

TALKING SENSE!

England & Wales · Charity number 1151366

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-03-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION AMONG DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0 – 25 YEARS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY AS A RESULT, BY: A. PROVIDING EDUCATION AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT AND ENABLE FAMILIES TO MAXIMISE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR CHILDREN;B. RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING SUCH FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN, BOTH GENERALLY AND IN RELATION TO THEIR SOCIAL EXCLUSION;C. PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, FORUMS, ADVOCACY AND GENERAL SUPPORT; 2. TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE NEEDS OF DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS THROUGH PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH HELP THEM TO BETTER IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

Activities: Independent advice and support to parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£195,542	£165,756	-	-
2024-03-31	£125,333	£45,851	-	-
2023-03-31	£108,000	£76,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£56,000	£50,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£64,748	£41,006	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	2019-07-21
Elliot Garbett		2017-06-21
JANE MOORE		2012-11-28
Joanne Louise Yarnall		2012-11-28
KEN UPTON		2013-02-08
Rachel Swingler		2025-06-18
Sarah Jane Evans		2019-04-01

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Registered charity name	Talking SENSE!
Charity number	1151366
Registered address	75 Westbrook Avenue Aldridge Walsall WS9 0BZ
Trustees	Mrs Sylvia Stanway (Chair) Mr Elliot Garbett (Secretary) Sarah Stanway (Treasurer) Mrs Jane Moore Mrs Jo Yarnall Mrs Mary Adamson Mr Ken Upton



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Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the ninth Annual General Meeting of 17th June 2025

Contact: Elliot Garbett, Secretary to the Committee
07928 306735 elliottgarbett@outlook.com

Present:	Sylvia Stanway, Chair	Ken Upton
	Jane Moore	Rachel Swingler
Apologies:	Elliot Garbett, Secretary	Jo Yarnall

Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks:

- 1.1 Sylvia opened the meeting at 7.01pm by welcoming those present and declaring the meeting as quorate.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising:

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held 28th April 2024 were read and approved as being accurate. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Sylvia Stanway
Seconded: Jane Moore

Item 3: Reports and Accounts:

- 3.1 Treasurer's report was circulated ahead of the meeting. For reasons relating to illness, Deborah prepared the treasurer's report on Sarah's behalf. While there were no matters arising from the treasurer's report, it was agreed to accept it, and trustees invited to contact Deborah with any questions they may have.

Proposed: Sylvia Stanway
Seconded: Jane Moore

- 3.2 Sylvia's report was circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 3.3 The tribunal activity report was circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Item 4: Appointment of Charity Trustees:

- 4.1 The following trustees were re-elected as Officers of the Board, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	Jane Moore	Ken Upton
Elliot Garbett	Secretary	Sylvia Stanway	Jane Moore

- 4.2 For reasons relating to illness, Sarah has not been an active officer/trustee for two years. It was agreed that the charity would write to Sarah to give her the opportunity to resume her role or resign.

- 4.3 The following trustees were re-elected as trustees, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway	Jane Moore
Jo Yarnall	Sylvia Stanway	Jane Moore
Jane Moore	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway

- 4.4 Mary Adamson has decided to resign from the Board with immediate effect as her son is no longer in education.

- 4.5 The following trustee was elected as a trustee having been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Rachel Swingler	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway

Item 5: Any Other Business/Matters Raised During the Meeting

- 5.1 Ken to check the Charity Commission's guidance in relation to the type of accounts/record keeping to be maintained given the increase in the Charity's income this year.
- 5.2 A discussion ensued relating to the strategies employed by Ken and Rachel to ensure they protected their own emotional wellbeing to avoid burnout.
- 5.3 Sylvia reiterated her praise upon Grace for the work she does in supporting Ken and Rachel with EHCP Checks, working documents, and other tribunal administrative tasks. Rachel shared news about Grace being a huge help when Ken was on leave as she was able to access his inbox, share information with Rachel, and avoid a distressing situation which a parent was experiencing becoming even more distressing.

- 5.4 Ken agreed to discuss the option of Grace joining the Board as a trustee with her.
- 5.5 Sylvia shared the news that anonymous posts on social media had been read and which appeared to criticise Talking SENSE! The Charity had subsequently reviewed and updated its T&Cs and practices to ensure it remains transparent and fair.
- 5.6 Sylvia suggested the advocates add an automated email response to their mailbox to reassure parents that their email had been received and would be replied to within a specific time frame.
- 5.7 There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.45pm.

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Trial balance

Report date 16-Jun-25

		£s	£s
		Governance	£160.00
		Professional fees	£144,355.72
		Operating leases	£14,518.54
		Office costs inc phone & web	£585.86
		IT equipment	£1,072.80
		Training	
		Expenses	£4,650.77
		Publishing	£358.00
		Social events	£54.00
		CPD	
		Carried from previous accounts year	
		Total funds bought forward	£45,851.08
		Representation	
		EHCP Check	
		Advocacy	
		Workshops	
		Donations	
		Grants	
		Social events	
		Petty cash B/fwd from previous y	
		Sub total	£45,851.08
		Income / receipts current accounting year	
		Total funds bought forward	
		Representation	£125,017.50
		EHCP Check	£15,792.50
		Advocacy	£6,796.35
		Workshops	£147.04
		Donations	£1,793.23
		Grants	
		Social events	£144.00
		Sub total	£165,755.69
		Cash at the bank	£29,786.01
		Petty cash in hand	
		Sub total	£29,786.01
		Income received into petty cash	
		Sub total	£149,690.62
		Totals	£195,541.70
		Totals	£195,541.70
		Current Bank balance	
		£29,786.01	
		Balance - mismatch	
		Left column	Right column
		-£0.00	£0.00

Reconcile bank transactions to date and enter closing balance below

Balanced Account

Summary information of cleared Expenditure and Income payments this financial year

<u>Expenditure payment methods</u>		<u>Income payment methods</u>	
BACS	£ 165,755.69	BACS	£ 149,690.62
Cheques	£ -	Cheques	£ -
Fund transfer out	£ -	Cash payments	£ -
Debit cards	£ -	Standing orders	£ -
Direct debit	£ -	Bankers drafts	£ -
Petty cash payments	£ -	Loans	£ -
Standing orders	£ -		
Cash back transactions	£ -		
Totals	£ 165,755.69	Totals	£ 149,690.62
Petty cash drawn all methods	£ -	Money movement between funds	
Petty cash balance	£ -	Fund Transfer In +	£ -
		Fund Transfer Out -	£ -

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Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the eight Annual General Meeting of 18th April 2024

Contact: Elliot Garbett, Secretary to the Committee
07928 306735 elliottgarbett@outlook.com

Present:	Sylvia Stanway, Chair	Ken Upton
	Jo Yarnall	Rachel Swingler
Apologies:	Sarah Evans, Treasurer	Mary Adamson
	Elliot Garbett, Secretary	Jane Moore

Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks:

- 1.1 Sylvia opened the meeting at 7.40pm by welcoming those present and declaring the meeting as quorate.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising:

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held 20th June 2023 were read and approved as being accurate. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Jo Yarnall
Seconded: Ken Upton

Item 3: Reports and Accounts:

- 3.1 Sylvia's report was circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 3.2 Treasurer's report was circulated ahead of the meeting. For reasons relating to illness, Deborah prepared the treasurer's report on Sarah's behalf. While there were no matters arising from the treasurer's report, it was agreed to accept it and invite Sarah and Deborah to a future meeting to answer any questions the trustees may have.

Proposed: Jo Yarnall
Seconded: Sylvia Stanway

- 3.3 The tribunal activity report was circulated ahead of the meeting. There were no matters arising, but the report did generate some healthy conversation about the

impact LA decisions have on family's and the difference the charity is making to those families.

Item 4: Appointment of Charity Trustees:

- 4.1 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as Officers of the Board, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	Jo Yarnall	Ken Upton
Elliot Garbett	Secretary	Ken Upton	Jo Yarnall
Sarah Stanway	Treasurer	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall

- 4.2 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as trustees, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Jo Yarnall	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Jane Moore	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway
Mary Adamson	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway

Item 5: Any Other Business/Matters Raised During the Meeting

- 5.1 Tom Archer, member of Aldridge Running Club and a parent of child with SEND, is doing a fundraising activity for Talking SENSE! in September. Ken and Jo will liaise with Tom and update the trustees accordingly.
- 5.2 Sylvia thanked Ken and Rachel for their outstanding hard work and commitment to Talking SENSE! and to the many families the charity supports. Sylvia also thanked the trustees for their commitment and support to Talking SENSE!
- 5.3 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.09pm.

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Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the eight Annual General Meeting of 20th June 2023

Contact: Elliot Garbett, Secretary to the Committee
07928 306735 elliottgarbett@outlook.com

Present:	Sylvia Stanway, Chair	Jo Yarnall
	Jane Moore	Ken Upton
		Rachel Swingler
Apologies:	Elliot Garbett, Secretary	Mary Adamson
	Sarah Evans, Treasurer	

Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks:

- 1.1 Sylvia opened the meeting at 7.40pm by welcoming those present and declaring the meeting as quorate.
- 1.2 This meeting had been originally scheduled for 24th May however, due to circumstances beyond the control of the committee, the meeting had to be vacated with tonight being the next available date convenient for most members.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising:

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held 20th July 2022 were read and approved as being accurate. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Jo Yarnall
Seconded: Sylvia Stanway

Item 3: Reports and Accounts:

- 3.1 Sylvia's report was circulated ahead of the meeting and was read out during the meeting. There were no matters arising.
- 3.2 Treasurer's report was circulated with the agenda ahead of the meeting and was explained by Sylvia, in Sarah's absence, during the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Jane Moore
Seconded: Sylvia Stanway

Item 4: Appointment of Charity Trustees:

- 4.1 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as Officers of the Board, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	Jo Yarnall	Ken Upton
Elliot Garbett	Secretary	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway
Sarah Stanway	Treasurer	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall

- 4.2 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as trustees, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Jo Yarnall	Jo Yarnall	Sylvia Stanway
Jane Moore	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Mary Adamson	Ken Upton	Jane Moore

Item 5: Any Other Business/Matters Raised During the Meeting

- 5.1 Jo asked for annual statistics to be made available at future AGMs.

Proposed: Jo Yarnall

Seconded: Sylvia Stanway

- 5.2 Jo asked whether Talking SENse! supports many young people – i.e. those 16+, 18+. We do not have many enquiries from 18+ for tribunal representation however, Rachel supports several families of young people 16-18+. Whether those young people seek representation in the future depends on their parents ability to continue to fight to secure their entitlement and/or the capacity of the young people to represent themselves.

- 5.3 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the seventh Annual General Meeting of 20th July 2022

Contact: Elliot Garbett, Secretary to the Committee
07928 306735 elliotgarbett@outlook.com

Present: Sylvia Stanway, Chair
Sarah Evans, Treasurer

Jo Yarnall
Ken Upton
Rachel Swingler

Apologies: Jane Moore
Elliot Garbett, Secretary

Mary Adamson

Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks:

- 1.1 Sylvia opened the meeting at 7.15pm by welcoming those present and declaring the meeting as quorate.
- 1.2 This meeting had been originally scheduled for 18th May and 15th June however, due to circumstances beyond the control of the committee, both dates had to be vacated with tonight being the next available date convenient for most members.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising:

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held 4th May 2021 were read and approved as being accurate. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Sarah Stanway

Seconded: Jo Yarnall

Item 3: Reports and Accounts:

- 3.1 Sylvia read her Chairs report. There were no matters arising.
- 3.2 Treasurer's report was circulated with the agenda ahead of the meeting and was explained by Sarah during the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Sylvia Stanway

Seconded: Jo Yarnall

Item 4: Appointment of Charity Trustees:

- 4.1 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as Officers of the Board, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	Jo Yarnall	Sarah Stanway
Elliot Garbett	Secretary	Ken Upton	Sarah Stanway
Sarah Evans	Treasurer	Jo Yarnall	Sylvia Stanway

- 4.2 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as trustees, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Jo Yarnall	Sylvia Stanway	Sarah Stanway
Jane Moore	Sarah Stanway	Jo Yarnall
Mary Adamson	Sarah Stanway	Ken Upton

Item 5: Any Other Business/Matters Raised During the Meeting

- 5.1 There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.



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Independent advocacy and support for parents of children with SEN and Disabilities

Board of Trustees
Talking SENSE!

Our ref: SE/Accounts22

Your ref:

Date: 20th July 2022

Dear Board of Trustees,

Treasurer's Report – Financial Year 2021-22

Talking SENSE! (the charity) carried over £31,538.62 from the previous year. Income for 2021-22 was £56,048.25, expenditure was £49,762.76. Fixed assets as at 31st March 2022 are £37,824.11 (unrestricted) resulting in an end of year balance of £37,824.11

All of the charity's income in 2021-22 arose from fees paid by parents for services such as tribunal representation, EHCP Checks and, advocacy.

Your attention is drawn to the Balance Sheet enclosed.

In my opinion, this Treasurer's Report and balance sheet provides a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2022.

Sarah Evans
Treasurer

Notes to Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – Accounting and Reporting by Charities - revised 2005.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of Talking SENSE!

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors.

1.3 Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less residual value, over the expected useful life cycle.

Computer equipment – 5 years

1.4 Value Added Tax (VAT)

VAT is not recoverable by Talking SENSE! and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Balance Sheet.

1.5 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are accounted for when Talking SENSE! is entitled to the income and there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Donations	-	as receivable
Grants	-	as receivable unless otherwise specified
Interest and other income	-	on an accrual's basis where appropriate

1.6 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on a receipt and payment basis.

The charities balance sheet shows the cash received by the charity and what the charity has spent it on.

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Trustees	Mrs Sylvia Stanway (Chair) Mr Elliot Garbett (Secretary) Sarah Evans (Treasurer) Mrs Jane Moore Mrs Mary Adamson Mrs Jo Yarnall Mr Ken Upton



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Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting of 4th May 2021

Contact: Elliot Garbett, Secretary to the Committee
07928 306735 elliotgarbett@outlook.com

Present: Sylvia Stanway, Chair
Elliot Garbett, Secretary
Sarah Evans, Treasurer
Mary Adamson
Jo Yarnall
Ken Upton
Jane Moore
Rachel Swingler

Apologies: Nil

Item 1: Chair's Opening Remarks:

- 1.1 Sylvia opened the meeting at 7.09pm by welcoming those present and declaring the meeting as quorate.

Item 2: Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM and Matters Arising:

- 2.1 The minutes of the AGM held 7th July 2020 were read and approved as being accurate. There were no matters arising.

Proposed: Sarah Evans
Seconded: Jane Moore

Item 3: Reports and Accounts:

- 3.1 These were reported on and approved. There were no matters arising.
3.2 Treasurer's report was circulated with the agenda ahead of the meeting.

Item 4: Appointment of Charity Trustees:

- 4.1 The following trustees were elected/re-elected as Officers of the Board, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Position	Nominated	Seconded
Sylvia Stanway	Chair	Jane Moore	Mary Adamson
Elliot Garbett	Secretary	Jane Moore	Sylvia Stanway

Sarah Evans	Treasurer	Sylvia Stanway	Jane More
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4.2 The following trustees were elected//re-elected as trustees, having stood down, been nominated, seconded, and agreed by majority vote:

Trustee	Nominated	Seconded
Ken Upton	Jane Moore	Mary Adamson
Jo Yarnall	Sarah Evans	Jane Moore
Jane Moore	Sarah Evans	Mary Adamson
Mary Adamson	Ken Upton	Sylvia Stanway

Item 6: Any Other Business/Matters Raised During the Meeting

6.1 There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.21pm.

Talking SENSE!

<u>Balance Sheet 2020-21</u>			
	Unrestricted £	Restricted* £	2019
Balance c/fwd from March 2020	£7,796.46	£0.00	£7,796.46
INCOMES AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations	£250.00		
Grants		£10,000.00	
Charitable activities			
Representation	£42,496.00		
EHCP Checks	£9,165.00		
Advocacy	£2,587.56		
Workshops	£250.00		
Total incoming resources	£54,748.56	£10,000.00	£64,748.56
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Governance	£2,060.50		
Operating leases inc maintenance	£4,168.56		
Office costs inc phone & web	£730.69		
Stationery, materials & equipment	£117.20	£1,000.00	
Training		£982.97	
Charitable activities			
Professional fees	£27,345.00	£4,075.00	
Expenses	£526.48		
Total expended resources	£34,948.43	£6,057.97	£41,006.40
Net income for the year 2020-21	£19,800.13	£3,942.03	£23,742.16
Total funds at 1st April 2020	£7,796.46	£0.00	£7,796.46
Total funds at 31st March 2021	£27,596.59	£3,942.03	£31,538.62
Balance Sheet at 31st March 2021			
Fixed assets			
Bank and cash	£27,596.59	£3,942.03	£31,538.62
Current liabilities			
Creditors (amounts due within one year)			
Debtors			£0.00
Net assets			
Funds			
Unrestricted			£27,596.59
Restricted			£3,942.03
Total funds			£31,538.62
<u>Signed:</u>		Miss S. Evans	<u>Treasurer</u>

Date: 31st March 2021



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Independent advocacy and support for parents of children with SEN and Disabilities

Board of Trustees
Talking SENSE!

Our ref: SE/Accounts21

Your ref:

Date: 4th May 2021

Dear Board of Trustees,

Treasurer's Report – Financial Year 2020-21

Talking SENSE! (the charity) carried over £7,796.46 from the previous year. Income for 2020-21 was £64,748.56, expenditure was £41,006.40. Fixed assets as at 31st March 2021 are £27,596.59 (unrestricted) and £3,942.03 (restricted) resulting in an end of year balance of £31,538.62

Most of the charity's income in 2020-21 arose from fees paid by parents for services such as tribunal representation, EHCP Checks and, advocacy. The charity also received £10,000 from the National Lottery Covid Fund.

Your attention is drawn to the Balance Sheet enclosed.

In my opinion, this Treasurer's Report and balance sheet provides a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31st March 2021.

Sarah Evans
Treasurer

Notes to Accounts for the Year End 31st March 2021

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Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors.

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Tangible fixed assets stated at cost less depreciation.

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