

Company No: 9164509
Charity No: 1175408

Deaf Sports & Football Foundation (DSFF)

A Social Enterprise Company Limited by Guarantee



DEAF SPORTS & FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

'To Encourage the Well-being of Deaf People through Sport'

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 August 2023

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of Deaf Sports and Football Foundation ("the charity") for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objectives

The Charity's objects ("objects") are specifically restricted to the following:

"To relieve the disability of those who are deaf or who have associated disabilities (deaf / blind, deaf / dyslexic, deaf / speech impaired etc.) through the provision of grants either directly to the beneficiaries or to organisations working to help them participate in sports including football and by: -

- a) providing sporting events and activity programmes to enable Deaf people from the grassroots to all other levels to participate in different sports in a comfortable environment where their communication needs are catered for*
- b) organising a wide variety of programmes for deaf children, young people and adults to improve mental health issues, wellbeing, speech, language and communication needs through different sporting activities*
- c) undertaking research and development projects into sports & medical science, inclusiveness, leadership and information communications technology to enhance the advancement of deaf people in society*
- d) any such other support as the trustees deem appropriate. "*

Charitable Activities

DSFF is a charitable company with a mission to *"Encourage the Well-being of Deaf People through Sport"*. The main activities that the charity is able to carry out are:

- a) providing funding, support and training for Deaf people in their chosen sport
- b) training coaches, mentors, teachers, parents and others so that they can understand and help people with the challenges of deafness and related disabilities
- c) To foster, initiate and develop projects concerned with sports & football management and leadership with deaf needs;

A full list of powers (activities) that the charity is able to undertake can be found in DSFF's Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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Public Benefit

All the charity's activities are undertaken to further its charitable purposes for the benefit of the public. The trustees have taken The Charity Commission's specific guidance on public benefit (contained within the guidance publication "The Advancement of Education for Public Benefit") into consideration in preparing this statement on public benefit.

Trustees' Assessment of Public Benefit

The trustees use an outcomes focused approach in monitoring the progress of the charity against the delivery of its activities for the benefit of the public. This means that collection and evaluation of information is embedded in all our work from the outset, ensuring that this process is relevant and valuable. Activity is timetabled with deadlines and expected outcomes and progress reviewed. The timely conclusion of individual projects, along with the subsequent cessation of the associated funding is monitored. Consideration is given to how we deal with stakeholders, funders, media and other bodies. Regular meetings ensure that the impact of this work is monitored and outcomes disseminated.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The main aim for 2022/23 was to support the England Deaf Women Football squad. Due a decision made by the FA to stop support for the 11 a side squad to transfer funding and resources to the Futsal squad, England Deaf Women were left without support or funding with only 5 months to go before the Deaf World Football Championships to be held in Malaysia in September 2023. Great Britain Deaf Football (GBDF) then approached DSFF with a proposal for a joint venture to embark on a campaign to get the required funding to enable England Deaf Women to be able to go to these championships.

This has been very successful; due to a fantastic public appeal and advertising campaign along with wonderful support from certain high-profile individuals, social media influencers and the general public, £78K has been raised so far with almost £60K coming through DSFF. On top of this Hotel and travelling expenses for the squad has been covered directly by a sponsor.

Moving forward, now that we have come through the COVID-19 crisis, we plan to expand our work and seek more partnership opportunities to enable us to meet our charitable objectives.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

DSFF's financial position has improved, and the year has ended with sufficient funds to enable administrative and web support work to continue for the next year. However, DSFF will need ensure sufficient funds are generated to enable this can continue for following years.

DSFF has no firm policy regarding reserves as the Charity does not have employees nor any ongoing financial commitments. The policy of the Charity is not to undertake any arrangements or financial commitments unless the funds are already in place.

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STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

DSFF is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by the rules and regulations set down in its company Memorandum and Articles of Association as last updated on 17 August 2017. Every member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of the charity being wound-up during the period of membership, or within one year thereafter.

Recruitment of Trustees is done through a variety of methods – word of mouth and personal recommendation; via partner organisations; employee volunteer schemes and advertising. Trustees are selected for what they can contribute to DSFF.

Potential trustees are scrutinised by the current trustees before being proposed as a trustee. Trustees can join the Board between AGMs, but they must be formally appointed at the next AGM. Trustees are appointed for a term, not exceeding 3 years, at the end of which they must retire, but are then eligible for reappointment immediately. Trustees are required to attend directors meetings throughout the year including the AGM. These meetings are attended by the trustees, and other advisors and volunteers as and when required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Deaf Sports and Football Foundation, with the working name DSFF, is a Charity with the registration number 11754 and is an company limited by guarantee with the company registration number 9164509

REGISTERED ADDRESS

As of 31 August 2022, the principal address and registered office of the charity is:
121 Greys Road,
Henley on Thames,
Oxfordshire.
RG9 1TE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS

The board of Trustees and Directors are:

Martin Willis - Chair
Ken Carter - Company Secretary
Sharon Hirshman
Henry Skinner

Henry Skinner was appointed on 9th June 2023. We are still looking for new trustees and plan to approach a few people.

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The trustees have made the following appointments:

Independent examiner: Stephen Spires CeMap DipFA of Stephen Spires Financial Consultants Limited, West Lodge, 61 Isis lake, Spine Wood East, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5LT.

Bankers: HSBC plc, 26-28 Broad Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 2BU

This report was approved by the trustees on the 8th January 2024, and was signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



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Martin Willis – Chairman

Date: 8 / 1 / 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DSFF

I report on the financial statements of DSFF for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023, which are set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

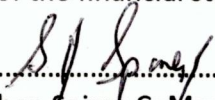
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Date: 10/11/2023

Stephen Spires CeMap DipFA

Stephen Spires Financial Consultants Limited

West Lodge, 61 Isis lake, Spine Wood East, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5LT.

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DSFF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FROM 1st SEPTEMBER 2022 to YEAR ENDING 31st AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
<u>Funds Carried Forward</u>	176	0	176	392
Goodwill payment from HSBC	-	-	-	200
Donations via Peoples Fundraising	267	8,437	8,704	-
Donations via GoFundMe	1,664	49,307	50,971	-
Total Incoming Resources	2,107	57,744	59,851	592

Resources Expended

GBDF(England Deaf Women) Expenses	-	57,699	57,699	-
Website-hosting/ maintenance	13	-	13	-
Bank Charges	180	-	180	376
	60	-	60	40
Total Resources Expended	253	57,699	57,952	416

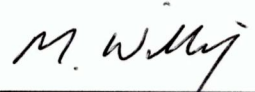
Net Movements in Funds				
Funds carried forward at 1 st September 2022	176	0	176	392
Funds Carried Forward at 31 st August 2023	1,854	45	1,899	176

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DSFF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Cash in Bank	1,854	45	1,899	176
Creditors – Account Due within one year	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	1,854	45	1,899	176
Total Assets	1,854	45	1,899	176
Reserves	1,854	45	1,899	176
General Fund				

Audit Exemption Statement: For the year ending 31st August, 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. Directors' responsibilities: the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; they acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime.


MARTIN WILLIS (CHAIR OF DIRECTORS)

8 / 1 / 2024
DATE


KEN CARTER (DIRECTOR/TREASURER)

8 / 1 / 2024
DATE