

**Company number: CE017716**  
**Charity number: 1183725**

**AUTISTIC NOTTINGHAM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

# AUTISTIC NOTTINGHAM

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# **AUTISTIC NOTTINGHAM**

## **CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021**

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### **Legal and administrative information**

|                                  |  |
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| <b>Full name</b>                 | Autistic Nottingham  |
| <b>Registered company number</b> | CE017716   |
| <b>Registered charity number</b> | 1183725  |
| <b>Trustees</b>                  | J Bryan<br>J Donne<br>T Madar<br>H Trenear                           |
| <b>Principal address</b>         | Concord House<br>Nottingham Road<br>Basford<br>Nottingham<br>NG7 7FF |
| <b>Independent examiner</b>      | UHY Hacker Young LLP<br>14 Park Row<br>Nottingham<br>NG1 6GR         |

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Company number CE017716), having solely charitable objectives, and registered as a charity (number 1183725). Autistic Nottingham was registered with the Charity Commission on 5 June 2019.

#### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

J Bryan (appointed on 14 June 2020)  
J Donne  
T Madar  
H Trenear

New trustees are given adequate training in respect of their legal obligations under charity law, in particular in relation to the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit, the charity constitution and the trustees decision making processes.

#### **Objectives and activities**

The principal objective of the charity is the support the needs of Autistic adults without intellectual disabilities in the Nottingham/shire areas, through a variety of services tailored for their specific needs. The Charity runs regular social events appropriate for beneficiaries. They also run an Advocacy service to support Autistic adults short time to enable them to express their views and breakdown barriers. The Charity also runs a support provision, providing Personal Assistants to Autistic adults who have a social care budget, or those who self-fund.

The majority of the Charity's funds are acquired through grant applications for specific projects/services. A small amount has been accrued through donations as well as through the support services provided to beneficiaries.

#### **Review of the activities and future development**

As with many charities, Autistic Nottingham has gone through a challenging year in the face of a global pandemic. Despite this the charity has continued to thrive and has safeguarded many Autistic people living in Nottingham/shire. When the first lockdown hit the organisation was already prepared to work remotely. As the charity is run by Autistic people, all systems were set up to be accessed from staff's homes to allow for flexible working wherever required. The organisation was able to secure its physical premises and equip staff to work safely from their own homes for the duration of the proceeding lockdown periods. The Advocacy team worked hard across lockdown on a new set of challenges brought to Autistic people by the pandemic, such as ensuring those whose support network were sick or isolating were appropriately supported, that no one was being evicted illegally and challenging furlough fraud. Our Personal Assistants (PA's) continued to work throughout the pandemic, all provided with reusable N99 grade face masks and one of the first opportunities to get the vaccine (as they are classed as frontline key workers). Our social events were moved to online and continued almost weekly to keep beneficiaries informed and feeling part of a community. The charity also worked alongside local supermarkets to collect surplus food and donate it to beneficiaries who were in need of additional food.

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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#### Financial results

Income for the year was £94,486 (2020 - £36,232) whilst expenditure was £84,258 (2020 - £23,602). The unrestricted funds were in surplus by £6,481 (2020 - £275) at the year-end. Restricted funds held at the year-end amounted to £16,377 (2020 - £12,355) and are shown in more detail in note 4 to the financial statements.

#### Reserves policy and risk management

The trustees recognise that they should manage income and expenditure to build a reserve to cover core costs and contingencies. The trustees aim to ensure that the charity has free reserves to meet the operational costs for at least three months. A small amount of reserves are held for emergency usage, such as unforeseen costs to the Charity or when funding is depleted for an ongoing activity.

The current economic climate is the main risk to the charity, especially as the Charity's main goals are around reducing social isolations of Autistic adults. Funding can also be difficult to acquire for the charity as it solely focuses on Autistic adults without intellectual disabilities, many funders see that as not a broad enough use of funding, but can also see that those who are not intellectually affected have no services for this very reason.

#### Contribution made by volunteers

The Charity relies on volunteers to run its social events as well as a large proportion of its fundraising. During the lockdown period there was very little work for volunteers and the amount of voluntary hours was drastically lower. The Charity is still registered to accept voluntary placements from the University of Nottingham Trent, but this was suspended during the pandemic. Thank to you all of the volunteers who have supported our work in the period and who will continue to do so.

#### Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity law required the trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applications of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board



**J Donne**

Date: 11 December 2021

## AUTISTIC NOTTINGHAM

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 11.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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;

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



David Allum FCCA  
UHY Hacker Young  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
14 Park Row  
Nottingham  
NG1 6GR

Date: 11 December 2021

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

|                                      |       | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2021<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2020<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                      | Notes |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Income</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Income from donations                | 2     | 1,003                      | 68,083                   | 69,086                      | 31,753                      |
| Charitable activities                | 2     | 25,400                     | -                        | 25,400                      | 4,479                       |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Total income</b>                  |       | 26,403                     | 68,083                   | 94,486                      | 36,232                      |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                   |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Raising funds                        | 3     | 1,362                      | -                        | 1,362                       | 296                         |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | 3     | 18,835                     | 64,061                   | 82,896                      | 23,306                      |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>             |       | 20,197                     | 64,061                   | 84,258                      | 23,602                      |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| <b>Net income</b>                    |       | 6,206                      | 4,022                    | 10,228                      | 12,630                      |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Fund balances brought forward        | 6     | 275                        | 12,355                   | 12,630                      | -                           |
|                                      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Fund balances carried forward        | 6     | 6,481                      | 16,377                   | 22,858                      | 12,630                      |

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## BALANCE SHEET

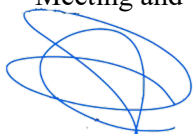
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

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|  | Notes | £ | 2021<br>£ | 2020<br>£ |
|--|-------|---|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |       |   |           |           |
| Debtors  | 4     |   | 8,541     | 1,000     |
| Cash at bank & in hand                         |       |   | 16,028    | 11,630    |
|  |       |   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|  |       |   | 24,569    | 12,630    |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                     |       |   |           |           |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | 5     |   | (1,711)   | -         |
|  |       |   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |       |   | 22,858    | 12,630    |
|  |       |   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>Funds</b>                                   |       |   |           |           |
| Unrestricted funds                             | 6     |   | 6,481     | 275       |
| Restricted funds                               | 6     |   | 16,377    | 12,355    |
|  |       |   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|  |       |   | 22,858    | 12,630    |
|  |       |   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue at the Annual General Meeting and were signed on their behalf on 11 December 2021.



**J Donne**

**Charity No. 1183725**



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2021

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

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

##### 1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees have successfully obtained funding for the next year, and are actively seeking new sources of income, in order to fund the charity in the long term.

##### 1.3 Income

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

##### 1.4 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, including value added tax, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

##### 1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:-

###### *Unrestricted funds*

These consist of funds which the charity may use in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

###### *Restricted funds*

These funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or grant provider, or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

##### 1.6 Volunteers

The trustees recognise the significant contribution made by volunteers who gave freely of their time. It is not practicable to place a value on this contribution.

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#### 1.7 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

#### 2. Income

|                       | 2021   | 2020   |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
|                       | £      | £      |
| Donations             | 69,086 | 31,753 |
| Charitable activities | 25,400 | 4,479  |
|                       | <hr/>  | <hr/>  |
|                       | 94,486 | 36,232 |
|                       | <hr/>  | <hr/>  |

Included within donations are restricted grants of £36,800 (2020 - £9,853) from The National Lottery, £nil (2020 - 9,247) from Boots Charitable Trust, £10,713 (2020 - £7,620) from Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, £nil (2020 - £3,965) from Tesco, £4,000 (2020 - £nil) from The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust, £9,600 (2020 - £nil) from Disability Action, £4,570 (2020 - £nil) from Metro Centre, £400 (2020 - £nil) from Neighbourly, £nil (2020 - £910) from the Thomas Farr Trust and £2,000 (2020 - £nil) from Nottingham City Council. Included within donations is unrestricted income of £1,003 (2020 - £158).

Included within charitable activities is unrestricted income of £25,400 (2020 - £4,317). Included within charitable activities is restricted income of £nil (2020 - £162).

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 3. Expenditure

|   | 2021   | 2021    | 2021   | 2020   |
|---|--------|---------|--------|--------|
|   | Direct | Support | Total  | Total  |
|   | £      | £       | £      | £      |
| Staff costs (including National Insurance employer contributions) | 62,431 | -       | 62,431 | 14,385 |
| Covid-19 Support  | 5,147  | -       | 5,147  | -      |
| LGBT  | 23     | -       | 23     | -      |
| Advertising & fundraising   | -      | 1,362   | 1,362  | 260    |
| Accountancy   | -      | 1,080   | 1,080  | -      |
| Insurance   | -      | 228     | 228    | 213    |
| IT equipment & running costs                                      | -      | 612     | 612    | 164    |
| Premises costs  | -      | 7,609   | 7,609  | 3,217  |
| Printing, postage, and stationery                                 | -      | 270     | 270    | 361    |
| Training costs  | -      | 2,796   | 2,796  | 1,622  |
| Employee expenses   | 1,034  | -       | 1,034  | 882    |
| Memberships and accreditations                                    | -      | 1,488   | 1,488  | 2,185  |
| Telephone   | -      | 133     | 133    | 24     |
| Sundry  | -      | 45      | 45     | 288    |
|   | 68,635 | 15,623  | 84,258 | 23,602 |

Included within direct costs and support costs are restricted costs of £61,265 (2020 - £14,385) and £2,796 (2020 - £5,017), respectively.

#### 4. Debtors

|   | 2021  | 2020  |
|---|-------|-------|
|   | £     | £     |
| <b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b> |       |       |
| Accrued income                              | 8,541 | 1,000 |
|   | 8,541 | 1,000 |

#### 5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                              | 2021  | 2020 |
|------------------------------|-------|------|
|                              | £     | £    |
| Taxation and social security | 631   | -    |
| Accruals                     | 1,080 | -    |
|                              | 1,711 | -    |

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#### 6. Movement in funds

|   | Opening<br>balance<br>1 Apr 20<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Closing<br>balance<br>31 Mar 21<br>£ |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>               |                                     |                            |                            |                |                                      |
| General fund                            | 275                                 | 26,403                     | (20,197)                   | -              | 6,481                                |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                 |                                     |                            |                            |                |                                      |
| The National Lottery                    | 376                                 | 36,800                     | (37,176)                   | -              | -                                    |
| Boots Charitable Trust                  | 6,506                               | -                          | (2,796)                    | -              | 3,710                                |
| Nottinghamshire Community<br>Foundation | 5,320                               | 10,713                     | (16,033)                   | -              | -                                    |
| Tesco                                   | 153                                 | -                          | (153)                      | -              | -                                    |
| The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust         | -                                   | 4,000                      | -                          | -              | 4,000                                |
| Disability Action                       | -                                   | 9,600                      | (5,480)                    | -              | 4,120                                |
| Metro Centre                            | -                                   | 4,570                      | (23)                       | -              | 4,547                                |
| Neighbourly                             | -                                   | 400                        | (400)                      | -              | -                                    |
| Nottingham City Council                 | -                                   | 2,000                      | (2,000)                    | -              | -                                    |
| <b>Total funds</b>                      | 12,630                              | 94,486                     | (84,258)                   | -              | 22,858                               |

#### Comparative

|                                      | Opening<br>balance<br>1 Apr 19<br>£ | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Closing<br>balance<br>31 Mar 20<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>            |                                     |                            |                            |                |                                      |
| General fund                         | -                                   | 4,475                      | (4,200)                    | -              | 275                                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>              |                                     |                            |                            |                |                                      |
| The National Lottery                 | -                                   | 9,853                      | (9,477)                    | -              | 376                                  |
| Boots Charitable Trust               | -                                   | 9,247                      | (2,741)                    | -              | 6,506                                |
| Nottinghamshire Community Foundation | -                                   | 7,620                      | (2,300)                    | -              | 5,320                                |
| Tesco                                | -                                   | 3,965                      | (3,812)                    | -              | 153                                  |
| Thomas Farr Trust                    | -                                   | 910                        | (910)                      | -              | -                                    |
| Event Brite                          | -                                   | 162                        | (162)                      | -              | -                                    |
| <b>Total funds</b>                   | -                                   | 36,232                     | (23,602)                   | -              | 12,630                               |

#### 7. Analysis of net assets between funds

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Net current assets                 | 6,481                      | 16,377                   | 22,858              |
| <b>Net assets at 31 March 2021</b> | 6,481                      | 16,377                   | 22,858              |

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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#### **8. Staff costs and numbers**

Gross wages for the year amounted to £56,687 (2020 - £14,315) and employer's national insurance costs were £2,631 (2020 - £70).

No employee earned more than £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year was 8 (2020 - 3).

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £16,667 (2020 - £7,467).

Included within the Staff costs (including National Insurance employer contributions) per note 3, the charity claimed furlough income of £1,938 (2020 - £nil) which has been offset with the expenditure.

#### **9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

No expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

#### **10. Independent examiner remuneration**

Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for totalled £1,080 (2020 - £nil).

#### **11. Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### **12. Related party transactions**

There were no related party transactions in the reporting year or comparative period that requires disclosure.