

ArroweSound Hospital Radio

Trustee Report and Annual Review

Jan 2024 - Dec 2024

The Studios
Clatterbridge Health Park
Clatterbridge Road
Wirral
CH63 4JY

Registered Charity Number: 1192149

Overview

ArroweSound Hospital Radio Trustees are pleased to submit their annual report and accounts for the year 2022. ArroweSound Hospital Radio is a registered charity, governed by a constitution.

Charitable Objectives

- (1) The relief of sickness, poor health and old age amongst people living in Wirral by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes and similar institutions, and for patients receiving community care; and
- (2) (2) the advancement of health and prevention or relief of sickness for the public benefit through the promotion of the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle, and the importance of maintaining good personal mental and physical health by (mainly, but not exclusively) the means of broadcasting health education messages to people living in Wirral.

Organisation

ArroweSound Hospital Radio is run entirely by volunteers, who pay an annual membership subscription and is governed by a constitution and managed by an executive committee.

Related Organisation

ArroweSound Hospital Radio is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association, a national charity that supports and promotes hospital broadcasting in the UK.

Dave Holt - Chairman

2024 on the whole has been an excellent year for ArroweSound. New members have bedded in well and are a great addition to our team. We have moved our playout system to the latest version of Myriad 6 and one or two members have been making use of the access to Myriad Anywhere and have broadcast programmes away from the studio in 2024.

The latest copy of our station magazine has also been produced and have been placed in locations throughout Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge hospitals as well as being available externally in other key locations and they're always available when we are out promoting the station at events.

This year we have continued our fundraising partnership at Tesco Bidston and have started raising funds at a monthly car boot sale thanks to Steve Fitch.

As always I wish to thank all our volunteers and supporters for their continued support, without them or their generous donations, ArroweSound would not be able to keep patients and staff entertained 24hrs a day.

Steve Dundas - Co-chair & Programme Manager

2024 has been a good year for training and welcoming new presenters. I have managed to get to see all presenters on an individual basis and see what areas of training where required and now everyone has the ability to voice track programmes

I think we have a great blend at this moment in time with the programmes we have, and I've been impressed with the newcomers over the last 12 months so thank you to Glynn, Steve F and Dan who have had

newbies join them for a training period - it makes a real difference when you have knowledge of experienced presenters on hand.

Unfortunately, we lost Shay at the end of 2024 to InDemand Decades - but it shows that if you want to get into a media environment full time, then ArroweSound can be a great starting place. I'd like to take the opportunity to put on record that we wish Shay all the best as he's done a fair bit of stuff off-air which has really made a difference to the station this year, and he will always be welcome back in the future.

Back to the good news, and I'm delighted as always when the shortlist for HBA awards are announced and ArroweSound make any categories - and this year I'm absolutely thrilled for Mike McDonnell and Dave Holt to be

shortlisted in the best newcomer and male presenter of the year respectively. Let's keep our fingers crossed that either or both get a Gold, Silver or Bronze award this year to add to the current collection and already.

I've added a couple more syndicated programmes to the schedule in the last 12 months as well, Airplay 40 and Greasepaint & Stage Lights - a chart show and musicals show which are completely different to what we've had in the past.

Treasurer/Fundraising - Glynn Thomas

Our Income and Expenditure Accounts for 2023 were presented last year without an audit. After investigation and looking at information on the Charities Commission website, I discovered that because our annual turnover is less than £25,000 our accounts do not require an audit. That really is a money-saver – professional auditors don't come cheap! The funding situation is considerably better than it was at the end of last year.

Many thanks to Steve and Debbie Fitch for organising monthly car boot sales at the Byrne Avenue community centre which brought in £281.80. We also received two substantial donations – Tesco Bidston books sale of £200 and Neighbourly Foundation of £250. Other major income came from the three bucket collections which brought in a total of £864.58 and "Easy Fundraising" continues to tick along, this year hitting £88.55 which is the biggest donation we have had from that source.

In August Dave Holt purchased a contactless card reader from a company called "Square" which enables people to make donations directly to our bank account when they don't have ready cash.

The facility deducts 2p in the pound from donations but there is no subscription charge to pay and the device only cost £22.80 so could provide a useful tool in addition to rattling the buckets. We had a few items of "one-off" expenditure such as going shares with Radio Clatterbridge for repainting the corridor and doors, purchasing pens, car stickers and a new studio chair – these were all covered by generous donations from our volunteers and committee. In total, our members chipped in a total of £344.16 over and above their subscriptions towards our funds – many thanks to everyone.

So, how is the funding situation? Discounting the "one-off" expenditure and calculating the running costs to stay on-air, we are looking at roughly £1650 per year, with £1858.34 in the bank at 31/12/24. So it's essential that we maintain our fundraising efforts. Unless we encounter a major expense next year, I'm pleased to say that we should have sufficient funds to take us through to end-of-year 2025.

Charity Trustees

Dave Holt, Stephen Dundas & Glynn Thomas

Chairman: Dave Holt

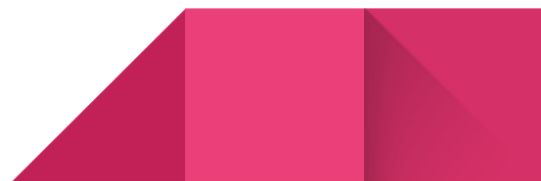
Co-Chair & Programme Manager: Stephen Dundas

Treasurer: Glynn Thomas

Secretary: Heather Smith

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2024

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Members Subscriptions	370.00	340.00
<u>Donations:</u>		
Members Personal Donations	344.16	65.00
Steve Dundas "Loose Change"		31.50
Via PayPal and Square card reader	10.79	
Smile Publications (ASHR Magazine)		350.00
"Local Giving" Donation for studio wall tiles		500.00
Tesco Bidston – from Books sale	200.00	
Policy Bee (insurance) "thank you"	20.00	
Neighbourly Foundation	250.00	
	824.95	946.50
<u>Fundraising:</u>		
Income from "Easy Fundraising"	88.55	60.90
AMAZON - "Smile" from purchases		27.69
Steve Fitch – Car Boot Sales	281.80	
Steve Dundas – Football Card Sales	40.00	
ASDA Bucket Collection (27/7/24)	181.42	
Tesco Bucket Collection (31/8/24)	316.09	
Tesco Bucket Collection (6/12/24)	367.07	
Richard Holmes - Wine Tasting Evening		100.00
	1274.93	188.59
<u>Items Sold</u>		
Sale of old mixing desk on eBay		243.01
Sale of ASHR "stock" hoodie to Dave Holt	25.00	
Total Income	2494.88	1718.10

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EXPENDITURE

Plusnet & XLN - Line/Broadband Charges	416.03	419.37
Equipment (new and second-hand)	0	0
Furniture – new swivel chair for Studio 1 (Covered by Donations from Presenters)	52.99	
ASHR pens and car stickers (Covered by Donations from Committee)	157.00	
Repairs & Modifications (includes redecorating)	50.00	374.95
Licences (PPL)	385.20	354.00
HBA Membership	50.00	50.00
Radio Newshub Subscription	220.00	161.88
Myriad "PC Anywhere" facility	178.20	
123-REG arrowe-sound.co.uk Domain (1 year)	14.39	14.39
HOSTINGER hosting for arrowesound.co.uk (1 year)	97.07	115.06
Streaming Fees (ShoutCast)	107.88	107.88
Natalie Miller – Voice-Over Artist	40.00	
Postage and Stationery	0	6.00
Wirral Uniforms - ASHR Tops and Hoodies		43.00
	1768.76	1646.53

Spending for Fund-Raising

Hiscox 3 rd Party Event Insurance	44.84	0
Leaflet printing – flyers for Bucket Collections	34.95	0
"Square" contactless card reader terminal	22.80	0
	102.59	
Total Expenditure	1871.35	1646.53
Surplus or (Deficit) For The Year	623.53	71.57

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<u>RESERVES RECONCILIATION</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Opening Balance	1234.81	1163.24
Net (Deficit) / Surplus For The Year	623.53	71.57
Closing Balance	1858.34	1234.81
Plus Income for year 2024 paid into our account before 1st January 2024		80.00
Represented By:		
Bank Balance as at 31st December	1944.07	1314.81
Cash Held (not yet banked)	NIL	NIL
Less 2024 payment to Dave Holt: 7 x Streaming Fees plus "Square" card reader (not co-authorised until 6th January 2025)	85.73	
Total	1858.34	1314.81



W. G. Thomas
(Treasurer)

30 / 1 / 2025

Date