

WORCESTER NEWS AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR THE BLIND (WNESB)

England & Wales · Charity number 1180242

Details

Other names	WORCESTER NEWS AND EQUIPMENT SERVICE FOR THE BLIND, WORCESTER TALKING NEWSPAPER
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-10-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE BLIND, OR THE PARTIALLY BLIND, OR THOSE LABOURING UNDER SOME TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR DISABILITY WHICH MAKES READING AND WRITING A STRAIN BY THE PROVISION OF: (A) RECORDED TAPES, USB MEMORY STICKS, FLASH DRIVES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS; (B) CASSETTE TAPE AND USB-RECORDERS/PLAYERS, BRAILLE WRITERS, TYPEWRITERS AND SUCH OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ON LOAN OR OTHERWISE AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE; AND(C) INTERNET RELATED BROADCASTS, BULLETINS, POD CASTS AND INFORMATION;(D)INFORMATION REGARDING TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENTS TO ASSIST THOSE IN NEED

Activities: The purpose of the Association is to relieve the blind, or the partially blind, or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading and writing a strain, by the provision of recorded audio material, playback equipment and other such means of communication on loan as may be determined by the Committee.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,447	£4,375	-	-
2023-12-31	£4,028	£5,871	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,594	£19,447	-	-
2021-12-31	£17,529	£7,270	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,488	£7,819	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Roger Knight	Chair	2018-08-30
Barry Herd		2024-10-30
Brian Russell		2022-12-15
Carole Teresa Hartle		2018-08-30
Evelyn Mary Brock		2024-10-30
Jane K Hudman		2024-10-30
John Plush		2024-10-30

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WORCESTER TALKING NEWSPAPER AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER 2024

INCOME

DONATIONS/BEQUESTS	£	1327.90
GRANTS	£	NIL
REFUNDS BT + EDF	£	329.71
COIF INTEREST RECEIVED	£	2789.02
TOTAL	£	4446.63

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR £ 71.73

EXPENDITURE

ELECTRIC	£ 1367.00
PHONE	£ 964.05
OFFICE	£ 215.42
INSURANCE	£ 607.36
MAINTENANCE	£ 436.00
EQUIPMENT	£ 276.97
MISC	£ 508.10
TOTAL	£ 4374.90

BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS AT 1.1.2024	£	60,583.99
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£	71.73
FUNDS AT 31.12.2024	£	60,655.72

BRIAN RUSSELL

SECRETARY/ TRUSTEE

08.04.25

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YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME

DONATIONS/BEQUESTS	£	1517.88
GRANTS	£	NIL
COIF INTEREST RECEIVED	£	2510.15
TOTAL	£	4028.03

EXPENDITURE

ELECTRIC	£	1510.00
PHONE	£	782.02
OFFICE	£	347.84
INSURANCE	£	550.39
MAINTENANCE	£	1358.90
EQUIPMENT	£	1001.66
MISC	£	320.33
TOTAL	£	5871.20

DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR £ 1843.17

BALANCE SHEET

FUNDS AT 1.1.2023	£	61,307.46
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	£	- 1,843.17
FUNDS AT 31.12.2023	£	59,464.29

BRIAN RUSSELL

SECRETARY/ TRUSTEE

22.08.24

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: Period start date 1/02/2022

To: Period end date 31/12/2022

Charity name: Worcester News and Equipment Services for the Blind

Charity registration number: 1180242

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<u>FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE BLIND, OR THE PARTIALLY BLIND, OR THOSE LABOURING UNDER SOME TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT INCAPACITY OR DISABILITY WHICH MAKES READING AND WRITING A STRAIN BY THE PROVISION OF:</u> <u>1. RECORDED TAPES, USB MEMORY STICKS, FLASH DRIVES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC MEANS;</u> <u>2. CASSETTE TAPE AND USB-RECORDERS/PLAYERS, BRAILLE WRITERS, TYPEWRITERS AND SUCH OTHER</u>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To provide audio recordings of both news, books and matters of interest to those of us that are blind or partially sighted.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are aware and follow the said guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are not made.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The entire service, without exception, is created and delivered, solely by volunteers.
Other		N/A

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Feed back to the Charity confirms the value of the service provided and those receiving the service are kept aware of news and interest items as well as having access to the library of recorded books. The service is provided at absolutely no cost to the recipients.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	These are met, although the Charity is always seeking to improve.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fund raising is always difficult and more so in the current political and financial climate, although funds have met objectives to date.
Investment performance	Para 1.41	

against objectives		
Other		N/A

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity is not in debt and funds are adequate.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to ensure the continuance of the service and for specific expenditure, such as new equipment or repairs to the premises.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£56K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	For both unseen and unknown events and demands as income is never certain and very difficult to generate.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations from our client base, external sources such as donation boxes/tins and, where applicable, grants.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	All reserves are invested in a zero-risk account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	As with all Charities, funding is not guaranteed nor is it regular, we therefore keep an appropriate reserve. The Charity does not operate commercially.
Other		Care and maintenance of the building.

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Memorandum and articles of association.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected by the Managing Committee and are drawn from existing volunteers of whom the Charity has experience.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity has a Chairman, Secretary and Financial Officer. Recordings are undertaken by four separate, but connected, teams. Each of which has an Editor and Engineer as well as a team of Readers.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		None

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Worcester Talking News and Equipment Services for the Blind
Other name the charity uses	Worcester Talking News
Registered charity number	1180242
Charity's principal address	Colin Chance House, 11 Wyld's Lane, Worcester WR5 1DA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Knight	Chairman		Management Committee
2	Brian Russell	Secretary	Appointed 15 th December 2022	Management Committee
3	Carole Teresa Hartle	Treasurer		Management Committee
4	Elizabeth Hill			Management Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

No paid staff

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None

Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s) Roger David Knight

Position (for example
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

26/10/2023

Worcester Talking Newspaper
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations	1,157.79	Electric	4,100.38
Grants	10,907.01	Telephone	659.71
COIF interest received	529.13	Office	127.82
		Insurance	498.45
		Maintenance	12,403.63
		Equipment	1,138.24
		Talking books	-
		Miscellaneous	518.47
Deficit for the year	6,852.77		
	<u>19,446.70</u>		<u>19,446.70</u>

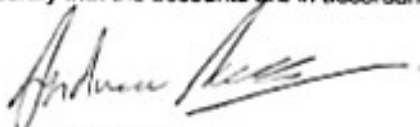
BALANCE SHEET

Funds as at 1.1.2022 68,160.23

REPRESENTED BY

Deficit for the year	- 6,852.77	Barclays Bank Account	6,541.61
		COIF Accounts:	
		Bequests & grants	54,765.85
	<u>61,307.46</u>		<u>61,307.46</u>

I certify that the accounts are in accordance with records presented to me for examination.



Andrew Peach FCA
Independent Examiner

Date: 16-03-2022

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Worcester Talking Newspaper
Statement of Income and Expenditure
Year ended 31 December 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>£</u>
Donations	1,509.84	Electric	909.00
Grants	16,012.61	Telephone	611.30
COIF interest received:		Office	71.37
Bequests & grants	6.44	Accounting	-
		Mileage	-
		Insurance	580.13
		Legal	168.20
		Maintenance	1,177.35
		Equipment	3,200.43
		Talking books	77.75
		Miscellaneous	474.52
		Surplus for the year	10,258.84
	<u><u>17,528.89</u></u>		<u><u>17,528.89</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

Funds as at 1.1.2021 57,901.39

REPRESENTED BY

Surplus for the year	10,258.84	Barclays Bank Account	13,923.51
		COIF Accounts:	
		Bequests & grants	54,236.72

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I certify that the accounts are in accordance with records presented to me for examination.

Andrew Peach FCA
Independent Examiner
Date:

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Jan 2020 Period start date To 31st Dec 2020 Period end date

Charity name: Worcester News and Equipment Service for the Blind

Charity registration number: 1180242

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the charity is to relieve the blind, or the partially blind, or those labouring under some temporary or permanent incapacity or disability which makes reading and writing a strain by the provision of: (a) recorded tapes, usb memory sticks, flash drives and other electronic means; (b) cassette tape and usb-recorders/players and such other means of communication on loan or otherwise as may be determined by the committee; and (c) internet related broadcasts, bulletins, pod casts and information; (d) information regarding technology and developments to assist those in need
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity has a three strand approach to providing its services - 1. A weekly audio newspaper which is recorded onto usb sticks and then both posted to clients and transferred to podcast on the organisation's web site. 2. A monthly magazine which is produced and distributed in the same way. 3. A lending library of talking books which is freely available to clients.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity has had full regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The entire charity and its operation is done by volunteers who give selflessly of their time, knowledge and energy.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Worcester Talking Newspaper is compiled each week by our team of volunteers at our studio in Colin Chance House, Wylds Lane, Worcester. A 90 minute recording of local news is recorded and circulated weekly from our HQ to over 120 homes in the Worcester area. This has just restarted after lockdown. The magazine has been produced monthly and talking books have been supplied to our clients upon request. These operations were suspended during Covid 19 lockdown periods in line with government requirements.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a financially solvent position with adequate reserves to continue fulfilling its purpose.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity's reserves are held in a COIF Charities Deposit Fund, managed by CCLA.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£54,230.28
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's funds come principally from personal donations. There is also a small input from the Worcester Community Lottery. Larger donations have been received as bequests and applications to National Lottery Community Fund and Worcester City Council Discretionary Lockdown Support Grant.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	1180242 - CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There shall be no more than 5 Trustees and 10 Committee members of the Association with any 3 to be a quorum. Each Trustee shall hold office until death or resignation whichever shall be the sooner; or until removed from office by a resolution of the Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any Committee meeting remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Whereby reason or any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed, or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees the Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairperson is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Association within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Association and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

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2	Carole Hartle	Treasurer		Committee
3	Elizabeth Hill	Chief Editor		Committee
4	Chris Luckham	Secretary		Committee
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Christopher Luckham	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	09-10-2020	