged in year	5,492
On disposals	(3,600)
At 31 March 2023	13,435
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	7,418
At 31 March 2022	12,910

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	-	57,168	57,168
Additions	2,232	9,129	11,361
Disposals	-	(5,416)	(5,416)
At 31 March 2023	2,232	60,881	63,113
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	30,439	30,439
Charged in year	140	12,962	13,102
On disposals	-	(5,416)	(5,416)
At 31 March 2023	140	37,985	38,125
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	2,092	22,896	24,988
At 31 March 2022	-	26,729	26,729

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10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	540	1,838
Prepayments and accrued income	2,213	235
	2,753	2,073

11. Creditors: Amounts Falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,205	1,192
Other creditors	468	266
Accruals and deferred income	1,680	480
	5,353	1,938

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It's great. It's getting better every time we go. You have to think about other ways to say something. If you get stuck with the word 'cup', say 'the thing I put coffee in'. Everyone helps and encourages each other.

HELEN BRIER

HALIFAX APHASIA CAFE ATTENDEE



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12. Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 March 2023
Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	44,152	106,463	(104,821)	-	45,794
Tavistock Trust for Aphasia	63	-	(63)	-	-
Sir George Martin Trust	630	3,000	(3,317)	-	313
Nova 1	330	-	(303)	-	27
One Community	193	-	(193)	-	-
Time to Shine 1	740	-	(697)	-	43
ACT Foundation	731	-	(731)	-	-
Awards for All	572	-	(572)	-	-
Two Ridings Community Foundation	1,050	-	(1,025)	-	25
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust	4,285	-	(1,752)	-	2,533
Time to Shine 2	1,887	-	(927)	-	960
Local Fund Harrogate	789	-	(430)	-	359
Edward Gostling Foundation	5,632	10,000	(2,091)	-	13,541
Nova 2	1,146	-	(417)	-	729
Leeds Resilience Fund	3,522	-	(1,458)	-	2,064
Green Hall Foundation	1,083	-	(500)	-	583
Brelms Trust	825	4,495	(1,249)	-	4,071
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	4,643	-	(1,780)	-	2,863
Wakefield Third Sector Covid Response Fund	1,649	-	(1,649)	-	-
Harnessing the Power of Communities	2,441	-	(2,441)	-	-
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	4,836	(435)	-	4,401
Barnsley Better Bonds	1,974	-	(1,974)	-	-
Garfield Weston	8,500	-	(5,251)	-	3,249
South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw ISDN	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Peter Sowerby Foundation	-	25,000	(22,865)	-	2,135
Albert Hunt Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Community Foundation - Haribo Fund	-	4,986	(3,117)	-	1,869
Community Foundation for Calderdale	-	4,998	(3,099)	-	1,899
Wades Charity	-	1,000	(765)	-	235
National Lottery (rebranding)	-	28,000	(14,977)	-	13,023
Squire (App Club)	-	10,975	(6,524)	-	4,451
Squire Catalyst	-	93,567	(270)	-	93,297
James Tudor Foundation	-	5,000	(185)	-	4,815
Other donations	-	300	-	-	300
	96,837	304,620	(197,878)	-	203,579
Unrestricted funds	55,875	12,502	(12,390)	-	55,987
Total funds	152,712	317,122	(210,268)	-	259,566

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12. Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	Gains, losses and transfers	Balance at 31 March 2022
Restricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£
National Lottery	67,829	102,687	(126,364)	-	44,152
Tavistock Trust for Aphasia	308	-	(245)	-	63
Sir George Martin Trust	1,397	-	(767)	-	630
Nova 1	1,081	-	(751)	-	330
One Community	416	-	(223)	-	193
Time to Shine 1	1,574	-	(834)	-	740
ACT Foundation	1,981	-	(1,250)	-	731
Awards for All	1,322	-	(750)	-	572
Two Ridings Community Foundation	325	5,000	(4,275)	-	1,050
Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust	2,269	3,500	(1,484)	-	4,285
Time to Shine 2	2,814	-	(927)	-	1,887
Local Fund Harrogate	1,699	-	(910)	-	789
Edward Gostling Foundation	2,981	4,855	(2,204)	-	5,632
Nova 2	4,054	-	(2,908)	-	1,146
Leeds Resilience Fund	5,000	-	(1,478)	-	3,522
Green Hall Foundation	1,583	-	(500)	-	1,083
Brelms Trust	3,318	-	(2,493)	-	825
Coronavirus Community Support Fund	6,422	-	(1,779)	-	4,643
Hillards Charitable Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Wakefield Third Sector Covid Response Fund	-	4,105	(2,456)	-	1,649
Harnessing the Power of Communities	-	4,206	(1,765)	-	2,441
Hospital Saturday Fund	-	1,256	(1,256)	-	-
Barnsley Better Bonds	-	2,500	(526)	-	1,974
Garfield Weston	-	10,000	(1,500)	-	8,500
South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw ISDN	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
	106,373	149,109	(158,645)	-	96,837
Unrestricted funds	43,448	12,754	(327)	-	55,875
Total funds	149,821	161,863	(158,972)	-	152,712

The specific purposes for which the restricted funds are to be applied are as follows:

National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund - The charity will continue to provide 121 support for people with aphasia using therapy apps and supported conversation. SWIT will continue to seek to expand its aphasia cafe approach into areas where this type of support is not available. SWIT will look to introduce some carer support projects and create clearer pathways of support for people with aphasia and their carers. The purpose of this grant is to provide core funding for the charity to meet the day to day overhead costs, including salaries.

Tavistock Trust for Aphasia – This grant funded Step by Step software licences and Tactus Therapy apps for iPad to be loaned to clients.

Sir George Martin Trust – This funding contributed towards the cost of renewing the Cuespeak therapy app licences on the charity's iPads.

Nova 1 – Funded the introduction of the Aphasia Cafe in Wakefield alongside hardware and speech therapy programs to be loaned to clients in Wakefield. Also supported with costs for Wakefield volunteers, for example travel expenses and DBS checks.

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12. Funds (continued)

One Community – Funded iPads and speech therapy software to be loaned to clients in Kirklees as well as some travel expenses for volunteers in Kirklees.

Time to Shine 1 – This funded the development of the Aphasia Cafe in Leeds alongside hardware and speech therapy software and apps to be loaned to clients in Leeds. Also funded supported conversation volunteer training in Leeds.

ACT Foundation – Purchased iPads and Windows laptops to be loaned to people with aphasia.

Awards for All – This funded the Barnsley Aphasia Technology Club pilot project.

Two Ridings Community Foundation – Funded additional hardware and speech therapy software and apps to be loaned to clients in North Yorkshire and speech therapy assessments for people with aphasia. Also funded supported conversation volunteer training in York and some carer focussed training.

Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust - This grant was restricted to the purchase of iPads and specific apps which are added to the iPads and then loaned to our clients who are people with aphasia in Yorkshire.

Time to Shine 2 - This grant was awarded to Speak With IT to help the charity set up a choir for people with aphasia in Leeds and to continue our successful Aphasia Cafe based in Middleton, South Leeds. Part of the funding was also allocated to the purchase of iPads and apps, travel expenses, marketing materials and training budget.

Local Fund Harrogate - This funding covered the cost of extra volunteer training based in Harrogate and also for iPads and the cost of specific apps to be added to the iPads. There was also funds allocated to marketing materials and travel expenses.

Edward Gostling Foundation - Contribution towards the operating costs of the charity, including specialist speech and language therapy role for West and North Yorkshire.

Nova 2 - This funding running from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 provided funding for key staff as well as iPads, therapy apps and other expenses linked to the Wakefield aphasia technology cafe. This group moved to fortnightly meetings on Zoom during the pandemic.

Leeds Resilience Fund - This funding covered the cost of iPads and therapy apps which were loaned to people with aphasia and volunteers in Leeds during the pandemic. It also covered the cost of Zoom licences and a one year subscription to Teamviewer which is a remote management tool.

Green Hall Foundation - This funding covered the cost of ipads and therapy apps which were loaned to people with aphasia and volunteers during the pandemic.

Brelms Trust - Costs associated with the Barnsley aphasia cafe for 3 years covering the period January 1st 2023 to December 31st 2025

Coronavirus Community Support Fund - This funding covered the cost of iPads and therapy apps which were loaned to people with aphasia and volunteers during the pandemic.

Wakefield Third Sector Covid Response Fund - Funding towards the running costs of the Wakefield aphasia cafe.

Harnessing the Power of Communities - Funding towards the running costs of the Leeds aphasia cafe.

Hospital Saturday Fund - Contribution towards the charity's specialist Speech and Language Therapist roles.

Barnsley Better Bond - Funding towards the running costs of the Barnsley aphasia cafe.

Garfield Weston - Funding towards staff time associated with the online carer support project as well as iPads, therapy apps and some money towards office rent, marketing and room hire.

South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw ISDN - Funding towards a Speech & Language Therapist role.

Peter Sowerby Foundation - Funding towards a part time Speech & Language Therapist.

Albert Hunt Trust - This funding contributed towards the cost of renewing the Cuespeak therapy app licences on the charity's iPads.

Community Foundation - Haribo Happiness Together Fund – Costs associated with the Wakefield aphasia cafe for 1 year covering the period August 1st 2022 to July 31st 2023.

Community Foundation for Calderdale - Costs associated with the Calderdale aphasia cafe for 1 year covering the period August 1st 2022 to July 31st 2023.

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12. Funds (continued)

Wades Charity - Costs associated with the Leeds aphasia cafe for 1 year covering the period August 1st 2022 to July 31st 2023.

Lottery re branding - Costs associated with the re branding of the charity to Aphasia Support, including graphic design costs, website design costs, marketing & PR costs and other associated costs.

SQulRe App Club – Costs associated with the App club pilot project which was held in Dewsbury and then Wakefield during the period October 2022 to March 31st 2023.

SQulRe Catalyst – Costs associated with the development of the charity's support offer across 6 areas of West and South Yorkshire, including the recruitment of 2 speech and language therapy assistant positions and specialist speech and language therapy positions.

James Tudor Foundation - Costs associated with the Doncaster aphasia cafe which commenced in March 2023.

The unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the objects of the charity.

13. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	-	7,418	7,418
Tangible fixed assets	-	24,988	24,988
Current assets	56,290	176,223	232,513
Current liabilities	-	(5,353)	(5,353)
Total net assets	56,290	203,276	259,566

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
Fund balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	-	12,910	12,910
Tangible fixed assets	-	26,729	26,729
Current assets	55,875	59,136	115,011
Current liabilities	-	(1,938)	(1,938)
Total net assets	55,875	96,837	152,712

14. Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

15. Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions took place during the year, other than the payment of certain trustees' expenses already disclosed in note 7.



REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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