

# DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1188452

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-03-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE THE RELIEF OF PEOPLE LIVING IN DARLINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO ARE BLIND, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR WHO HAVE ANOTHER DISABILITY OR ILLNESS WHICH PREVENTS THEM FROM READING PRINTED MATERIAL BY THE PROVISION OF A FREE NEWS AND INFORMATION SERVICE.

**Activities:** Providing people living in Darlington and the surrounding area who are blind, visually impaired or who have another disability or illness which prevents them from reading printed material by the provision of a free news and information service.

## Classification

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

## Geography

- Darlington

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £8,707 | £2,499      | -      | -         |
| 2024-12-31 | £4,578 | £6,368      | -      | -         |
| 2023-12-31 | £5,325 | £7,353      | -      | -         |
| 2022-12-31 | £3,310 | £4,718      | -      | -         |
| 2021-12-31 | £2,352 | £7,374      | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                          | Role | Appointed  |
|-------------------------------|------|------------|
| Ciaran Michael Patrick Grogan |      | 2015-04-05 |
| David Edward Green            |      | 2020-10-12 |
| Gerard Joseph Callaghan       |      | 2021-05-10 |
| Gillian Moore                 |      | 2025-04-05 |
| Katharine Frances Grogan      |      | 2020-01-07 |
| Margaret Harrison             |      | 2020-01-07 |
| Maureen Gorman                |      | 2025-04-05 |
| Patricia Elizabeth Walker     |      | 2020-01-07 |
| Paul Luddington Knight        |      | 2020-11-09 |
| Richard Hawkins               |      | 2020-01-07 |

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# Accounts

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## Darlington & District Talking Newspaper (DDTN)

### Annual General Meeting



#### AGM Agenda – 18 April 2026– 10.45am

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| 1                               | Pat Walker, Chair to open the AGM. Note members present and apologies received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 2                               | Minutes of last AGM, all to read. Proposer, seconder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 3                               | Trustee Annual Report and Financial Report 2025 Pat Walker & David Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | <p>Resolutions:</p> <p>a) To accept the Trustees Annual Report 2025. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>b) To accept the Financial Report 2025. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>c) To accept the Appointment of Raymond Morris as Auditor for 2026. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>d) Election of Trustees- Stefan Gleisner is resigning as a trustee, all other trustees are happy to remain as trustees. <b>Vote for/ against each candidate:</b></p> <table><tr><td></td><td><b>Candidates</b></td><td><b>Notes</b></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Ged Callaghan</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Maureen Gorman</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>David Green</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>Kate Grogan</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Ciaran Grogan</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Margaret Harrison</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Richie Hawkins</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Paul Knight</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>Gill Moore</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Pat Walker</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table> <p>e) Election of Officials – David Green and Kate Grogan are current officials and are willing to stand again. Pat Walker is stepping down as Chair and Ged Callaghan has offered to stand. <b>Vote for/ against each candidate:</b></p> <p>f)</p> <table><tr><td>Ged Callaghan</td><td>Chair</td></tr><tr><td>David Green (current Treasurer)</td><td>Treasurer</td></tr><tr><td>Kate Grogan (current Secretary)</td><td>Secretary</td></tr></table> |                 | <b>Candidates</b> | <b>Notes</b> | 1 | Ged Callaghan | Current trustee | 2 | Maureen Gorman | Current trustee | 3 | David Green | Current trustee | 4 | Kate Grogan | Current trustee | 5 | Ciaran Grogan | Current trustee | 6 | Margaret Harrison | Current trustee | 7 | Richie Hawkins | Current trustee | 8 | Paul Knight | Current trustee | 9 | Gill Moore | Current trustee | 10 | Pat Walker | Current trustee |  |  |  | Ged Callaghan | Chair | David Green (current Treasurer) | Treasurer | Kate Grogan (current Secretary) | Secretary |
|                                 | <b>Candidates</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Notes</b>    |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 1                               | Ged Callaghan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 2                               | Maureen Gorman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 3                               | David Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | Kate Grogan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 5                               | Ciaran Grogan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 6                               | Margaret Harrison                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 7                               | Richie Hawkins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 8                               | Paul Knight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 9                               | Gill Moore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 10                              | Pat Walker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Current trustee |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
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| Ged Callaghan                   | Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| David Green (current Treasurer) | Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| Kate Grogan (current Secretary) | Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | Any other business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 5                               | Thanks to members for their support, participation and attendance. Close the meeting. PatW. Tea & coffee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                 |                   |              |   |               |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |                 |   |               |                 |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |            |                 |    |            |                 |  |  |  |               |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Darlington & District Talking Newspaper  
(DDTN) on 5 April 2025 at Age UK Offices,  
Darlington.**



**PRESENT: Trustees:** Ged Callaghan, David Green, Kate Grogan (Minutes), Richie Hawkins, David Smith (Chair), Pat Walker, **Volunteers:** John Dunn, Maureen Gorman, Ciaran Grogan, Dave Kilvert, Kay & Roly Lang, Gill Moore, Margaret Reay, David Roberts, Felicity Stephenson.

**APOLOGIES: Trustees:** Stefan Gleisner, Paul Knight, **Volunteers:** Fran Bradley, Andy Brown, Stuart Connell, June Goodrick, Lynne Goodes, Jean Taylor, Alison Mannion, Jean Taylor.

David Smith **welcomed** everyone to the 2024 AGM of the DDTN and said it was his last AGM as Chair as he was stepping down as a trustee. Voting was by a show of hands if present at this meeting or by prior return of the proxy voting form. One proxy form was received.

The minutes of the **last AGM** on 13 April 2024 were proposed as an accurate record by RH, seconded by MG. All present agreed.

The **Trustee/ Chairman Annual Report** was discussed by David Smith. He thanked all volunteers for their hard work.

The **Statement of Accounts** was discussed by David Green. He explained that our previous auditor was taken seriously ill so another accountant, Raymond Morris, agreed to complete them. In 2024 AE Burts said they would increase our rent but have not actually done so. Income in 2024 was £1k down on 2023 which was a particularly good year. Our recording charges have been increased. Our assets have reduced by £1.7k as predicted at last years' AGM and is expected to continue year on year. The Talking Newspaper is still in a good financial position. DG was asked if the Charity Commission was happy with us having a deficit each year. He said as far as he was aware yes, but he would ask Ray to confirm. We have now applied to HMRC to claim gift aid. If anyone is considering donating and is a UK taxpayer please sign a donation form so we can claim back tax; Ray is advising us further on claiming. We are also looking at changing bank accounts for a better rate of interest.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Trustees Annual Report**. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Statement of Accounts**. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Appointment of Raymond Morris as 2025 auditors**. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

### **Election of Charity Trustees**

All current trustees were re-elected by unanimous vote; namely Ged Callaghan, Stefan Gleisner, David Green, Kate Grogan, Margaret Harrison, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight and Pat Walker. Maureen Gorman, Ciaran Grogan and Gill Moore were also elected as a Trustees.

### **Election of Officers**

Officers were elected by vote as follows: Pat Walker as Chair, David Green as Treasurer and Kate Grogan as Secretary.

### **Any Other Business**

DR asked if it was time for the mixing desk to be serviced. PW will ask the company who installed it if they thought it needed doing, no problems have been reported.

PW expressed the thanks of the Committee to DS for his work as Chairman and to volunteers for their work over the last year.

The meeting closed with DS thanking everyone for attending and continuing to support our Talking Newspaper.

## **Chairman & Trustees Report 2025**

2025 was a very busy year for Darlington and District Talking Newspaper. Our Talking Newspaper wanted to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the start of the Stockton and Darlington Railway and set about, at the beginning of the year, planning how best to do this. Several of our volunteers researched various articles from the archives, newspapers and books. In September we did two special editions of the magazine section on the recording dedicated to the railway celebrations, which were excellent. Ciaran Grogan collated all the information and produced the special editions. So a big thank you to Ciaran and we have awarded our 'volunteer of the year' award to him. Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed.

The most exciting innovation this year has been the Talking Newspaper Federation Talkphone service. This is very easy to use and the calls are charged at the 'local rate' (01325 238551). It is important for listeners to check if the 'local calls' are included in their phone package, otherwise it could be expensive to listen to an eighty minute recording.

We still send out the recording on CD's and memory sticks and also upload it onto our website and onto the TNF website. There is some concern that our listener numbers are falling due to the reduced number of CDs and memory sticks that we send out, but it seems that many people have embraced the Internet and listen to the recordings online. Listeners who access our recordings directly online or on the phone do not need to register with us so sadly, we don't know who they are!

Durham Talking Newspaper unfortunately has had to close as there are not enough volunteers to run the service. They have been in touch to ask if their listeners could get the Darlington and District Talking Newspaper and we are happy to accommodate them. We plan to expand our news to cover the areas of County Durham where listeners live.

We are very grateful to all the people and organisations who have given donations to the Darlington Talking Newspaper throughout this year. We are a charity run entirely by volunteers but we do need ongoing support to keep the service running, to pay for the premises, the telephone and website and other sundries such as CD's, memory sticks and printing equipment. The Lions Club and Burts Property are very generous with their support. This year we have not had many opportunities to raise funds. We plan to collect at a Darlington Football Club match later in March and continue to look for new fundraising opportunities. We continue to do external audio recordings of the One Darlington magazine and the Housing Connect magazine, for Darlington Borough Council, who pay us, which raises some funds to help keep the service going.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who make this service possible and thank you to all our listeners or their continued support.

Pat Walker

*Chairman*

## Financial Accounts 2025

### DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION CHARITY NO. 1188452

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT- YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2025

|                                       | 2025         | 2024          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
|                                       | £            | £             |
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>                       |              |               |
| Donations                             | 6,457        | 1,723         |
| Paid Recordings                       | 1,300        | 1,158         |
| Fundraising                           | 321          | 969           |
|                                       | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |
|                                       | 8,078        | 3,850         |
| <br>Bank Interest Received            | <br>629      | <br>728       |
|                                       | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |
|                                       | 8,707        | 4,578         |
| <br><b>PAYMENTS</b>                   |              |               |
| Meeting and Travel Expenses           | 186          | -             |
| Equipment Maintenance                 | -            | -             |
| Telephone and Internet                | 515          | 813           |
| Postage                               | -            | -             |
| Printing, Stationery & Consumables    | 84           | 40            |
| Licences & Subscriptions              | 102          | 102           |
| Insurances                            | 367          | 334           |
| Rent and Rates                        | 4,440        | 4,440         |
| Sundry Expenses                       | -            | -             |
| CDs and Wallets                       | 333          | 343           |
| Professional Services                 | 181          | 296           |
|                                       | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |
|                                       | 6208         | 6368          |
|                                       | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |
| <b>T PROFIT/(- LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b> | <b>2,499</b> | <b>-1,790</b> |
|                                       | <hr/>        | <hr/>         |

# DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

|                                     | 2025 |              | 2024 |               |
|-------------------------------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|
|                                     | £    | £            | £    | £             |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>               |      |              |      |               |
| Petty cash                          |      | 200          |      | 200           |
| Darlingtonton Builing Society       |      | 31,408       |      | 30,778        |
| Barclays Bank                       |      | <u>6,111</u> |      | <u>4,242</u>  |
| <b>Total Current assets</b>         |      | <u>37719</u> |      | <u>35220</u>  |
| Profit/ Loss accumulated surplusses |      |              |      |               |
| Brought forward                     |      | 35,220       |      | 37,010        |
| Add Surplus/ - deficit this ye      |      | 2,499        |      | -1790         |
| <b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>               |      | <u>37719</u> |      | <u>35,220</u> |

SIGNEE David Green

DCU

Ray Morris

Ind. Examiner



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# Accounts

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## **Darlington & District Talking Newspaper**

### **Chairman & Trustees Report 2024**

As some people already know, this is my last AGM as a trustee. It's been a joy and privilege to be working for the Darlington and District Talking Newspaper and it's been a difficult decision, but due to other commitments, I'm unable to devote the time the job deserves.

Our listener numbers remain constant at about 50 CDs / memory sticks a week. Which together with a few online listeners makes our efforts worthwhile.

Last year I commented that our offices provide a safe working environment, but we shouldn't become complacent about Health and Safety and I'm still a bit concerned about people working alone, especially outside normal working hours.

If you didn't already know, 2025 is the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway, and we are working towards getting some interviews organised with "railway people" and perhaps do some outside broadcasts.

As a charity, we are totally dependent on donations and fundraising to keep the organisation running and we have raised money at ASDA and Darlington Football Club. We now have a portable card reader, so there's no excuse for not donating!

A.E. Burt's, our landlord, continue to be generous too and we thank them for their support.

We have received donations for talks given to various organisations throughout the year and started to record Darlington Borough Councils Housing Connect magazines in addition to the One Darlington magazines and the Hippodrome.

Our thanks go to our new auditor, Ray Morris, for examining the accounts for 2024.

This report, together with the Treasurers will be submitted to the Charity Commission as a full and detailed account of the work of the Association in 2024.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee of the Trustees I should like to thank all of our volunteers for their valuable work – it's good to see so many people attend our Coffee mornings!

*David V Smith*

*Chairman*

**DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

|                                  | <b>2024</b>   |               | <b>2023</b>   |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                  | £             | £             | £             | £             |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>            |               |               |               |               |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand         | 35,134        |               | 37,010        |               |
|                                  | <u>35,134</u> |               | <u>37,010</u> |               |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>        |               | 35,134        |               | 37,010        |
|                                  |               | <u>35,134</u> |               | <u>37,010</u> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>      |               |               |               |               |
| Profit and Loss Account          |               | 35,134        |               | 37,010        |
| <b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b> |               | <u>35,134</u> |               | <u>37,010</u> |

**DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER**

**TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 2024**

|                                     | <b>2024</b> |        | <b>2023</b> |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
|                                     | £           | £      | £           | £      |
| Donations                           |             | 1,723  |             | 2,105  |
| Paid Recordings                     |             | 1,158  |             | 896    |
| Fundraising                         |             | 969    |             | 2,286  |
|                                     |             | <hr/>  |             | <hr/>  |
|                                     |             | 3,850  |             | 5,287  |
| Bank Interest Received              |             | 728    |             | 313    |
|                                     |             | <hr/>  |             | <hr/>  |
|                                     |             | 4,578  |             | 5,600  |
| <b>LESS OVERHEADS</b>               |             |        |             |        |
| Meeting and Travel Expenses         | -           |        | -           |        |
| Equipment Maintenance               | -           |        | 752         |        |
| Telephone and Internet              | 813         |        | 871         |        |
| Postage                             | -           |        | -           |        |
| Printing, Stationery & Consumables  | 40          |        | 100         |        |
| Licences                            | 102         |        | 246         |        |
| Insurances                          | 334         |        | 319         |        |
| Rent and Rates                      | 4,440       |        | 4,440       |        |
| Sundry Expenses                     | -           |        | -           |        |
| Accountancy                         | -           |        | -           |        |
| CDs and Wallets                     | 343         |        | 340         |        |
| Sundry Expenses                     | -           |        | -           |        |
| Professional Services               | 296         |        | 285         |        |
|                                     |             | <hr/>  |             | <hr/>  |
|                                     |             | 6368   |             | 7353   |
| <b><u>NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR</u></b> |             | <hr/>  |             | <hr/>  |
|                                     |             | £1,790 |             | £1,753 |
|                                     |             | <hr/>  |             | <hr/>  |



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION

#### On accounts for the year ended

31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1188452

#### Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

#### 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

7 MARCH 2025

Name:

RAYMOND KENNETH MORRIS

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

FCCA RETIRED CMA RETIRED

Address:

48 EDINBURGH DRIVE

DARLINGTON DL 38 AX

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# Accounts

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# Darlington & District Talking Newspaper (DDTN)

## Annual General Meeting



### AGM Agenda - 13 April 2024 – 10.00am

| 1                               | David Smith, Chair to open the AGM. Note members present and apologies received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
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| 2                               | Minutes of last AGM, all to read. Proposer, seconder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 3                               | Trustee Annual Report and Financial Report 2023 David Smith & David Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | <p>Resolutions:</p> <p>a) To accept the Trustees Annual Report 2023. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>b) To accept the Financial Report 2023. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>c) To accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as Auditors for 2024 - Paul Pearson of Taxation Advisory Services has audited DDTN accounts for many years. It is proposed the company continue to provide this service. <b>Vote.</b></p> <p>d) Election of Trustees- all current trustees are happy to remain as trustees. <b>Vote for/ against each candidate:</b></p> <p>e)</p> <table><tr><th></th><th>Candidates</th><th>Notes</th></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>Ged Callaghan</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>Stefan Gleisner</td><td>Seeking appointment</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>Lynne Goodes</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>David Green</td><td>Current Treasurer</td></tr><tr><td>5</td><td>Kate Grogan</td><td>Current Secretary</td></tr><tr><td>6</td><td>Margaret Harrison</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>Richie Hawkins</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>8</td><td>Paul Knight</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr><tr><td>9</td><td>David Smith</td><td>Current Chair</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>Pat Walker</td><td>Current trustee</td></tr></table> <p>f) Election of Officials –the current officials are willing to stand again. <b>Vote for/ against each candidate:</b></p> <table><tr><td>David Smith (current Chair)</td><td>Chair</td></tr><tr><td>David Green (current Treasurer)</td><td>Treasurer</td></tr><tr><td>Kate Grogan (current Secretary)</td><td>Secretary</td></tr></table> |                     | Candidates | Notes | 1 | Ged Callaghan | Current trustee | 2 | Stefan Gleisner | Seeking appointment | 3 | Lynne Goodes | Current trustee | 4 | David Green | Current Treasurer | 5 | Kate Grogan | Current Secretary | 6 | Margaret Harrison | Current trustee | 7 | Richie Hawkins | Current trustee | 8 | Paul Knight | Current trustee | 9 | David Smith | Current Chair | 10 | Pat Walker | Current trustee | David Smith (current Chair) | Chair | David Green (current Treasurer) | Treasurer | Kate Grogan (current Secretary) | Secretary |
|                                 | Candidates                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Notes               |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 1                               | Ged Callaghan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 2                               | Stefan Gleisner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Seeking appointment |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 3                               | Lynne Goodes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | David Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Current Treasurer   |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 5                               | Kate Grogan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Current Secretary   |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 6                               | Margaret Harrison                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 7                               | Richie Hawkins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 8                               | Paul Knight                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 9                               | David Smith                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Current Chair       |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 10                              | Pat Walker                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Current trustee     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| David Smith (current Chair)     | Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| David Green (current Treasurer) | Treasurer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| Kate Grogan (current Secretary) | Secretary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 4                               | Any other business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |
| 5                               | Thanks to members for their support, participation and attendance. Close the meeting. DavidS. Tea & coffee.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |            |       |   |               |                 |   |                 |                     |   |              |                 |   |             |                   |   |             |                   |   |                   |                 |   |                |                 |   |             |                 |   |             |               |    |            |                 |                             |       |                                 |           |                                 |           |

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Darlington & District Talking Newspaper (DDTN) on 22 April 2023 at Park Place, Darlington.**

**PRESENT: Trustees:** Ged Callaghan, Lynne Goodes, David Green, Kate Grogan (Minutes), Margaret Harrison, Richie Hawkins, David Smith (Chair), Michael Taylor, **Volunteers:** Fran Bradley, Andy Brown, Stuart Connell, Stefan Gleisner, Maureen Gorman, Ciaran Grogan, John Dunn, Kay Lang, Alison Mannion, Margaret Reay, David Roberts, Richard & Sylvia Western, **APOLOGIES: Trustees:** Paul Knight, Pat Walker; **Volunteers:** Pauline Beecham, Roly Lang, Stan Renwick.

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The **Trustees Annual Report** was explained by David Smith.

The **Statement of Accounts** was explained by David Green. The £2000 donation from our landlord, A.G.Burts and the £500 from Asda Green Token Scheme have helped our financial situation. We are hopeful A.G.Burts will continue to support us.

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Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Previous AGM minutes dated 11 April 2022** an accurate record. RH proposed and it was seconded by GC. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Trustees Annual Report**. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

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### **Election of Charity Trustees**

All current trustees were re-elected by vote; namely Ged Callaghan, Lynn Goodes, David Green, Kate Grogan, Margaret Harrison, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight, David Smith, Michael Taylor and Pat Walker. All trustees received a minimum of 21 votes.

### **Election of Officers**

Officers were elected by vote as follows: David Smith as Chair, David Green as Treasurer and Kate Grogan as Secretary. All officers received a minimum of 22 votes.

### **Any Other Business**

KG asked all volunteers who has not yet received a new ID badge to let her take a photograph so they can be issued.

David Roberts expressed the thanks of volunteers to the Committee for their work over the last year.

The meeting closed with David S thanking everyone for attending and continuing to support our Talking Newspaper.

## **Trustees Report 2023**

As I've written previously, it's a great privilege to be working for the Darlington and District Talking Newspaper and I'm very pleased to report that we have had another successful year. The number of CDs and memory sticks that we send out remains at about fifty every week which together with our online listeners, shows how our efforts are all worthwhile.

The annual Health and Safety audit of the office and recording studio didn't reveal any issues of concern. This very gratifying and we work hard to ensure there are no accidents in our offices. However, the issue of "lone working" shouldn't be overlooked.

A letter was written to our local MP, Mr Peter Gibson protesting about the proposal to close railway station ticket office and I'm pleased to say that he was very supportive and as you will know that the idea has been shelved.

As a charity, we are totally dependent on donations and fundraising to keep the organisation running and we have raised money at ASDA, Darlington Football and Rugby Clubs. Two of our volunteers managed a very successful and popular stall at Abbey School Fete last summer raising more at one event that we have ever done before. A.E. Burt's, our landlord, continue to be generous too and we thank them for their support.

We have received donations for talks given to various organisations throughout the year and started to record Darlington Borough Councils Housing Connect magazines in addition to the One Darlington magazines and the Hippodrome brochures.

Money has been saved by switching our telephone and broadband to a cheaper provider. Also we have moved to a new webhost for our website, a company called Kualo which, because we are a charity, is free.

All of the trustees have worked hard this year; regrettably Michael Taylor has resigned as a Trustee but fortunately Stefan Gleisner has been attending our Committee meetings and is standing for election at the AGM. Thank you to Michael for all his work over the years.

This report, together with the Treasurers will be submitted to the Charity Commission as a full and detailed account of the work of the Association in 2023.

Our thanks go to the auditors, Paul Pearson for examining the accounts for 2023.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee of the Trustees I should like to thank all of our volunteers for their valuable work – it's good to see so many people attend our Coffee mornings.

*David V Smith*

*Chairman*

# Statement of Accounts 2023

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## DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

### TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

|                                     | <u>2023</u> |                       | <u>2022</u> |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|                                     | £           | £                     | £           | £                     |
| Donations                           |             | 2,106                 |             | 1,039                 |
| Paid Recordings                     |             | 896                   |             | 1,371                 |
| Fundraising                         |             | 2,010                 |             | 872                   |
|                                     |             | <u>5,012</u>          |             | <u>3,282</u>          |
| Bank Interest Received              |             | 313                   |             | 28                    |
|                                     |             | <u>5,325</u>          |             | <u>3,310</u>          |
| <b>LESS OVERHEADS</b>               |             |                       |             |                       |
| Equipment Maintenance               | 752         |                       | 300         |                       |
| Telephone and Internet              | 871         |                       | 900         |                       |
| Postage                             | -           |                       | 16          |                       |
| Printing Stationery and Consumables | 100         |                       | 59          |                       |
| Licences                            | 246         |                       | 231         |                       |
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| CDs & Wallets                       | 340         |                       | 229         |                       |
| Sundry Expenses                     | -           |                       | 20          |                       |
| Accountants' Fees                   | 285         |                       | 220         |                       |
|                                     |             | <u>7,353</u>          |             | <u>4,718</u>          |
| <b><u>NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR</u></b> |             | <u><u>£ 2,028</u></u> |             | <u><u>£ 1,408</u></u> |

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPERBALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

|                                              | £ | <u>2023</u>   | £               |  | £ | <u>2022</u>     | £      |
|----------------------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------|--|---|-----------------|--------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |   |               |                 |  |   |                 |        |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand                     |   | 37,010        |                 |  |   | 39,038          |        |
|                                              |   | <u>37,010</u> |                 |  |   | <u>39,038</u>   |        |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |   |               | 37,010          |  |   |                 | 39,038 |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |   |               | <u>£ 37,010</u> |  |   | <u>£ 39,038</u> |        |
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**Any Other Business**

KG asked all volunteers who has not yet received a new ID badge to let her take a photograph so they can be issued.

David Roberts expressed the thanks of volunteers to the Committee for their work over the last year.

The meeting closed with David S thanking everyone for attending and continuing to support our Talking Newspaper.

# Financial Report - Extract from Auditors report

## DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

### TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

|                                     | <u>2022</u> |                | <u>2021</u> |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                     | £           | £              | £           | £              |
| Donations                           |             | 1,039          |             | 1,646          |
| Paid Recordings                     |             | 1,371          |             | 555            |
| Fundraising                         |             | 872            |             | 123            |
|                                     |             | <u>3,282</u>   |             | <u>2,324</u>   |
| Bank Interest Received              |             | 28             |             | 28             |
|                                     |             | <u>3,310</u>   |             | <u>2,352</u>   |
| <b>LESS OVERHEADS</b>               |             |                |             |                |
| Meeting and Travel Expenses         | -           |                | 144         |                |
| Equipment Maintenance               | 300         |                | 616         |                |
| Telephone and Internet              | 900         |                | 898         |                |
| Postage                             | 16          |                | -           |                |
| Printing Stationery and Consumables | 59          |                | 112         |                |
| Licences                            | 231         |                | 42          |                |
| Insurances                          | 303         |                | 291         |                |
| Rent and Rates                      | 2,440       |                | 4,440       |                |
| Sundry Expenses                     | -           |                | 29          |                |
| Accountancy                         | -           |                | 220         |                |
| CDs & Wallets                       | 229         |                | 582         |                |
| Sundry Expenses                     | 20          |                | -           |                |
| Accountants' Fees                   | 220         |                | -           |                |
|                                     |             | <u>4,718</u>   |             | <u>7,374</u>   |
| <b>NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>        |             | <u>£ 1,408</u> |             | <u>£ 5,022</u> |

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# Accounts

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# **Darlington & District Talking Newspaper (DDTN)**



## **Annual General Meeting 2022**

We are pleased to invite you to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 11 April 2022 at 6.00pm.**

Due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns the meeting will be held using Zoom – the internet meeting facility. If you wish to join the Zoom meeting please contact the office (see below) with your email address and you will be sent a link.

You can vote at the AGM if, on that date, you are a member of DDTN (i.e. a registered listener and/ or volunteer). Each member has one vote.

If you are unable to attend the Zoom meeting, you may appoint our Secretary, Kate Grogan, as your Proxy to vote on your behalf. You can specify how you want your vote to be cast on each resolution using the enclosed Proxy form. The completed form must be received by the Secretary by **Monday 11 April at 12 noon.**

Included with this letter are:

1. AGM Agenda 2022
2. Minutes of AGM held 10 May 2021
3. Trustees Annual Report 2022
4. Statement of Accounts
5. A proposed resolution to accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as Auditors for 2022
6. List of potential Charity Trustees
7. Election of Officials
8. Proxy Voting Form 2022

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These documents will also be available on our website. If you have any questions or comments please email or call us. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to hearing from you.

## 1. AGM Agenda - 11 April 2022 - 6.00 pm by Zoom

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Chair to open the AGM. David Smith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2 | Trustees Annual Report and Financial accounts 2021<br>David Smith & David Green                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3 | Resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To accept the minutes of the last AGM</li> <li>• To accept the Trustees Annual Report</li> <li>• To accept the Financial statement</li> <li>• To accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as Auditors for 2022</li> <li>• Election of Trustees</li> <li>• Election of Officials</li> </ul> |
| 4 | Any other business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5 | Close the meeting. David Smith.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## 2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held by Zoom on 10 May 2021

**PRESENT: Trustees:** David Green, June Goodrick, Kate Grogan, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight, David Smith, Pat Walker,

**Volunteers:** Fran Bradley, Ged Callaghan, Maureen Gorman, Alison Mannion, David Roberts, Michaela Smith,

**APOLOGIES: Trustees:** Michael Taylor, Margaret Harrison,

**Volunteers:** John Dunn, Lynne Goodes, Elaine Hurry, Kay &

Roly Lang,

Stan Renwick,

Pat and David S **welcomed** everyone to the first AGM of the Darlington & District Talking Newspaper under the Chartered Incorporated Organisation status and our new charity number. Voting this year is by a show of hands if present at this meeting or by prior return of the proxy voting form. The Trustees Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, information on resolutions and election candidates were sent to all members with the invitation to the AGM.

The **Trustees Annual Report** was read out by Pat and David S. Thanks were given for this report. Members voted on the resolution to accept this report. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

The **Statement of Accounts** was read out by David Green. Thanks were given for this report. Members voted on the resolution to accept this report. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as 2021 auditors**. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **increase the number of trustees allowed in the DDTN Constitution under revised Section 12.3**.

Section 12 (3) of our constitution currently reads

“(3) Number of charity trustees.....

(b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 10, to include a maximum of 3 co-opted members with full voting rights.”

It is proposed to replace this clause with

“(3) Number of charity trustees.....

(b) The maximum number of charity trustees is **12**, to include a maximum of **4** co-opted members with full voting rights.

There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

### **Election of Charity Trustees**

All the current trustees were re-elected by vote; namely June Goodrick, David Green, Kate Grogan, Margaret Harrison, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight, David Smith, Michael Taylor and Pat Walker. Ged Callaghan was also elected as a trustee. All trustees received a minimum of 23 votes.

### **Election of Officers**

Officers were elected by vote as follows: David Smith as Chair, Pat Walker as Deputy Chair, David Green as Treasurer and Kate Grogan as Secretary. All officers received a minimum of 27 votes. DavidS and Pat both said that this time they could only commit to their newly elected roles for 1 year rather than the normal 3 years.

### **Any Other Business**

It was asked how much Taxation Advisory Services charge - £220 per year.

Fran expressed the thanks of volunteers to the Committee for their work over the last year.

Thanks were also given to all volunteers and those who have left over the last year.

The meeting then closed with Pat and David thanking everyone for attending and supporting our Talking Newspaper.

### **3. Trustees Annual Report**

When I wrote the Chairman's Report last year, we were still in "lockdown" and it seemed as if we would never get back to normality. I'm pleased to report that things have looked better since then and we are now back to recording on a weekly basis although with a slight change to the way things are being done. We now use only two readers plus the recording engineer, which has been well received by all concerned.

The offices at Birch House continue to be used for our studio and office and we are not considering moving anywhere else at the moment. As mentioned last year, our financial resources are gradually being depleted now that we have to pay rent and we depend solely on bequests and other charitable donations to continue.

Last year I mentioned that we had changed the status of the DDTN to a CIO which means we can get tax relief on donations and provides financial protection to the trustees. The first annual return as a CIO was made to the Charity Commission last year.

June Goodrick, who has been a trustee for several years has decided to stand down and we thank her for her outstanding contribution to the running of the DDTN. We are delighted that Lynne Goodes would like to join the committee and hope you will vote for her appointment..

Pat Walker has decided to stand down as Deputy Chair, but remains a valuable member of the Trustees.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers and listeners who continue to make the DDTN such a worthwhile organisation.

David V Smith - Chair

## 4. Statement of Accounts

### DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

|                                     | <u>2021</u> |                | <u>2020</u> |                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                     | £           | £              | £           | £              |
| Donations                           |             | 1,646          |             | 1,399          |
| Paid Recordings                     |             | 555            |             | 1,111          |
| Fundraising                         |             | 123            |             | 432            |
|                                     |             | <u>2,324</u>   |             | <u>2,942</u>   |
| Bank Interest Received              |             | 28             |             | 116            |
|                                     |             | <u>2,352</u>   |             | <u>3,058</u>   |
| <b>LESS OVERHEADS</b>               |             |                |             |                |
| Meeting and Travel Expenses         | 144         |                | 87          |                |
| Equipment Maintenance               | 616         |                | 118         |                |
| Telephone and Internet              | 898         |                | 218         |                |
| Postage                             | -           |                | 89          |                |
| Printing Stationery and Consumables | 112         |                | 159         |                |
| Training & Recruitment              | -           |                | 23          |                |
| Licences                            | 42          |                | 47          |                |
| Insurances                          | 291         |                | 291         |                |
| Rent and Rates                      | 4,440       |                | 4,440       |                |
| Sundry Expenses                     | 29          |                | -           |                |
| Bank Charges                        | -           |                | 82          |                |
| Accountancy                         | 220         |                | 220         |                |
| CDs & Wallets                       | 582         |                | 407         |                |
|                                     |             | <u>7,374</u>   |             | <u>6,181</u>   |
| <b><u>NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR</u></b> |             | <u>£ 5,022</u> |             | <u>£ 3,123</u> |

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

|                                              | <u>Notes</u> | <u>2021</u>     | <u>2020</u>     |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                              |              | £               | £               |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |              |                 |                 |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand                     |              | 40,446          | 45,468          |
|                                              |              | <u>40,446</u>   | <u>45,468</u>   |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |              | 40,446          | 45,468          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |              | <u>£ 40,446</u> | <u>£ 45,468</u> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                  |              |                 |                 |
| Profit and Loss Account                      |              | 40,446          | 45,468          |
| <b><u>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</u></b>      |              | <u>£ 40,446</u> | <u>£ 45,468</u> |

## 5. Proposed Resolution to accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as 2022 Auditors

Paul Pearson of Taxation Advisory Services has audited DDTN accounts for many years. It is proposed the company continue to provide this service next year.

## 6. List of potential Charity Trustees

|    | <b>Candidates</b> | <b>Notes</b>        |
|----|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1  | Ged Callaghan     | Current trustee     |
| 2  | Lynne Goodes      | Seeking appointment |
| 3  | David Green       | Current Treasurer   |
| 4  | Kate Grogan       | Current Secretary   |
| 5  | Margaret Harrison | Current trustee     |
| 6  | Richie Hawkins    | Current trustee     |
| 7  | Paul Knight       | Current trustee     |
| 8  | David Smith       | Current Joint Chair |
| 9  | Michael Taylor    | Current trustee     |
| 10 | Pat Walker        | Current trustee     |

## 7. Election of Officials

| <b>Candidates</b>                 | <b>Post</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| David Smith (current Joint Chair) | Chair       |
| David Green (current Treasurer)   | Treasurer   |
| Kate Grogan (current Secretary)   | Secretary   |

# DDTN Annual General Meeting 2022 VOTE

## PROXY

If you cannot attend the internet Zoom AGM on 11 April 2022 and wish to vote by proxy, please complete, sign and return this form.

Name.....(IN CAPITALS PLEASE)

Address.....

.....

As a member of DDTN, I appoint the DDTN Secretary, Kate Grogan, as my proxy to vote in my name and on my behalf at the 2022 Annual General Meeting and at any adjournment thereof.

**Signed**.....

**Date**.....

### Resolutions:

Place a cross in the appropriate box next to each resolution. The Committee recommends you vote '**for**' all the resolutions.

|                                                                          | <b>Vote<br/>for</b> | <b>Vote<br/>against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Accept Minutes of AGM held 10 May 2021</b>                            |                     |                         |                |
| <b>Accept Trustees Annual Report</b>                                     |                     |                         |                |
| <b>Accept Statement of Accounts</b>                                      |                     |                         |                |
| <b>Accept Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as 2022 auditors</b> |                     |                         |                |

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## Vote on Appointment of Charity Trustees

Place a cross next to the candidates you wish to be appointed as Trustees. There are 12 places for trustees, so if you wish you can vote for all candidates to be appointed.

|    | <b>Candidates</b>                 | <b>Vote for Appointment</b> |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Ged Callaghan                     |                             |
| 2  | Lynne Goodes                      |                             |
| 3  | David Green (current Treasurer)   |                             |
| 4  | Kate Grogan (current Secretary)   |                             |
| 5  | Margaret Harrison                 |                             |
| 6  | Richie Hawkins                    |                             |
| 7  | Paul Knight                       |                             |
| 8  | David Smith (Current Joint Chair) |                             |
| 9  | Michael Taylor                    |                             |
| 10 | Pat Walker                        |                             |

## Election of Officers

Place a cross in the appropriate box next to each candidate. The Board of Trustees recommends you vote '**for**' all candidates.

|                          | <b>Vote for</b> | <b>Vote against</b> | <b>Abstain</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| David Smith as Chair     |                 |                     |                |
| Kate Grogan as Secretary |                 |                     |                |
| David Green as Treasurer |                 |                     |                |

Please return your completed form by either: email, a DDTN wallet or by post to: The Secretary, Darlington & District Talking Newspaper, 1D Birch House, 80 Eastmount Road, Darlington DL1 1LA. The form must arrive **no later than** Monday **11 April at 12 noon**. Late forms are not guaranteed to be counted.