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**UK DEAF SPORT**

**Report and Accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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## **Company Information**

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Mrs L Lill  
Mr P Fitton  
Mr A P Mawdsley  
Mr N Brookes  
Mr P Kamps  
Ms A Macdonald  
Ms R Foster  
Mr T Burton  
Mr V Pericard  
Mr F Ungood-Courtney

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### Introduction by Chair

UKDS is a small organisation with a large remit, covering all sport and physical activity across the UK at both grassroots and elite levels. Collaboration with key stakeholders and decision-makers across the sport and physical activity sector continues to be a central focus and is crucial to our success. This year, we conducted a survey to better understand the barriers faced by deaf people when participating in sport and physical activity. The findings highlight that our collaborative efforts are more important than ever.

We have continued to strengthen our participation programme by focusing on targeted initiatives to encourage deaf children, young people, and adults to be active. This includes *Destination Deaflympics*, a groundbreaking initiative designed to address the stark inequalities faced by deaf children in accessing inclusive sporting opportunities.

During the year, teams representing Great Britain and the home nations competed in various international deaf sport championships. I was delighted to hear of their successes, as I strongly believe in the importance of creating role models to inspire the next generation of deaf athletes. We also continue to work closely with international deaf sporting governing bodies, with delegates attending the annual International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Congress. This ensures that we have a voice on the world stage and can make a meaningful impact. I was especially pleased to learn that England Deaf Golf has won its bid to host the World Deaf Golf Championships in 2028. While we should explore more opportunities to host international deaf sporting events, we must also remain fiscally responsible.

Preparations for the Deaflympics GB Team to attend the Deaflympics in Tokyo in November 2025 are well underway. This is a large and complex project, and we have worked tirelessly to support athletes as they prepare for the Games. Unlike other disability groups, our elite deaf athletes do not currently receive government funding at elite level. We therefore continue to campaign to raise awareness and understanding, ensuring that these athletes achieve parity with their Olympic and Paralympic counterparts.

Looking ahead, we plan to review and refresh our strategic plan. This will provide an updated operational focus and enable us to expand our work through additional staff and activity across more areas.

We are also undertaking a governance review to ensure the organisation becomes more agile, effective, and sustainable. This will allow us to continue meeting the Tier 3 standards of the Code of Sports Governance—an achievement of which we can be proud of.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with UKDS, including the staff and the Board, for their dedication and hard work over the past year.

Nick Brookes, Chair

### UK Deaf Sport Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and 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).

UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) is recognised by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) as the affiliated member for Great Britain, and by Sport England as the National Governing Body for Deaf Sport in the UK. Established in 2003, the charity is a company limited by guarantee.

This annual report for 2024-2025 looks back at the work UKDS has undertaken to inspire and encourage deaf children, young people and adults to be active, increase the number of inclusive opportunities for them to do so and support elite deaf athletes to perform on the world stage.

UKDS is grateful for the support of its partners and funders, particularly Sport England where UKDS is a system partner until March 2027. We retain our commitment to reduce the reliability on the public purse to ensure the financial sustainability of the organisation including securing commercial partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

### Objectives and activities

There are 12 million people in the UK, including 50,000 children, with some form of deafness\*, but very few regularly participate in sport and physical activity.

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UKDS's Vision is *Every Deaf Person Active and Inspired by Sport and Physical Activity*. Our Mission centres on leading opportunities for more deaf people to participate in sport throughout their lives and more deaf athletes to perform on the world stage. We continue to make the deaf community aware of opportunities to be active and encourage them to take part in sport and physical activity on a regular basis for social, physical and mental health benefits.

*\*UK Deaf Sport use the term 'deaf' to represent all people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a hearing loss, whether this is acquired or from birth and the term 'deaf community' to represent all people who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a hearing loss or anyone who has a lived experience of deafness such as family members, friends, allies, colleagues and other professionals.*

We have established three strategic pillars to help achieve our vision, these are.

**LEADERSHIP – providing strategic, well governed leadership for deaf sport.**

**PARTICIPATION – getting more deaf people starting, staying, and supporting sport.**

**PERFORMANCE – having more deaf athletes winning medals on the world stage.**

1 <https://ruid.org.uk/get-involved/research-and-policy/facts-and-figures/prevalence-of-deafness-and-hearing-loss>

### Leadership

In line with the UKDS Articles of Association, the UKDS Board of Trustees ensure UKDS's long-term prosperity by collectively providing oversight and directing the organisation's affairs to achieve UKDS's Vision and Mission. The Board sets and implements the overall direction and strategy of the organisation and has ultimate responsibility and liability for the decisions it makes and the actions it takes. This includes oversight of finance, risk management, equality, diversity and inclusion, governance, Board and other appointments and remuneration.

The UKDS Board has met on a quarterly basis both online and face to face throughout 2024-25

The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr N Brookes (Chair)	Mr A P Mawdsley (resigned 27 March 2025)
Mrs L Lill	Mr P Kamps
Mr P Fitton	Mr V Pericard
Miss R Foster	Mr T Burton
Ms A Macdonald (resigned 7 February 2025)	Mr F Ungoed-Courtney (appointed 25 September 2024)

Trustees are all volunteers, appointed from individuals with a common interest in increasing the participation of the deaf community in sport and physical activity. Consideration is also given to the skill set each has to offer to ensure an appropriately skilled, knowledgeable Board with a diverse membership that reflects the community it serves. Trustees receive training throughout the year either through e learning or through presentations from staff or partners. A board succession plan is in place.

All new Trustees undertake an induction with the Board Chair and Chief Executive. They are provided with the organisation's Governance Manual which outlines various policies, documents, and procedures.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £10 in the event of a winding up

One new trustee was appointed in 2024/25 respectively following a recruitment process to identify new trustees with skills and experience in managing or overseeing performance/elite sport talent selection and pathway development to strengthen the Board in this area.

Following an external recruitment process, a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) was appointed in September 2024. The Board delegates day to day responsibility for the running and management of UKDS to the CEO who recruits staff to fulfil specific roles and responsibilities within the charity. UKDS is a Sport England System Partner with funding for 5 years from 2022-2027 to increase our capacity and to drive progress in achieving our vision and mission and be the lead voice for deaf people in sport and physical activity.

The Board also delegates different functions to specific Committees and Advisory Groups to assist them on relevant aspects of governance. Each Committee and Advisory Group has their own purpose and responsibilities as set out in their respective Terms of Reference. The Committees and Advisory Groups who have advised, supported and check/challenged the UKDS Board in key areas this year include the:

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- Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance Committee responsible for overseeing and reporting to the UKDS Board in these vital areas.
- Nominations Committee responsible for advising the UKDS Board on succession planning and recruitment for the Board, Advisory Group and Committee Members and the CEO.
- Relations Advisory Group responsible for directing the strategy for relationships with UKDS partner organisations, National Governing Bodies of Sport within the UK and international sport bodies such as the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) and European Deaf Sports Organisation (EDSO).
- Performance Advisory Group responsible for directing a strategy for high performance which will deliver podium success at Domestic and International performance levels including European, World and the Deaflympic
- Athlete Advisory Group which provides a recognised forum for deaf athletes to come together and discuss matters affecting deaf athletes from grassroots participation to elite level and ensure the views and experiences of deaf athletes are represented in the ongoing work of UKDS.

Each Advisory Group includes a Board approved Chair, a lead Board Director and independent advisors with expertise in the relevant area.

We also attended the annual ICSD Congress in person in October 2024 representing GB.

As a result of the System Partner grant from Sport England, UKDS has to meet the requirements of Tier 3 of the Code of Sports Governance. This requires maintenance and updating of policies, procedures, strategies and plans related to the organisation supported by the Board, and our Advisory Groups and Committees.

Key plans reviewed and updated by the Board include its People and Succession Plan with a particular focus on supporting our existing Directors and Advisory Group members to access training and information to further their knowledge and skills in governance. Our plan also identified the need to reach more deaf people to be more involved in governance and supporting our staff in developing their leadership skills.

Other plans which the Board has reviewed and adopted include

- People Plan
- Succession Plan
- Diversity and inclusion Action Plan
- Sport Aspects and Impacts Plan
- Safeguarding Action Plan

The board has also reviewed and updated the Business Continuity Plan for UK Deaf Sport and its Stakeholder Strategy.

UKDS is a very small organisation with a large remit covering all sport and physical activity across the UK at both grassroots and elite level as well as being the affiliated international deaf sports member for the UK. Collaboration with key stakeholders and decision makers across the sport and physical activity arena is therefore crucial to our success. Working collaboratively with partners enables UKDS to have a wider reach into localities across the UK and across the breadth of sport and physical activity providing advocacy, support, and resources for partners to work with the deaf community. Collaborative work with partners will also lead to systemic change within their organisation leaving a lasting legacy of deaf inclusion within their work themes rather than single interventions parachuted in with no lasting impact.

### Participation

We have continued to strengthen our participation work focussing on some targeted work to engage deaf children and young people into sport and physical activity. The key achievements include:

- **Destination Deaflympics** - thanks to the support of 3i, we have been able to develop a first of its kind sport and physical programme specifically aimed at engaging deaf children and young people aged 8 to 16. The programme consists of activity cards linked to Deaflympics sports skills for them to develop. Alongside the activity cards, each child receives a passport to track their activity and reach Tokyo as a destination and the Deaflympics. Destination Deaflympics aims to educate deaf children and young people about the Deaflympics and show the sporting role models they have to aspire to through PowerPoint presentations and teacher notes to offer wraparound support. Destination Deaflympics has been developed with the support of Hark London who have an established reputation for creating bespoke programmes such as this and ensuring that programmes link to the National Curriculum to encourage children to be active throughout the school day. The programme will be managed by a dedicated Programme Manager who will be tasked with engaging education providers and community groups, many of whom will have never engaged with UK Deaf Sport before.

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- **McDonald's Fun Football** - a new partnership with McDonald's Fun Football was established to offer deaf specific football opportunities to children aged 5 to 11. Three deliverers were identified to deliver 8-week sessions to deaf children in their local communities: Birmingham Deaf Football Club, Manchester Deaf Centre and St John's Deaf Football Club. Forty-seven children attended showing the need for such programmes. The sessions will recommence again later in the year. As part of the programme, we delivered a training session at the McDonald's Fun Football programme annual national coaches training day. The session gave useful information about deafness, and the considerations and adaptations coaches can make to ensure sessions are accessible for deaf children.
- **Partnership Working** – we continue to work with a variety of partners to support the growth of opportunities for deaf people to be active. These partners include the Youth Sport Trust and attending their School Games Summit to showcase our support offer alongside advising on the new School Games sport formats. We also continued to explore our place-based working with Active Partnerships including Active Sussex as we develop an action plan for the county to become deaf friendly in their sport and physical activity delivery. Alongside strengthening existing partnerships, UK Deaf Sport have created new partnerships to support our vision of every deaf person to be active and inspired by sport and physical activity. An example of this is our work with the British Association of Teachers of Deaf Children and Young People (BATOD). Working with BATOD, UK Deaf Sport have been able to access Teachers of the Deaf to share Destination Deaflympics and our children and young people's offer.

In 2024, UKDS conducted a survey to measure participation of the deaf community in sport and physical activity. The aim of the survey was to understand further the barriers to participation in sport and physical activity for deaf participants with different levels of hearing loss and understand how intersectionality, age and geographical factors impact on participation. 503% of the respondents did not meet minimum government guidelines around being physically active, stating that they were physically active for less than the recommended 150 minutes of moderate activity a week. Of these, 17% participate in less than 30 minutes of activity per week and 7% said they do not participate in any sport or physical activity. These findings highlight the continual need to collaborate with people who are deaf or have hearing loss and sports and physical activity providers to achieve fairness in sports and activity.

### Performance

UKDS continues to be responsible for the governance and administration of deaf athletes and teams at both a British and Home Nation level wanting to take part in World and European deaf sporting competitions in the sports that fall under the remit of ICSD, the International Federation for Deaf Sport. This includes the International Olympic Committee sanctioned, Deaflympics.

This includes responsibility for entering all deaf athletes and ensuring they meet the ICSD criteria for eligibility (a hearing loss of at least 55dB in the better ear - 3 tone frequency average of 500, 1,000 and 2,000 Hertz, ANSI 1969 standard).

In 2024-25 UKDS entered teams into the following international deaf sport championships:

Event	Entries	Success
<b>Deaf Champions League Football, Greece, April 2024</b>	Three English football teams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farsley Celtic FDC</li> <li>• Barnet DFC</li> <li>• St Johns FC</li> </ul>	Farsley - 3rd St Johns - 4th Barnet - 6th
<b>EDSO Football Championships Turkey, May 2024</b>	Three Home Nations Teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• England Deaf Men</li> <li>• Wales Deaf Men</li> <li>• Scotland Deaf Men</li> </ul>	England Deaf Men - 4th Scotland Deaf Men & Wales Deaf Men competed
<b>EDSO Tennis Championships Austria, June 2024</b>	Four athletes attended with the LTA.	Women's Doubles - gold
<b>ICSD World Deaf Athletics Championships and Youth Championships, Taipei July 2024</b>	Two athletes	Women's 800m - silver
<b>ICSD World Deaf Sailing Championships 2024, Lithuania.</b>	GB Deaf Sailing Team	Attended
<b>World Deaf Golf Championships, August 2024, Australia</b>	England Deaf Golf team	Ladies Senior event - won Ladies Team event – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>ICSD Congress, Paris September 2024</b>	Chris Ratcliffe and Nick Brookes attended	

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<b>EDSO Table Tennis Championships 2024, Greece Oct 2024</b>	Three athletes	Attended
<b>DCL Futsal U21 October 2024, Portugal</b>	Two U21 Futsal teams; Barnet DFC and St Johns FC	St Johns - 7th Barnet - 8th
<b>GB Deaf Women Vs Poland Deaf Women Deaflympics Qualifier</b>		Women won and qualified for Tokyo
<b>Chef de Mission Seminar and Site Visit November 2025</b>	Chris Beech attended	
<b>EDSO Futsal Championships, Group Stage Serbia March 2025</b>	Scotland men	Did not qualify
<b>DCL Futsal March 2025 Spain</b>	Birmingham DFC	13 <sup>th</sup> place

UKDS also selects and manages the DeaflympicsGB Team, the official team that represents Great Britain at the Summer and Winter Deaflympics. The next Deaflympics is in Tokyo in November 2025. This is a large and complex project and to this end a Deaflympics Organising Committee was established and a volunteer Chef de Mission recruited for leading the preparations for the GB Team. UKDS has worked hard to identify partners to help assist athletes and ensure that they are supported as they train for the Games.

Unlike other disabilities, elite deaf athletes are not currently recognised. We continue to campaign to help raise awareness and understanding seeking support for elite deaf athletes. As part of this campaign, UKDS are requesting a policy change that would see parity for elite deaf athletes in line with their Olympic and Paralympic counterparts. To date despite our efforts to seek support from the Government, a policy change has still not been made.

### Financial Review

The charity has been successful in delivering activities to support the participation of the deaf community in sport and physical activity primarily through funding from Sport England. The result for the year shows a surplus of £51,165. Restricted funds stand at £104,516, with a surplus in general reserves of £56,940.

#### *Principal risks and uncertainties*

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A Risk Management Strategy and comprehensive Risk Register is in place which clearly identifies the major risks facing the charity. Both were reviewed and updated in 2024-25. It describes and evaluates the steps to be taken to manage and mitigate those risks and provides an action plan to address any improvements required. The Finance, Audit, Risk and Governance Committee lead and advise the UKDS Board on this area of work.

#### *Reserves policy and going concern*

It is the Reserves Policy of the charity to have unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use at a level equivalent to three month's immediate closure expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised or if necessary, support a managed closedown. This level of reserves has not yet been achieved and efforts are continuing to secure funding to be able to meet this level of reserves.

#### *Fundraising*

Fundraising is ultimately overseen by the Board, with the day to day delivery of fundraising activity the responsibility of the CEO and the staff team. During the year, we received £386,073 in grants, donations and gifts in kind which is targeted both at specific projects and in general support of our charitable objectives. We have engaged a fundraising consultant in the past year to support our work in this area and envisage this continuing whilst a revised fundraising strategy is developed.

### Future plans

We have a planned review and refresh of our strategic plan. This will provide an updated operational focus and a scaling of operations to deliver through more staff, and across more fronts

Under our Leadership objective, our governance work continues to establish a transparent structure and build a balanced Board with the right skills to grow the organisation and ensure continued sustainability. This includes a planned review of our governance structures to help us deliver a step change in governance through stakeholders and partner organisations.

Much of the focus of next year under our Participation objective will be in ensuring work develops with Sport England and other key partners.



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Supporting DeaflympicsGB to the Deaflympics in Tokyo is the prime objective of Performance for this coming year. Our work to secure financial support and recognition from the private sector and from Government continues. We have also recruited a Talent Pathway manager following a talent funding award from Sport England. This role will support with the Deaflympics Strategy 2025-2029; to recruit more talented athletes and coaches and to create a positive culture through creating safe performance environments for deaf athletes and coaches to develop and thrive to reach their own full potential in their chosen sport.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees, who are also the directors of UKDS for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees, to prepare accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principals of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The Directors have taken advantage of section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 which exempts the company from the requirement to have the accounts audited.

The Company is required to have an Independent Examination in accordance with the provisions in the Charities Act 2011. Accordingly, Dominic Cader FCA, of Dickinsons Chartered Accountants, was appointed Independent Examiner.

By Order of the Board:



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Mr N Brookes

Trustee and Director

Date: 13 December 2025

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## Independent Examiner's Report

### To The Trustees of UK DEAF SPORT

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the UK Deaf Sport (the company) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purpose of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the company are not required to be audited under part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examinations. I report in respect of my examination of the company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the company's gross income exceeds £250,000, the independent examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICEAW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 aspect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- The financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of the independent examination: or
- The financial statements 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 financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



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Dominic S Cader  
Dickinsons Chartered Accountants  
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Chesham  
Buckinghamshire  
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17 December 2025

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Date

## UK DEAF SPORT

### Statement of Financial Activities

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Incoming resources from:	Notes	2025 Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Donations and legacies	2	4,440	-	4,440	16,048	-	16,048
Charitable activities	3	-	381,633	381,633	2,000	244,974	246,974
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>4,440</u>	<u>381,633</u>	<u>386,073</u>	<u>18,048</u>	<u>244,974</u>	<u>263,022</u>
<b>Resources expended from:</b>							
Costs of charitable activities	4	(1,669)	(333,239)	(334,908)	(8,030)	(328,184)	(336,214)
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>(1,669)</u>	<u>(333,239)</u>	<u>(334,908)</u>	<u>(8,030)</u>	<u>(328,184)</u>	<u>(336,214)</u>
<b>Net movements in funds</b>	<b>11 &amp; 12</b>	2,771	48,394	51,165	10,018	(83,210)	(73,192)
Total Surplus at 1 April 2024		39,918	70,373	110,291	28,089	155,394	183,483
Transfer between funds		14,251	(14,251)	-	1,811	(1,811)	-
<b>Total Surplus at 31 March 2025</b>		<u>56,940</u>	<u>104,516</u>	<u>161,456</u>	<u>39,918</u>	<u>70,373</u>	<u>110,291</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

*The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts.*

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## Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>		145	86
Tangible Assets	8	<u>145</u>	<u>86</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	49,341	4,379
Cash at bank and in hand		219,544	121,634
		<u>268,885</u>	<u>126,013</u>
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(107,574)</u>	<u>(15,808)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		161,311	110,205
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>161,456</u>	<u>110,291</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>161,456</u></u>	<u><u>110,291</u></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Restricted Funds	12	104,516	70,373
Unrestricted Funds	11	56,940	39,918
<b>Total Charity Funds</b>		<u><u>161,456</u></u>	<u><u>110,291</u></u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr N Brookes– Trustee and Director

*The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these accounts.*

Notes forming part of the Accounts

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**1 Principal Accounting Policies**

***Company Information***

UK Deaf Sport is a private charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales. The registered office is at Unit 4 Grovelands, Boundary Way, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, England, HP2 7TE.

***Accounting Convention***

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with; the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and Charities Act 2011. The accounts include the results of the company's operations, which are described in the Trustees' Annual Report, all of which are continuing. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

***Going Concern***

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the charitable company will continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The Trustees and Directors consider that the available reserves and the availability of continued financial support, including securing funding for a five-year term from Sport England from 1 April 2022, will ensure the required working capital be in place for the company to continue operations for the foreseeable future. This is based on the Trustees and Directors opinion that the activity will continue to grow with increased publicity and support of their charitable activities.

***Incoming Resources***

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income from charitable trading activities is recognised when the related goods and services have been completed and dispatched.

Income from grants and other donations which are of a voluntary nature are recognised when the charitable company has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date and receipt is probable. Grants received for future accounting periods are deferred.

Income from grants, and similar income where conditions for payment are linked to performance, are recognised to the extent that the charity has met the conditions.

Income from donated facilities is recognised when the charitable company utilises the facilities with the fair value being recognised as incoming resources and expended resources simultaneously, as appropriate.

***Resources Expended***

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when a liability is incurred, and classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held with banks.

***Basic Financial Assets***

Basic financial assets, which include bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction cost and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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### 4 Resources Expended: Charitable Activities

	Sport England	Other	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	179,989	11,488	191,477	201,729
Research and partnership	3,708	300	4,008	2,280
Website and IT costs	6,160	-	6,160	5,910
				-
Interpreters	11,713	1,631	13,344	15,805
Support services	45,983	-	45,983	28,063
Affiliations and subscriptions	1,213	75	1,288	1,877
				-
Other charitable expenditure	28,441	42,407	70,848	71,525
Independent examiner's fees	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
	<u>279,007</u>	<u>55,901</u>	<u>334,908</u>	<u>328,989</u>

### 5 Net movement in funds:

Net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's remuneration	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>

### 6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year in their capacity as Trustees, but four of them were reimbursed a total of £1,482 for expenses (2024 – no reimbursements made).

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#### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed by the company during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administrative staff	5	5
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	146,017	165,498
Social security costs	13,860	11,157
Pension costs	5,855	6,339
Contractors	25,745	18,735
	<u>191,477</u>	<u>201,729</u>

No individual employee's total benefits exceeded £60,000 during the year (2024: None).

#### 8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office Equipment £
<b>Cost</b>	
As at 1 April 2024	1,553
Additions in the year	<u>180</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,733</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
As at 1 April 2024	1,467
Charge for the year	<u>121</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,588</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2025	<u>145</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>86</u>

#### 9 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors and prepayments	49,341	4,379
	<u>49,341</u>	<u>4,379</u>



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<b>10</b>	<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Trade Creditors	9,302	6,417
	Other Creditors	3,055	5,508
	Accruals and Deferred Income	95,217	3,883
		<u>107,574</u>	<u>15,808</u>

### 11 Unrestricted Funds

	<b>At 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Unrestricted Funds – General Fund	39,918	14,251	2,771	56,940

### 12 Restricted Funds

	<b>At 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sport England	63,794		244,974	279,006	29,762
Comic Relief	1,035			1,035	-
McDonalds Fun Football	-	(8,251)	14,889	6,638	-
Ringfenced Reserves	5,544			386	5,158
Destination Deaflympics	-	(6,000)	120,228	43,132	71,096
Deaflympics GB	-		1,542	1,542	-
Sport England Talent	-			1,500	(1,500)
	70,373	(14,251)	381,633	(333,239)	104,516

### 13 Called up share capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Under the provisions of the company's memorandum of association, each member would be required to contribute a sum not exceeding £10 for the payment of debts of the company in the event of a deficiency of assets on a winding up of the company.

### 14 Control

The charity has been controlled throughout the year by the trustees, whom are identified in the company information.

### 15 Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from employment with the Charity or any related entity, unless otherwise disclosed.