

Deaf Awareness: NE

Trustees Report and Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025

Charity No. 1178549

Legal and Administrative Information

Name: **Deaf Awareness: NE**

Reg'd Charity No: 1178549

Trustees: Karen Skipper (Chair)
Helen Ganson (Treasurer)
Barbara Office
Ann Dewar
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Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
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Trustees' Annual Report 2024-25

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 2024 a firm structure had been established within our Reaching Communities National Lottery Project called Together: Better Access.

Within this project we were able to deliver a weekly programme that incorporated Sports & Health, Arts & Creativity, Learning, and Support Groups. As our programme was more robust than previous years this led to an increase in attendance of just over 20% from the same period of the previous year (March 2024 to March 2025).

We continued our work in the local community, looking at access challenges for deaf people when attending cinemas, theatres, museums, and galleries.

Sadly in December 2024 one of our committee members, Maureen Smith-Price, passed away. Maureen's family were kind enough to donate money to deaf awareness NE via contributions raised at Maureen's funeral and beyond. This financial contribution helps our quest to improve access to arts and entertainment venues for deaf people.

In parallel with our weekly programme and our community work, we delivered deaf awareness training initiatives and sign language promotional sessions to local community centres.

Alongside our funding from National Lottery, we were also extremely grateful for continued funding from Sir James Knott Trust and the Peter Harrison Foundation, as well as additional funding from Hadrian Trust.

Within this financial period funding was also secured from the Integrated Care Board for our forthcoming Digital Inclusion Project, and from National Lottery Awards For All for our new hard of hearing project.

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 2025	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		
Address:	VODA Spirit of North Tyneside Wing 2nd Floor, Wallsend Customer First Centre 16 The Forum Wallsend NE28 8JR		
	Date: 6 October 2025		

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Receipts		2025	2025	2025	2024
					£
Grants	2		136553	136553	84892
Member Donations & Subscriptions		9882		9882	3200
Fundraising		862		862	692
Access to Work		13546		13546	5614
Training		2950		2950	1600
Total Receipts		27240	136553	163793	95998
Payments					
Salaries	3		44977	44977	41365
Room Hire			8453	8453	5719
Training Costs			10379	10379	6213
Communication Support		13456	20699	34155	15713
Resources & Refreshments			356	356	693
Advertising & Promotion			610	610	0
Travel			964	964	1281
Activities			200	200	1157
Rent			3035	3035	4230
Accountancy & Payroll fees			1027	1027	915
Supplies			8791	8791	2255
Insurance			239	239	207
Miscellaneous Service Costs			810	810	417
Total Payments		13456	100540	113996	80165
Surplus / deficit for the year		13784	36013	49797	15833
Funds as at 1 April 2024		4825	32714	37539	21706
Funds at 31 March 2025		18609	68727	87336	37539

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025 £	2024 £
	Notes		
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & in Hand		84695	32765
Debtors	4	<u>2641</u>	<u>4774</u>
Total Cash Balances		<u>87336</u>	<u>37539</u>
Current Liabilities		0	0
For the year ended 31 March 2025		<u>87336</u>	<u>37539</u>
Represented By:			
Restricted Funds	5	68727	32714
Unrestricted Funds		18609	4825
		<u>87336</u>	<u>37539</u>

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Notes to the accounts, 2025

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

Peter Harrison Foundation	2000
Reaching Communities North East and Cumbria	88133
Awards for All	20000
Sir James Knott Trust	5000
Hadrian Trust	1000
National Survivor	150
NHS North East & North Cumbria	20000
North Tyneside Badminton Partnership Group	100
Tinnitus UK	70
Wallsend Bewicke	100

136553

3. Trustees and Staff

Total Staff Costs for the year:

44977

4. Access to Work (Debtor)

Access to Work funding was received from the DWP.
This is funded in arrears: £2,640.50 .

5. Costs of financial services

The cost for the Independent Examination for the financial period will be £380.

6 Restricted Funds balance at 31 March 2024

	Balance at April 2024	Income	Expend	Balance at March 2025
Awards for All		20000	0	20000
Badminton England	250		250	0
Community Foundation (Daisy Marr Fund)	0			0
Coop Local Community Fund	736		736	0
Crowd Fund North of Tyne	579		579	0
Enterprise Development Fund	0			0
Hadrian Trust		1000	1000	0
Magic Little Grants (Arts & Creativity Project)	0			0
National Survivor		150		150
NHS North East & North Cumbria		20000		20000
North Tyneside Badminton Partnership Group		100	100	0
North Tyneside Health Inequalities Fund	0			0
Peter Harrison Foundation	1349	2000	3349	0
Reaching Communities North East and Cumbria	29300	88138	89570	27868
RW Mann Trust	500			500
Sir James Knott Trust	0	5000	4639	361
Tinitus UK	0	70	70	0
Wallsend Bewicke	0	100	100	0
	32714	136558	100393	68879