

Deaf Awareness: NE

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity No. 1178549

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Deaf Awareness: NE**

Reg'd Charity No: 1178549

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Trustees' Annual Report 2023-24

deaf awareness: NE was established to raise deaf awareness amongst people and communities and bring together deaf and hearing people with areas of common interest.

As of April 2023 the organisation was delivering weekly sessions mainly in-person with some option to participate online. These sessions included regular sports and health based sessions, arts and craft based sessions, a tinnitus support group, a deaf and sign social group, sign language and signed singing.

As the year progressed we established social outings and access visits that looked at the positive and not so positive experiences for deaf and hard of hearing people in community settings such as theatres and museums.

We continued the process of looking at access issues via the delivery of deaf awareness training to businesses, corporations, and some of the venues that we had previously attended for access visits.

At September 2023 we were delighted to start a National Lottery Reaching Communities programme entitled Together: Better Access, a two year project that is looking at access to services and how these might be improved for deaf and hard of hearing people.

With the start of this project we were able to secure the positions of one full time worker and two part-time workers for a two year period. The project also allowed us to connect with many more venues and organisations for collaborative work, and to include additional sessions such as healthy cookery, carpet bowls, and special events.

Under the banner of the North of Tyne Combined Authority, we successfully crowdfunded for a project to take BSL Fingerspelling into First and Primary schools across North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle, concluding this with some filmed footage of the children showing their signing skills.

We are immensely grateful also to Sir James Knott Trust, Magic Little Grants, and the Co-op Local Community Fund for their financial support during this period.

Membership subscriptions and donations have again been extremely valuable in helping us to maintain the diversity and quality in service delivery that we take pride in offering.

Our social media platforms play a big part in helping to keep our members informed and connected, with regular updates on our website and positive posts appearing across our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Our members, volunteers and Board of Trustees remain key to the success of our organisation and we, once again, thank each and every person for their attendance, contribution and support throughout this financial year.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to Financial Statements

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993.

Signed:Chair, on behalf of Trustees

Date

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of	Deaf Awareness: NE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	Charity no	1178549
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to • examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act), • follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and • state whether particular matters have come to my attention.		
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.		
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention: 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that: • proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and • accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.		
Signed:			
Name:	Mark Thompson MAAT		
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	Date: 24 July 2024		

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts		2024	2024	2024	2023
					£
Grants	2		84892	84892	37113
Member Donations & Subscriptions		3200		3200	2251
Fundraising		692		692	595
Access to Work		5614		5614	0
Training		1600		1600	3850
Total Receipts		11106	84892	95998	43809
Payments					
Salaries	3	1694	39671	41365	29084
Room Hire		263	5456	5719	4457
Training Costs			6213	6213	1754
Communication Support		5642	10071	15713	2145
Resources & Refreshments		22	671	693	1016
Advertising & Promotion				0	1000
Travel		6	1275	1281	418
Activities		481	676	1157	660
Rent			4230	4230	2672
Admin Fees				0	246
Accountancy & Payroll fees			915	915	762
Supplies		350	1905	2255	1489
Insurance			207	207	243
Miscellaneous Service Costs		54	363	417	143
Total Payments		8512	71653	80165	46089
Surplus / deficit for the year		2594	13239	15833	-2280
Funds as at 1 April 2023		2231	19475	21706	23986
Funds at 31 March 2024		4825	32714	37539	21706

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		2024 £	2023 £
	Notes		
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & in Hand		32765	21706
Debtors	4	<u>4774</u>	<u>21706</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>37539</u>	<u>21706</u>
Current Liabilities		0	0
For the year ended 31 March 2024		<u>37539</u>	<u>21706</u>
Represented By:			
Restricted Funds	5	32714	19475
Unrestricted Funds		4825	2231
		<u>37539</u>	<u>21706</u>

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Date

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Notes to the accounts, 2024

1. Basis of accounts

The financial have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Deaf Awareness: NE meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

2. Grants Received:

Restricted

Coop Local Communtiy Fund	1223
Crowd Fund North of Tyne	4469
Enterprise Development Fund	5000
Peter Harrison Foundation	2500
RW Mann Trust	500
Magic Little Grants (Arts & Creativity Project)	500
Reaching Communities North East and Cumbria	65700
Sir James Knott Trust	5000

84892

3. Trustees and Staff

Total Staff Costs for the year:

41365

4. Access to Work (Debtor)

Access to Work funding was received from the DWP.

This is funded in arrears: £4,774.50 was received after the year end but is accounted for within these financial statements.

5. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £350.

6 Restricted Funds balance at 31 March 2024

	Balance at April 2023	Income	Expend	Balance at March 2024
Magic Little Grants (Arts & Creativity Project)	0	500	500	0
Coop Local Communtiy Fund	346	1223	833	736
North Tyneside Health Inequalities Fund	10833		10833	0
Badminton England	250			250
Barbour Foundation (Support Groups)	1739		1739	0
Better Together Fund (Racket Sports)	1747		1747	0
Community Foundation (Daisy Marr Fund)	4560		4560	0
Crowd Fund North of Tyne		4469	3890	579
Enterprise Development Fund		5000	5000	0
Peter Harrison Foundation		2500	1151	1349
RW Mann Trust		500	0	500
Reaching Communities North East and Cumbria		65700	36400	29300
Sir James Knott Trust		5000	5000	0
	19475	84892	71653	32714