

Charity registration number: 1169810

DEAFvibe UK

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**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022**

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Elizabeth Julia Tizley (also known as Julie Hart), Chair Alison France, Secretary Rowena Toon, Treasurer Jayne Oakes
Charity Registration Number	1169810
Principal Office	Suite 21 2-4 Beaumont Road Tunstall Stoke on Trent ST6 6BE
Independent Examiner	Daryl Denson ACMA VAST The Dudson Centre Hope Street Hanley Stoke on Trent ST1 5DD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Newcastle

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Trustees Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

(1) The relief of Deaf, Deafened Hard of Hearing and Deafblind people, including their families and carers, resident in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent and surrounding areas by the provision of services, information, support, advice, education and facilities in the interests of social welfare and other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such people.

(2) The advancement of public education including but not limited to raising awareness of issues of deafness to the wider public.

DEAFvibe aims to support people who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deafblind as well as their families, friends and carers in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

It is DEAFvibe's belief that all deaf people should be treated equally and with respect, that access to information & communication is provided without barriers or prejudice, promoting equal participation and opportunities in life.

Communication whether it be written, verbal or through visual information is a vital need to have a sense of belonging in society.

Our vision is:

- to create a safe, friendly and relaxed environment where individuals can communicate, share feelings and offer support to each other;
- to create a safe, friendly and relaxed environment where individuals can communicate, share feelings and offer support to each other;
- to create opportunities for individuals to accept and develop skills in coping with their own experiences of deafness or Deafblindness.
- to encourage individuals to use their expertise and knowledge to empower others;

DEAFvibe's philosophy is "Deafness = Equality & Access = Fairness"

VIBE is linked with what it means to have a hearing loss:

- the feeling of sound through vibration;
- picking up on vibes through visual clues;
- the sharing of experiences of knowing what it is like to be deaf.

V.I.B.E. = "Visually Inclusive by Everyone"

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Public benefit

During 2022, DEAFvibe continued with its monthly Café DEAFvibe on the 2nd Saturday of every month at Bradwell Lodge Community Centre, Newcastle under Lyme. The Cafés continue to be attended by BSL users, hard of hearing, deafened, deafblind people as well as hearing family and friends. It is really positive to see a Deaf Café that encourages full integration with support from BSL Interpreters and a Remote Captioner. This is something that DEAFvibe continues to be proud of. Numbers of people attending each Café session vary from 30 – 50 people and has remained consistent throughout 2022 with new faces and old friends returning following on from the COVID pandemic, lockdown and restrictions.

A range of speakers and presentations have been delivered through the year including attendance by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to listen to the concerns of the deaf and deafblind community around barriers they continue to experience in accessing health and social care services. Friends of DEAFvibe felt that they had been listened to and the representative from ICB reassured everyone that he would revisit with updates in 2023.

DEAFvibe used the May Café to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to recognise her 70 years of service to the nation. The Café was very well attended with Friends of DEAFvibe marking this event with pride and joy!

Trustees have informed Friends of DEAFvibe at the monthly Cafes including the Fisher Family of the work we have been undertaking in identifying partner organisations to support DEAFvibe UK and to ensure its sustainability for the long-term future. We have reassured Friends that it is imperative that wherever possible that we are able to retain the name DEAFvibe UK particularly as this links us to the Queens Award for Voluntary Services as achieved in 2014.

Current Trustees have provided reassurance that they continue to remain committed to DEAFvibe for the foreseeable future.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Use of volunteers

DEAFvibe is run by the Board of Trustees (volunteers) and a strong committed team of volunteers who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafened, Deafblind and Hearing – it includes Friends of DEAFvibe as well as their families and friends.

Our commitment to ensure that this client group are "treated equally and with respect, that access to information & communication is provided without barriers or prejudice, promoting equal participation and opportunities in life" clearly demonstrates that DEAFvibe is fortunate to retain volunteers over long-periods of time.

As with any charity, we appreciate that volunteers come and go. It is our belief that when our volunteers do move on – they take with them the confidence, belief in themselves to explore new opportunities and share their learnings with other people they come into contact with and we see this as a positive achievement of our work.

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Achievements and performance

The twice monthly DEAFvibe HUBs have not been able to continue however Royal Association for Deaf people (RAD) were able to secure funding from the Building Better Opportunities (BBO) project to deliver Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) sessions in Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent. This meant that deaf people living North Staffordshire could continue to access support as previously delivered via the DEAFvibe HUB. The IAG support included translation of letters, support with telephone calls, support with welfare benefits and general IAG. This support was delivered either face to face in the DEAFvibe room or via remote (video calls).

The RAD project also included support with Employment, Education, Volunteering and Training opportunities. From the Trustees' perspective, RAD have worked really hard over the last 12 months to build up the trust with the wider deaf community in the delivery of this project particularly in areas outside of Newcastle under Lyme and they have submitted their own evaluations reports to their respective funding bodies.

The weekly VIBE has continued via Zoom by two committed volunteers who continued to support those who would otherwise be isolated.

As in 2021, DEAFvibe were able to re-negotiate with the Board of Trustees at Bradwell Lodge Community Centre a favourable rate for the permanent use / room hire of the DEAFvibe (Room Two) for 2021 and 2022.

In addition to above room hire, there continues to be a separate charge for the hire of the main hall to deliver the monthly Cafe DEAFvibe sessions as a separate fee from Room 2. This fee also included the relevant charitable discount. This negotiation enabled us to remove the previous room hire costs for Rooms 1 and 3 (the latter is now no longer available to hire) alongside the main hall for a full 12 months.

It was imperative that DEAFvibe were in a position to maximise our own funding and the Grant from the Fisher Family Trust (see below) to benefit DEAFvibe and by paying for the main hall separately ensured that should we need to cancel a Café sessions, DEAFvibe would not lose out financially.

DEAFvibe were successful in receiving a Grant (Restricted Funds) from the Fisher Charitable Trust as on 22nd July 2021 and this funding has continued to support DEAFvibe throughout 2022 with the following:

- Rent for 2 years - Bradwell Lodge Community Centre to support with Room Hire costs.
- PPE training for volunteers and attendees (including access to Interpreting support)

As previously agreed at the November 2021 Café – it had been agreed that there would be no Café in December 2021 or January 2022 due to the potential risks of COVID spikes before Christmas and after the New Year. This was imperative as 2 Trustees were in full-time employment working with people who are vulnerable.

Therefore the 1st Café was held in February 2022. Each and every Café since this date has been very well attended as reported above. There was no Café in July 2022 due to the holiday season. Trustees have been really pleased with attendance which demonstrates that the Cafes are valuable to the community that we serve. Whilst these Cafés are only held on a monthly basis – the numbers attending show the value and importance particularly as we encourage and promote integration and inclusion for all by provision of BSL interpreters and Remote Speech to Text Reporter (STTR) – captioning.

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Café DEAFvibe - October 2021: The first Café DEAFvibe session was delivered and as you will fully appreciate this was met with trepidation as to what we could expect. For many individuals, it was their first time in meeting others outside the safety net of their own homes and family environment and they certainly felt out of their comfort zone. These concerns were also felt by Trustees of DEAFvibe due to the level of responsibility in ensuring and maintaining the safety of everyone.

This first Café session focussed purely on welcoming everyone back as well as providing the group with updates on safety & signage around the Community Centre, the importance of wearing of PPE and good hand hygiene alongside maintaining social distancing as delivered via BSL Interpreters. Despite this first and somewhat cautious session, we saw the highest number of attendees at the Café - with a total of 45 people in attendance which included 10 new attendees! This for us was a huge surprise and totally unexpected. The atmosphere you will be pleased to know was buzzing and the Deaf Community as part of their culture were restrained and respectful in ensuring there were no welcome back hugs - this was a huge challenge in itself.

Café DEAFvibe - November 2021: A presentation was delivered by Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD) which again saw 52 people in attendance. The aim of this presentation was to discuss how RAD can support Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deafened and Deafblind people in accessing Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) as part part of their Building Better Opportunities (BBO) project in which they had been successful in obtaining funding for Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent. This project also included support with Employment, Education, Volunteering and Training opportunities. From a Trustee perspective at DEAFvibe, whilst this project was exciting and promising - it was recognised that RAD would need to build up the trust with the community in the delivery of their project within the wider community particularly outside of Newcastle under Lyme.

Whilst DEAFvibe have held annual Christmas Parties in December since our launch in 2010 - it was agreed by everyone in attendance at the November Café that there would be no December Café to ensure everyone could have a safe and COVID-free Christmas with their own families.

Friends of DEAFvibe were informed that the next Café would take place on Saturday 12 February 2022 and that there would be no Café in January due Christmas / New Year family gatherings and parties which may see a spike in COVID numbers.

Financial review

The financial results are shown on pages 8 to 19 of this report.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have designated £12,000 of unrestricted funds to ensure they have sufficient funds to pay for room hire costs and the use of professional communication support (BSL interpreters and Electronic Notetakers) at DEAFvibe activities to ensure the activities through the year. This ensures our activities are accessible and inclusive. On top of the designated funds free reserves at the period end stood at £10,899 (2022:£12,718).

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Trustees Report (continued)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

DEAFvibe UK is registered as a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and commenced operation as from 1st January 2017 under our new Charity Registration Number 1169810 (Note: DEAFvibe UK were in existence as a CIO from 20th October 2016).

From the Board of Trustees perspective, this was a clear continuation of the Charity and its functions whereby the original Charitable Objects of DEAFvibe were transferred to DEAFvibe UK:

The main objectives of the charity are:

- the relief of deaf, hard of hearing and deafblind people, including their families and carers, resident in Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent and surrounding areas by the provision of services, information, support, advice, education and facilities in the interests of social welfare and other leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of such people.
- the advancement of public education including but not limited to raising awareness of issues of deafness to the wider public.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees discuss the requirements for new trustees for the charity at their meetings. Potential trustees who attend the Cafes are identified by their skills, expertise and knowledge and approached on an individual basis. Advertisements are also placed in the press, on the website and on the charity's Facebook page. Written applications are then discussed at trustees' meetings before an interview process takes place. The trustees will have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience required for effective administration of the charity when appointing new trustees.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/10/23 and signed on its behalf by:



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Alison France
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of DEAFvibe UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of DEAFvibe UK for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of DEAFvibe UK you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the DEAFvibe UK's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 DEAFvibe UK as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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Date:.....27/10/2023...

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		1,351	-	1,351
Other trading activities		1,975	-	1,975
Total income		3,326	-	3,326
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(967)	-	(967)
Charitable activities		(2,391)	(6,845)	(9,236)
Total expenditure		(3,358)	(6,845)	(10,203)
Net expenditure		(32)	(6,845)	(6,877)
Net movement in funds		(32)	(6,845)	(6,877)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		22,931	13,242	36,173
Total funds carried forward	10	22,899	6,397	29,296

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
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	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		195	-	195
Other trading activities		215	-	215
Other income		-	12,200	12,200
Total income		410	12,200	12,610
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(94)	-	(94)
Charitable activities		(2,103)	(2,261)	(4,364)
Total expenditure		(2,197)	(2,261)	(4,458)
Net (expenditure)/income		(1,787)	9,939	8,152
Net movement in funds		(1,787)	9,939	8,152
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		24,718	3,303	28,021
Total funds carried forward	10	22,931	13,242	36,173

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 10.

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**(Registration number: 1169810)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		30,352	36,689
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,056)</u>	<u>(516)</u>
Net assets		<u>29,296</u>	<u>36,173</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		6,397	13,242
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>22,899</u>	<u>22,931</u>
Total funds	10	<u>29,296</u>	<u>36,173</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/10/23 and signed on their behalf by:



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Alison France
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

DEAFvibe UK meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

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Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

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:

Asset class

Computer Equipment

Depreciation method and rate

4 years straight line

Fund structure

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	1,351	1,351
	<u>1,351</u>	<u>1,351</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	195	195
	<u>195</u>	<u>195</u>

3 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Fundraising events	212	212
Cafe, raffle and refreshments	1,763	1,763
	<u>1,975</u>	<u>1,975</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Fundraising events	8	8
Cafe Income/sales, entrance fees, raffle, refreshments	207	207
	<u>215</u>	<u>215</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022
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4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Costs of trading activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Cafe expenses and refreshments		967	967
		<u>967</u>	<u>967</u>

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Cafe expenses and refreshments		94	94
		<u>94</u>	<u>94</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Administrative expenses	1,077	-	1,077
Advertising and promotion	266	-	266
Communication support	-	2,345	2,345
Insurance	475	-	475
Room hire	-	4,500	4,500
Volunteer expenses	33	-	33
	<u>1,851</u>	<u>6,845</u>	<u>8,696</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Administrative expenses	771	-	771
Communication support	100	300	400
Deafday	70	-	70
Insurance	450	-	450
Room hire	-	1,885	1,885
Volunteer expenses	30	76	106
Depreciation	136	-	136
	<u>1,557</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>3,818</u>

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £540 (2021 - £516) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note for further details.

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6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2022 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	540	540
	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2021 £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	516	516
	<u>516</u>	<u>516</u>

7 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	1,056	516
	<u>1,056</u>	<u>516</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

10 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General unrestricted funds	10,931	3,326	(3,358)	10,899
Designated				
Rent	5,000	-	-	5,000
Interpretation	7,000	-	-	7,000
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>22,931</u>	<u>3,326</u>	<u>(3,358)</u>	<u>22,899</u>
Restricted funds				
Intu	627	-	-	627
Staffordshire County Council Community Learning Trust - Lipreading	2,142	-	-	2,142
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Cultural Grant - Art	534	-	-	534
Fisher Charitable Trust	9,939	-	(6,845)	3,094
	<u>13,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,845)</u>	<u>6,397</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>13,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,845)</u>	<u>6,397</u>
Total funds	<u>36,173</u>	<u>3,326</u>	<u>(10,203)</u>	<u>29,296</u>
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General unrestricted funds	12,718	410	(2,197)	10,931
Designated				
Rent	5,000	-	-	5,000
Interpretation	7,000	-	-	7,000
	<u>12,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>24,718</u>	<u>410</u>	<u>(2,197)</u>	<u>22,931</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Restricted				
Intu	627	-	-	627
Staffordshire County Council Community Learning Trust - Lipreading	2,142	-	-	2,142
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Cultural Grant - Art	534	-	-	534
Fisher Charitable Trust	-	12,200	(2,261)	9,939
Total restricted funds	3,303	12,200	(2,261)	13,242
Total funds	28,021	12,610	(4,458)	36,173

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

Designated Funds

The trustees have chosen to designate £12,000 of general unrestricted reserves to enable the charity to provide continuing services to its' beneficiaries in the event of there being no other sources of funding available.

Rent - to cover twelve months rent costs should the charity be unable to source sufficient alternative funding.

Interpretation - to cover twelve months interpretation costs should the charity be unable to source sufficient alternative funding.

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total funds at 31 December 2022
	General £	Designated £	£	£
Current assets	11,955	12,000	6,397	30,352
Current liabilities	(1,056)	-	-	(1,056)
Total net assets	10,899	12,000	6,397	29,296