

# Open Ears Accounts

*Registered Number 1181896*

31 December 2020



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# Trustees' Report

## Section A - Reference and administration details

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<b>Charity Name</b>	Open Ears
<b>Charity number</b>	1181896
<b>Charity Address</b>	11 York Avenue New Milton Hampshire BH25 6BT
<b>Charity Trustees</b>	Marylin Kilsby (Chair Person) Christine Pitts (Secretary) Julia Chapman (Treasurer) Mary Bucknall Anthea Owen Tracy Williamson
<b>Other Committee Members</b>	Susanne Willdig. Victor Willdig.
<b>Associate Committee Members</b>	Marilyn Baker

## Section B - Structure, governance and management

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<b>Description of the charity's trusts</b>	Open Ears is constituted by its Foundation CIO Constitution (dated 4/1/2019)
<b>Management of the charity</b>	The charity is managed by its trustees and committee members
<b>Selection of new trustees and committee members</b>	The existing trustees and committee members are responsible for the selection of new individuals. The final decision is made by a vote of this group of individuals.



# Trustees' Report Continued.....

## Section C - Objectives and activities

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### Summary of the objectives and activities of the charity set out in its governing document

Open Ears is a non-denominational Christian charity for people who have various degrees of impaired hearing, mainly (but not exclusively) those who communicate orally, assisted by hearing aids or cochlear implants and lip-reading.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of the charity are, for the public benefit:

- The advancement of the Christian religion among the hearing impaired
- The relief of need, hardship or sickness, in particular the relief of those with hearing impairments.

#### **Activities**

The activities of the charity are:

- Provide pastoral support to those in need
- Organise fellowship/bible teaching events
- Provide publications/information
- Provide training/demonstrations to church leaders to highlight the needs of those with impaired hearing and offer advice on suitable equipment e.g. loop systems
- Provide financial support to organisations providing relief to those affected by hearing impairments.

## Section D - Achievements and performance

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### The main achievements of the charity during the period

The past year has been a “year unlike any other” for Open Ears due to the worldwide Pandemic from the Covid-19 virus. Like other charities we have faced challenges as a result with events being cancelled, but it has also provided opportunities.

#### **- Technology**

The move to embrace online technology to reach our members in a new way and liaise with each other as a committee on a remote basis.



# Trustees' Report Continued.....

## Section D - Achievements and performance Continued.....

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### **The main achievements of the charity during the period continued.....**

#### **- Technology Continued.....**

The positive outcome of this being we have been able to meet on a more regular basis and have used the time to focus on our direction for the future as well as how we might support our members during this difficult time.

#### **- Magazine - Hearing Eye**

Four editions of the magazine 'Hearing Eye' were produced with a circulation of about 225 per issue which included postal and email copies being sent to our members and other interested people. We continue to look for new and creative content to include within this magazine to reach the needs of our members and feedback to date has been positive.

#### **- Christmas Card**

For the first time this year we produced our own Open Ears' Christmas card which was sent out to all members. The aim being to reach out personally to many who were experiencing a different Christmas this year and focus on what the real meaning of Christmas is.

#### **- Focus on Corporate Prayer**

The committee have started to meet regularly for prayer (something we had not previously been able to do without the required technology for Speech to Text). We are experiencing a positive response from this through answered prayer. It is great to see technology breaking down some of the barriers disability can sometime create.

#### **- Social Media**

We are currently looking at how we reach and communicate to our members. As a result and keeping up with others we are looking at social media as a means to reach people and have hired a consultant to assist us to do this.

#### **- Online Conferences**

We are looking to hold a few online mini conferences over the next few months to reach out to our members in fellowship. Several members met via YouTube for Spring Harvest for the first ever online event held remotely.



# Trustees' Report Continued.....

## Section D - Achievements and performance Continued.....

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### The main achievements of the charity during the period continued.....

#### - *International*

Further funds were sent to the International Nepal Fellowship for their hospital for the deaf in Nepal.

Marylin Kilsby, Chair, represented Open Ears at 'Churches for All' meetings throughout the year. Anthea Owen and Tracy Williamson also took part in one of the Churches for All meetings.

#### - *Giving*

Members of the fellowship have continued to give enabling the aims of the charity to be fulfilled.

## Section E - Financial Review

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### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity's previous policy was to have as a minimum level of reserves, funds equivalent to three months worth of expenditure. However with the current worldwide economic situation as it is, as a result of the Pandemic and the low level of regular income we are receiving, the trustees have taken a decision to increase this to twelve months.

## Section F - Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signed:** Julia Chapman

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**Date:** 8 March 2021

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**Name:** Julia Chapman

**Position:** Treasurer (On Behalf of Secretary)



# Receipts & Payments

**Charity Name** Open Ears

**Charity Number** 1181896

**For the period from** 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	2020	2020	2020	2019	2019	2019
	Restricted	Non	Total	Restricted	Non	Total
	Funds	Restricted	Funds	Funds	Restricted	Funds
	£	Funds	£	£	Funds	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	£0	£2,965	£2,965	£0	£601	£601
Gift Aid Reclaimed	£0	£197	£197	£0	£63	£63
Interest	£56	£0	£56	£39	£0	£39
	£56	£3,162	£3,218	£39	£664	£703

## Payments

Committee	£179	£0	£179	£311	£0	£311
Contractors	£1,800	£0	£1,800	£0	£0	£0
Events	£3,932	£0	£3,932	-£1,341	£0	-£1,341
Insurance	£508	£0	£508	£35	£0	£35
International	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£0	£250	£250
Interpreters	£600	£0	£600	£300	£0	£300
IT	£1,085	£0	£1,085	£0	£0	£0
Magazine	£2,101	£0	£2,101	£138	£0	£138
Memberships	£675	£0	£675	£120	£0	£120
Miscellaneous	£0	£0	£0	£1,010	£0	£1,010
Professional Fees	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Website	£252	£0	£252	£540	£0	£540
	£11,131	£1,000	£12,131	£1,112	£250	£1,362

## Net receipts /(payments)

-£11,075	£2,162	-£8,914	-£1,074	£414	-£660
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# Assets & Liabilities

**Charity Name** Open Ears

**Charity Number** 1181896

**As at** 31 December 2020

	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.20</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>	<b>31.12.19</b>
	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash Funds	£65,408	£2,576	£67,984	£76,383	£414	£76,797
Other Assets	£0	£0	£0	£500	£0	£500
Investment Assets	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Assets	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Liabilities	-£100	£0	-£100	-£500	£0	-£500
	£65,308	£2,576	£67,884	£76,383	£414	£76,797

**Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees**

	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date of approval</b>
<b>Marylin Kilsby</b> <i>Chair Person</i>	<b>Marylin Kilsby</b>	8 March 2021





# Notes to the Accounts

## 1. Restricted v Non Restricted Funds

- These were as a result of net funds at the date of transfer of the assets (see notes below)
- Restriction - Funds received prior to this date are restricted and mayh only be spent on UK activities
- Funds received after this date are not subject to any restriction and may be spent on UK or International activites

## 2. Other Assets

- A deposit has been paid for a future Open Ears Conference of £3,932.
- Unfortunately due to the current Pandemic the conference centre has gone into administration, the company are hoping this can be sold as a going concern.
- Given however, there is no certainty that the business will be sold as a going concern we have taken the prudent approach and written off this balance in these accounts.

## 3. Liabilities

- These relate to specific donations received to help fund attendance at future Open Ears conferences.

## 4. Transfer of Assets

- Open Ears (1181896) was registered as a new CIO Charity on 6 February 2019
- Open Ears(284487) transferred its charity status to this new CIO charity (1181896)during 2019.
- On 21 September 2019 Open Ears (284487) transferred its assets and liabilities to Open Ears (1181896), the newly created CIO charity.
- On 18 November 2019, Open Ears (284487) was transferred to and merged with Open Ears (1181896)
- This merger was registered on 15 January 2020.
- Open Ears (284487) has been removed from the Register of Charities.
- This merger is now listed in the Register of Mergers maintained by the Charity Commission

