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Charity registration number: 1178924

Disability Support Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Brenda Yong Sajjad Hussain Paul Smithurst Charlotte Throssel
Secretary	
Senior Management Team	Charlotte Throssel, CEO
Charity Registration Number	1178924
Company Registration Number	09253306
Registered Office	Old Basford Community Centre Bramble Close Nottingham NG6 0QG
Independent Examiner	

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Brenda Yong
Sajjad Hussain
Paul Smithurst

Secretary: Charlotte Throssel

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 07/10/2014 and most recently amended 30/05/2019. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £10.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees are invited to apply for vacant positions, applications are then reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

- 1) To provide relief for disabled people in Nottingham, by the provision of information and advice which directly relieves the need of the beneficiaries and the development of services which either directly or indirectly facilitates disabled people's ability to live independently.
- 2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them integrating into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of their age or disability.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Disability Support Ltd is an advice and support service for disabled people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Activities include:

- Providing welfare rights services, advice and information, peer support, mentoring and developing community activities;
- Welfare Rights Support includes benefits form filling service as well as appeals and tribunals;
- We actively encourage volunteering within our organisation;
- We provide information and advice on a range of topics such as accessible transport, activities/social groups, personal budgets, equality act/discrimination, finding grants, equipment, employment and adjustments, peer support, loneliness & isolation and training.

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Public benefit

Our activities help disabled people live independently and improve their mental well-being by offering support and activities that reduce social isolation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

Despite the challenges and growing concerns about the future of Disability Support, we remained here for those who needed us. The most important thing for Disability Support to achieve was responding to client and community needs. An area we excel in.

In July 2023,

Disability Support demonstrated remarkable resilience, juggling fundraising with meeting client demand. Whilst 2023 was not the most financially productive year, which harmed our accounts for 2024, we can confirm in confidence that the Lloyds Bank Foundation's unrestricted funding, with business development support, is helping us become financially resilient.

Falcon Digital have donated a newly built website for the charity, which features a shop. This will help increase our donations and improve our reserves.

Financial review

Total income is £298,111.71 (2023, £167,232). Total expenditure was £304,679.61 (2023, £204,094)

Policy on reserves

We now have a draft policy which is being developed with guidance from our business adviser.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Major Risk

We currently face financial risks due to the lack of fundraising opportunities and the incredible increase in demand for funding pots. We will be exploring this further with business advisers. We recently secured funds from the Free Masons to purchase fundraising items and a gazebo. This will help greatly when utilising volunteers to raise funds on our behalf.

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Trustees' Report

Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Disability Support Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

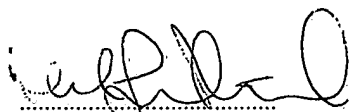
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act

2006. The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 22.10.25 and signed on its behalf by:



Paul Smithurst
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Disability Support Ltd ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Disability Support Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: *Philip Shaw*

Philip Shaw

Address:

3 Brickyard Cottages
Newthorpe
Nottingham
NG16 2EJ

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	22,296.36	3,600	25,896.36	13,641
Charitable activities	3		1,000	1,000.00	153,591
Total income		<u>22,296.36</u>	<u>4,600</u>	<u>26,896.36</u>	<u>167,232</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>(2,166.50)</u>	<u>(186,052)</u>		<u>(206,392)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(20,340)</u>	<u>(186,052)</u>		<u>(206,392)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(6,049)</u>	<u>(33,111)</u>		<u>(39,160)</u>
Net movement in funds		(6,049)	(33,111)		(39,160)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>(13,175)</u>	<u>69,171</u>		<u>55,996</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>(19,224)</u></u>	<u><u>36,060</u></u>		<u><u>16,836</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 12.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	5,514	-	5,514
Charitable activities	3	2,138	132,849	134,987
Total income		<u>7,652</u>	<u>132,849</u>	<u>140,501</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(29,992)</u>	<u>(101,994)</u>	<u>(131,986)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(29,992)</u>	<u>(101,994)</u>	<u>(131,986)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		<u>(22,340)</u>	<u>30,855</u>	<u>8,515</u>
Net movement in funds		(22,340)	30,855	8,515
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>9,165</u>	<u>38,316</u>	<u>47,481</u>
Total funds carried forward	12	<u><u>(13,175)</u></u>	<u><u>69,171</u></u>	<u><u>55,996</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 09253306) Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £
Current assets		
Debtors	7	972
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>47,535</u>
		48,507
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(31,671)</u>
Net assets		<u>16,836</u>
Funds of the charity:		
Restricted income funds		
Restricted funds	12	36,060
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted funds		<u>(19,224)</u>
Total funds	12	<u>16,836</u>

For the financial year ending 31 December 2024 the charity 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 charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22/10/25 and signed on their behalf by:



Paul Smithurst
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Disability Support Ltd 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 notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

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Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Computer equipment	3 years straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

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

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted General £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	21,808	21,808	13,641
Other income from donations and legacies	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>	
	<u>25,408</u>	<u>25,408</u>	<u>13,641</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Services	<u>2,172</u>	<u>2,172</u>	<u>3,770</u>
	<u><u>2,172</u></u>	<u><u>2,172</u></u>	<u><u>3,770</u></u>

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4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Access to Work	-	16,042	16,042
Awards for All	-	19,960	19,960
Big Lottery	-	140,563	140,563
Charity Events	-	1,000	1,000
Grocers Charity	-	5,000	5,000
Freemasons	-	4,552	4,552
Other Grants	83,416	-	83,416
Donations and Legacies	25,408	-	25,408
Charitable Activities	2,172	-	2,172
	<u>110,995</u>	<u>187,117</u>	<u>298,112</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted General funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank charges	174	-	174	413
Cleaning	1,698	39	1,737.26	-
Insurance	1,070	-	1,070	265
IT & website	12,975	340	13,315	1,718
Office & general admin	13,348	17,284	30,632	500
Other professional fees	2,083	352	2,434	8,440
Telephones	2,528	-	2,528	528
Printing, postage & stationery	1,543	84	1,627	721
Rent & services	7,689	8,059	15,748	5,000
Wages, NI & pension	22,823	199,782	222,605	172,347
Activities	932	800	1,732	4,165
Utilities	7,545	1,191	8,736	10,036
	<u>74,409</u>	<u>230,271</u>	<u>304,680</u>	<u>206,392</u>

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6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024	2023
		£
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	177,616	155,942
Social security costs	23,597	10,335
Pension costs	21,396	<u>6,070</u>
	<u>222,609</u>	<u>172,347</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No	No
Average number of employees	8	

6 (2024 - 6) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £21,396

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments		<u>972</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	17,551	22,856
Other creditors		8,815
	<u>17,551</u>	

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9 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	Pro bono	920
Other financial services	Pro bono	1,754
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,674</u>

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses from the charity during the year.

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	(19,679)	107,394	74,968	32,426
Restricted funds				
Freemasons	-	4,552	4,549	3
A2W	-	16,042	22,441	(6,398)
Stagecoach Group	-	1,000	1,000	0
Awards for All	-	19,960	15,954	4,006
Charity Events	-	4,600	3,492	-
Reach/Big Lottery	65,677	140,563	177,155	(36,591)
Grocers Charity	-	5,000	5,000	0
Total restricted funds	<u>65,677</u>	<u>298,112</u>	<u>304,680</u>	<u>40,434</u>
Total funds	<u>45,998</u>	<u>298,112</u>	<u>304,680</u>	<u>40,434</u>

Income received from Lloyds Bank Foundation in February 2024 for £25k covered the overspend in the

unrestricted fund.

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	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	(13,175)	14,291	(20,340)	(19,224)
Restricted				
Meet and Eat	1,894			1,894
A2W	5,813	21,587	(27,095)	305
Awards for All	7,440		(159)	7,281
Reach	50,097	131,354	(158,798)	22,653
Kickstarter programme	<u>3,927</u>			<u>3,927</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>69,171</u>	<u>152,941</u>	<u>(186,052)</u>	<u>36,060</u>
Total funds	<u>55,996</u>	<u>167,232</u>	<u>(206,392)</u>	<u>16,836</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Big Lottery REACH - fund for providing advice, support and guidance for disabled people, carers and older people in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire;
A2W - Support costs reimbursed for disabled employee,
Awards for All - Short term grant to look at health options for physically disabled people;

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2024
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets			
Current liabilities			
Total net assets			
	Unrestricted		2023
	General	Restricted	Total funds
	£	£	£
Current assets	12,447	36,060	48,507
Current liabilities	(31,671)		(31,671)
Total net assets	<u>(19,224)</u>	<u>36,060</u>	<u>16,836</u>