

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

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 2024

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

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

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Donations		1,723		2,105
Paid Recordings		1,158		896
Fundraising		969		2,286
		3,850		5,287
Bank Interest Received		728		313
		4,578		5,600
LESS OVERHEADS				
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	
		6368		7353
<u>NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR</u>				
		£1,790		£1,753



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

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