

AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE AUTISM RESOURCE

England & Wales · Charity number 1172753

Details

Other names	A.W.A.R.E., AWARE
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Legal form	CIO
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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: 1) THE RELIEF OF NEED AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WHO HAVE AN AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION (AND WHO MAY SUFFER FROM RELATED CONDITIONS), WHETHER OR NOT FORMALLY DIAGNOSED, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS; IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES; AND2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY (A) INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF PEOPLE WITH AN AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION (AND WHO MAY SUFFER FROM RELATED CONDITIONS) AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS, AND (B) BY PROVIDING INFORMATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AN AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION, AND TO PEOPLE WORKING WITH OR SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH AN AUTISTIC SPECTRUM CONDITION.

Activities: 1. To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and carers.2. To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Bradford City
- Leeds City
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£187,861	£178,774	-	-
2024-03-31	£202,021	£192,680	-	-
2023-03-31	£187,758	£180,756	-	-
2022-03-31	£130,050	£142,958	-	-
2021-03-31	£136,302	£117,680	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Geoffrey John Winnard	Chair	2019-02-05
Ann McKerchar		2018-07-10
Catharine Tomlinson		2022-11-08
Fiorella Duran-Robinson		2025-10-21
Jas Baxter		2020-07-08
Jill Cook		2022-11-08
Laura Bolton		2018-07-10
Lorna Gray		2019-07-09
Nathan Randell		2017-07-11
Rebecca Cooper		2025-10-21

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AWARE 2025 Annual Impact Report



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Introduction – Project Manager, Rachel Miller



My Five Highlights of the Year

Our **BEAT (Bradford Early Advice Team)** pre-diagnosis programme has seen a huge hike in numbers this year.



We are so proud to offer the BEAT course in both English and Urdu language!

We were absolutely elated to secure funding for a **new parent carer support group** from Bingley Bubble Community Partnership. We asked our members where and when they would like a new group and went with what the majority voted for.



Another outcome of our member surveys was that people wanted a new **holiday session** aimed at younger children in the Keighley area and we were pleased to launch this with great success!



Due to the huge popularity of our BEAT WhatsApp group, we decided to launch a new **post-diagnosis WhatsApp group**, which has proved extremely popular.



We held our now-annual **World Autism Acceptance Day Event** at Bradford City, which just gets bigger and better every year and is the only event of its type in Bradford.



Letter from Geoff Winnard

Chair of AWARE

Welcome

I hope you will enjoy reading our annual report and agree that it gives a great overview of all the different ways that AWARE continues to work to support families with autistic children and young people. It continues to be a privilege for me personally to be associated with such a fantastic local charity.



In October 2024, AWARE celebrated its **25th Birthday**, and what a fantastic journey it has been since it started. It is remarkable how the charity has developed and grown over the years but has continued retain its special ethos as a parent-led charity.

I must say a huge **thank you to Rachel Miller, Nikki Pickles and the fantastic staff team and volunteers** who work so enthusiastically for AWARE and help to deliver all the various activities as well as looking for those all-important fundraising opportunities. Also, **thanks to my fellow trustees** of the charity who meet regularly to ensure that the charity is governed properly and is financially sustainable. We remain a small charity and must never stop looking to raise funds – thanks to all the businesses and other organisations for their continued support.



I should also take the opportunity to note the **retirement in January of our longsting colleague and friend Margaret Nash**, who had made such an enormous contribution to the work of AWARE over many years – we wish her a long and happy retirement.



It's reassuring to see the continued positive feedback AWARE continues to receive from parents and professionals – but we will always welcome ideas suggestions for how we can do things better. I look forward to another successful year of AWARE!

Membership summary*

*As of April 2025

1,768

adult members

1,507

family (parent/carer or other) members

261

professional and support group members

2,916

total number of children who are members

1,600

children who attend our clubs and activities

30

staff and volunteer members

Children and Young People



877 female



1,795 male



35 non-binary

352

BEAT families up from 304 the year before

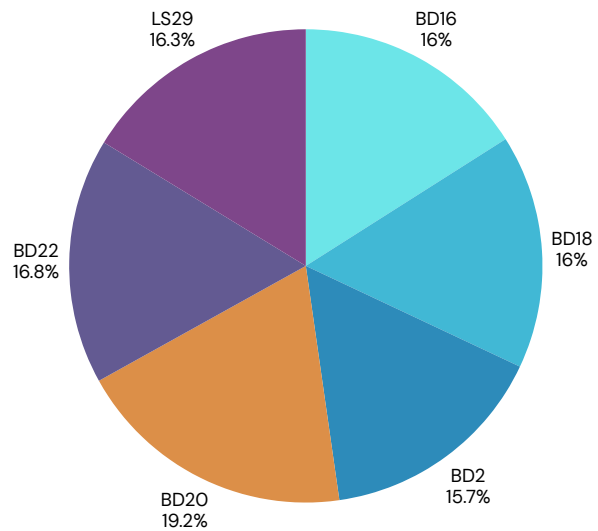
Membership summary*

*As of April 2025

Total number of postcode areas including Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale and Wakefield



Top postcodes



Staff summary



How did we fulfil our mission statement:

to support and equip autistic individuals and their families to move towards independence

and thrive

Mums' Evening Meet-Up Group

We have been pleased to help some of our female carers create their own evening meet-up group, which is self-run by them with support from AWARE staff when they need it.

Dads' Group

Now a few years old, our Dads' Group continues to meet every few months, enjoying much-needed peer support, usually over food or a drink.



Children and Young People

We are delighted when we see young people who have known each other for several years from AWARE groups start to form strong friendships and meet up independently of our sessions.

New Groups

We have forged relationships with a group of approximately 60 Bradford-based mums from minority cultures who have been actively involved with our services. A core group of these members have gone on to create their own SEND community, Bradford Stronger Together, with which we actively work in partnership.

How do our members say we help encourage independence?



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“The residentials are not just fun; they teach my son confidence and life skills too.”

“

“Last week’s session helped me sort a lot of things out at home and in my life. I am more prepared for what life throws at me. Since the Zoom about wills I have made a will and planned for my children’s future, setting up trusts. I couldn’t have done anything without AWARE pointing me in the right direction.”



“

“It was good to hear my son was independently ordering his food on the AWARE trip.”

How did AWARE meet its objectives this year?

1

Valuing
the
individual

Feedback from our surveys told us some of you - who can't attend daytime events - wanted a mums' version of the dads' group with evening meet ups. As a result, AWARE staff supported some of our members with the creation of a new, member-run AWARE Mums' Meet-Up Group!



NEW!

We have recently announced two new AWARE sessions; due to popular demand, and to reflect the needs of different members: a new Bingley-based parent support group and a Stay and Play in Keighley for younger children



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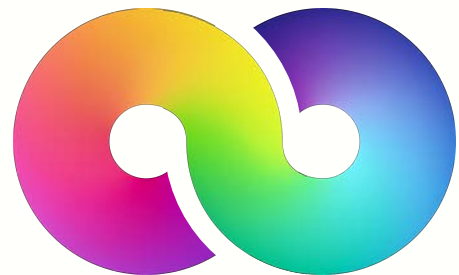
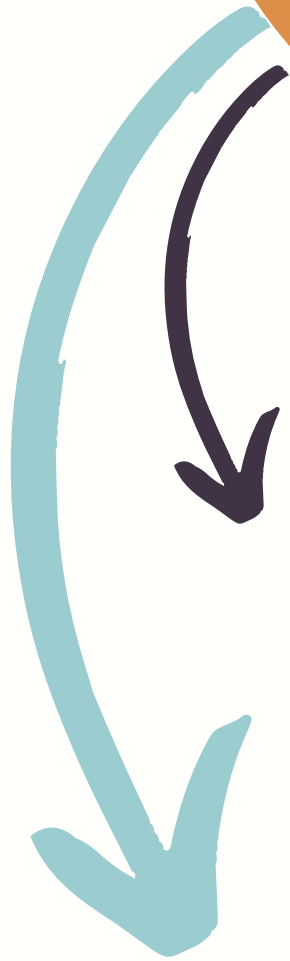
A place to belong and be understood



We have run two residential, which allowed young people - some of whom had never been away from home before - to have an adventure in a supportive, understanding environment



With a growing number of parent carers being diagnosed themselves, we have held Zoom information and support sessions to help neurodivergent parents and made sure we reflect autistic people's voices - including those of our adult members - in everything we do



Our BEAT pre-diagnosis WhatsApp group proved so popular as a sub-community of AWARE, that we created a brand new post-diagnosis WhatsApp group, for parent carers to continue gaining support and seeking advice

It is really important to us at AWARE that our children and young people grow up knowing they can take a full part in the community and both our Moving On and Trip Clubs are an amazing way for members to go out on trips with the support of our staff and their peers



We have really boosted partnership working this year, and were very excited to be invited to the Yorkshire Cricket Awards Evening!



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Being in the community is important

We have been thrilled to connect with influential local people - including Anna Dixon, MP for Shipley - who came along to our 25-year anniversary celebration!



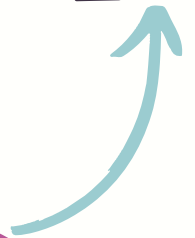
There is ALWAYS more to learn for all of us and we have welcomed several AWARE parents who are also professionals onto our Zooms and we have learnt something new from all of them!



We have seen some lovely peer support amongst our young people, with some older children helping out younger children at our Stay and Play sessions in both official unofficial capacities



We've been truly impressed this year by members who first joined AWARE through the BEAT programme a few years ago, now giving back by supporting other members and volunteering at our events. What a brilliant example of growth and community spirit!



Great Minds Together award

Nikki was awarded 'Inspirational
Professional 2024'



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“Her genuine care is there every step of the way. We’ve laughed together, she’s helped me find strength when I had nothing left to give. Her support has been steady, wholehearted, life-changing.

Nikki is a superstar — not all heroes wear capes — she will always hold a special place in my heart. I truly admire her.”


“

“Nikki has been a listening ear for me when I needed it most. She has suggested support, helped me unpick complex disabilities, guided me through conversations with professionals. Quite honestly, she’s kept my sanity. She has virtually wiped my tears, sat with me in the hard moments, reminded me I wasn’t alone.”

A family's journey through AWARE!



Complete BEAT course and get support from keyworker and WhatsApp group



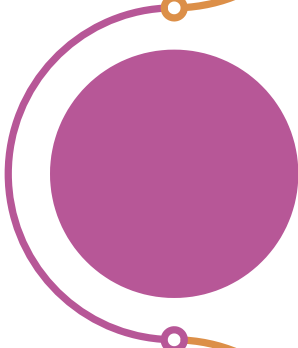
Join our BEAT programme while on the waiting list. Come along to Saturday Club and Stay and Play



Complete EarlyBird. Get peer-to-peer support on Facebook groups



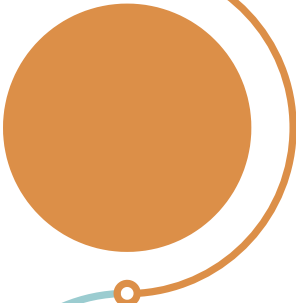
Join post-diagnosis WhatsApp group. Get support from our staff and outside agencies at our face-to-face groups and Zooms



Use your experience to support other AWARE members! Volunteer at fundraising events



Children come along to Youth Club and Cook Club. Complete further parent training



Young people gain independence, come to our residential and Trip Club



Young people join Moving On Club. Parents continue to use AWARE for peer support and information on further education as well as transition to adulthood



What AWARE means to us

Tammy,
mum of Rupert, 8



We started out with BEAT then completed EarlyBird, which helped us understand autism more and how neurodiverse our whole family is. Having the parent groups and meet ups has helped with feeling less isolated.

"AWARE has helped me find joy and understanding not just with regards to my children but also myself"



We attend Stay and Play, allowing my son to play in a safe environment with other children where I can chat to other parents. Rupert's favourite activity is when the cycling guy comes. It's helped massively with strengthening his leg muscles, core muscles and confidence.



As a parent carer, I enjoy attending the Girlington parent/carer group, mums meals, AGM and Christmas party. My husband also attends the Dads' Group. To show my appreciation and to help AWARE, I volunteer at WAAD and the Ilkley Half Marathon.

"By sharing our experiences we can help each other and lobby for better support for our children. We all know our children are individuals but we find commonality in a diagnosis."

What AWARE means to us

Rachel, mum of Dylan, aged 13

"AWARE staff have always been brilliant with Dylan. He has known them for most of his life and they understand him."



I found out about AWARE when we were going through the diagnosis process when Dylan was three years old. I was a single mum and was really overwhelmed...we decided to start coming to Saturday Club and Stay and Plays it was lovely meeting so many different families going through the same process. AWARE staff helped me when I needed advice. I always found the answers and support we needed.



"I didn't feel supported elsewhere...AWARE staff and other parents are like our family. We cannot thank them all enough for their love and support - thank you."



Without the trips and the groups Dylan would be lost and just at home - he has made many friends he can play with without judgement. We have also done volunteering at the Ilkley Half Marathon. AWARE is the only group he feels comfortable enough to go out without me and be independent. We have tried other places but he did not feel safe or that he could stay with others



We attended a family residential and went caving - that was brilliant - we also stayed at Nell Bank with another family for the weekend. Dylan is now 13 and attends Trip Club, Cooking Club and Youth Club every Friday.

Giving something back



Parents, carers and other AWARE supporters joined us volunteering at Ilkley Beer Festival, helping raise funds for charities such as AWARE



We were delighted to be named the main benefactor of Ilkley Carnival 2024 and our members helped us repay this by helping sell carnival tickets and setting up the carnival

Funding highlights

donations and Fundraisers

£563

raised by Karen Mitchell's tombolas and raffles

£1109

raised by Paul Higson running the Great North Run

£900

from Laura Talbot running the London Marathon

£223

from Give as you Live and Easyfundraising

£2099

donations made via Localgiving

£2044

from One Lottery and Don't Send me a Card

£565

of donations via other members' fundraising

Grants

£

Universal Live

£

The Harry and Mary Foundation

£

Sovereign

£

Bingley Bubble Community Partnership

£

TNL Awards for All

£

NHS

£

Co Op

£

Ilkley Round Table

£

Ilkley Carnival

£

Tk Maxx

Spotlight on...

School Talks



"So glad that you came into school, didn't know that there was any help out there even when we don't have a diagnosis. I'm really grateful."

"So helpful, I didn't really know what I didn't know. We have a lot to learn, but I know you are going to really help us!"

"You described my child completely, it's like you really understand him. Thank you!"

192

school parents engaged with between January-May 2025

16

schools visited between January-May 2025

Spotlight on...

World Autism Acceptance Day

46

stalls

350

attendees

100%

of attendees would recommend the event to others

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“Last year gave me the info I needed that helped me out of a really rough patch I didn't know was coming. That's why I had to come this year.”

“

“A lovely place for parents/carers and professionals to meet and network”



Spotlight on...

Trip Club

Project	Details	Outcome
Trip Club	Encourage young people's confidence and independence	Attendees say our trips are the only time they feel confident to go out without their parents. They look forward to them and feel more independent due to attending.



Feedback from parent carers

"These trips are not just fun, they teach life skills and confidence too"

"The trips really help boost my son's self esteem confidence"

Impact Snapshot

8

Trips undertaken

61

Young people
attended

We asked our young people to describe trip club in three words:



100%

of our young people said Trip Club helps them be more independent and said they felt supported by AWARE staff

We want time away from the oldies!

I don't usually use the bus but I did it and I even went upstairs. I'm not with my parents which makes me more independent

I really like Trip Club as I can't do anything mainstream

The staff explain things lots of times when I don't understand. They always help me to be calm

I wouldn't have gone to Gootopia without trip club because I don't have any siblings or a friend who I can ask

Spotlight on...

Stay and Play

Project	Details	Outcome
Stay and Play	Help families get out in the community during school holidays, feel accepted, understood and valued as individuals	Families have told us it is the only place they can relax and have fun together out of the house, where their children can just be themselves



Rachel from AWARE was one of the first people to accept my daughter in own her right (she's now on the pathway) without her diagnosed brother.



Impact Snapshot

21 Sessions held **497** Children attended

Spotlight on...

Stay and Play

“ *My daughter adores the staff; they're so good with her.* ”

100%

of attendees said they were very happy with the welcome and support from our staff

100%

of parents who attended with their children said they were likely or very likely to attend again

It's such a supportive, welcoming environment run by lovely people!

It's nice to go somewhere where it doesn't matter if we have a meltdown

My daughter would go every day of the week if she could!

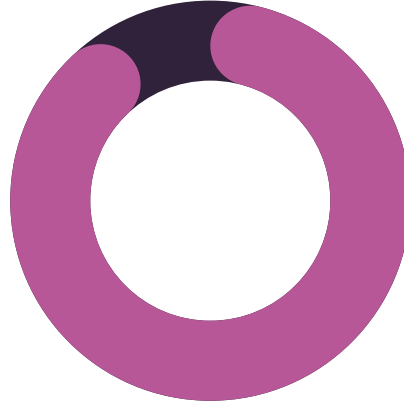
We love all the staff, especially Alfie the volunteer. He has the patience of a saint and I'd like to thank him so much for playing with my daughter

Parent support snapshot



80%

Number of AWARE members using our WhatsApp groups who would turn to AWARE first if they had a quick question about autism or SEN



92%

This figure rose to 92% for members of our closed Facebook group and our post-diagnosis WhatsApp group!



Out of 21 choices given, AWARE provided the second-highest amount of parent carers' information on SEND, according to data collated by the Parents' Forum of Bradford and Airedale, coming second only to school SENCOs.

"Nikki is my go to person for advice; she's a superstar.. She's really helped me understand the process."

Parent support snapshot



100%

Of members who attend our Girlington Support Group said they feel more supported and better able to help their child/young person due to the group. All agreed they feel a sense of belonging.

Staff offer you support and provide advice on where you can get more support for your individual needs

We all support each other through our various experiences

I feel always feel welcome at the sessions and less isolated due to the community atmosphere



Impact Snapshot

1,244

questions asked and answered on our BEAT WhatsApp group

869

questions asked and answered on our general closed Facebook group

505

questions asked and answered on our education closed Facebook group

500

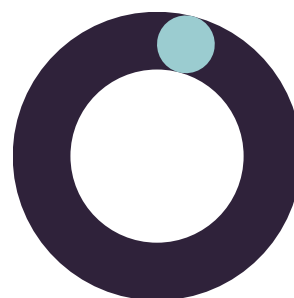
one-to-one appointments giving support on areas such as schooling behaviour

Parent education snapshot



12%

of attendees of our BEAT course had a good understanding of neurodiversity before attending the course



95%

of attendees of our BEAT course had at least a good understanding of neurodiversity after attending the course



To our knowledge, we remain the **ONLY** organisation providing pre-diagnosis training and support in Urdu in the Bradford and Craven districts



"There were a wealth of resources from now and next, daily timetables, zones of regulation to sensory support"



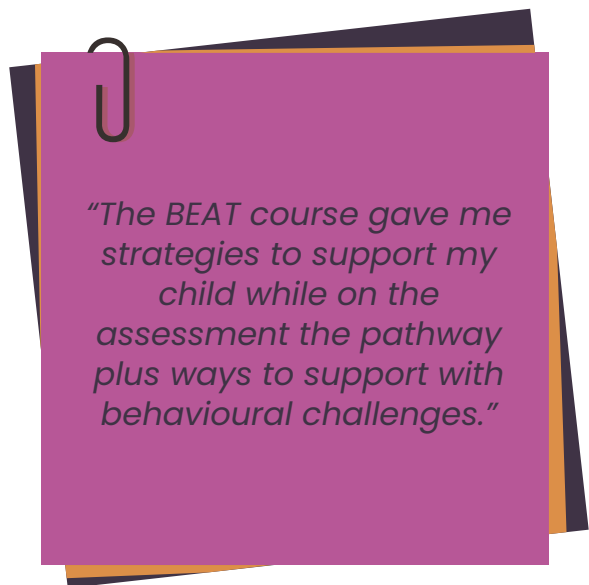
"Javaria and Rakshshah were amazing!"

Parent education snapshot



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Families, as well as accompanying school staff, have taken part in EarlyBird and EarlyBird Plus parent training this year, learning strategies for helping their children young people



"The BEAT course gave me strategies to support my child while on the assessment the pathway plus ways to support with behavioural challenges."

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"The course has massively helped me take a step back and try to be more patient and empathetic"



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"EarlyBird has literally transformed my understanding of the girls - their needs, wants and how their minds work.

My understanding of neurodiversity especially autism has grown exponentially I feel more armed with the tools to help my daughters navigate life"

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"The course content was all explained in terms that we could understand and could unpick the parts suitable for our child/children"

What do our families say about AWARE?

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(After her son attended a residential): “It is clear that my son enjoyed the freedom, independence and spending time in a safe community with peers and we enjoyed the opportunity for quality time together with other family. Really appreciated and valued”

“

“Thank you so much for organising Trip Club - my son has such a great time!”

“

“I cannot recommend the EarlyBird course highly enough and feel very lucky to have been able to participate. As mentors you were both fantastic in your knowledge, experience and kind caring manner in which you gave us the information and helped problem solve”

“

“The World Autism Acceptance Day Event provided lots of support and useful information”

“

“The residential weekend was the highlight of my child’s year, as always!!”

What do professionals say about AWARE?

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“AWARE have played a very active role in shaping policy on parental engagement, SEND provision and the future of alternative provisions. Through this the AWARE team, and the parents supported by AWARE, have actively shaped national decision-making on key issues, and have enabled much-needed change.”

Centre for Social Justice

“

“It's great to share your newsletter with the children's team here at Airedale so they can spread the word to the families we work with”

NHS Staff Member

“

(About our World Autism Acceptance Day Event):

“It is a one-stop-shop for service and support for parents....They can meet people who understand what they are going through and feel they are not alone”

Professional who attended







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Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025



Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Catharine Worsley Tomlinson	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Nathan Randell		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKerchar		
Jas Baxter		
Jill Cook		
Rebecca Cooper		Appointed 21 October 2025
Fiorella Duran-Robinson		Appointed 21 October 2025

Charity number 1172753 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

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Bankers

CAF Bank	Virgin Money plc	Shawbrook Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue	Jubilee House	Warley Hill Business Park
Kings Hill	Gosforth	Great Warley
West Malling	Newcastle upon Tyne	Brentwood
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Independent examiner

Alan Dodd FCCA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 25 April 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2025

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

(a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers; and

(b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition, and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

See the attached AWARE 2025 Annual Impact Report

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £9,087, including net receipts of £3,049 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £-6,038 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £79,665.

The trustees of the charity consider it prudent to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that main operations can continue and to avoid closure if funding difficulties were to occur. They have set the level of reserves at running costs for a period of three months with an additional two months' salary costs, they estimate this figure to be approximately £68,000.

Approved by the board of trustees on 20/11/2025

Geoffrey Winnard (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Alan Dodd FCCA

21/11/2025

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	11,793	152,360	164,153	175,731
Fees and subscriptions		16,920	930	17,850	19,594
Fundraising		4,582	40	4,622	5,468
Bank interest		1,236	-	1,236	1,228
Total receipts		34,531	153,330	187,861	202,021
Payments					
Staff costs		7,506	123,925	131,431	133,276
Travel and other staff costs		923	748	1,671	1,508
Staff training		75	-	75	-
Volunteer and committee expenses		91	-	91	463
Rent and office space		1,541	-	1,541	1,638
Administration, postage and stationery		498	73	571	1,183
Telephone and broadband		1,015	760	1,775	1,777
Insurance		1,146	-	1,146	1,130
Books, publications and subscriptions		2,614	312	2,926	3,374
Independent examination		1,584	-	1,584	1,200
Equipment and materials		382	-	382	262
Activities and events		11,907	6,119	18,026	23,368
Health and safety		-	-	-	32
IT costs		954	47	1,001	2,119
Business development		172	-	172	331
Training		486	15,246	15,732	20,500
DBS checks		202	62	264	431
Bank charges		135	-	135	73
Recruitment costs		-	-	-	15
Repayment of grants		251	-	251	-
Total payments		31,482	147,292	178,774	192,680
Net receipts / (payments)		3,049	6,038	9,087	9,341
Transfers between funds		6,750	(6,750)	-	-
Net movement in funds		9,799	(712)	9,087	9,341
Fund balances brought forward		69,866	70,382	140,248	130,907
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	79,665	69,670	149,335	140,248

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	79,439	69,670	149,109	139,965
Cash in hand	226	-	226	283
Total cash funds	<u>79,665</u>	<u>69,670</u>	<u>149,335</u>	<u>140,248</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2025
	£
Prepayments	1,410
Accrued income	2,427
	<u>3,837</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use
The charity retains a full list of all equipment and resources

Liabilities	2025
	£
Accruals	2,256
Taxation and social security	3,074
Other creditors	422
	<u>5,752</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 20/11/2025

Geoffrey Winnard (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

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As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2 Grants and donations	2025	2025	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Bradford MDC	-	2,340	2,340	9,645
Bradford VCS Alliance	-	2,200	2,200	-
Co-op Silsden	-	10,157	10,157	2,817
Ilkley Round Table	-	4,820	4,820	8,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	80,000	80,000	80,000
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	-	38,323	38,323	41,818
The Harry & Mary Foundation	-	3,000	3,000	-
TK Maxx - Homesense Foundation	-	500	500	-
Awards for All	-	-	-	15,316
Sovereign Healthcare	-	-	-	4,980
Health Champions Network	-	-	-	400
Airedale Enterprises	-	-	-	444
Ilkley Carnival	-	11,000	11,000	-
Other donations	11,793	20	11,813	12,311
	<u>11,793</u>	<u>152,360</u>	<u>164,153</u>	<u>175,731</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	35,101	38,323	39,339	(6,750)	27,335
Co-op Silsden	2,720	10,157	2,363	-	10,514
BMDC - Early Years grant	20,902	2,400	6,820	-	16,482
TK Maxx - Homesense Foundation	-	500	36	-	464
Bingley Parent Group	-	2,200	105	-	2,095
Ilkley Round Table	4,841	4,820	3,173	-	6,488
Sovereign Healthcare	1,347	-	1,347	-	-
Reaching Communities	-	80,000	80,000	-	-
Awards for All	5,471	930	2,477	-	3,924
Ilkley Carnival	-	11,000	10,950	-	50
The Harry & Mary Foundation	-	3,000	682	-	2,318
	<u>70,382</u>	<u>153,330</u>	<u>147,292</u>	<u>(6,750)</u>	<u>69,670</u>

Fund name

NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)

Purpose of restriction

To fund pre-diagnosis support for parents and carers. The transfer represents the cost of free memberships provided from this funding.

Co-op Silsden

Towards the Cook Club.

BMDC - Early Years grant

Run EarlyBird training course for parents.

TK Maxx - Homesense Foundation

Staff costs for Moving On Club.

Bingley Parent Group

To run parent groups for families in the Bingley area, funded via the Bingley Bubble Community Partnership.

Ilkley Round Table

To provide EarlyBird+ training for parents.

Sovereign Healthcare

Towards the costs of residential.

Reaching Communities

Running costs and salaries.

Awards for All

Towards the costs of residential.

Ilkley Carnival

For residential breaks for children.

The Harry & Mary Foundation

To provide trips out for children, improve life skills.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2025

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Observations and recommendations for the accounting period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Please take some time at your next meeting to consider the following issues arising from our work.

Priority 1 issues must be addressed promptly, providing evidence that they have been actioned provided for the next accounting year.

Priority 2 issues are good practice and will improve your organisation's financial management systems.

Priority 3 issues are for your information or requests from WYCAS.

Support to action any of these points is available from WYCAS.

Issue	Recommendation / Tips for improvement	Priority (1=High)
Approval and signing the accounts - As trustees you are required to approve and sign the accounts, including the trustees annual report.	Please have a careful read through the accounts and make sure you are happy with the text and the figures. We encourage you to pay particular attention to the balances on the restricted funds note (if there is one) and also on the commentary about the reserves in the trustees annual report.	3
Pages to sign	Please sign pages 3 and 6 in black ink	
Compliance with your governing document - Whilst there are no specific issues arising from the independent examination, we are using this opportunity to remind trustees to have an understanding of their own charity's rules - ie. the constitution, trust deed or memorandum and articles of association. Please ask your fellow trustees if you have not had access to the governing document.	If you are thinking about any significant change in your activities or engaging a trustee or a close relative to do some work for the charity, the governing document is the first place to check to see what is possible. We would also encourage trustees to refer to the Charity Commission's guidance for more general information about your responsibilities. This is a really helpful guide and is very user friendly. It can be found here:	3
	The Essential Trustee - Charity Commission Guidance	
	I am aware that the trustees have approved changes to the objects clause in the constitution, but you now need to forward these to the Charity Commission for publication. These accounts contain the original approved wording.	
Filing deadline for CIOs. As the organisation is a CIO you must complete an online annual return and upload pdf accounts via the Charity Commission website by the date shown opposite. Do not scan your signed accounts, please use the pdf accounts that we sent you after the accounts were approved which show the name of the person who signed the accounts and the date signed.	31 January 2026	

Please remember to update the Charity Commission when trustees join or leave the charity.	The charity register details must be up-to-date at all times.	1
Mobile phone contributions.	I am pleased to note that actual costs are now being submitted, rather than the previous practice of making round sum payments.	
Accounting for restricted funds.	The issues raised in the previous year's accounts were fully addressed and resolved, thank you.	
Please remember to complete the WYCAS online survey.	See link on management letter or request a printed copy from your community accountant.	3

AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE AUTISM RESOURCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1172753

Accounts

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024



Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Catharine Worsley Tomlinson	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Nathan Randell		
Lynne Fryer		Resigned 11 July 2023
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		
Jill Cook		

Charity number 1172753 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

2 Royd House Way
Keighley
BD21 4TY
Line 4

Bankers

CAF Bank	Virgin Money plc	Shawbrook Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue	Jubilee House	Warley Hill Business Park
Kings Hill	Gosforth	Great Warley
West Malling	Newcastle upon Tyne	Brentwood
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Independent examiner

E J Beverley FCCA

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 25 April 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

(a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers.

(b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition, and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

See the following annual report



AWARE Annual Report 2023-24



"The WAAD event was so good
I would pay to attend!"

"I can be myself at AWARE activities with no worries"



"Community, friendship, tolerance is what AWARE means to me"

What has AWARE achieved this year?



Thanks to a grant from Co-op Local Community Fund, we held several parent carer craft sessions with lunch in Bingley and Girlington

We were chosen as the main beneficiary of the Ilkley Carnival 2024 – a major boost for us!!

National Lottery Awards for All agreed to fund two of our residentials, allowing us to give our young people more opportunities to have new adventures!

We launched our first virtual Urdu Introduction to Neurodiversity course (possibly a worldwide first?!)



**“ I only joined a few months ago but it's
amazing –
so useful and not judgemental”**



IMPACT & MEMBER SNAPSHOT



500

Families given one-to-one advice on education-related issues by our Family Support Coordinator, Nikki



100%

Of parent carers said they found our Girlington group a positive experience!

93%

Of young people we spoke to feel more independent as a result of coming to AWARE activities



93%

Of families feel less isolated since joining AWARE

95%

Feel more supported

100%

Of young people we spoke to said they feel happy at AWARE events

571

Attendances recorded at Youth Club for 2023/24



1382

Members including families, professionals and support groups

1399 male children

666 female

26 non-binary



ALL the parents we asked said they found parent training helpful!

100%

Of our children and young people enjoy spending time with AWARE staff!

100%

Of professionals think we value equality and respect all children/young people regardless of ability



97%

Of WAAD attendees said they found the event a positive experience

97%

Of parents and carers find our newsletter useful

THE ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE ORGANISED HAVE HAD A POSITIVE AFFECT ON MY DAUGHTER'S CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN SO MUCH FOR LENDING AN EAR; I FEEL PART OF A COMMUNITY

THE RESIDENTIALS ARE SO GOOD FOR MY SON'S MENTAL HEALTH

THE NEWSLETTER IS VERY USEFUL: ALL THE INFO IS IN ONE PLACE AND IS UP TO DATE

NIKKI IS A SUPERSTAR!

I HAD AN AMAZING TIME AT FUNZY. I MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS AND PLAYED TIG!

IT IS SOMEWHERE WE CAN JUST BE OURSELVES

EARLYBIRD PLUS COURSE WAS FANTASTIC

AWARE, YOU HAVE BEEN AN AMAZING SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS!

WE ARE ALL TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE THIS WONDERFUL SUPPORT GROUP

MY DAUGHTER HAS HAD A LOVELY TIME AT COOK CLUB AND CAME OUT BUBBLING WITH PRIDE AT HER CREATIONS

NOTHING LIKE A NICE MEAL OUT WITH FRIENDS WHILST PLAYING A NICE GAME OF BOWLING

7

ZOOM MEETINGS ARE FANTASTIC ESPECIALLY WHEN JOINING UP WITH THE SEN TEAM AT BRADFORD

THE PARENT TRAINING HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND THE TOOLKIT I HAVE LEARNT HAS HELPED WITH SUPPORTING AND UNDERSTANDING MY CHILD

THE STAFF HAVE BEEN THROUGH IT ALL WITH THEIR OWN CHILDREN

THE PARENT GROUPS ARE SO HELPFUL; I ALWAYS FIND OUT SOMETHING NEW AND USEFUL

I LIKE GOING AWAY WITH AWARE TO DO NEW CHALLENGES AND BE WITH MY FRIENDS

MY CHILD LOVES STAY & PLAY SESSIONS, HE INTERACTS WITH OTHER CHILDREN THERE MORE THAN HE HAS WITH CHILDREN IN HIS CLASS OVER THE LAST, ALMOST, THREE YEARS

I LIKE GOING TO MOVING ON CLUB. IT'S GOOD TO GO OUT WITH A GROUP. WE ALWAYS HAVE A GOOD CHAT

MY CHILD LEARNT TO RIDE A BIKE, SOMETHING THEY WERE DESPERATE TO DO

BEING ABLE TO SPEAK TO OTHERS GOING THROUGH THE SAME THINGS IS THE BEST THING ABOUT AWARE

WE LOVE YOUTH CLUB - IT'S A CHANCE FOR CHILDREN TO SOCIALISE WITHOUT HAVING TO MASK OR ACT A CERTAIN WAY. IT GIVES PARENTS THE CHANCE TO BE SUPPORTED AND TO SUPPORT OTHERS

ALL OF THE PARENTS WHO ATTENDED THE TALK AT OUR SCHOOL ABOUT AUTISM AND AWARE SAID THEY FOUND THE SESSION USEFUL AND THAT THEY HAVE LEARNT SOMETHING NEW TODAY

Core values One: 'Being in the Community'

- *Philippa, one of our BEAT Support workers, has been helping shape the future of sleep support across Bradford and Craven, working with the Better Sleep Bradford group!*
- *We were thrilled to be chosen to be part of the Co-Op Local Community Fund for a year!*

We held a bigger WAAD than ever before, allowing us to provide even more information and help to parents AND allow more organisations such as West Yorkshire Police to attend and help inform their autism knowledge!



We are always proud - with the help of members - to spread the word on what we do and chat to people about autism while raising funds, too!



Core Values Two: 'Valuing the individual'



We widened the variety of stalls at our WAAD event to try to reflect the differing needs of our members

“
I can just
be me at
AWARE
activities!
”



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Core Values Three: 'A place to belong and be understood'

- *This year, to reflect that some members prefer it to Facebook, we embraced WhatsApp and now have a BEAT parents' support group where members can chat and support each other*
- *We have had an unprecedented number of positive comments from our surveys about how our members - both children and adults - value AWARE so much because they have a place they feel they belong!*
- *AWARE's sessional employees and volunteers are patient, empathetic and have a non-judgemental approach to working with and supporting all of our young people and their parents*



Core Values Four: 'Learning from each other'

**It has been lovely to see previous
BEAT members now helping
support and encourage other
parents who may be new to autism**



**Our residential are the
perfect chance for our young
people to come together,
help and encourage each
other, learn to spend time
with people with differing
needs and practise their
team work!**

“

**I have learnt so much from
other parents and AWARE staff**

”

Other 2024 Highlights



Our brilliant BEAT workers Javaria and Rakshandah completed a Parent Carer Peer Support course with The Charlie Waller Trust and Javaria was asked to review the course for next year



We have seen our youngest members learn new skills and grow in confidence before our very eyes. We also love watching our young people progress through our clubs to going on outings with their friends, with support from AWARE staff and volunteers.

We have even seen some of our young people decide they would like to help support younger autistic children at our sessions - absolutely amazing!



We welcomed Emma, Philippa and Leanne to the BEAT team and also recruited new administrative staff member Karen!



We very sadly said goodbye to Rakhshandah in her role as BEAT Support Worker but are so pleased she continues to co-run our Urdu BEAT parent training courses.









THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!

Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley
Ilkley Round Table

One Lottery players

Bradford City events staff

The Hive

Keighley College

All who have donated via our online platforms

Our amazing members who have volunteered at events

Members who donated Christmas card money to AWARE

Easyfundraising and Give as you Live users

Green Lane Primary School

Keighley Big Local

East Morton Gala

NHS

Karen Mitchell & her family

Andrew McKenzie, who ran the Ilkley Half Marathon for us

Clare Porter and her family, who did a sponsored walk

Laura Talbot, who ran the London Marathon for us!

Lauren at Spectrum Photography, our WAAD event photographer

Members who have kindly donated items for our tombolas

Sarah & Simon Pullen and the Caravan Club

AWARE staff who have volunteered at events in their own time

The Co-op Community Fund and members

Ben Phillips & his colleagues at Universal Live

Sovereign Healthcare

The National Lottery Community Fund & Awards for All

Bradford Council

The Dickie Bird, Long Lee

The Ilkley Carnival Committee



THANK YOU
SO MUCH

“

*I have felt less alone and My confidence
has grown since joining aware*

*I'm not quite sure I know how I
would have got through it without the
support from AWARE*

”







ROUNDTABLE

Keighley



**Sovereign
Health
Care**

**airedale
shopping centre**

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £9,341, including net receipts of £40,232 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £30,891 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £69,866.

The trustees of the charity consider it prudent to keep a certain level of financial reserves to ensure that main operations can continue and to avoid closure if funding difficulties were to occur. They have set the level of reserves at running costs for a period of three months with an additional two months' salary costs, they estimate this figure to be approximately £64,800.

Approved by the board of trustees on 10/12/2024

Catherine Worsley-Tomlinson (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 25 to 29.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 - matter of concern identified

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 the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

During the year a number of issues were identified relating to record keeping in the previous 2 years. It was discovered that the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2022 did not agree with reports made to funders for that year in relation to the Reaching Communities grant. Spending of £31,889 from this grant in the first year of the funding (April 2021 to March 2022) had been recorded as unrestricted spending. This has now been corrected with a transfer from restricted funds to unrestricted. In the year to March 2023 there was unreported income and expenditure relating to petty cash. Income of approximately £3,684 and expenditure of approximately £4,577 resulting in net expenditure of £893 was unrecorded and has now been corrected in these accounts. The trustees and bookkeeping staff have worked to ensure previous errors are now corrected and checks put in place going forward.

I can confirm I 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.

E J Beverley FCCA

12/12/2024

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	13,155	162,576	175,731	169,624
Fees and subscriptions		19,594	-	19,594	12,797
Fundraising		5,468	-	5,468	4,824
Bank interest		1,228	-	1,228	513
Total receipts		39,445	162,576	202,021	187,758
Payments					
Staff costs		9,134	124,142	133,276	122,517
Travel and other staff costs		192	1,316	1,508	1,259
Volunteer and committee expenses		441	22	463	247
Rent and office space		-	1,638	1,638	1,476
Administration, postage and stationery		820	363	1,183	1,010
Telephone and broadband		511	1,266	1,777	1,475
Insurance		-	1,130	1,130	1,130
Books, publications and subscriptions		2,114	1,260	3,374	1,655
Independent examination		1,200	-	1,200	744
Equipment and materials		148	114	262	1,548
Activities and events		16,129	7,239	23,368	21,829
Health and safety		6	26	32	-
IT costs		837	1,282	2,119	934
Business development		172	159	331	568
Training		1,051	19,449	20,500	22,626
DBS checks		253	178	431	51
Bank charges		73	-	73	116
Uniforms		-	-	-	1,556
Recruitment costs		15	-	15	15
Total payments		33,096	159,584	192,680	180,756
Net receipts / (payments)		6,349	2,992	9,341	7,002
Transfers between funds		33,883	(33,883)	-	-
Net movement in funds		40,232	(30,891)	9,341	7,002
Fund balances brought forward		29,634	101,273	130,907	123,905
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	69,866	70,382	140,248	130,907

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 March 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	69,583	70,382	139,965	129,251
Cash in hand	283	-	283	1,656
Total cash funds	<u>69,866</u>	<u>70,382</u>	<u>140,248</u>	<u>130,907</u>

Debtors and prepayments

	2024
	£
Prepayments	1,394
	<u>1,394</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity retains a full list of all equipment and resources

Liabilities

	2024
	£
Accruals	1,584
Taxation and social security	3,471
Other creditors	509
	<u>5,564</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 10/12/2024

Catherine Worsley-Tomlinson (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Bradford MDC Early Years Grant	-	9,645	9,645	13,125
Ilkley Round Table	-	8,000	8,000	7,474
Lottery Community Fund	-	80,000	80,000	90,000
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	-	41,818	41,818	43,290
Skipton Building Society	-	-	-	994
World Autism Acceptance Day	-	-	-	1,000
Awards for All	-	15,316	15,316	-
Sovereign Healthcare	-	4,980	4,980	-
Co-Op Silsden	-	2,817	2,817	-
Health Champions Network	400	-	400	-
Airedale Enterprises	444	-	444	-
Donations	12,311	-	12,311	13,741
	<u>13,155</u>	<u>162,576</u>	<u>175,731</u>	<u>169,624</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
BMDC - Early Years Grant	18,052	9,645	6,795	-	20,902
Ilkley Round Table	2,864	8,000	6,023	-	4,841
Jump	506	-	506	-	-
Lottery Community Fund	39,867	80,000	87,978	(31,889)	-
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	38,776	41,818	44,493	(1,000)	35,101
Sovereign Healthcare	214	4,980	3,847	-	1,347
Skipton Building Society	994	-	-	(994)	-
Co-Op Silsden	-	2,817	97	-	2,720
Awards for All	-	15,316	9,845	-	5,471
	<u>101,273</u>	<u>162,576</u>	<u>159,584</u>	<u>(33,883)</u>	<u>70,382</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
BMDC - Early Years Grant	Towards the costs of parent training and running the Saturday Club.
Ilkley Round Table	Towards the costs of residential.
Jump	To deliver sports themed activity days.
Lottery Community Fund	Towards salaries and all other general running costs. The transfer relates to expenses from year 1 of the funding (2022) that were not allocated to the fund.
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	To fund pre-diagnosis support for parents and carers. The transfer relates to the cost of free memberships provided from this funding.
Sovereign Healthcare	Towards the costs of residential.
Skipton Building Society	Towards activity costs.
Co-Op Silsden	The transfer relates to costs from previous years not put against this fund.
Awards for All	Towards the Cook Club Towards the costs of residential.

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4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

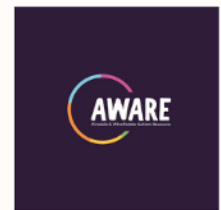
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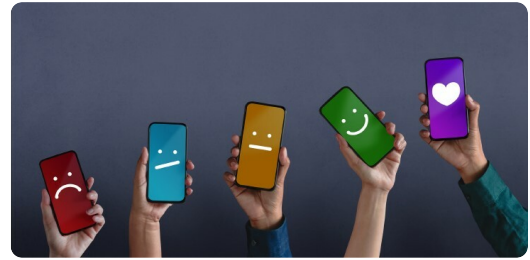
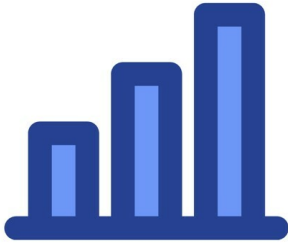
"They are a lifeline for the parents of Bradford and Airedale District."

"What did we ever do without AWARE?!"



This year we have...

- **Launched a brand-new parent support group in Bradford**
- **Launched a pre-diagnosis parent training course solely for Urdu speakers**
- **Held our largest-ever World Autism Acceptance Day Event**
- **Held parent/carer craft sessions in both Bingley and Bradford**
- **Been on our first High Adventure residential with our young people**
- **Saw our membership increase to an astounding 1,150 people!**
- **Launched our first-ever AWARE advent calendar**



100% of parents found our parent training courses a positive experience!

More than **90%** of parents said that joining AWARE has improved their knowledge of autism

100% of new parents found AWARE to be welcoming and inclusive to them and their families

95% of families who have attended our Saturday club have found it a positive experience for their family

100% of professionals said AWARE supports families well and values equality and respect of all children/young people regardless of ability

NB: Statistics based on our 2023 surveys results

**Letter From
Our Project
Manager,
Rachel
Miller**



This year has been another very busy one for the AWARE staff and it is the first year that we are running a lot of our activities for children and young people at full speed after the pandemic: we have all enjoyed seeing our amazing families in person again!

We are delighted to be back with our support groups and a wide range of sessions for parents and families in Addingham, Keighley and Bradford. Nikki and I have continued to run the parent support group in Girlington, where attendance grows every session; our monthly BEAT group (for parents of children on the assessment pathway) in central Bradford is also very well attended; and we continue to work in partnership with Big Local to hold Café Eden at Keighley College.

We have been running Stay & Play sessions during the school holidays at Green Lane Primary in Central Bradford for over a year now and this is working really well for families and staff. We also continue to rent Addingham Youth Centre for

our Youth Club, Saturday Club and Stay & Play sessions during the holidays.

Our parent training offer, both for pre- and post-diagnosis, is growing. We continue to run the NAS EarlyBird and EarlyBird Plus courses and also delivered a Cygnet Puberty, Sexuality and Relationships course (the only one in Bradford). We also facilitated six of our very own BEAT pre-diagnosis courses in English AND Urdu. This very special course in autumn, our first Introduction to Neurodiversity facilitated in Urdu and also our first face-to face, was a very emotional but positive experience for everyone involved in the pilot; learning together; sharing personal stories and suggesting strategies and tips to each other. The group bonded very quickly to become a mini support-group for each other, even going out for a celebratory lunch at the end of the course. Thank you and well done to our BEAT support workers, Rakhshandah and Javaria, for their hard work translating and facilitating the BEAT course: we are so proud of you!

We were sad to lose Kizzi earlier this year but would like to welcome Leanne Hunt and Philippa McCann, the newest members of the

BEAT team, who bring some new skills to AWARE - it feels like they have been with us a lot longer than the few weeks they actually have, but all in a good way!

Thank you to EVERYONE involved with AWARE, especially the amazing volunteers; we could not run without their commitment, passion and dedication. Our volunteers make every youth club, fundraiser and of course our World Autism Acceptance Day Event extra special! We also have some fantastic members who run stalls and their own fundraising events for us and each brings something different and unique; we are incredibly grateful to ALL of you! AWARE could not do as much as we do without the support donations that we receive from our members and their families and friends.



You Said, We Did!



"More for younger children. More for pre-diagnosis."



Regular BEAT pre-diagnosis courses and meet ups

"Please do more events in Bradford!"



New stay & play location in Bradford and brand new Girlington support group

"Doing more work to raise community awareness of autism would really help."



We have hosted our second WAAD at Bradford City with some brand new stallholders

"If you don't already maybe meet with local SENCOS...go into local schools."



We have started going into local schools to do presentations on neurodiversity and AWARE

"Face-to-face meet ups More sessions, to meet more parent carers."



We have so far held three successful parent and carer craft sessions

**Letter
From Our
Chair,
Geoff
Winnard**



I hope that you enjoy reading AWARE's 2022/23 annual report, which highlights the wide range of activities that our charity continues to provide to support autistic children and young people and their families.

The AWARE team has continued to deliver well-received face-to-face events for children and young people and in-person and online sessions for parents and carers. Just as importantly, AWARE is seen as an important source of advice and signposting for families struggling to navigate and understand the various services available in our area.

We continue to improve our communications and have further developed our monthly newsletter, e-updates and our presence on Facebook. We have also tried to ensure that local services understand the issues and challenges faced by families; AWARE is widely recognised and respected as an important stakeholder by both our local authority and the NHS.

The successful World

Autism Acceptance Day Event at Bradford City's football ground in March was a particular highlight that enabled AWARE to work alongside a number of important partners to promote awareness and acceptance of autism and to promote the various support and services available. I know the team were buzzing after the day and really enjoyed seeing so many parent carers come to find out how they can make life better for their children and young people ... which is what we all want.

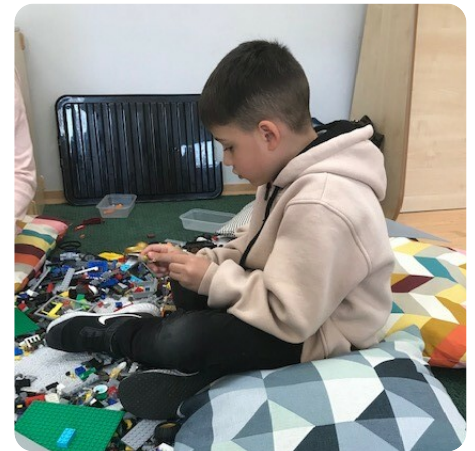
Many thanks to Rachel Miller and Margaret Nash for their management of the charity and to our brilliant team of staff and volunteers who show such commitment and enthusiasm when delivering our various activities.

I once again express my personal thanks to my fellow trustees for their contribution and advice over the last year. The trustees meet regularly to ensure that AWARE continues to operate and determine its priorities in a realistic and financially-sustainable way. We all remain committed to ensuring that AWARE continues to maintain its unique ethos as a parent-run group supporting families with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum.

I would like to thank you, our members, volunteers, and all the organisations who have helped to fund our activities for your continued support. It's

always great to see the positive feedback that AWARE receives and we are open to suggestions of how we can better deliver our services and activities, so please do get in touch if you have any ideas or feedback for us.

"The Facebook members page means I don't feel so much on my own with my boys' needs."



"I can never thank you enough for your help."

**The best thing about
AWARE, according to our
members, is...**

**Saturday Club
in Addingham**

**The Stay &
Plays!**

EarlyBird

**Youth Club &
residential**

Online groups

**Nikki is
incredible with
her legal
knowledge**

**I don't feel so
much on my
own with my
boys' needs**

**The opportunity
it gives my child
to socialise with
other
neurodivergent
peers**

**The
knowledge
base from the
volunteers and
parents is
invaluable**

**Parents
sharing
without
judgement.
Knowing that
there's
someone who
knows what
it's like**

**The
friendship that
has been
offered to my
daughter**

**The information on
the Facebook groups**

**The play sessions, the
staff (you're all incredible)
and meeting other parents
on the same journey**

**The sense of
community &
friendship**

**The community of
people willing to
share and help
each other with
advice, tips or
professional
information is
second to none**

**Knowledgeable
staff**

**The staff have so
much knowledge**

**The constant
offer of support
and openness**

**The support
network**

**Craft sessions with other parents
Meeting other families
The peer support**

**Somewhere I
can take my
children**

How did we fulfil our core values year?

No 1 - valuing the individual

"AWARE is very inclusive"

- This year, we launched our first-ever BEAT pre-diagnosis course in Urdu to meet the needs of our increasing number of parents who speak Urdu. As far as we know, this is a first in the UK (maybe even worldwide!).
- Lots of you told us you loved the Zoom sessions we launched during COVID, BUT other individuals told us you wanted a return to face-to-face sessions as soon as possible! So, we have launched a brand-new face-to-face support group in Bradford while continuing to hold our weekly Zoom sessions



- We are always re-evaluating what we offer so we can appeal to all the different needs and interests of your children and young people. We secured funding this year to bring an even greater range of activities to the Stay & Plays with a new range of sensory toys AND have put on new session activities such as circus skills

- Lots of AWARE parent carers have told us they find it easier to relax and connect with other members if they are doing an activity! So with this in mind we have held three craft sessions this year - two in Bingley and one in Bradford - with three different types of crafting on offer. One parent commented:



"The session made me feel seen, heard and understood.."



- Our Trip Club and Moving On Club have enjoyed an even wider range of different trips this year ranging from climbing to crazy golf to picnics!



No 2- a place to belong and be understood

"AWARE gives me a support network and I know there are other parents in the same position as me."

- The opportunity for young people to find a place to belong is one of the biggest strengths about AWARE
- This year we ran our first residential since COVID where young people from our groups had a trip away without their parents. It was so amazing to see new friendships forged and existing ones strengthened, especially for young people who struggle to access mainstream activities
- We were thrilled to see a group of parents from one of our recent EarlyBird courses arrange to meet up separately with their children - the learning opportunities on our courses are great but even better is seeing these friendships made!
- For those who struggle to attend events, our Facebook and WhatsApp groups offer a constant offer of support and virtual friendship in a supportive community!



No 3 - learning from each other



- The most common benefit parents told us about since joining AWARE is forming connections with other parents and carers

- Survey comments told us that parents and carers rely on our closed Facebook groups for their main source of support

- Many of our volunteers are autistic themselves and are able to provide great role models and supportive figures for our young people and children

- Parents told us that our regular groups and residentials allowed their young people to experience new things and gain confidence due to the supportive friends they make there.

"I can find out about things without being judged."

"I really appreciate the ideas from people in similar circumstances."



"There's always something new to learn; informal chats are helpful."



No 4 - being in the community

- We are so proud that our World Autism Acceptance Day events are getting more and more interest every year, both from parents and carers looking for support and from organisations who wish to have a stall!
- The event, which is the only one of its type in Bradford, brings together a community of autism-related support services and groups, allowing them to reach new families and to network with each other. It is also a key way we bring awareness of both autism and what AWARE does for its members
- Just as importantly, it helps parents and carers of autistic children and young people realise they are not alone and that there is a whole community of people in similar situations

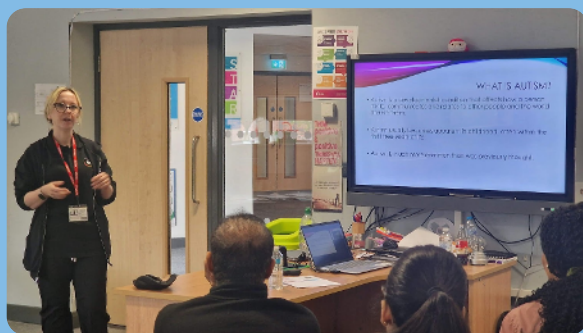


"It made me emotional seeing the amazing turnout, knowing there are so many families like ours in similar circumstances. What an amazing community."

- Meanwhile, our brilliant BEAT team have been going into schools to do talks to parents and staff on neurodiversity, which has helped provide increased knowledge and awareness to staff about both AWARE and autism



- We are so lucky to have support from Ilkley Round Table and, in return, we rely on the goodwill of our members who volunteer with us at their events, which this year have included a very hot and sweaty day helping at the Ilkley Half Marathon and - at the other end of the scale - the Santa Sleigh round Ilkley on a cold December evening!



"The best thing about AWARE is the community of families in similar situations."



90% of professionals said AWARE's work has helped the general public to have an increased awareness of autism

Thank you!

Every year, we are blown away by the kindness and generosity shown by local businesses and organisations and - of course - many of our amazing members!

We are sorry if we miss out anyone from our thank yous but please know we are so grateful to each and every person who helps us!



We are so pleased that Green Lane Primary has proved a hit for our Stay & Plays - we have been running sessions there for over a year now and have now started running BEAT Urdu training there, too - thank you Jane Townend and all the staff at Green Lane!

A huge thank you to two amazing members, whose kindness and dedication to AWARE is just outstanding: Karen Mitchell and Ben Phillips (plus your fantastic colleagues at Universal Live); thank you for ALL you do!

Thank you to the Hive, Specialist Autism Services, Wycliffe School, Keighley College and Trinity Centre for letting us use your premises - it is a HUGE help!

Thank you to all the very generous members who have made donations to AWARE this year, whether via taking part in our Lottery or shopping schemes or by donating money. Thank you for making a difference through your compassion and generosity - helping us to support our amazing members better.

Ilkley Round Table (IRT) is a longstanding financial supporter of AWARE and we would like to thank not only IRT but also all the members who have offered to volunteer at the events they run, not only taking the opportunity to give back, but also to help raise further funds for charities such as AWARE and to spread autism awareness!

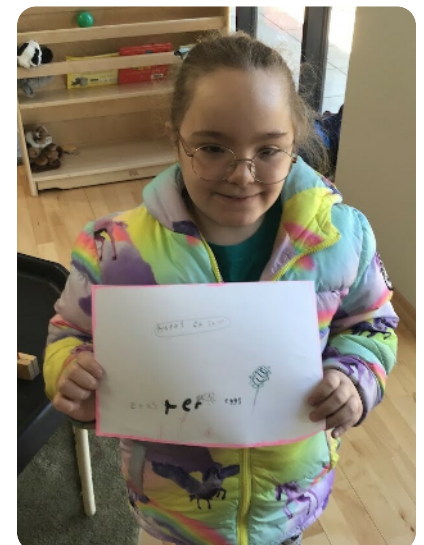
Talking of autism awareness and acceptance, a MASSIVE thanks to all members who supported our very successful World Autism Acceptance Day Event! A big thank you to Sian, Bradford City's Events Coordinator - plus her wonderful staff - who helped make WAAD so successful.



We would like also to thank:

Adamson Trust, Arnold Clark, Awards for All, Baily Thomas, Ben Phillips and Universal Live, Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Co-op, Girdlington Community Centre, Green Lane Primary School, Keighley College, NHS, Reaching Communities, Saltaire Cabaret, Sovereign Health Care, Specialist Autism Services, The Trinity Centre, Wycliffe CE Primary School and Yorkshire Cricket Club.

Plus everyone who helped us raise money and donated to us via Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising, Local Giving, One Lottery and PayPal Giving Fund.







I hope you do realise how important of a role you play in people's lives

AWARE is the only group that gives me such good support

The EarlyBird course was life-changing

I was feeling lost and super emotional and finally someone listened and offered help and gave me people and organisations to contact

My son has been given the opportunity to socialise with neurodivergent peers

I can never thank you enough for your help!

Your support is so easy to access

I like that it's the only place where you receive ongoing support and can share experiences and make genuine connections with people in the same situations as yourself

The staff 'get it'; they not only have a huge amount of knowledge but also a lived experience

AWARE feels like a community

AWARE has given me confidence!

All of my support has come from AWARE

AWARE has helped my son get his confidence back

My child couldn't access these opportunities elsewhere

The fact that the staff are parents who understand just makes it for me

It has been a constant in our lives for twenty years

We would be very isolated if it wasn't for aware



Arnold Clark



City of
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The Big Local Keighley logo. It features the words 'BIG LOCAL' in a row of colored boxes (B: grey, I: grey, G: grey, L: yellow, O: green, C: blue, A: red, L: orange). Below this is the word 'Keighley' in a black script font. To the left are the National Lottery logo (a hand with the index finger pointing up) and the Big Lottery Fund logo (a blue circle with 'BIG LOTTERY FUND' text). Below these are the words 'NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED', 'Local Trust', and 'Big Local'.

The National Lottery Community Fund logo. It features the National Lottery hand logo on the left and the words 'COMMUNITY FUND' in a bold, pink, sans-serif font on the right.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023



Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Rebecca Smith	Treasurer	Resigned 7 February 2023
Catharine Worsley Tomlinson	Treasurer	Appointed 8 November 2022
Lorna Gray		
Nathan Randell		
Lynne Fryer		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		
Jill Cook		Appointed 8 November 2022
Charity number	1172753	Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

2 Royd House Way
Keighley
BD21 4TY

Bankers

CAF Bank	Virgin Money plc	Shawbrook Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue	Jubilee House	Warley Hill Business Park
Kings Hill	Gosforth	Great Warley
West Malling	Newcastle upon Tyne	Brentwood
ME19 4JQ	NE3 4PL	Essex CM13 3BE

Independent examiner

E J Beverley
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 25 April 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

(a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers.

(b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition, and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

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Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £7,002, including net payments of £648 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £7,650 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £29,634.

AWARE has a wish to have between 3 and 6 months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major issue such as loss of funding.

Approved by the board of trustees on 07/11/2023

Geoffrey Winnard (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

E J Beverley

10/11/2023

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2023	2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	14,530	155,094	169,624	112,911
Fees and subscriptions		12,797	-	12,797	11,528
Fundraising		3,755	1,069	4,824	4,913
Bank interest		513	-	513	698
Total receipts		31,595	156,163	187,758	130,050
Payments					
Staff costs		7,005	115,512	122,517	99,312
Travel and other staff costs		32	1,227	1,259	1,629
Staff training		-	40	40	86
Volunteer and committee expenses		150	97	247	779
Rent and office space		1,138	338	1,476	1,362
Maintenance		-	-	-	23
Administration, postage and stationery		764	246	1,010	756
Telephone and broadband		844	631	1,475	1,167
Insurance		1,130	-	1,130	1,011
Books, publications and subscriptions		1,271	384	1,655	1,284
Independent examination		744	-	744	744
Equipment and materials		860	688	1,548	2,822
Activities and events		8,770	13,059	21,829	10,379
Health and safety		-	-	-	22
IT costs		99	835	934	881
Business development		231	337	568	171
Training		7,508	15,078	22,586	20,002
DBS checks		25	26	51	302
Bank charges		116	-	116	226
Uniforms		1,556	-	1,556	-
Recruitment costs		-	15	15	-
Total payments		32,243	148,513	180,756	142,958
Net income / (expenditure)		(648)	7,650	7,002	(12,908)
Fund balances brought forward		30,282	93,623	123,905	136,813
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	29,634	101,273	130,907	123,905

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	27,978	101,273	129,251	122,695
Cash in hand	1,656	-	1,656	1,210
Total cash funds	<u>29,634</u>	<u>101,273</u>	<u>130,907</u>	<u>123,905</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity retains a full list of all equipment and resources

Liabilities

Independent examination	£
Pension	1,200
HMRC	979
	<u>4,049</u>
	<u>6,228</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 07/11/2023

Geoffrey Winnard (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2023

2 Grants and donations	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Bradford MDC Early Years Grant	-	13,125	13,125	5,250
Ilkley Round Table	-	7,474	7,474	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	90,000	90,000	90,000
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	-	43,290	43,290	-
Skipton Building Society	-	994	994	-
World Autism Acceptance Day Awards for All	1,000	-	1,000	-
Other donations	-	-	-	9,960
	13,530	211	13,741	7,701
	<u>14,530</u>	<u>155,094</u>	<u>169,624</u>	<u>112,911</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
BMDC - Early Years Grant	13,476	13,255	8,679	-	18,052
Adamson Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
Awards for All	908	-	908	-	-
Bailey Thomas	8,000	161	8,161	-	-
Ilkley Round Table	2,305	8,463	7,904	-	2,864
Jump	1,106	-	600	-	506
Lottery Community Fund	38,147	90,000	88,280	-	39,867
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	26,003	43,290	30,517	-	38,776
Sovereign Healthcare	2,678	-	2,464	-	214
Skipton Building Society	-	994	-	-	994
	<u>93,623</u>	<u>156,163</u>	<u>148,513</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,273</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

BMDC - Early Years Grant	Towards the costs of parent training and running the Saturday Club.
Adamson Trust	Towards the costs of residentials. The transfer relates to a balance adjustment.
Awards for All	Towards the costs of parent training.
Bailey Thomas	Towards the costs of residentials.
Ilkley Round Table	Towards the costs of residentials.
Jump	To deliver sports themed activity days.
Lottery Community Fund	Towards salaries and all other general running costs.
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	To fund pre-diagnosis support for parents and carers.
Sovereign Healthcare	Towards the costs of residentials.
Skipton Building Society	Towards activity costs.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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E J Beverley

Signed:

Name: E J Beverley

10/11/2023

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Children's
& young
people's
activities

Autism
awareness &
acceptance



Parent
support
sessions



Online
resources



Parent &
carer
training



Peer
support



A huge welcome to everyone to our annual report for 2021/22.

The whole of the AWARE staff have been very busy this year continuing to bring our members the activities, training and the support that they need.

The newsletter goes from strength to strength informing families of what is on offer both from us and from other charities and agencies.

The Facebook group now has 674 members who all support each other virtually, with members making some amazing connections with people that they would not have met any other way. It is amazing to see some really strong friendships being forged.

We have welcomed a lot of new families along to Youth Club, Saturday Club and Stay & Play sessions. It is lovely to see so many families enjoying their time together and with other families in a safe, accommodating space. It has been so nice to get our children and young people's clubs back to being face to

face this year. Everyone is so happy to be back seeing their friends properly again and interacting like they used to. Our Project Worker, Tracey Firth, is doing an amazing job with our team of support staff working with both families and young people at all of our clubs.

We are very happy to have been able to bring Stay & Play closer to families in Bradford, both in Cottingley and more recently at Green Lane Primary School, where we are very lucky to have use of the building and playgrounds in a location so close to the city centre. It has been fantastic to see so many families there that could not access our sessions out at Addingham.

We have a small group of volunteers who help out on a regular basis at all of our clubs but we are always happy to have more. We couldn't continue to do what we do without their help and dedication.

The BEAT Project, funded by the NHS, continues to grow steadily and we now have three family support workers: Kizzi, Rakhshandah & Javaria, who all work closely with families.

Nikki and Lillie are presenting the EarlyBird courses, whilst Nikki and Margaret deliver the EarlyBird+ course. These are both via Zoom, which is working very well for families. Margaret and a small team of trainers are the faces of the

BEAT training course, which is for our members who do not have a diagnosis for their child. We will soon be bringing back the Cygnet PSR (Puberty, Sexuality & Relationships) course which will be face to face with parents. All of our training is going extremely well and I would like to say a huge thank you to all who are involved.

The AWARE committee, chaired by Geoff Winnard, continue to support the staff in everything that they do. I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of the whole team and our members for the committee's continued support.

Project Manager, Rachel Miller





Welcome to AWARE's 2021/22 annual report.

After a prolonged period of Covid lockdowns and restrictions it is great to see that the AWARE team have worked hard over the last year to return, when safe, to a normal programme of activities and events to support children and families affected by autism.

We should also remember that throughout the period of the pandemic restrictions AWARE has never stopped striving to achieve its mission statement even when face-to-face events and some of our traditional fundraising activities have not been possible

During the last year our dedicated AWARE team started to reintroduce events, clubs, trips and meetings (initially with reduced numbers of children) whilst also retaining some of the new ways to support our members, such as holding regular Zoom sessions with guest speakers.

We have continued to work on improving our communications with members by developing further our monthly newsletter, regular e-updates

and our presence on Facebook. We know that different families have different needs and like to engage with us in different ways.

The support AWARE offers has continued to receive positive feedback from our members and service users; however, we are always open to suggestions of how we can better deliver our services and activities so please get in touch if you have any feedback or ideas.

In terms of activities I would highlight in particular the successful World Autism Awareness Day event at Bradford City's football ground which was a great success that enabled AWARE to work alongside a number of important stakeholders to provide advice and support to families affected by autism.

I never cease to be impressed by the range of activities that AWARE continues to deliver and the commitment and professionalism of our staff, volunteers and committee members.

Many thanks to Rachel Miller and Margaret Nash for their leadership of the team and to the rest of the staff for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in ensuring that our various services are delivered.

I am grateful to my fellow trustees for their contribution and advice over the last year – the trustees have continued to meet regularly via Zoom to ensure that AWARE continues to operate and determine its priorities in a realistic and financially-sustainable way.

We all remain committed to ensuring that AWARE continues to maintain its unique ethos as a parent-run group supporting families with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum. I would like to thank our members, volunteers, and all the organisations who have helped to fund our activities for your continued support.

***Chair,
Geoff Winnard***



Some of the feedback given by our members this year:

It's helped me embrace my children's differences and we've become a much happier fun family, who laugh and do more stuff together

AWARE do an amazing job! Where would all your families be without you

So welcoming and you can try new activities in a safe environment.

It really has helped me feel less isolated and anxious which in turn has empowered me to better support the children

My child can play and express himself openly without being judged

I find the Facebook group really helps me not feel alone

VALUING THE INDIVIDUAL

The majority of our parents and carers said being part of AWARE has helped their child feel valued as an individual

The more we as a society learn about autism, the more we realise just how different 'autism' can look from person to person.

This is why we at AWARE are determined to be a group that strives to cater for all autistic children and young people.

Whilst we cannot guarantee we can always meet every need, we



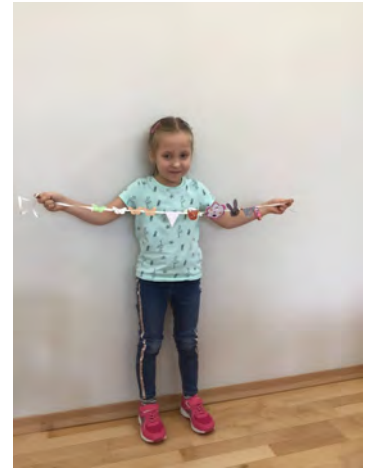
try our best and we hope that our variety of groups and events reflect this.

Our sessions attract people with many different levels and types of support needs. For example, we always ensure that there are a wide variety of activities available at our Stay & Play and Saturday Club sessions - sensory play, sports activities and crafts are just a few of the attractions on offer; some autistic children love messy play while others intensely dislike it, so we would never expect all attendees to want to do the same thing.

We ensure that we employ staff who are experienced in autism and are aware of the variety of ways it can present alongside other challenges that can go with it. For example, we have some staff who are able to use Makaton to help children who communicate this way.

We also ensure that valuing the individual is a mantra carried over into our parent support, whether on Zoom sessions, in face-to-face groups or in our member-only Facebook group. While we encourage healthy debate and discussion, we actively promote respect of each

"AWARE offers a positive, inclusive safe space where the children can just be themselves without having to mask or parents having to overly police their environment"



others' opinions and experiences to ensure that everyone feels comfortable sharing their stories or asking questions.

Our Zoom Support Group sessions go from strength to strength, with Nikki organising a wide variety of external speakers to attend.





We realise that parents' and carers' support needs can differ enormously.

Because of this, we cover a wide range of topics, such as children's mental health; their own wellbeing as carers; education issues; speech and language; benefits and finance; sleep problems, eating issues and much, much more!

We also aim to not only show awareness of, but embrace, the rich ethnic diversity of our members.

"During the stay and play my son was gently introduced to staff and volunteers and everything was done at a slower pace. Thank you for using makaton and gestures to support my child"



We have this year employed our second Urdu-speaking member of staff, Javaria, who is working alongside Rakhshandah in supporting Urdu-speaking members.



We continue to grow our presence closer to and within Bradford itself, where some groups of parents previously had little support and opportunities to attend events in their local area.

In our survey results last year, lots of members asked for play sessions in Bradford and the new Stay & Play sessions at Green Lane we are now running have been really well received,

"They are open to all. The events that I have seen show the diversity of the area"

VALUING THE INDIVIDUAL continued

"Previously she had locked herself away in her room and got stuck, not able to make friends. Now she knows she will hang out with people who accept her and understand her"



A PLACE TO BELONG & BE UNDERSTOOD

96% of our parents and carers said that being an AWARE member had made them feel less isolated

Research by Family Fund says that parents and carers of disabled children are almost seven times more likely to say they often or always feel lonely, compared to the general population.

We are so proud to see that the vast majority of our members feel that AWARE has helped with this.



It doesn't matter whether members come to each and every event we hold or just read our newsletters and the posts in our closed Facebook group; even just reading about others' experiences can help with feelings of loneliness.

"The support is always amazing and you never judge"

Members have commented on the fact that attending AWARE groups is the only time they and their children can truly relax as they feel they belong there. They don't feel they need to explain their child's behaviour and can - if they are lucky! - even manage a sit down and a chat with people in similar situations.



Even for children and young people who attend mainstream schools, it is really important that they are given opportunities to mix with other autistic people and our children's and young people's groups offer the perfect way to do this.



"The best thing about AWARE is the community of families in similar situations."

Being able to restart more of our children's and young people's groups has been brilliant and our Trip Club and Moving On Clubs have had some fantastic times getting to know each other again and enjoying each other's company.

The days before getting a diagnosis can be some of the most lonely and isolating - not to mention worrying - and this is where our BEAT project shines. Parents who have done our BEAT courses have said how lovely it was to finally meet people who understood how difficult those early days can be. In much the same way to our EarlyBird and EarlyBird Plus courses, the training offers a much-needed chance to gain a support network of people they can identify with.





We have had stands at colleges and the University, allowing us to not only recruit more volunteers but also to spread awareness about autism and about what we do.

However, the highlight of the past year has to have been our WAAD - World Autism Awareness Day - event at Bradford City. We welcomed around 400 people to our event, which had stallholders from a wide range of support services and clubs, from the NHS to sports clubs to Nebula, the brilliant group for autistic girls.

Fulfilling our objective of 'Being in the Community' was one of the more challenging aspects of COVID, with events cancelled and restrictions in place.



We are really pleased to be able to get out and about again!

We have resumed visits to schools, with our amazing BEAT team going in to talk to staff and parents about autism and AWARE.

"Having a stall at WAAD was our first 'live' event since the start of the pandemic and the atmosphere that was created encouraged participation and networking, all in an environment of safety and security"

"It was good to have a single place to gain so much knowledge about what's available"

The main piece of positive feedback was just how useful it was to have so many useful services in one place - it truly is a one-stop-shop!

We also noticed lots of attendees chatting with each other, which was lovely to see.

BEING IN THE COMMUNITY

"We need more of these, to help those who are isolated in our community"

AWARE relies on its good relationships with other local organisations in many ways and this event was a great way of strengthening those relationships and also allowing the attendees to network with each other and find out more about other charities, groups and services.

We hope to run many more such events in future!



LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

Our members are always at the heart of what we do, and we believe that the help they give each other is one of the very best things about AWARE.



It is wonderful to see members sharing their own experiences and coming up with useful suggestions to help each other both virtually and in person.

We were so impressed with the support for sleep issues that one member provided to others that we invited her to present a Zoom for us, which she did very successfully. She has now gone on to train to be



a sleep practitioner to help more families who are struggling.

AWARE staff are all parents of autistic people ourselves, but we are always learning too. We have recently invited one of our members to help us with the wording of our leaflet, ensuring we reflect up-to-date thinking on how to talk about autism.

"It's good to know I can get advice from people who 'get it' "

We are also immensely grateful for the members - most of whom are also parent carers - who have expertise in areas of interest to our families and who freely share their wisdom.

Our parent training always gets booked up quickly and for good reason: families tell us they really appreciate being able to learn from each others' experiences.

Our BEAT programme goes from strength to strength. Parents and carers have found it so useful that we now have

face-to-face meet ups as well as the training course and WhatsApp groups, including a separate group for Urdu-speakers

"The best thing about AWARE is the kindness and support shown by its members"

While some of our groups may be primarily for children and young people, it is nice to see parents making connections and having a rare chance to chat, share problems and give each other advice and help.

We love seeing our children and young people learning from each other, whether it is a teenager with a challenging activity on residential or younger children doing Lego at Stay & Play.

Friendships are not always straightforward for our children and having a safe place to form relationships, where there is no judgement and they can truly relax, is - for us - one of the most important aspects of AWARE.



AWARE would not be where we are today if it wasn't for the many, many people who help us by volunteering their time, raising money, donating money and providing us with room hire free of charge and much, much more!

We apologise if we have not managed to name each and every one of you individually but please know how very grateful we are: you're all awesome.

We have been able to kick start Stay & Play sessions in Bradford thanks to Green Lane Primary, who have so kindly let us use their premises free of charge!

Karen Mitchell - a massive thank you to you for all that you do, both in organising and running stalls for us at galas throughout the area. Another member mention: this time Ben Phillips from Universal who is taking on the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge for us in July to raise money - good luck from all of us, Ben!

A big shout out for The Hive in Silsden for letting us hold Cook Club and the fashion show there but also generally being amazingly supportive.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped at Ilkley Round Table's Beer festival, Santa Float and Ilkley half marathon - we know your time is very precious and we really appreciate it. Thank you so much Ilkley Round Table for your continued support for AWARE.

Thank you to each and every one of our volunteers, including those who volunteered at WAAD and helped make the event the success that it was.

Last but not least, we are so grateful to everyone who added a donation on to their membership at such a financially hard time for everyone.

We would like also to thank:...

Adamson Trust, Arnold Clark, Awards for All, Baily Thomas, Ben Phillips and Universal Live, Bradford Metropolitan District Council, Chip N Ern, Co-op, Great Universal, Jump, the Lightowler family, The Lodge, NHS, Reaching Communities and Sovereign Health Care.

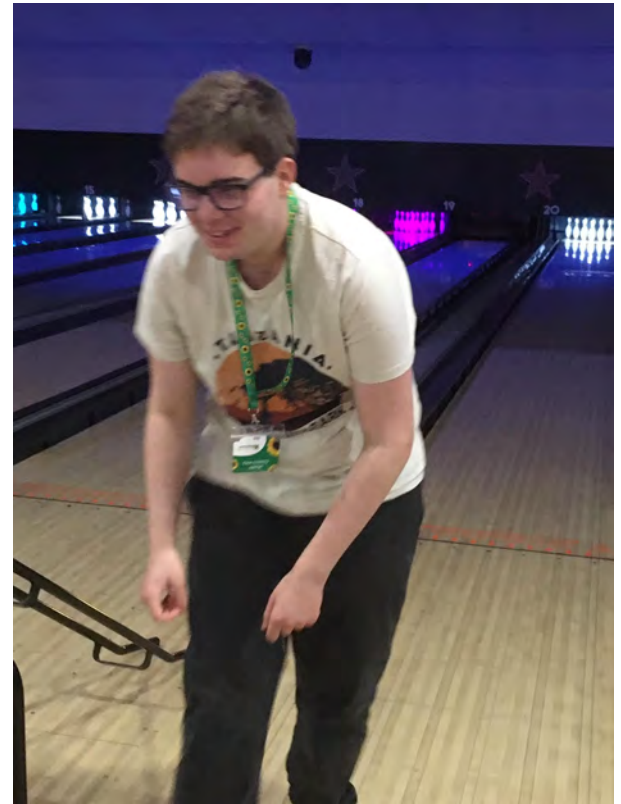
Plus everyone who helped us raise money and donated to us via Amazon Smile, Easy Fundraising, Local Giving, One Lottery and PayPal Giving Fund.



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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Rebecca Smith	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Karen Mitchell		Resigned 6 July 2021
Nathan Randell		
Lynne Fryer		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		

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BD21 4TY

Bankers

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25 Kings Hill Avenue	Jubilee House	Warley Hill Business Park
Kings Hill	Gosforth	Great Warley
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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 25 April 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- (a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers.
- (b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition, and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

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Geoff Winnard, Chair

Financial review

Net expenditure for the year was £12,908, including net expenditure of £18,914 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £6,006 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £30,282.

AWARE has a wish to have between 3 and 6 months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major issue such as loss of funding.

This policy will be considered again during the current year to ensure it is still appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 25/07/2022

Rebecca Smith (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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Stephen Procter

25/07/2022

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	7,701	105,210	112,911	125,418
Fees and subscriptions		11,528	-	11,528	10,058
Fundraising		4,913	-	4,913	488
Refreshments		-	-	-	96
Bank interest		698	-	698	242
Total receipts		<u>24,840</u>	<u>105,210</u>	<u>130,050</u>	<u>136,302</u>
Payments					
Staff costs		24,392	74,920	99,312	85,570
Travel and other staff costs		1,612	17	1,629	692
Staff training		86	-	86	796
Volunteer and committee expenses		598	181	779	183
Rent and office space		1,182	180	1,362	962
Maintenance		23	-	23	11
Administration, postage and stationery		734	22	756	392
Telephone and broadband		764	403	1,167	1,141
Insurance		1,011	-	1,011	1,004
Books, publications and subscriptions		921	363	1,284	524
Independent examination		744	-	744	744
Equipment and materials		1,174	1,648	2,822	573
Activities and events		7,850	2,529	10,379	2,302
Health and safety		22	-	22	337
IT costs		881	-	881	814
Business development		171	-	171	-
Training		1,061	18,941	20,002	21,320
DBS checks		302	-	302	131
Bank charges		226	-	226	156
Other payments		-	-	-	28
Total payments		<u>43,754</u>	<u>99,204</u>	<u>142,958</u>	<u>117,680</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>(18,914)</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>(12,908)</u>	<u>18,622</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>49,196</u>	<u>87,617</u>	<u>136,813</u>	<u>118,191</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>30,282</u>	<u>93,623</u>	<u>123,905</u>	<u>136,813</u>

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	29,072	93,623	122,695	136,309
Cash in hand	1,210	-	1,210	504
Total cash funds	<u>30,282</u>	<u>93,623</u>	<u>123,905</u>	<u>136,813</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity retains a full list of all equipment and resources

Liabilities

HMRC	£
Pension	6,054
Independent examination	421
	<u>744</u>
	<u>7,219</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25/07/2022

Rebecca Smith (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2022

2 Grants and donations	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Awards for All	-	9,960	9,960	-
Bradford MDC Early Years Grant	-	5,250	5,250	15,000
Groundworks (Tesco)	-	-	-	1,000
Local Giving	-	-	-	190
Lottery Community Fund	-	90,000	90,000	30,500
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	-	-	-	61,732
UK Youth Fund	-	-	-	10,906
Other donations	7,701	-	7,701	6,090
	<u>7,701</u>	<u>105,210</u>	<u>112,911</u>	<u>125,418</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
BMDC - Early Years Grant	14,155	5,250	5,929	-	13,476
Adamson Trust	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Awards for All	-	9,960	9,052	-	908
Bailey Thomas	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Ilkley Round Table	6,118	-	3,813	-	2,305
Jump	1,465	-	359	-	1,106
Lottery Community Fund	3,426	90,000	55,279	-	38,147
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	48,453	-	22,450	-	26,003
Sovereign Healthcare	5,000	-	2,322	-	2,678
	<u>87,617</u>	<u>105,210</u>	<u>99,204</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,623</u>

Fund name

Purpose of restriction

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Lottery Community Fund	Towards salaries and all other general running costs.
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	To fund pre-diagnosis support for parents and carers.
Sovereign Healthcare	Towards the costs of residential.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Rebecca Smith	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Karen Mitchell		Resigned 6 July 2021
Nathan Randell		
Lynne Fryer		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		

Charity number 1172753 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

2 Royd House Way
Keighley
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Bankers

CAF Bank	Virgin Money plc	Shawbrook Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue	Jubilee House	Warley Hill Business Park
Kings Hill	Gosforth	Great Warley
West Malling	Newcastle upon Tyne	Brentwood
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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 25 April 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- (a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers.
- (b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition, and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

After a prolonged period of Covid lockdowns and restrictions it is great to see that the AWARE team have worked hard over the last year to return, when safe, to a normal programme of activities and events to support children and families affected by autism. We should also remember that throughout the period of the pandemic restrictions AWARE has never stopped striving to achieve its mission statement even when face-to-face events and some of our traditional fundraising activities have not been possible.

During the last year our dedicated AWARE team started to reintroduce events, clubs, trips and meetings (initially with reduced numbers of children) whilst also retaining some of the new ways to support our members, such as holding regular Zoom sessions with guest speakers. We have continued to work on improving our communications with members by developing further our monthly newsletter, regular e-updates and our presence on Facebook.

We know that different families have different needs and like to engage with us in different ways. The support AWARE offers has continued to receive positive feedback from our members and service users; however, we are always open to suggestions of how we can better deliver our services and activities so please get in touch if you have any feedback or ideas.

I would highlight in particular the successful World Autism Awareness Day event at Bradford City's football ground which was a great success that enabled AWARE to work alongside a number of important stakeholders to provide advice and support to families affected by autism.

I never cease to be impressed by the range of activities that AWARE continues to deliver and the commitment and professionalism of our staff, volunteers and committee members. Many thanks to Rachel Miller and Margaret Nash for their leadership of the team and to the rest of the staff for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm in ensuring that our various services are delivered.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

I am grateful to my fellow trustees for their contribution and advice over the last year. The trustees have continued to meet regularly via Zoom to ensure that AWARE continues to operate and determine its priorities in a realistic and financially-sustainable way. We all remain committed to ensuring that AWARE continues to maintain its unique ethos as a parent-run group supporting families with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum. I would like to thank our members, volunteers, and all the organisations who have helped to fund our activities for your continued support.

Geoff Winnard, Chair

Financial review

Net expenditure for the year was £12,908, including net expenditure of £18,914 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £6,006 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £30,282.

AWARE has a wish to have between 3 and 6 months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major issue such as loss of funding.

This policy will be considered again during the current year to ensure it is still appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 25/07/2022

Rebecca Smith (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Stephen Procter

25/07/2022

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	7,701	105,210	112,911	125,418
Fees and subscriptions		11,528	-	11,528	10,058
Fundraising		4,913	-	4,913	488
Refreshments		-	-	-	96
Bank interest		698	-	698	242
Total receipts		<u>24,840</u>	<u>105,210</u>	<u>130,050</u>	<u>136,302</u>
Payments					
Staff costs		24,392	74,920	99,312	85,570
Travel and other staff costs		1,612	17	1,629	692
Staff training		86	-	86	796
Volunteer and committee expenses		598	181	779	183
Rent and office space		1,182	180	1,362	962
Maintenance		23	-	23	11
Administration, postage and stationery		734	22	756	392
Telephone and broadband		764	403	1,167	1,141
Insurance		1,011	-	1,011	1,004
Books, publications and subscriptions		921	363	1,284	524
Independent examination		744	-	744	744
Equipment and materials		1,174	1,648	2,822	573
Activities and events		7,850	2,529	10,379	2,302
Health and safety		22	-	22	337
IT costs		881	-	881	814
Business development		171	-	171	-
Training		1,061	18,941	20,002	21,320
DBS checks		302	-	302	131
Bank charges		226	-	226	156
Other payments		-	-	-	28
Total payments		<u>43,754</u>	<u>99,204</u>	<u>142,958</u>	<u>117,680</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>(18,914)</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>(12,908)</u>	<u>18,622</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>49,196</u>	<u>87,617</u>	<u>136,813</u>	<u>118,191</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>30,282</u>	<u>93,623</u>	<u>123,905</u>	<u>136,813</u>

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2022

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	29,072	93,623	122,695	136,309
Cash in hand	1,210	-	1,210	504
Total cash funds	<u>30,282</u>	<u>93,623</u>	<u>123,905</u>	<u>136,813</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

The charity retains a full list of all equipment and resources

Liabilities

HMRC	£
Pension	6,054
Independent examination	421
	<u>744</u>
	<u>7,219</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25/07/2022

Rebecca Smith (Trustee)

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

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Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

AIREDALE AND WHARFEDALE AUTISM RESOURCE

England & Wales - Charity number 1172753

Accounts

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Rebecca Smith	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Karen Mitchell		
Nathan Randell		
Andie Joy		Resigned 6 July 2020
Lynne Fryer		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		Appointed 6 July 2020

Charity number 1172753

Principal address

2 Royd House Way
Keighley
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Bankers

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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

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Structure, governance and management

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

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Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

AWARE has been actively looking for new ways of working and opportunities for partnership to support our growing membership throughout the pandemic and, in particular, to reach out to families in Bradford who are not yet part of the AWARE community. Most of AWARE's face to face support in this period was on hold because of the COVID-19 restrictions but we did our best to support our families in different and new ways and we believe that the huge increase of 47.5% in our membership since March 2019 shows a) how much we are needed and b) how successful we have been at adapting.

We are continuing to run our Moving On group on Zoom, although meeting up in person when allowed. Our various parenting activities (support groups and training) are also facilitated on Zoom, mainly during term-time. Throughout the pandemic in particular, our Facebook profile has increased greatly with more members joining the closed group and many more visitors to AWARE's open page.

In the first lockdown, we were unable to run youth clubs and play schemes, but we have been allowed to offer this face to face support to families, albeit in a very different format with fewer people, since the end of July (apart from when we had a local lockdown). We have also been running play schemes with similarly reduced numbers in all the school holidays.

As a result of our BEAT project we are working more intensively with families whose child/young person is on the assessment waiting lists and we are also working closely with various partners (Born in Bradford, MyMup and the Local offer) through parent and youth led focus groups on Zoom to reflect the autism perspective.

Covid-19

The financial position of the charity is reviewed on a regular basis. The charity's accountant produces monthly budgets/forecasts/financial statements. These are provided to the Trustees and discussed at quarterly management meetings. Income and expenditure is broken down by income stream so that variances and changes can be readily identified.

As part of the 2021 Lottery Community Fund application we undertook a detailed review of forecast income and expenditure, as required, to demonstrate to the Lottery Funding Panel that AWARE could deliver on several key outcomes. A key element of the application to the Lottery was the preparation of forecasts from 2021 to 2024, including details of key assumptions and risk factors.

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Covid-19 (continued)

Also as part of the Lottery funding application the charity determined that if the application was unsuccessful this would cast doubt on our ability to continue as a going concern. In March 2021 we were notified that our funding application had been successful and AWARE was awarded £425,000 for the years 2021 to 2025.

Future grant income is therefore secure in the short to medium term. Whilst there has been some impact on fundraising in other areas due to the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, we expect fundraising activities will recover in the short term as restrictions are lifted.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £18,622, including net expenditure of £5,111 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £23,733 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £49,196.

AWARE has a wish to have between 3 and 6 months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major issue such as loss of funding.

This policy will be considered again during the current year to ensure it is still appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the

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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.

Signed: Name: Stephen Procter

Date:

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	7,090	118,328	125,418	106,678
Fees and subscriptions		10,058	-	10,058	12,048
Fundraising		488	-	488	3,847
Refreshments		96	-	96	665
Bank interest		242	-	242	282
Total receipts		17,974	118,328	136,302	123,520
Payments					
Staff costs	(3)	15,453	70,117	85,570	88,778
Travel and other staff costs		78	614	692	3,579
Staff training		47	749	796	4,332
Volunteer and committee expenses		183	-	183	1,159
Rent and office space		-	962	962	808
Maintenance		-	11	11	228
Administration, postage and stationery		57	335	392	885
Telephone and broadband		55	1,086	1,141	715
Insurance		1,004	-	1,004	984
Books, publications and subscriptions		-	524	524	269
Independent examination		-	744	744	720
Equipment and materials		-	573	573	947
Activities and events		1,518	784	2,302	19,149
Health and safety		39	298	337	-
Professional fees		-	-	-	24
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	650
IT costs		312	502	814	905
Business development		-	-	-	977
Training		5,330	15,990	21,320	14,452
DBS checks		-	131	131	118
Bank charges		95	61	156	149
Other payments		28	-	28	224
Total payments		24,199	93,481	117,680	140,052
Net receipts / (payments)		(6,225)	24,847	18,622	(16,532)
Transfers between funds		1,114	(1,114)	-	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		(5,111)	23,733	18,622	(16,532)
Fund balances brought forward		54,307	63,884	118,191	134,723
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	49,196	87,617	136,813	118,191

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
CAF Cash account	1,355	43,164	44,519	21,049
CAF Gold account	639	26,453	27,092	27,080
Shawbrook deposit account	22,120	-	22,120	21,891
Virgin Money	24,578	18,000	42,578	42,578
Santander current account	-	-	-	4,518
Santander deposit account	-	-	-	38
Cash in hand	504	-	504	1,037
Total cash funds	<u>49,196</u>	<u>87,617</u>	<u>136,813</u>	<u>118,191</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

5 laptop computers
 2 colour laser printers
 Trampoline and accessories (spotting decks, 4 safety mats, lifter)
 3 i-pads
 Pool table
 Bouncy castle
 Light suite installed at Addingham Youth Centre
 Computer games consoles, games and accessories
 (2 x X Box 360, Wii, 3 x PlayStation 2)
 Electric cooker
 Camera equipment - 8 digital cameras and 3 photo printers

Liabilities

Independent examination	£
HMRC payroll taxes and pension	744
	<u>2,208</u>
	<u>2,952</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2021

2 Grants and donations	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Bradford MDC - Saturday Club	-	2,500	2,500	1,810
Bradford MDC Early Years Grant	-	12,500	12,500	7,240
Groundworks (Tesco)	1,000	-	1,000	-
Local Giving	-	190	190	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	30,500	30,500	61,000
NHS Pre-Diagnosis (BEAT)	-	61,732	61,732	-
UK Youth Fund	-	10,906	10,906	-
Adamson Trust	-	-	-	1,000
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5 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Charity number 1172753

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2021



West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Geoff Winnard	Chair	
Rebecca Smith	Treasurer	
Lorna Gray		
Karen Mitchell		
Nathan Randell		
Andie Joy		Resigned 6 July 2020
Lynne Fryer		
Laura Bolton		
Ann McKercher		
Jas Baxter		Appointed 6 July 2020

Charity number 1172753

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Independent examiner

Stephen Procter

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Stringer House
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 25 April 2017.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

The relief of need and the advancement of the health and wellbeing of people of all ages who have an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions), whether or not formally diagnosed, and their families and carers; in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision of support and social opportunities.

The advancement of education, in particular, but not exclusively by:

(a) Increasing public awareness of the needs and challenges of people with an autistic spectrum condition (and who may suffer from related conditions) and their families and carers.

(b) By providing information and training opportunities to individuals with an autistic spectrum condition and to people working with or supporting individuals with an autistic spectrum condition.

The charity's main activities

To relieve people of all ages who are diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder and in particular by the provision of support and assistance to such persons and their families and their carers.

To increase public awareness regarding the problems and circumstances of people with autistic spectrum disorders and their families and carers and to encourage acceptance in the community.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the support of families and children living with autism in the Airedale and Wharfedale areas.

Achievements and performance

AWARE has been actively looking for new ways of working and opportunities for partnership to support our growing membership throughout the pandemic and, in particular, to reach out to families in Bradford who are not yet part of the AWARE community. Most of AWARE's face to face support in this period was on hold because of the COVID-19 restrictions but we did our best to support our families in different and new ways and we believe that the huge increase of 47.5% in our membership since March 2019 shows a) how much we are needed and b) how successful we have been at adapting.

We are continuing to run our Moving On group on Zoom, although meeting up in person when allowed. Our various parenting activities (support groups and training) are also facilitated on Zoom, mainly during term-time. Throughout the pandemic in particular, our Facebook profile has increased greatly with more members joining the closed group and many more visitors to AWARE's open page.

In the first lockdown, we were unable to run youth clubs and play schemes, but we have been allowed to offer this face to face support to families, albeit in a very different format with fewer people, since the end of July (apart from when we had a local lockdown). We have also been running play schemes with similarly reduced numbers in all the school holidays.

As a result of our BEAT project we are working more intensively with families whose child/young person is on the assessment waiting lists and we are also working closely with various partners (Born in Bradford, MyMup and the Local offer) through parent and youth led focus groups on Zoom to reflect the autism perspective.

Covid-19

The financial position of the charity is reviewed on a regular basis. The charity's accountant produces monthly budgets/forecasts/financial statements. These are provided to the Trustees and discussed at quarterly management meetings. Income and expenditure is broken down by income stream so that variances and changes can be readily identified.

As part of the 2021 Lottery Community Fund application we undertook a detailed review of forecast income and expenditure, as required, to demonstrate to the Lottery Funding Panel that AWARE could deliver on several key outcomes. A key element of the application to the Lottery was the preparation of forecasts from 2021 to 2024, including details of key assumptions and risk factors.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2021

Covid-19 (continued)

Also as part of the Lottery funding application the charity determined that if the application was unsuccessful this would cast doubt on our ability to continue as a going concern. In March 2021 we were notified that our funding application had been successful and AWARE was awarded £425,000 for the years 2021 to 2025.

Future grant income is therefore secure in the short to medium term. Whilst there has been some impact on fundraising in other areas due to the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, we expect fundraising activities will recover in the short term as restrictions are lifted.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £18,622, including net expenditure of £5,111 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £23,733 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves at the year end were £49,196.

AWARE has a wish to have between 3 and 6 months running costs in cash reserves in case of a major issue such as loss of funding.

This policy will be considered again during the current year to ensure it is still appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: Name: Stephen Procter

Date:

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Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	7,090	118,328	125,418	106,678
Fees and subscriptions		10,058	-	10,058	12,048
Fundraising		488	-	488	3,847
Refreshments		96	-	96	665
Bank interest		242	-	242	282
Total receipts		17,974	118,328	136,302	123,520
Payments					
Staff costs	(3)	15,453	70,117	85,570	88,778
Travel and other staff costs		78	614	692	3,579
Staff training		47	749	796	4,332
Volunteer and committee expenses		183	-	183	1,159
Rent and office space		-	962	962	808
Maintenance		-	11	11	228
Administration, postage and stationery		57	335	392	885
Telephone and broadband		55	1,086	1,141	715
Insurance		1,004	-	1,004	984
Books, publications and subscriptions		-	524	524	269
Independent examination		-	744	744	720
Equipment and materials		-	573	573	947
Activities and events		1,518	784	2,302	19,149
Health and safety		39	298	337	-
Professional fees		-	-	-	24
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	650
IT costs		312	502	814	905
Business development		-	-	-	977
Training		5,330	15,990	21,320	14,452
DBS checks		-	131	131	118
Bank charges		95	61	156	149
Other payments		28	-	28	224
Total payments		24,199	93,481	117,680	140,052
Net receipts / (payments)		(6,225)	24,847	18,622	(16,532)
Transfers between funds		1,114	(1,114)	-	-
Net movement in funds after transfers		(5,111)	23,733	18,622	(16,532)
Fund balances brought forward		54,307	63,884	118,191	134,723
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	49,196	87,617	136,813	118,191

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 March 2021

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
CAF Cash account	1,355	43,164	44,519	21,049
CAF Gold account	639	26,453	27,092	27,080
Shawbrook deposit account	22,120	-	22,120	21,891
Virgin Money	24,578	18,000	42,578	42,578
Santander current account	-	-	-	4,518
Santander deposit account	-	-	-	38
Cash in hand	504	-	504	1,037
Total cash funds	<u>49,196</u>	<u>87,617</u>	<u>136,813</u>	<u>118,191</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

5 laptop computers
 2 colour laser printers
 Trampoline and accessories (spotting decks, 4 safety mats, lifter)
 3 i-pads
 Pool table
 Bouncy castle
 Light suite installed at Addingham Youth Centre
 Computer games consoles, games and accessories
 (2 x X Box 360, Wii, 3 x PlayStation 2)
 Electric cooker
 Camera equipment - 8 digital cameras and 3 photo printers

Liabilities

Independent examination	£
HMRC payroll taxes and pension	744
	<u>2,208</u>
	<u>2,952</u>

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 March 2021

2 Grants and donations	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Bradford MDC - Saturday Club	-	2,500	2,500	1,810
Bradford MDC Early Years Grant	-	12,500	12,500	7,240
Groundworks (Tesco)	1,000	-	1,000	-
Local Giving	-	190	190	-
Lottery Community Fund	-	30,500	30,500	61,000
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Management letter issues for the accounting period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Please take some time at your next meeting to consider the following issues arising from our work.

Priority 1 issues must be addressed promptly, providing evidence that they have been actioned provided for the next accounting year.

Priority 2 issues are good practice and will improve your organisation's financial management systems.

Priority 3 issues are for your information or requests from WYCAS.

Support to action any of these points is available from WYCAS.

Issue	Recommendation / Tips for improvement	Priority (1=High)
Pages to sign	Please sign pages 4 and 7 in black ink	1
Filing deadline for CIOs. As the organisation is a CIO you must complete an online annual return and upload pdf accounts via the Charity Commission website by the date shown opposite. Do not scan your signed accounts, please use the pdf accounts that we sent you after the accounts were approved, which show the name of the person who signed the accounts and the date signed.	31 January 2022	1
Tax agent	We are noticing more and more that HMRC are making requests to charities to file a corporation tax return, even though they will have no tax to pay. They tend not to require one every year but if a filing deadline is missed there is a late filing penalty of £100. If you have had any correspondence from HMRC regarding corporation tax and you have a unique tax reference (it will be in the format 923 12345 12345 A) can you please let us know. This will enable us to register as your tax agent which means that we will get copies of any notices or reminders so that we can make sure that any deadlines are not missed. It also means that we can talk to HMRC on your behalf if you need us to. If you have not had any such correspondence then I would not pursue HMRC but if you do get a notice to file sometime in the future please let us know and we can register then.	2
Please remember to complete the WYCAS online survey.	See link on management letter or request a printed copy from your community accountant.	3