



Hull and East Yorkshire
Down Syndrome Support



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

1ST NOV 2024
TO
31ST OCT 2025



Downright Special
Bodmin Road Church Office, Padstow Close, Bodmin Road, Bransholme, Hull HU7 4HE
Tel: 01482 420160 E-mail: enquiries@downrightspecial.co.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1175863

www.downrightspecial.co.uk

Registered with



FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Contents

Foreword from the Chair	3
Background	4
Our Pledge.....	4
Safeguarding Statement	4
Meet the Team.....	5
Our Trustees.....	5
Our Staff	6
Our Volunteers.....	7
Our Families	7
Review of our Activities of the Year.....	8
Education	8
Downright Special Fridays: Early Development Groups	8
Downright Special Education Outreach Work with Schools	9
Support to Families	11
Social Events.....	11
Downright Dance	12
Other Support	13
Downright Special Health.....	14
Advocacy	15
Awareness Week / World Down Syndrome Day	15
New Parent Packs.....	17
Networking.....	17
Communication with parents and carers.....	17
Training	18
Fundraising.....	19
Financial Review.....	21
Income	21
Expenditure.....	22
Looking to the future	23
Declaration.....	24
Appendix: Unaudited Financial Statements.....	24

Foreword from the Chair



Over the past year, Downright Special has continued to strengthen and expand its support for children and young people with Down syndrome and their families, responding to growing need with care and expertise. Our work remains grounded in partnership – listening to families, working collaboratively with schools and health services, and advocating for systems that enable children and young people to thrive.

Education continues to be a central focus for the charity, with particular emphasis on increasing our support to mainstream secondary schools and strengthening practice across key stages. Our specialist team has worked closely with schools, families and local authorities to promote effective inclusion, provide tailored advice and resources, and build understanding of the learning profile of children and young people with Down syndrome. This work has been especially important as more of our young people continue their education in mainstream secondary settings.

Our Friday early development groups have continued to provide a vital foundation for young children, combining evidence-based learning approaches with opportunities for play, communication and social development. Just as importantly, these sessions offer parents and carers a welcoming space to connect with others, share experiences and build supportive relationships that are so central to family wellbeing.

Supporting families remains at the heart of everything we do. This year we have seen increasing pressures on families navigating the SEND system, and we have responded by dedicating additional capacity to provide advice, advocacy and practical support around EHCPs, school placements and access to services. Alongside this, our health work has continued to develop, with a strong focus on improving understanding of the Down Syndrome Care Pathway, supporting families with complex health needs, and working collaboratively with NHS partners to improve care and awareness.

Our social and youth activities have continued to grow in both range and impact. Through inclusive family events, age-specific sessions and the continued success of Downright Dance, children and young people have had opportunities to build friendships, confidence and independence, while families have been able to connect and support one another within a strong and inclusive community.

None of this work would be possible without the commitment of our staff, trustees and volunteers, or the generosity of our funders and supporters. Securing significant grant funding this year has provided welcome stability at a time of increasing demand, allowing us to continue delivering essential services while planning carefully for the future.

As we reflect on the year, we are proud of the progress made and the impact achieved, but most of all of the relationships that underpin our work. Looking ahead, we remain committed to listening to families, responding to need and working collaboratively to build brighter futures for children and young people with Down syndrome.

Lizann Lawson

Chair of Trustees

Background

The Downright Special Network was established in June 2007 to:

- Provide and operate such support, materials and events so both parents/carers and professionals in health and education may be assisted in helping children with Down syndrome to achieve the best possible outcomes throughout their education, social, physical and emotional development.
- Produce antenatal support and information to prospective parents and emotional and practical support to new parents.
- Strive to build a brighter future for children with Down syndrome in our area.

The work undertaken by staff, because of the fundraising and donations received, allows us to focus on our enduring priorities of:

- Education
- Support
- Health
- Advocacy
- Training

Our Pledge

Downright Special recognises that each individual with Down syndrome is unique and that some may have more complex needs. We pledge to create an environment where all individuals and their families feel welcome and supported, regardless of diagnosis or ability.

Safeguarding Statement

Downright Special is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults with a care and support need, engaged in the breadth of its activities. Downright Special believes that everyone has the right to be safe from harm and should be able to live free from fear of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Downright Special takes its responsibilities for safeguarding children extremely seriously and we believe safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. We follow safer recruiting guidelines. All Downright Special posts are subject to enhanced DBS disclosure. All our staff and volunteers who have contact with families must attend Level 1 Safeguarding training as a minimum with several of our staff receiving further training including safer recruiting, vulnerable babies and Makaton safeguarding workshop. Our safeguarding policies can be found on our website <https://www.downrightspecial.co.uk/our-story/about-downright-special/#policies>

Meet the Team

Our Trustees









This year we said farewell to Angela Broekhuizen and Gavin Beresford who had both served as trustees for many years. We were delighted to welcome three new trustees to the board this year – Emily Barnett, Huw Jones and Emma Tudor.

	Lizann Lowson Appointed October 2019 Chair since July 2020		Angela Broekhuizen Appointed June 2016 Resigned February 2025
	Gavin Beresford Appointed May 2017 Resigned October 2025		Michelle Marie Appointed April 2022
	Neil Findlay Appointed October 2022		Emily Barnett Appointed April 2025
	Huw Jones Appointed June 2025		Emma Tudor Appointed September 2025

Our Staff

We have eight part-time members of staff who: ensure the smooth running of the charity; deliver our Friday education sessions; deliver outreach work in schools; deliver training courses for parents and professionals and who develop our work on health and wellbeing.

The team members are:

	Gillian Bowlas Charity Manager		Louise Smith Charity Organiser
	Claire Chilton Health Lead		Katie Bewell Specialist Teacher (KS1) & Designated Safeguarding Lead
	Laura Nichols Early Years Advisor		Dr Nicola O'Riordan Advisory Teacher (KS2 to KS4)
	Sarah Hyde Toddler Group Leader		Susanne Townhill Baby Group Leader & New Parent Contact

Our Volunteers



To keep our costs as low as possible, the Charity uses many volunteers, including several parents, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to each one of them who helped us this year.

These volunteers assisted with running Friday sessions, laminating resources, organising social and fundraising events, designing publications and resources, managing our website and IT systems, running our bookstall, charity tin collections and helping with our book-keeping.

Many thanks to: Lisa Bell, Poppy Bell, Harry Bewell, Rose Bielby, Lisa Bloomer, Bob Bloomer, Rachel Bowlas, Angela Broekhuizen, Tone Broomfield, Louise Brown, Toni Bullock, Becky Constable, Neil

Findlay, Jill Lambert, Jessica Ross, Jess Shields, Karl Svenson, Lauren Ward and all the amazing volunteers who helped at our Christmas and Awareness Week events this year.

Our Families

Over the years we have supported over 160 children and young people with Down syndrome. We currently have around 120 families registered with Downright Special and accessing our services. It is free to register with us, and we ensure our family activities are free or heavily subsidised as we do not want cost being a barrier to anyone receiving the support they need.

Review of our Activities of the Year

Education

OUR PRIORITY WAS TO INCREASE OUR SUPPORT TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SUPPORT TRANSITION BETWEEN EDUCATIONAL STAGES IN PARTICULAR SECONDARY TO POST-16 COLLEGES.

Downright Special Fridays: Early Development Groups



Our Downright Special early development groups run on a Friday during term time and continue to be a great success for children from birth to approximately five years old. In this year had around 15 children who attended Friday mornings and we delivered 37 sessions. These sessions are a chance for parents to get together, have a coffee, share experiences and provide mutual support. The children get the chance to play and make friends. Most importantly the sessions also incorporate 'lesson time' when the children are put in small groups to work on their speech, language and communication skills, numeracy and literacy in a way that is tailored to the specific learning profile of children with Down syndrome. We provide lots of bespoke visual resources to support the children's learning and parents are given these to continue the work at home. We use Makaton sign language throughout the morning, helping parents and children learn the signs they need to communicate with each

other and help with learning new words. We have established a tried and tested curriculum of activities which is reviewed annually to ensure the latest teaching methods are used. The curriculum also helps us to track progress and record milestones for each child.



Our baby group continues to be incorporated into Friday mornings, with our youngest children enjoying a range of sensory activities and learning some of the early skills, such as taking turns and making early speech sounds in a relaxed and fun environment. It is also a chance for parents to see a demonstration of some the activities they can do at home to support their child's development and for parents to learn some of the most useful sign language to help with their baby's communication skills.

Also, an aspect which is crucially important, Downright Special Fridays offer parents and carers the opportunity to chat over coffee, share their experiences and offer peer-to-peer support whilst the children play in a safe environment. However good a statutory agency may be, there are some things that only another parent will understand and be able to offer the mutual support which is so often needed. The Friday group is striking visual evidence that there is no "type" of parent who will have a child with Down syndrome, and we have a diversity of ages and cultures in the group. New dads can also be reassured it certainly isn't a "mother and baby" group, as we have several fathers attending regularly.



Downright Special Education aims to support effective inclusion in mainstream schools. Our three part-time members of staff provide support to 52 children in mainstream nurseries, pre-schools and schools. We have continued to increase our support to mainstream secondary schools as more of our children choose to continue their education this way. We supported nine children in mainstream secondary. The number of schools and nurseries receiving direct support from us is around 45. Our specialist teachers have visited schools to assess children and advise teaching staff, provided training for schools on the learning profile of children with Down syndrome, assisted with formulating effective Individual Education Plans (IEPs), written reports for the Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) process, and attended annual reviews and transition meetings. We also continue to provide Education Resource Packs for each child we support when they begin their formal education.

“[They have] gained confidence when interacting socially with other adults and peers at school. An increase in time engaged in activities and more understanding of the setting and routines which has ultimately improved self-regulation and behaviour throughout the day. Overall happiness and enthusiasm have improved for coming into school and the setting, as well as improvement with speech and communication in all aspects.”

Laura Nichols is our Early Years Advisor and, in addition to leading a Friday morning early intervention group, Laura's remit is to provide support and advice on inclusion of a child with Down syndrome in mainstream nursery or pre-school settings. She ensures our children get the best start to their education before they even reach statutory school age. Laura had 11 children on her caseload.

Katie Bewell is our Specialist Teacher, delivering groups on Friday mornings and afternoons with her outreach work focused on children in Key Stage 1. She supports school staff with differentiated resources and advice, modelling the evidence-based interventions recommended for each individual child. Katie had 13 children on her caseload this year.



Dr Nicola O'Riordan is our Key Stage 2-4 Advisory Teacher. Nicola has been instrumental in providing outreach support to our KS2-KS4 children and supporting the children, staff and parents in the transition to secondary school. Nicola had 25 children on her case load. This year Nicola has completed building a bank of science resources for secondary schools, with the content checked by qualified science teachers. We are now working with the national organisation DSUK on how this can be rolled out more widely across the UK, as well as working with them on other secondary resources.

We also continued monthly groups for school-age children who have recently moved into KS2 and are ready to do some focused work on developing comprehension skills using a heavily scaffolded version of the 'Language for Thinking' speech and language programme. This year, we had 5 children attending these monthly afternoon sessions with their teaching assistant from school. Having the TAs attend means they can see a demonstration of how to practically apply the specific teaching techniques which ensure our children's learning is maximised. They are given resources they can take away for use in the classroom and have plenty of opportunity to ask for advice on any issues they may be facing in the

classroom, or to get guidance on next steps. It is also useful for them to meet other TAs to share experiences and learn from each other.

Feedback from Teaching Assistants

“My overall confidence has improved to feel I am supporting the child in the best way I possibly can. Ensuring I am doing all to make sure that the child’s school life is giving what’s needed to help with progress in all aspects of the child’s life not just educational. And working to that child’s needs and specific goals rather than pushing a curriculum that doesn’t meet their needs. Just my overall understanding has greatly improved so as a TA I feel like I have the tools needed to give that child the most suitable support.”

“The whole team at Downright special have been amazing! The support and care they have given me, the child and the parents is first class. They have taught me so much and guided me in so many areas of how to ensure the child has all his needs met. I am truly grateful to each and every one of them for everything they have done for us all. Amazing, kind, hardworking and care so much for every child, parent and carer they come in contact with. Lovely, genuine people.”

Support to Families

Our priorities during the year were to offer a variety of social events including social event opportunities for older children/ young adults and to continue to offer support in all aspects of care, health and education

Social Events

Parents told us how important it is to them to have social events and chances to meet up with other families. Social events allow our families to get together, share experiences, pass on tips, support each other, and celebrate their children's achievements. The events also give the children a chance to make friends with other children with Down syndrome and develop what we hope will be lifelong friendships and support networks. These events are just as important as our formal activities and this year we made it a priority to offer as many social events as possible with a mixture of events for all ages and the whole family and age-specific events. We knew how much our older children valued events just for them where they could socialise with their peers of the same age.

We organised 14 social events in total this year. For each event we have considered the suggestions from parents of children with complex needs to help make the events as inclusive as possible. We have:



- Used a 'complex needs checklist' when assessing venues for events
- Planned some repeated events in safe/familiar places with the same routine
- Written social stories in advance of each event
- Where possible chosen venues with quiet rooms or spaces to cater for different needs.



Social Events for All Ages

- Christmas Crafts – 18 children attended
- Christmas Party at Lazaat's. 57 children plus their families came along.
- Bowling for 24 children at Hollywood Bowl
- Easter Egg Hunt – 43 children and young people
- Humber Llamas Outing – 16 enjoyed meeting the animals, and having a picnic in the grounds



In addition to these whole-family events, we ran the following sessions for different age groups with over 70 of our children attending at least one event this year.

Pre-school/Primary age events:

- 2 dance sessions with Joanna from The Little Yorkshire Dance Academy
- Soft Play pizza party at Monkey Bizness
- Adventure Play Town Role Play party



Youth Club Events (12-25)

- 2 Dance sessions with Joanna
- Tie-Dye Workshop at Dinkie Pinkie's
- Summer Mocktail-making at Humber St Gallery
- Christmas Night Out at Humber St Gallery Cafe

Downright Dance



Our weekly dance group for age 11-25 has been going from strength to strength with 11 young people attending every Monday evening. They all feedback every week how much they love it. It has been amazing to see the friendships develop, their confidence growing as well as seeing them learn new skills to build their fitness and strength. You can hear what the young people think about Downright Dance in this short video:

<https://vimeo.com/1117877834>

Other Support

New and Expectant Parents



We continued to support families new to parenting a baby with Down syndrome to offer support and information and this year welcomed seven new babies to our special family. Through the hospital and health visiting teams, families are usually put in contact with us within a week of the birth or if a parent knows antenatally then we provide support through the pregnancy. We set straight to work not as lone “advisors” but instead using the extensive network we have built up to put the new parents in touch with others. As our network has grown to over 160 local families, we can now go so far as to match new parents to those of similar ages, situations and with babies who have similar medical conditions. For a new parent, there is nothing better

than speaking to somebody who knows exactly what they are going through and can give them a glimpse of easier times a couple of years down the road, and there is nothing that our families with older children like better than reaching out to give new parents support, reassurance, advice and hope for the future. Fantastically, our families are working together for mutual benefit, which was always our ambition.

Parent Feedback

“Five months ago we knew nothing about Downright Special, and then in July all that changed. Downright Special has been a lifeline in a sea of misinformation and outdated stereotypes, of long hospital stays and bumps in the road. They’ve been with us every step of the way since day one.”

SEND LAW – New Service

Sadly, we have been finding that families have increasingly been experiencing difficulties with the SEND system in both of our local authorities including issues such as poor quality and unlawful Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), lack of a suitable school/college placement and being incorrectly refused transport. This creates huge amounts of stress for families and has a negative effect on the children and young people’s education. 94% of our East Riding families who have a child age 4-11 have experience significant difficulties. As a result, this year we have dedicated extra hours within our team to support families to navigate the SEND system with over thirteen different families receiving support from general advice to intense support include writing letters, attending meetings and reviewing draft EHCPs.

Advice

Our team are on hand throughout the week to give advice on all aspects of the care and education of children and young people with Down syndrome.

We have a closed Facebook group for parents, giving them a safe place to share useful information, ask questions and provide mutual support.

We have been able to help seven families with their applications for claiming Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) or appealing against decisions.

To continue to develop the health agenda with a focus on the care pathway, maternity services and understanding best practice around supporting children with dual diagnosis.



Our work to improve health and wellbeing outcomes continues to be an integral part of our work. This year we continued to fund the role of our Downright Special Health Lead. Downright Special has always had a strong focus on education, and the aim of the Health Lead role is to bring this same level of expertise and knowledge to the understanding of the health needs of children with Down syndrome. After Sam moved on from the role, we were delighted that Claire Chilton joined us in March to continue the work.

Working with the local NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB) we remain the lead organisation for reviewing and updating the Hull and East Yorkshire Down Syndrome Care Pathway: <https://humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk/our-work/downsyndromepathway/>. This year we chose to focus on widening awareness of the pathway with primary care and launched a short webinar for GPs to explain more about the pathway, why it is important they are familiar with it, the difference it makes to children and adults with Down syndrome and the difference it will make to their practice. The webinar can be found here: <https://www.downrightspecial.co.uk/knowledge-resources/health-resources/>

We have been supporting our families with a range of issues this year including:

- Advice on weaning, behaviour, sleep and feeding.
- Signposting and advice about which health services do what, how referral is made and referral criteria. This includes support with referral forms. This also includes where families have found it problematic accessing services or who wish to feedback dissatisfaction with services.
- Advice about specific health issues common to Down Syndrome with signposting to reputable sources of information.
- Creation of social stories e.g. to prepare for appointments or about specific issues such as growing up.
- Discussion with parents wondering about a possible additional diagnosis for example autism or ADHD.
- A listening ear for any parent that needs space to talk in confidence.
- Hospital passports – supported several families with completing a hospital passport as a ‘one-pager’ of information about their child that clinicians need to know including medical and communication needs

In addition we have worked with the local Emergency Department Paediatric Consultant to add more families to the alert system within hospital records so that when a child with Down syndrome arrives at hospital there is a flag on their records that alerts doctors and nurses to the possible differences in how a child with Down syndrome might display symptoms of serious illness.

Advocacy

Our priorities during the year were to work collaboratively with our NHS partners to review and communicate the Down Syndrome Care Pathway, to actively participate in Down Syndrome Awareness Week and to raise the profile of the charity.

Awareness Week / World Down Syndrome Day

Part of our mission is to act as a voice for the children and parents we support. We aim to change perceptions and raise awareness of what it really means to have Down syndrome.

For Awareness Week this year we had a successful social media campaign, along the theme of #SuperHero Supporters where we asked our families to nominate the people around them who they saw as their 'Superhero Supporters' and raise awareness of the importance of having good support systems to ensure children and young people with Down syndrome thrive.





We celebrated a range of superheroes from family members to teaching assistants and swim teachers. What was unexpected but very lovely was the fact that several of the nominees were Downright Special staff.

"Nicola and Laura from Downright special have been like superheroes. We needed someone and they were there in a flash every time we needed them. If it wasn't for their help and support standing by N we don't know what we would have done. All we ever wanted was for N to come home and tell us about school and how his day has been, and that's what he does. He's back to being our happy confident boy again thanks to Downright Special."

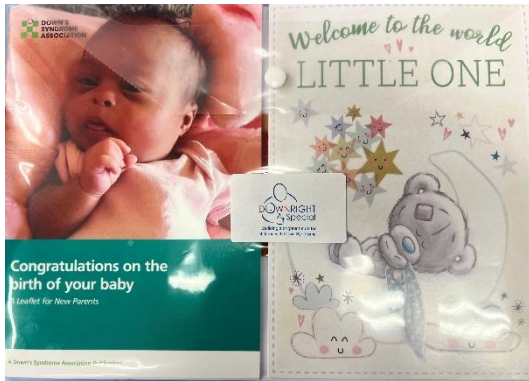


We also had several schools and other supporters wearing their #LotsofSocks on World Down Syndrome Day to raise awareness or hosting coffee morning and bakes sales. A group of local dance schools also "danced their socks off" for us during awareness week, raising the profile of the charity with a wider range of people.

Our charity manager delivered assemblies to three secondary schools this year and a session to the Health & Social Care students at a local sixth form college.

New Parent Packs

Our new parent packs continue to be available on the maternity and neonatal wards. Midwives can give these packs out to parents knowing they are receiving up-to-date information on parenting a child with Down syndrome. A version of these packs is also available for those with an antenatal diagnosis. The packs available to download from our website:



<https://www.downrightspecial.co.uk/knowledge-resources/expectant-parent-pack/>

<https://www.downrightspecial.co.uk/knowledge-resources/new-parent-pack/>

Networking

We have continued to build networks with groups nationwide, through the DSUK-led Facebook group for those running parent support groups with the aim of making a difference by sharing support, services, knowledge and expertise, making sure we are delivering the best service possible to our families and running our groups as efficiently as possible. We attended the annual DSUK parent support group leaders conference.

We continue to be affiliated to the Down's Syndrome Association and attend the affiliated groups monthly meetings. We work with the local Parent Carer Forums to feedback views from parents of key issues affecting them and build connections with other local charities to share experiences locally.

Through the Matthew Good Foundation, we also meet regularly with the leaders of other local charities working in the SEND community to share experiences, ideas and look for ways to collaborate on local projects.

Katie, our Safeguarding Lead is an active participant in the local Safeguarding Network.

Communication with parents and carers

Making sure we hear the issues facing parents so that we can properly represent their voices is very important to us. We regularly review and update communications and engagement action plan, and we have two parents on our board of trustees, ensuring that we are continuing to deliver services that maximise the benefit to the families we support. We send regular emails to parents, send a half-termly update newsletter to parents and communicate frequently via our social media channels and closed Facebook group.

Training

Our priority during the year has been to continue to offer a range of training for parents, schools and health professionals.

One of our aims is to promote the awareness of Down syndrome and support successful inclusion. One of the ways we do this is providing training which is accessible to schools, parents and professionals working with our children. We minimise how much we charge for these courses to ensure no child is disadvantaged.

We have had a successful year delivering a comprehensive programme of training to professionals in education and health and to parents. This year we have noticed a decrease in the numbers of schools able to release staff for training but despite this around 170 parents and professionals attended training either online or in person.

We delivered 8 training courses for schools this year including: Introduction to Working with Children with Down Syndrome; Sensory Integration, Colourful Semantics, Supporting Positive Behaviour, Preparing for Successful Transition. We continued to offer some of these courses on an INSET training basis. We have noticed a decrease in the numbers of schools releasing staff for training and had to cancel three planned courses this year. We had 130 teachers and teaching assistants attending training courses in this period.



We organised three training sessions / workshops specifically for parents on Functional Skills (delivered by Lizzie Huxford from OT4me), Toilet Training, and the Learning Profile of Children with Down Syndrome. We also survey our parents in July this year to ask about the training they would like and as a result have planned training courses on Behaviour and Preparing for Adulthood in 2026.

Training for professionals in health is also important to us. Susanne and Gillian delivered training to the Goodwin Trust Doula and Breastfeeding Support volunteers. It was great to be working with another charity to upskill their team and help their practice when supporting babies with Down syndrome in the

future.

"I will know how to speak with families in a more sensitive and informed way. We will help with breastfeeding, understanding the specific challenges that a baby with Down Syndrome may face." – Feedback from Doula following our training

Our teaching team delivered training to the Speech and Language Therapy Service on using the 'See and Learn' speech sounds and vocabulary programme with children with Down syndrome.

We continued to host visits from learning disability nursing students, student health visitors, trainee Speech and Language Therapists, physiotherapists and others. We have had very positive feedback on the impact these visits have on their understanding of the realities of Down syndrome (over and above the medical side), awareness of our offer and on their clinical practice.

Fundraising

The work of Downright Special is only made possible by the generosity and efforts of many people who have supported us by awarding us a grant, raising funds, or donating goods and services. Our plan in this year was to continue to have a broadly based fundraising strategy, rather than relying on one type of income. Community fundraising continues to be a challenge and so we chose to increase the proportion of income to be received from grant. Our targets for this year were: grants/trusts (75%), community (20%), training (3%), other (2%). These targets are monitored at trustee meetings. Our continued focus on grants has reaped rewards in 2025, with successful grants received from:

Grants	Amount
Anonymous Trust 1	26,000.00
Ann Watson Trust	12,000.00
Matthew Good Foundation	10,000.00
STA15	10,000.00
Garfield Weston Foundation	10,000.00
Liz+Terry Bramall Foundation	10,000.00
James Reckitt Charity	5,000.00
MCF Masonic	5,000.00
Joseph+Annie Cattle Trust	5,000.00
Hull + ER Charitable Trust	3,000.00
Co-op Community Fundraising	2,325.54
SJP Charitable Foundation	2,000.00
Boshier Hinton Foundation	2,000.00
Charles & Elsie Sykes Trust	2,000.00
Joseph Boaz	500.00
	£104,825.54

We were delighted that a charitable trust (who wish to remain anonymous) awarded us a grant of £78,000 to be paid over 3 years, with the second tranche £26,000 paid to us in this year. This is to support the running costs associated with our work with children aged 0-8 years old and gives us real security and confidence that we can continue to deliver our services into the future. We were awarded a grant of £20,000 over 2 years from the Garfield Weston Foundation with the first £10,000 received this year. The Ann Watson Trust awarded us £12,000 a year for three years. Both of these grants are unrestricted.

Our income from grants was 100% of our target this year. In 2024 we invested £1,200 in paying for 30 hours of a bid-writer's time to help us with our grant applications in this year and this has proven to be a very successful strategy again.

Our community fundraising & donations income saw a 48% decrease compared to last year. We have continued to work very hard to raise funds through our bookstall, raffles, auctions and encouraging families to take part in our Down Syndrome Awareness Week activities. We raised around £4300 during Awareness Week through families and friends taking part in a number of challenges, including a sponsored walk, bake sales, dance schools wearing Lots of Socks, Facebook donate buttons, Lots of Socks in schools and nurseries, donations and matched funds and raffles.

We were the charity of the year for Portia House, Hessle High and Londesborough House at The Market Weighton School.

We had several individuals who undertook amazing challenges this year including a charity boxing match and a swimathon and Tino who, working with Stand-Out Socks, sold pairs of socks raising £100 for the charity.

Overall, our income this year decreased by 7% compared to last year (from £132K to £123K on a cash basis), mostly to the reduction in community fundraising and donations, as well as the impact of a reduced income from training. This means we have a lot of work to do in the coming months to address the deficit and ensure we can continue to fund all of our services.

It is important to highlight we receive no statutory funding, and do not currently charge our parents or the schools and early years settings we support for the majority of the services we offer. The only charge was a heavily subsidised rate for school staff to attend training courses and small charge for the weekly dance sessions.

Every penny goes towards building a brighter future for children and young people with Down syndrome and making a huge difference to their lives today. **Our heartfelt thanks go to those who supported us by raising funds or providing goods and services between November 2024 and October 2025. These include:**

Alison Laird	Hull Wyke Round Table	Sandhills Bookstall
Angela Broekhuizen	Jack Walker	Scientific Laboratory Supplies
Ann Greateorex	Joanna Harker	Sophie Grigg
Appleton Primary	Joanna Hearfield	Spring Cottage Primary
Becker UK Ltd	John Hutton	St Mary's Sixth Form College
Bobby Bremner	Judy Sugden	Sue Kennedy
Braham and Dixon	KCOM	Swanland Primary
Cottingham Methodist Church Music festival	Kelly Louise McCorkindale	Terie Louise
D3 office Supplies	KRL group	The Market Weighton School
Darren Ward	Lisa Chandler	The One Point
Delilah Palmer	Mick Walker	Thoresby Primary
Dominik Bielawski	ML Tuffnell	Tino Neilsen-Smith
Donaldson Filtration	Nicola O'Riordan	Victoria Ross
Donna Marie	Paisley Primary	Vikki Sue Adamson
Genesis Pre-School	Pizza Pie	Virgin Money Holderness Road
Hannah Loach	Premier Beverley Collection Tin	Wolf Labs
Harris Lacey and Swain	Raphi Turkington Swimathon	
Hessle High	Sally Fairfax	
Hilly Lambert	Sally Fairfax (In memory of Rosie Fairfax)	
Holderness Academy	Sally Kynman	

Thanks also to everyone who:

- Supported us during Awareness Week
- Hosted a collection tin
- Set up a [Facebook Fundraiser](#) for us this year
- Donated via TicketSource when booking an event
- Set up regular giving via their Payroll or via our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/downright-special>
- Gave us a one-off donation via Just Giving, Paypal, or direct to the charity
- Donated a raffle or auction prize
- Donated goods for our eBay shop
- Supported us by using <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> for their online shopping
- Sent e-cards using [Don't Send Me A Card](#).
- Bought us resources from our Amazon Wish List <https://tinyurl.com/2p87d64b>
- Everyone else who donated or supported us in any way, big or small. We couldn't do it without you!

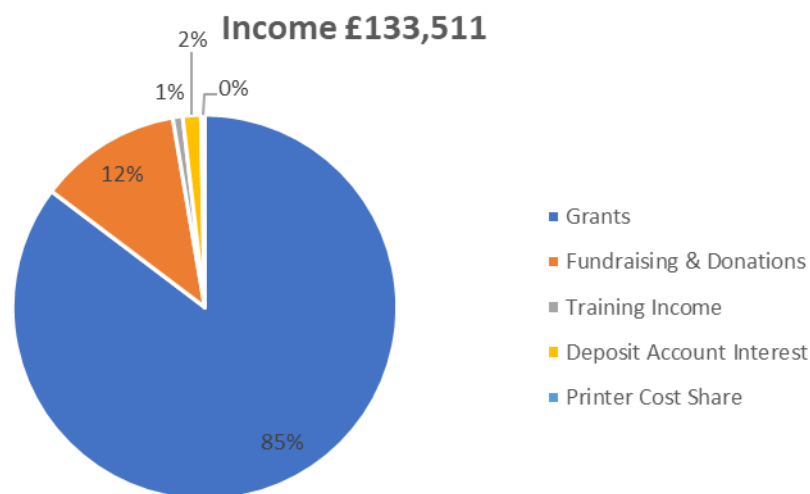
Financial Review

Income

Our levels of income saw a 23% increase compared to last year mostly due to successes with grant income. We did however see a 41% reduction in community fundraising and donations for the second year running. We also saw a decrease in income from training as there was a marked reduction in uptake of our training courses this year. We have improved our reserves slightly, ending the year with a small surplus but nonetheless our levels of unrestricted reserves remain slightly below the 9 months target set in our reserves policy.

We continue to fundraise ourselves with our bookstall at Sandhill Garden Centre Café, and income from sharing the use of our printer. Our campaigns for World Down Syndrome Day generated around £4300 and we ran several raffles.

Fundraising from individuals taking part in sponsored events continues to play a vital role in securing sufficient income to run the charity, although income from this continues to be much reduced compared to before the pandemic and we continue to look for innovative ways to encourage individuals to fundraise for us.



Note: A full summary of the accounts is appended to this trustees' report.

Expenditure

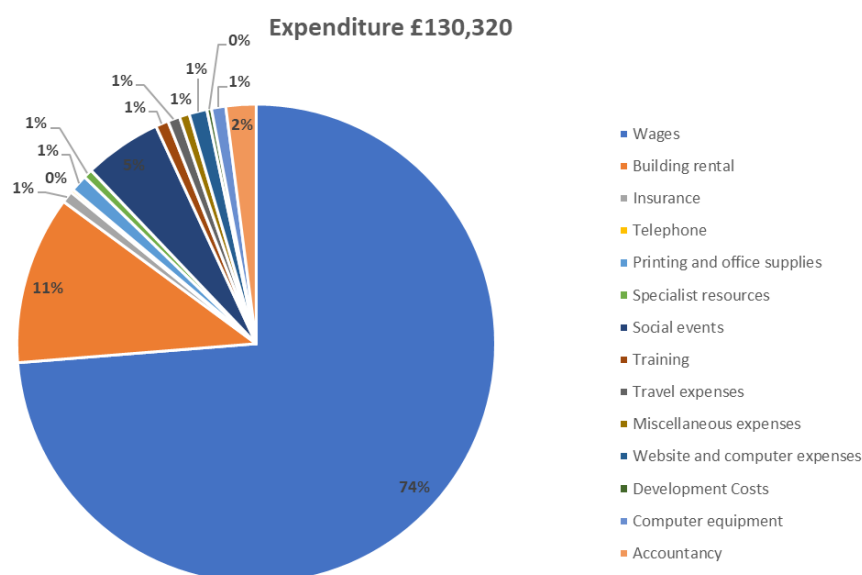
In line with our plans, our overall expenditure increased by 9% compared to last year. This was mainly due to this being the first full year of increasing the hours of our Advisory Teacher by an extra 1 day a week to carry out our plans to build a bank of resources to support secondary schools with differentiating the curriculum and to provide increased support with planning the transition from secondary to post-16 education settings. We also increased the hours of Katie in order to allow her to train to deputise for the Charity Manager and added an extra two hours to Laura's hours to increase our ability to support families with SEND law issues.

We continue to invest in specialist resources and making bespoke materials which can be used in our education sessions or given to families and schools to support the development of the children. We are very grateful to the many individuals who purchased office supplies and specialist resources from our Amazon Wishlist, helping to keep costs as low as possible.

This year we have completed a project to move to a new cloud-based storage system to improved our systems for document storage and knowledge management. This will result in a reduction in IT costs in the next twelve months.

We keep our costs as low as possible through gifts in kind from local businesses, such as reduced accountancy costs from Harris Lacey and Swain, employment law advice from Gosschalks solicitors and IT/telephony support from The One Point.

We are hugely thankful for the incredible efforts from our team of volunteers, who have enabled us to continue to be so cost effective.



Looking to the future

Our plans for the next 5 years continue to be centred on expanding our range of services in line with the increasing age range of the children and young people we support so we can continue to support their evolving needs and help them reach their potential. Our goal is to support children and young people through their secondary school years and beyond to further education and employment. We also want to ensure that we continue to be sustainable in the short term whilst we continue to deliver our core, current activities.

Some of our plans in each of our priority areas are:

Education

- Increase our support to secondary schools and support transition between educational stages in particular secondary to post-16 colleges.
- Enhance links with further education providers and day services

Health

- Develop a programme of training and information sessions for families to help them support the health and wellbeing of their children and young adults with Down syndrome.
- Network with local health services to advocate for the health needs of individuals with Down syndrome, work together to develop best practice and increase awareness of the Care Pathway in health services with a focus on GPs.

Support

- Provide opportunities to allow children and young people with Down Syndrome to develop friendships and independence through social activities and networking events
- Continue to deliver support services for children, young people & their families, based on need, making adjustments, e.g. to our Friday sessions, as necessary
- Support families to navigate SEND law and the EHCP process, leading to impactful support

Advocacy

- Ensure young people are included in the design of activities and develop ways to involve them in the running of the charity
- Continued networking, engagement and lobbying at a local and national level
- Working in collaboration with other local charities develop a project working with Hull University Law School to enhance students understanding of SEND law and in order increase available support for families.

Training

- Continue to develop our training offer with further education links
- Continue to offer a programme of training for schools, parents, carers and health professionals

Underpinning Activities

- Continue our strategy to focus on seeking multi-year funding for our projects and core costs to ensure long term sustainability and reduce our deficit.
- Launch a fundraising campaign for 2026 to encourage more individuals to get involved and help us meet our fundraising goals.

We actively encourage as many people as possible to get involved in whatever way they can. If you would like to do something 'Downright Special', please contact office@downrightspecial.co.uk

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lizann Lowson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Lizann Lowson (Trustee)

Appendix: Unaudited Financial Statements

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2025
for
The Downright Special Network**

Harris Lacey and Swain
Suite 1
The Riverside Building
Hessle
East Yorkshire
HU13 0DZ

The Downright Special Network
Contents of the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

	Page
Report of the Trustees	1 to 3
Independent Examiner's Report	4
Statement of Financial Activities	5
Balance Sheet	6
Notes to the Financial Statements	7 to 16

The Downright Special Network
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The charity trustees have complied with their duty to have regard to public benefit published by the Commission in exercising their power of duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

For a full review of the Charity's reporting year including its objectives and aims and plans for the future please see the Charity report to which these accounts are attached.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The charity's policy is to hold nine months of running costs in reserves. Based on 2025 levels of expenditure this would equate to £97,740. The level of funds held in reserves at the end of the year was £96,701 (2024 - £93,510). This is made up of £94,460 unrestricted free funds (2024 - £82,341) and £2,241 restricted funds (2024 - £11,169).

The Trustees recognise that the level of funds held in unrestricted reserves doesn't meet nine months of running costs. In order to combat this, trustees are actively pursuing new sources of funding as well as reducing costs in order to limit deficit. Discussions are held at each committee meeting regarding this subject and will be reassessed at the end of the next financial year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (foundation model).

The objects of the charity and the day to day running of the charity were unchanged when the conversion to a CIO took place in 2017.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Organisational structure

For a full explanation of the organisational structure see the Charity's report.

Day to day responsibility has been delegated by the trustees to the Charity Manager Gillian Bowlas.

Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures were written or reviewed and updated: children's safeguarding policy and procedures, adult safeguarding policy, photography and filming policy, health and safety policy, employee handbook, equal opportunities policy, reserves policy, lone working policy, financial operating procedures, risk register, strategy, fundraising strategy, complaints procedure, GDPR policy, volunteer handbook, static collection tins policy, conflicts of interest policy, serious incident reporting policy.

The Downright Special Network
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the charity's governing document, safeguarding policy and employee handbook. The handbook covers a range of policies applicable to trustees or employees including confidentiality, data protection, health and safety, expenses and use of charity telephones and IT. All trustees were issued with Charity Commission's 'The Essential Trustee'. New trustees are also given the latest annual report and statement of accounts.

Six Trustee meetings were held during this reporting period and all meetings were quorate. Minutes are available for all meetings on request.

Related parties

The Charity is affiliated to the Down's Syndrome Association, a national organisation.

SERIOUS INCIDENT

On 1st September 2025 the trustees became aware that there had been a data breach at APCS Ltd, the company Downright Special uses for DBS checks. They notified us by email that Intradev Ltd, their contracted software supplier had been the victim of a cyber-attack and an area of their system had been subject to unauthorised access. Included in the number of individuals affected were seven of our team whose data was accessed. The individuals affected were notified and given advice and recommendations on how to protect themselves and minimise the risk. The data was not accessed from any Downright Special systems, with our systems remaining secure, and no information about the charity was accessed. We reported the incident to the Information Commissioners Office and reported a serious incident to the Charity Commission as per our serious incident reporting procedures.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1175863

Principal address

Bodmin Road Church Office
Padstow Close
Hull
HU7 4HE

Trustees

A Broekhuizen (resigned 11.2.25)
G D Beresford (resigned 14.10.25)
L Lowson
M Marie
N Findlay
E L Barnett (appointed 2.4.25)
H L Jones (appointed 17.6.25)
E Tudor (appointed 10.9.25)

Independent Examiner

Harris Lacey and Swain
Suite 1
The Riverside Building
Hessle
East Yorkshire
HU13 0DZ

The Downright Special Network

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Solicitors

Gosschalks
Queens Gardens
Dock Street
Hull
East Yorkshire
HU1 3DZ

Bank

CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The Downright Special Charity (registration number 1128178) converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 22 November 2017 and all the funds were transferred from the charity to the CIO.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on *10 February 2026* and signed on its behalf by:


.....
L Lowson - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Downright Special Network**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Downright Special Network

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Downright Special Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Laura J Drew

Harris Lacey and Swain
Suite 1
The Riverside Building
Hessle
East Yorkshire
HU13 0DZ

Date: 2/3/2026.....

The Downright Special Network

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

		Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	2,553	998	3,551	12,366
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable		81,041	46,883	127,924	94,552
Investment income	3	2,036	-	2,036	1,413
Total		<u>85,630</u>	<u>47,881</u>	<u>133,511</u>	<u>108,331</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable		71,847	56,810	128,657	117,418
Other		1,663	-	1,663	1,771
Total		<u>73,510</u>	<u>56,810</u>	<u>130,320</u>	<u>119,189</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		12,120	(8,929)	3,191	(10,858)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		82,341	11,169	93,510	104,368
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>94,461</u></u>	<u><u>2,240</u></u>	<u><u>96,701</u></u>	<u><u>93,510</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Downright Special Network

**Balance Sheet
31 October 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	10	1,462	-	1,462	1,870
Tangible assets	11	1,179	-	1,179	1,985
		<u>2,641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,641</u>	<u>3,855</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	749	-	749	388
Cash at bank		<u>94,315</u>	<u>17,514</u>	<u>111,829</u>	<u>117,284</u>
		95,064	17,514	112,578	117,672
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,245)	(15,273)	(18,518)	(28,017)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>91,819</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>94,060</u>	<u>89,655</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>94,460</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>96,701</u>	<u>93,510</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>94,460</u>	<u>2,241</u>	<u>96,701</u>	<u>93,510</u>
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				94,460	82,341
Restricted funds				<u>2,241</u>	<u>11,169</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>96,701</u>	<u>93,510</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
E Lowson - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Downright Special Network
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

Income received for services provided is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Cash donations, gifts and legacies are included in full in the income and expenditure account as they are received. Any significant non-cash donations are included in the income and expenditure account at the trustees' estimate of their market value when received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

Grants and other funding of a revenue nature are deferred and released to the income and expenditure account over the period to which they relate.

Bank interest is included in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. The cost includes the purchase price and any directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset into its intended use. Directly attributable costs may include legal fees, registration costs, or other directly related expenditure.

After initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortised over their useful life. The amortisation method used reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed. If that pattern cannot be reliably determined, the straight-line method is applied.

The period of amortisation is determined based on the expected useful life of the asset, which shall not exceed 10 years unless a shorter period is appropriate.

The amortisation period and method are reviewed annually, and any changes are accounted for prospectively.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortised, but are instead tested for impairment annually or more frequently if there is an indication of impairment.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

The Downright Special Network

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although these estimates are based on the Trustees best knowledge of the amount, events or actions, actual results ultimately differ from these estimates. The Trustees do not consider there to be any material estimates and judgements.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments, including trade and other debtors and creditors, are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	3,240	12,366
Gift aid	311	-
	<u>3,551</u>	<u>12,366</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,413</u>

The Downright Special Network

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

		2025	2024
	Activity	£	£
Fundraising events	Charitable	12,491	14,917
Printer rental income	Charitable	437	322
Training income	Charitable	1,112	5,084
Grants	Charitable	113,884	74,229
		<u>127,924</u>	<u>94,552</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable	<u>125,999</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>128,657</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £
Charitable	<u>2,658</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2025 nor for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2025 nor for the year ended 31 October 2024.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>96,089</u>	<u>88,183</u>
	<u>96,089</u>	<u>88,183</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
General Staff	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The Downright Special Network

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	11,908	458	12,366
Charitable activities			
Charitable	53,541	41,011	94,552
Investment income	1,413	-	1,413
Total	<u>66,862</u>	<u>41,469</u>	<u>108,331</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	63,264	54,154	117,418
Other	1,771	-	1,771
Total	<u>65,035</u>	<u>54,154</u>	<u>119,189</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1,827	(12,685)	(10,858)
Transfers between funds	4,681	(4,681)	-
Net movement in funds	6,508	(17,366)	(10,858)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	75,833	28,535	104,368
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>82,341</u>	<u>11,169</u>	<u>93,510</u>

10. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Development costs £
COST	
At 1 November 2024 and 31 October 2025	2,040
AMORTISATION	
At 1 November 2024	170
Charge for year	408
At 31 October 2025	578
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2025	1,462
At 31 October 2024	1,870

The Downright Special Network

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 November 2024	5,070
Additions	449
	<u>5,519</u>
At 31 October 2025	<u>5,519</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 November 2024	3,085
Charge for year	1,255
	<u>4,340</u>
At 31 October 2025	<u>4,340</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2025	<u>1,179</u>
At 31 October 2024	<u>1,985</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments	749	388
	<u>749</u>	<u>388</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Taxation and social security	1,043	2,426
Other creditors	17,475	25,591
	<u>18,518</u>	<u>28,017</u>

The Downright Special Network

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.11.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,341	12,119	94,460
Restricted funds			
Hull Aid in Sickness	2,314	(2,314)	-
MCF Masonic	2,730	(2,730)	-
Co-op Community Fundraising	-	1,826	1,826
Dynamix	682	(682)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	1,343	(1,343)	-
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust	4,100	(4,100)	-
Hull Wyke Round Table	-	415	415
	<u>11,169</u>	<u>(8,928)</u>	<u>2,241</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>93,510</u></u>	<u><u>3,191</u></u>	<u><u>96,701</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	85,629	(73,510)	12,119
Restricted funds			
Hull Aid in Sickness	-	(2,314)	(2,314)
MCF Masonic	2,727	(5,457)	(2,730)
Boshier Hinton Foundation	2,000	(2,000)	-
Co-op Community Fundraising	2,326	(500)	1,826
Dynamix	(1)	(681)	(682)
The National Lottery Community Fund	11,830	(13,173)	(1,343)
Anonymous Trust 1	25,500	(25,500)	-
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust	-	(4,100)	(4,100)
Hull Wyke Round Table	1,000	(585)	415
Joseph Boaz	500	(500)	-
SJP Charitable	2,000	(2,000)	-
	<u>47,882</u>	<u>(56,810)</u>	<u>(8,928)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>133,511</u></u>	<u><u>(130,320)</u></u>	<u><u>3,191</u></u>

The Downright Special Network

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.11.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	75,833	1,827	4,681	82,341
Restricted funds				
Help for Health	3,998	-	(3,998)	-
Hull Aid in Sickness	-	2,314	-	2,314
Children In Need	67	(67)	-	-
MCF Masonic	1,529	1,201	-	2,730
Ironmongers	683	-	(683)	-
Dynamix	-	682	-	682
Players of People's Postcode Lottery	14,356	(14,356)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	1,732	(389)	-	1,343
KCOM	998	(998)	-	-
Tesco	894	(894)	-	-
Transforming Care (HEY Smile)	4,278	(4,278)	-	-
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust	-	4,100	-	4,100
	<u>28,535</u>	<u>(12,685)</u>	<u>(4,681)</u>	<u>11,169</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,368</u>	<u>(10,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>93,510</u>

The Downright Special Network

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 October 2025**

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	66,862	(65,035)	1,827
Restricted funds			
Help for Health	2,532	(2,532)	-
Hull Aid in Sickness	3,000	(686)	2,314
Children In Need	-	(67)	(67)
MCF Masonic	5,000	(3,799)	1,201
Co-op Community Fundraising	1,020	(1,020)	-
Dynamix	2,000	(1,318)	682
Players of People's Postcode Lottery	-	(14,356)	(14,356)
The National Lottery Community Fund	5,915	(6,304)	(389)
KCOM	-	(998)	(998)
Tesco	375	(1,269)	(894)
Transforming Care (HEY Smile)	-	(4,278)	(4,278)
Anonymous Trust 1	12,500	(12,500)	-
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust	5,000	(900)	4,100
Ideal Boilers	458	(458)	-
Lloyds Bank	2,669	(2,669)	-
Magdalen Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>41,469</u>	<u>(54,154)</u>	<u>(12,685)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>108,331</u>	<u>(119,189)</u>	<u>(10,858)</u>

The Downright Special Network

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.10.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	75,833	13,946	4,681	94,460
Restricted funds				
Help for Health	3,998	-	(3,998)	-
Children In Need	67	(67)	-	-
MCF Masonic	1,529	(1,529)	-	-
Co-op Community Fundraising	-	1,826	-	1,826
Ironmongers	683	-	(683)	-
Players of People's Postcode Lottery	14,356	(14,356)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	1,732	(1,732)	-	-
KCOM	998	(998)	-	-
Tesco	894	(894)	-	-
Transforming Care (HEY Smile)	4,278	(4,278)	-	-
Hull Wyke Round Table	-	415	-	415
	<u>28,535</u>	<u>(21,613)</u>	<u>(4,681)</u>	<u>2,241</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>104,368</u>	<u>(7,667)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,701</u>

The Downright Special Network

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	152,491	(138,545)	13,946
Restricted funds			
Help for Health	2,532	(2,532)	-
Hull Aid in Sickness	3,000	(3,000)	-
Children In Need	-	(67)	(67)
MCF Masonic	7,727	(9,256)	(1,529)
Boshier Hinton Foundation	2,000	(2,000)	-
Co-op Community Fundraising	3,346	(1,520)	1,826
Dynamix	1,999	(1,999)	-
Players of People's Postcode Lottery	-	(14,356)	(14,356)
The National Lottery Community Fund	17,745	(19,477)	(1,732)
KCOM	-	(998)	(998)
Tesco	375	(1,269)	(894)
Transforming Care (HEY Smile)	-	(4,278)	(4,278)
Anonymous Trust 1	38,000	(38,000)	-
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Ideal Boilers	458	(458)	-
Lloyds Bank	2,669	(2,669)	-
Magdalen Trust	1,000	(1,000)	-
Hull Wyke Round Table	1,000	(585)	415
Joseph Boaz	500	(500)	-
SJP Charitable	2,000	(2,000)	-
	<u>89,351</u>	<u>(110,964)</u>	<u>(21,613)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>241,842</u>	<u>(249,509)</u>	<u>(7,667)</u>

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2025.