



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1	Month April	Year 2020		Day 31 st	Month March	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

PO Box 1626	
Doncaster	
Postcode	DN1 9WX

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	David Turner Smith	Treasurer		
2	Naveen Judah	Chair		
3	Brian Nelson			
4	Jacqueline Clayton			
5	Eleanor Dabell			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Memoranda and Articles
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Registered charity and company limited by guarantee
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The day to day running of the charity is managed by the trustees. Meetings take place every 6-8 weeks, usually virtually as this meets the needs of trustees but 1 meeting was face-to-face. Decisions between meetings are taken via email, as allowed in our governing documents

The wider membership are kept regularly informed of plans, relevant information and services by monthly e-bulletins, the charities Facebook , Instagram and Twitter accounts and through the website.

New trustees have undertaken our Disability Equality Training module

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. To provide information, advice, advocacy, training and support to enable Disabled people to have choice and control, and to live independent lives.
2. To raise aspirations and confidence amongst Disabled people, families and carers to facilitate choice, control and independent living.
3. To campaign for the right for Disabled people to have choice and control, in order to live independently and with dignity.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit and carried out the following activities:

1. Delivery of specialist Advocacy Service to Disabled people and their families . Support is provided in people's own homes with trained advocates. Demand for our support is rapidly increasing
2. Partnership with Crossroads Care Rotherham to provide benefit support to people with dementia and their carers
3. The Art of Wellbeing project providing craft and activities in Rotherham and Doncaster is thrive. The group based in Maltby makes quilts for hospitalised babies. This creates a safe, welcoming space building confidence and social connections. The new Doncaster Drop-in group meets fortnightly with regular chair-based yoga and other craft sessions. We started a new weekly inclusive cycling group in Doncaster which is very popular.
4. We have continued to provide support information and advice to those who employ their own carers support staff and to the PAs who provide it.
5. We have promoted the right to an independent life with choice and control through working in partnership with service providers to transform their service delivery. We have also supported individuals to utilise appropriate complaints and resolution procedures when necessary.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All active independence services and activities are considerably enhanced by the contribution of volunteers. Some of these are disabled people and carers who have been helped by active independence and since become active volunteers themselves.

Other volunteers are nondisabled professionals and workers contributing their expertise and knowledge on an unpaid basis, particularly around finances and information technology.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Governance

- continue to stabilise the governance of the charity.

2. Activities

Full details in our 23-24 Annual Report

Highlights:

- Staff restructure and new trainee advocate
- Expansion of Funding strategy
- 666 clients supported

Section D

Achievements and performance

- £1.6m raised in benefit entitlements
- New Inclusive cycling group

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have a reserves policy in which we have established the level of reserves that is prudent for **Active Independence** to have.. This year we needed to draw from reserves to meet the increase in demand on our services but refreshed funding strategy should boost our income into 24-25

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our main source of funding is grant funding and small contracts to deliver projects such as that from Voluntary Action Rotherham; DMBC and grant funding from the HBJ trust. We are beginning to attract small donations which contribute to our general funds.
Full list in Annual Report

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Barbara Booton

Naveen Judah

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CEO	Chair
Date	30/1/24	

Company registration number: 07942039

Charity registration number: 1148975

Active Independence

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Campbell & Stenton Accountancy
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Active Independence

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Active Independence
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Active Independence
Charity registration number	1148975
Company registration number	7942039
Registered office	The Old Barn, Anchorage Lane Sprotbrough Doncaster DN5 8DT
Secretary	Barbara Booton (Appointed 19 October 2016)
Trustees	David Alan Turner-Smith (Appointed 14 March 2017) Jo Ritson (Resigned 23 January 2023) Kerrie Evans (Resigned 23 January 2023) Naveen Judah (Appointed 21 March 2018) Eleanor Alice Dabell (Appointed 9 February 2022) Jacqueline Clayton (Appointed 23 January 2023) Elizabeth Ann Jeffrey (Appointed 23 January 2023) Brian Nelson (Appointed 21 January 2021)
Accountant	Campbell & Stenton Accountancy The Old Barn Anchorage Lane Sprotbrough Doncaster DN5 8DT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

Active Independence

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 3 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act ;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act ; 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 charity 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Campbell & Stenton Accountancy

27 September 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024	Total Funds Period ended 31 March 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income	2	1,447	47,670	49,117	40,517
Other incoming resources	4	1,047	68,420	69,467	70,679
Total incoming resources		<u>2,494</u>	<u>116,090</u>	<u>118,584</u>	<u>111,196</u>
Resources expended					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	5	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities - service delivery	5	26,240	96,042	122,282	105,529
Total resources expended		<u>26,240</u>	<u>96,042</u>	<u>122,282</u>	<u>105,529</u>
Net movements in funds		(23,746)	20,048	(3,698)	5,667
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>27,076</u>	<u>56,461</u>	<u>83,537</u>	<u>77,870</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,330</u>	<u>76,509</u>	<u>79,839</u>	<u>83,537</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

Active Independence (Registration number: 07942039)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		31 March 2024		31 March 2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	9		541		808
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		71,237		83,450	
Debtors		701		120	
		<u>71,938</u>		<u>83,570</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(2,754)</u>		<u>(841)</u>	
Net current assets			69,184		82,729
Net assets			<u>69,725</u>		<u>83,537</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Resticted funds			76,509		56,461
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			3,330		27,076
Total charity funds			<u>79,839</u>		<u>83,537</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 27 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Barbara Booton
Secretary

The notes on pages 5 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on a cash basis.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 13.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Office equipment	33% reducing balance
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Total Funds Period ended 31 March 2023 £
Donations and Legacies				
Donations	1,147	40	1,187	1,720
Grants				
Grants	300	47,630	47,930	38,797
	1,447	47,670	49,117	40,517

3 Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Total Funds Period ended 31 March 2023 £
Grants	300	47,630	47,930	38,797

4 Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Total Funds Period ended 31 March 2023 £
Other income				
Managed services Income	-	-	-	-
Other income	1,047	68,420	69,467	70,679
	1,047	68,420	69,467	70,679

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5 Total resources expended

	Grants	Operating activity	Total
	£	£	£
Direct Costs			
Other direct costs		9,970	9,970
Employment costs	-	113,506	113,506
Establishment costs	-	2,344	2,344
Insurance	-	471	471
Advertising	-	358	358
Printing, posting and stationary	-	3,884	3,884
Subscriptions and donations	-	284	284
Sundry and other costs	-	25	25
Accountancy fees	-	1,171	1,171
Bank charges & interest		116	116
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	267	267
	0	132,396	132,396

6 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the period

7 Net (Expenditure)/income

Net (Expenditure)/income is stated after charging

	Year ended 31 March 2024 £	Period ended 31 March 2023 £
Depreciation of owned assets	267	397

8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation

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Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
As at 1 April 2023	3473
Additions	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>3473</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 April 2023	2665
Charge for the period	267
As at 31 March 2024	<u>2932</u>
Net book value	
As at 31 March 2024	<u>541</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>808</u>

10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 March 2024 £	31 March 2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>774</u>	<u>841</u>

11 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

12 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company

13 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	27,076	2,494	26,240	3,330
Restricted Funds				
Restricted income fund	56,461	116,090	96,042	76,509
	<u>83,537</u>	<u>118,584</u>	<u>122,282</u>	<u>79,839</u>

14 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 31 March 2024	Total Funds 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	541	-	541	808
Current assets	3,330	76,509	79,839	83,570
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(2,754)	-	(2,754)	(841)
Net assets	<u>1,117</u>	<u>76,509</u>	<u>77,626</u>	<u>83,537</u>

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Statement of financial activities by fund Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted income fund 2024 £	Unrestricted income fund 2023 £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary Income	1,447	4,340
Other incoming resources	1,047	4,628
Total incoming resources	<u>2,494</u>	<u>8,968</u>
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds		
Charitable activities - service delivery	26,240	40,679
Total resources expended	<u>26,240</u>	<u>40,679</u>
Net movements in funds	(23,746)	(31,711)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	27,076	58,787
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>3,330</u></u>	<u><u>27,076</u></u>

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Statement of financial activities by fund Year Ended 31 March 2024

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	Restricted income fund 2024 £	Restricted income fund 2023 £
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Voluntary Income	47,670	36,177
Other incoming resources	68,420	66,051
Total incoming resources	<u>116,090</u>	<u>102,228</u>
Resources expended		
Costs of generating funds		
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-
Charitable activities - service delivery	96,042	64,850
Total resources expended	<u>96,042</u>	<u>64,850</u>
Net movements in funds	20,048	37,378
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	56,461	19,083
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>76,509</u></u>	<u><u>56,461</u></u>

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