

THE SOUND WAVES FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1197686

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION OF AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF DEAF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING (BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION) BY: (1)RAISING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF DEAFNESS;(2)PROMOTING, FACILITATING AND DISSEMINATING RESEARCH THAT ADDS TO COLLECTIVE KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF DEAFNESS TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR REASONS OF EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION;(3)PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEAF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO GAIN INTERNSHIPS OR WORK EXPERIENCE IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT; AND(4)PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR DEAF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Sound Waves Foundation was born out of the need and want to celebrate deafness. Our mission is to improve accessibility and inclusivity for deaf children and young adults in the UK. Through innovation, creativity and technology we aim to empower deaf children to reach their true potential, while promoting deaf awareness to progress equality in society

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£33,333	£14,525	-	-
2024-12-31	£12,562	£12,092	-	-
2023-12-31	£15,432	£19,086	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,263	£2,709	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Martijn Kuhlemeier	Chair	2021-01-11
Daniel Bowen		2023-05-25
Matthew Dykes		2024-06-04
Miguel Fernandez		2021-01-11

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1. Reference and Administrative Details

The Sound Waves Foundation

Trustees' annual report and financial statements for the year ending
31 December 2025

Type of constitution: 'Foundation' model constitution,
Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO")

Charity No.: 1197686

Registered Office:
Suite RA01, 195-197 Wood Street, London E17 3NU

Country of Registration:
England & Wales

Bank: Cooperative Bank

Insurance: Zurich Insurance UK

Trustees:
Daniel Bowen,
Matt Dykes,
Chair: Martijn Kuhlemeier,
Treasurer: Miguel Fernandez.

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Sound Waves Foundation (“SWF”) was registered in January 2022 and this report constitutes the fourth Trustees’ Annual Report.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the reported year.

The trustees detail the success of each key activity and the benefits it has brought to those groups it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity’s aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Trustees will usually serve for a term of one to three years and can be re-appointed. Review of the external expertise needed to support the charity with its objectives is undertaken annually and new trustees and skills identified as the workload changes for a small team.

For the reported year to 31 December 2025, the trustees are satisfied that SWF continues to meet its charitable purpose for public benefit.

3. Objectives and Activities

Sound Waves Foundation is a small registered charity, set up with a broad remit to improve accessibility, inclusivity and outcomes for deaf children and young adults in the UK.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The trustees are satisfied that the projects undertaken during the year are in the public benefit.

4. Core Objectives

SWF has four specific objectives in its constitution to meet its charitable purpose:

- 1) Raising public understanding of deafness;
- (2) Promoting, facilitating and disseminating research that adds to collective knowledge and understanding of deafness in order to improve equality and inclusion;
- (3) Providing opportunities to deaf children and young people that promote access to employment; and

(4) Providing or assisting in the provision of opportunities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation for deaf children and young people with the object of improving their conditions of life.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following has been achieved in the reporting year:

- Released 3 more Deaf Kids Tip Kits to help deliver the messages from deaf children to more people, each beautifully illustrated by talented artists.
- Implemented live captioning in 15 additional primary and secondary schools taking the total number of schools to 35 with approximately 1000 students benefiting.
- Expanded our reach to 56 Local Authorities who receive our support and advice to ensure inclusive and accessible environments and activities for deaf children.
- Became members of the UK Live Captioning steering group.
- Completed our high quality introductory BSL course 1 and 2 content and resources.
- Delivered our BSL course to more than 60 primary school aged children.
- Secured 5 more schools in East Sussex and London to run our BSL after school club.
- Presented at Pan Sussex Teacher of the Deaf Study Day, Team Lewis Purple Tuesday and FCA Inclusion Forum.
- Secured 3 new grants for both national and Sussex based projects.
- Continued to be a supported charity by Team Lewis, for a third year.
- Engaged with Phonak to facilitate our secondary school live captioning research which is being undertaken in a secondary school in Sussex.
- Secured volunteer help for our website, App development PR, fundraising, marketing, social media and communications.



Resources

Various strategies were put in place to staff ongoing projects. The approach taken:

- Use the available time of the trustees.
- Appoint directors to run day-to-day operations and strategic delivery.
- Where project funding has been secured or allocated, hire suitably skilled staff for the required period of the project.
- Skills match with volunteers through different pathways including a partnership with The Fore's professional network.
- Draw on the time offered by SWF's band of incredibly skilled and generous volunteers.

6. Finance

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are on page 6. During the reporting period to 31 December 2025 grants for SWF has been received from the following sources:

- The Fore
- The Chalk Cliff Trust
- The Sussex Community Foundation

7. Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The reserves policy for SWF has been reviewed and stipulates the following:

- £6000 is held in reserve to protect the charity against drops in income to allow it to continue as a going concern.
- The amount held is to enable the charity to continue for a minimum of 3 months should new funding fall short.
- The reserves can be spent on digital assets and operational activities to meet its compliance duties.
- The Reserves Policy will be reviewed annually or if cash at bank falls below £10,000, whichever is sooner.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

There is an ongoing need to fund the core activities and projects of SWF and this is in the climate of extreme competition for funds. A careful watch will be taken of cash flow, budgets and forecasts to ensure the charity can meet its commitments and can adequately finance its projects.

9. Plans for the Future

The trustees undertook a review of SWF's three-year strategy, activities and project listing. Adjustments were made to dependencies, priorities and resources to ensure the charity can meet its objectives throughout the coming year 2026 and beyond.

10. Statement of Responsibilities for Trustees

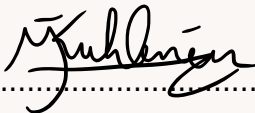
The trustees are responsible for the following:

- Keeping proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of any financial information included on the charity's website.
- Preparing annual financial statements on a going concern basis that observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. The total income of SWF was more than £25k in the reporting year and therefore requires an independent examination. The financial statements are made available at public request.
- Preparing a Trustees Annual Report and making it available at public request.
- Completing an Annual Return as the total income of SWF was over £10k in the reporting year.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Declaration

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the board of trustees on 17 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by Martijn Kuhlemeier, Trustee.

Signed.......... Date..... 17 - 03 - 2026

The following financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and were approved by the board of trustees on 17 March 2026.

Accounting is on a cash basis. The reporting of the accounts complies with Charities SORP and in accordance with FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared by Miguel Fernandez, FACCA (1295848) and independently examined.

11. Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sound Waves Foundation

I report on the accounts of Sound Waves Foundation (Charity number 1197686) for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on page 7.

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.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report.

Independent examiner

Name: Najam Us Saqeb, Chartered MCSI, AAIA, MIPA, AFA

Date: 6th February 2026

12. 2025 Accounts as at 31 December 2025 (Cash Basis)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Co-op Account Restricted	12,870.41	6,194.41
Co-op Account Unrestricted	13,481.80	5,012.53
Total Cash at bank in hand	26,352.21	11,206.94
BSL Games	3,663.20	-
Total Current Assets	30,015.41	11,206.94
Liabilities		
Accounts payables	-	-
Payments advanced	-	-
	30,015.41	11,206.94
Net Assets	30,015.41	11,206.94

Receipts and Payments

Receipts and Payments Account	Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income Receipts						
Donations Received	33,258.78	9,476.00	23,782.78	12,562.13	-	12,562.13
Other Income	74.29		74.29	-		
Total Receipts	33,333.07	9,476.00	23,857.07	12,562.13	-	12,562.13
Other Expenditure						
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Expenditure						
Insurance	380.80	-	380.80	361.90	-	361.90
Website Hosting	962.68	-	962.68	606.60	-	606.60
Professional Fees	12,077.79	-	12,077.79	10,312.00	-	10,312.00
Bank Fees	1.47	-	1.47	-	-	-
Advertising & Marketing	16.80	-	16.80	45.00	-	45.00
Legal expenses	69.99	-	69.99	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery	552.68	-	552.68	511.65	-	511.65
Postage & Courier	78.93	-	78.93	28.83	-	28.83
Travel & Entertainment	383.46	-	383.46	226.21	-	226.21
Other allocations	-	-	-	-	(836.87)	836.87
Total Payments	14,524.60	-	14,524.60	12,092.19	(836.87)	12,929.06
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	18,808.47	9,476.00	9,332.47	469.94	836.87	(366.93)
Total Funds Brought Forward	11,206.94	6,194.41	5,012.53	10,737.00	5,357.54	5,379.46
Cash Funds at End of the Year	30,015.41	15,670.41	14,345.00	11,206.94	6,194.41	5,012.53

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31 December 2024

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Registered Office:
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Country of Registration:
England & Wales

Bank: Cooperative Bank

Insurance: Zurich Insurance UK

Trustees:
Daniel Bowen,
Matt Dykes,
Chair: Martijn Kuhlemeier,
Treasurer: Miguel Fernandez.

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Sound Waves Foundation ("SWF") was registered in January 2022 and this report constitutes the third Trustees' Annual Report.

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The trustees are satisfied that the projects and work undertaken during the year is in the public benefit.

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- (3) Providing opportunities to deaf children and young people that promote access to employment; and

(4) Providing or assisting in the provision of opportunities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation for deaf children and young people with the object of improving their conditions of life.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following has been achieved in the reporting year:

- Appointed Matt Dykes as a trustee who brings professional knowledge and understanding of policy and government, along with strategic direction for SWF.
- Nicola Wyatt and Silvie Koanda stepped down as trustees.
- Received funding from The Fore for a 3 year period 2024 - 2026.
- Continued to be a supported charity of Team Lewis for a second year.
- Continued to be a supported charity of the Social Society.
- Launched our Live Captioning online forum.
- Presented at: BATOD North Study Day, National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) SEND committee, Ewing SEND Training Day, the Social Society and the Brighton Summit.
- Delivered live captioning at the Ewing Foundation event in London.
- Became a member of the Brighton Chambers.
- Published a follow up article in BATOD magazine about Action for Captions.
- Celebrated volunteers and contributors at the summer Team Lewis charity event.
- Released 4 more Deaf Kids Tip Kits - 'School Trip', 'Play Date', 'Sleep Over' and 'Parties'.
- Secured illustrators for 3 additional Deaf Kids Tip Kits.
- Implemented live captioning in 3 additional secondary schools taking the total number of schools to 20.
- In talks to align live captioning research with University of Edinburgh and Northern Ireland Local Authority.
- Secured support from Phonak to facilitate our secondary school live captioning research.
- Finalised our quality BSL course resources.
- Delivered our BSL course to 23 more primary school aged children.
- Secured 4 more schools in East Sussex for our BSL after school club.
- In talks with 6 more schools nationally to deliver our BSL after school club.
- Secured volunteer help for our website, PR, marketing and communications.
- Built website capability to deliver BSL courses online.





Resources

Various strategies were put in place to staff ongoing projects. The approach taken:

- Use the available time of the trustees.
- Appoint directors to run day-to-day operations and strategic delivery.
- Skills match with volunteers through the partnership with The Social Society.
- Where project funding has been secured or allocated, hire suitably skilled staff for the required period of the project.

6. Finance

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are on page 6. During the reporting period to 31 December 2024 income for SWF has been received from the following sources:

- The Fore - grant £10,000.

7. Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The reserves policy for SWF stipulates the following:

- £500 is held in reserve to protect the charity against drops in income to allow it to continue as a going concern.
- The amount held is to enable the charity to continue into a successive year should new funding fall short.
- The reserves can be spent on digital assets and activities to meet its compliance duties.
- The Reserves Policy will be reviewed annually or if cash at bank falls below £1000, whichever is sooner.

8. Risks and Uncertainties

There is an ongoing need to fund the core activities and projects of SWF and this is in the climate of extreme competition for funds. A careful watch will be taken of cash flow, budgets and forecasts to ensure the charity can meet its commitments and can suitably finance its projects.

9. Plans for the Future

The trustees undertook a review of SWF's five-year strategy, activities and project listing. Adjustments were made to dependencies, priorities and resources to ensure the charity can meet its objectives throughout the coming year 2025.

10. Statement of Responsibilities for Trustees

The trustees are responsible for the following:

- Keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of any financial information included on the charity's website.
- Preparing annual financial statements on a going concern basis that observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP. The total income of SWF was less than £25k in the reporting year and therefore does not require an independent audit. The financial statements are made available at public request.
- Preparing a Trustees Annual Report and making it available at public request.
- Completing an Annual Return as the total income of SWF was over £10k in the reporting year.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Declaration

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the board of trustees on 23 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by Martijn Kuhlemeier, Trustee.

Signed.......... Date..... 25 / 04 / 2025

11. Accounts

The following financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and were approved by the board of trustees on 23 April 2025.

Accounting is on a cash basis. The reporting of the accounts complies with Charities SORP and in accordance with FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared by Miguel Fernandez, FCCA (1295848).

2024 Accounts as at 31 December 2024 (Cash Basis)

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement of Assets and Liabilities	31-Dec-24 £	31-Dec-23 £
Cash Funds		
Co-op Account Restricted	6,194.41	9,754.41
Co-op Account Unrestricted	5,012.53	4,342.59
Total Cash at bank in hand	11,206.94	14,097.00
Cash in Transit		
Total Cash Funds	11,206.94	14,097.00
Liabilities		
Accounts payables	-	3,360.00
Payments advanced	-	-
	11,206.94	10,737.00
Net Assets	11,206.94	10,737.00

Receipts and Payments

Receipts and Payments Account	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income Receipts						
Donations Received	12,562.13	-	12,562.13	15,432.41	12,972.00	2,460.41
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	12,562.13	-	12,562.13	15,432.41	12,972.00	2,460.41
Other Expenditure						
Equipment	-	-	-	860.22	339.34	520.88
Charitable Expenditure						
Insurance	361.90	-	361.90	96.00	96.00	-
Website Hosting	606.60	-	606.60	220.37	99.99	120.38
Professional Fees	10,312.00	-	10,312.00	900.00	700.00	200.00
Research	-	-	-	16,800.00	16,800.00	-
Advertising & Marketing	45.00	-	45.00	98.98	85.51	13.47
Rent	-	-	-	110.00	-	110.00
Printing & Stationery	511.65	-	511.65	-	-	-
Postage & Courier	28.83	-	28.83	-	-	-
Travel	226.21	-	226.21	-	-	-
Other allocations	-	(836.87)	836.87	-	-	-
Total Payments	12,092.19	(836.87)	12,929.06	19,085.57	18,120.84	964.73
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year	469.94	836.87	(366.93)	(3,653.16)	(5,148.84)	1,495.68
Total Funds Brought Forward	10,737.00	5,357.54	5,379.46	14,390.16	10,506.38	3,883.78

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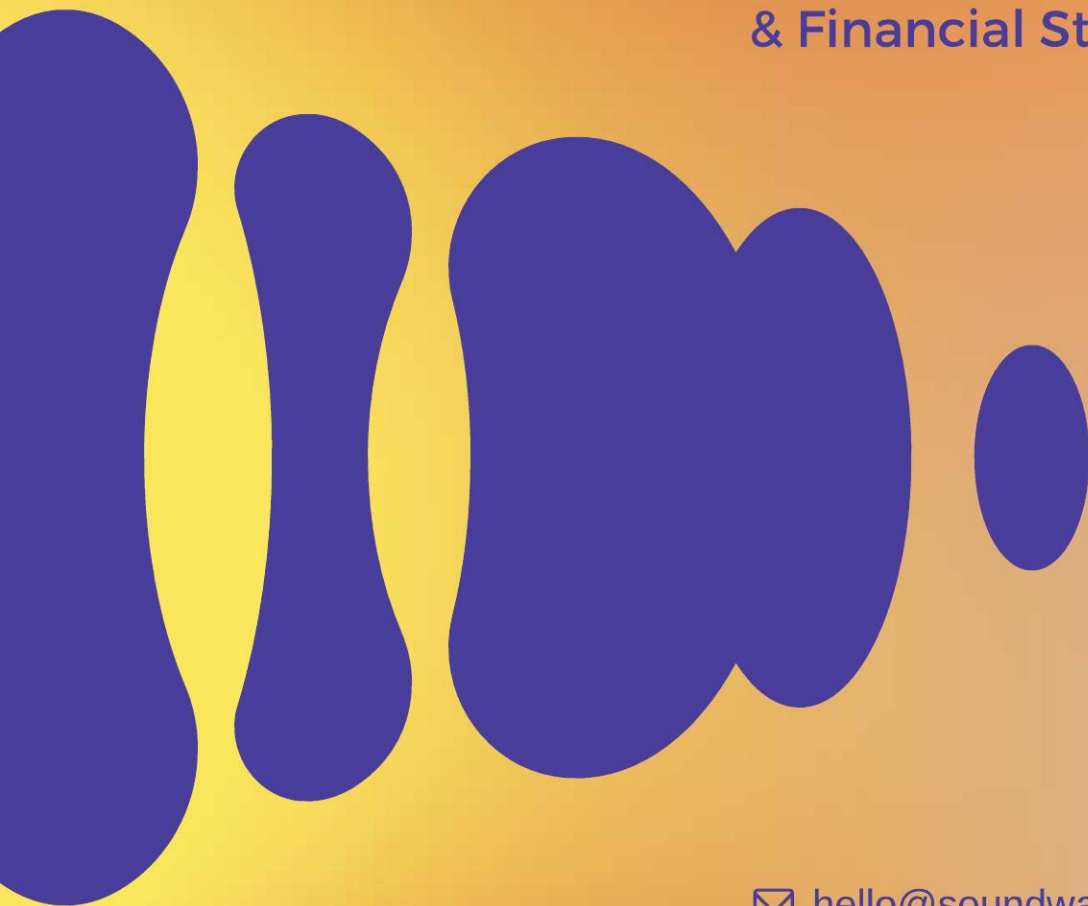


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5. Achievements and Performance

The following has been achieved in the reporting year:

- Appointed Dan Bowen as trustee bringing professional knowledge and understanding of the creative sector, along with strategic direction for SWF.
- Obtained qualitative research from primary school Action for Captions project.
- Completed a professional panel review of Action for Captions qualitative research.
- Demonstrated live captioning in action, in a primary school, to the Shadow Minister for Children and Early Years who presented questions to Education Ministers pertinent to broader national rollout.
- Published an article in BATOD magazine about Action for Captions.
- Gathered live captioning case studies from five schools.
- Presented at Microsoft Accessibility Champions Group.
- Delivered our 'No Stopping Me' campaign with the support of Team Lewis (London PR company).
- Invited to speak to staff at Team Lewis about deafness.
- Supported Hove Surf Lifesavers Club to introduce BSL signs to members.
- Installed signs displaying BSL water signs at Hove Surf Lifesavers and Hove beach front.
- Featured on BBC Sussex and Heart Sussex to promote Water Safety Signs at Hove Surf Lifesavers Club.
- Agreed collaboration with water sports groups for Sign Safe Waters project.
- Obtained content from designers and animators to promote positive deaf awareness/identity.
- Celebrated volunteers and contributors at Team Lewis charity event.
- Completed first in series of Deaf Kids Tip Kits 'Water Play'.
- Secured volunteers to compete more in the Tip Kit series.
- Secured IT support to deliver Deaf Kids Tip Kits via our website.
- Successfully piloted BSL after school club in a primary school in Hove.
- Secured volunteer help for our branding and rebuild of our website.



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Various strategies were put in place to staff ongoing projects. The approach taken:

- Use the available time of the trustees.
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- Ovingdean Hall Foundation – grant c£9,500
- BCBN - grant £3,000.
- Team Lewis – grant £1,000.

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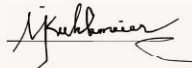
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- Completing an Annual Return as the total income of SWF was over £10k in the reporting year.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

Declaration

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the board of trustees on 4 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by Martijn Kuhlemeier, Trustee.

Signed.......... Date..... 05 / 06 / 2024

11. Accounts

The following financial statements comply with current statutory requirements and were approved by the board of trustees on 4 June 2024.

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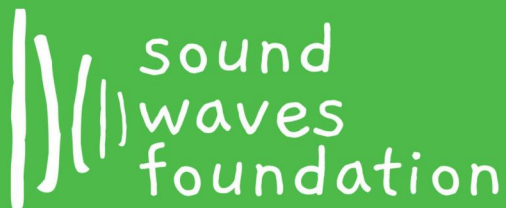
2023 Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Statement of Assets and Liabilities		
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Co-op Account Restricted	9,754.41	10,876.32
Co-op Account Unrestricted	4,342.59	3,847.48
Total Cash at bank in hand	14,097.00	14,723.80
Cash in Transit		
Total Cash Funds	14,097.00	14,723.80
Liabilities		
Accounts payables	3,360.00	
Payments advanced	-	333.64
	10,737.00	14,390.16
Net Assets	10,737.00	14,390.16

Receipts and Payments

Receipts and Payments Account		Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income Receipts							
Donations Received		15,432.41	12,972.00	2,460.41	13,814.59	11,500.00	2,314.59
Other Income		-			448.00		448.00
Total Receipts		15,432.41	12,972.00	2,460.41	14,262.59	11,500.00	2,762.59
Other Expenditure							
Equipment		860.22	339.34	520.88	1,116.66	993.62	123.04
Charitable Expenditure							
Insurance		96.00	96.00	-	96.00	-	96.00
Website Hosting		220.37	99.99	120.38	333.64	-	333.64
Professional Fees		900.00	700.00	200.00	1,128.63	-	1,128.63
Research		16,800.00	16,800.00	-	-	-	-
Advertising & Marketing		98.98	85.51	13.47			
Rent		110.00	-	110.00	-	-	-
Travel		-	-	-	33.99		33.99
Total Payments		19,085.57	18,120.84	964.73	2,708.92	993.62	1,715.30
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the year		(3,653.16)	(5,148.84)	1,495.68	11,553.67	10,506.38	1,047.29
Total Funds Brought Forward		14,390.16	10,506.38	3,883.78	2,836.49	-	2,836.49
Cash Funds at End of the Year		10,737.00	5,357.54	5,379.46	14,390.16	10,506.38	3,883.78

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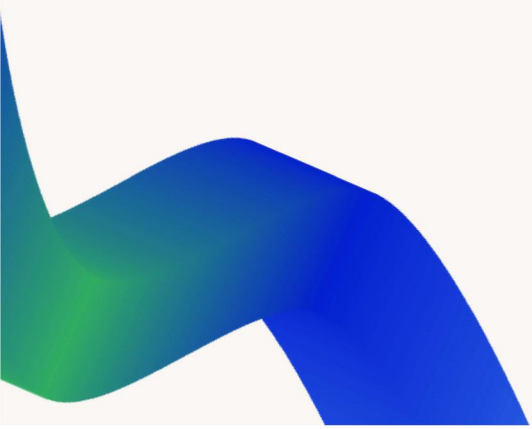
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1. Reference and Administrative Details

The Sound Waves Foundation

Trustees' annual report and financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2022

Type of constitution: 'Foundation' model constitution, Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO")

Charity No. :1197686

Registered Office:
125 Casino Avenue, London SE24 9PP
Country of Registration
England & Wales

Bank: Cooperative Bank

Insurance: Zurich Insurance UK

Trustees:
Nicola Wyatt,
Silvie Koanda,
Chair Martijn Kuhlemeier,
Treasurer: Miguel Fernandez

2. Structure, Governance and Management

Sound Waves Foundation ("SWF") was registered in January 2022 and this report constitutes the first Trustees' Annual Report.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. There has been no change and the four Trustees have served throughout the reporting period for the year ending 31 December 2022.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives, and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the reported year.

The Trustees detail the success of each key activity and the benefits it has brought to those groups it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Trustees will usually serve for a term of one to three years and can be re-appointed for a second term. Review of the external expertise needed to support the charity with its objectives is undertaken annually and new trustees and skills identified as the workload changes for a small team.

For the reported year to 31 December 2022, the trustees are satisfied that SWF continues to meet its charitable work for public benefit.

3. Objectives and Activities

Sound Waves Foundation is a small registered charity, set up with a broad remit to improve accessibility, inclusivity and outcomes for deaf children and young adults in the UK.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

The trustees are satisfied that the projects and work undertaken during the year is in the public benefit.

4. Core Objectives

SWF has four specific objectives in its constitution to meet its charitable purpose:

- 1) Raising public understanding of deafness;
- (2) Promoting, facilitating and disseminating research that adds to collective knowledge and understanding of deafness in order to improve equality and inclusion;
- (3) Providing opportunities to deaf children and young people that promote access to employment; and

(4) Providing or assisting in the provision of opportunities and activities in the interest of social welfare for recreation for deaf children and young people with the object of improving their conditions of life.

5. Achievements and Performance

The following has been achieved in the reporting year:

- Obtained funding for the Action for Captions project.
- Recruited 14 schools for Action for Captions research.
- Gained positive feedback from first phase of the Action for Captions pilot.
- Introduced 11 surf lifesaving signs to Hove Surf Life Saving Club.
- Gained interest in Action for Captions from leading institutions: Teachers of the Deaf, BATOD, Specialist Speech and Language Therapists, NASEN, NATSip.
- Gained interest from university students and associates to undertake quantitative research.
- Secured partnerships with Make Good Trouble – a youth led research company, Team Lewis – a London PR agency, Hove Surf Life Saving Club, Talking Hands – BSL teachers and The Social Society – a volunteer matching service.
- Finalised SWF branding.
- Employed grant writers and identified suitable grants and trusts.
- Engaged with charity strategist to assist in the formation of SWF's five-year plan.

Resources

Various strategies were put in place to staff ongoing projects. The approach taken:

- Use the available time of the Trustees.
- Skills match with volunteers through the partnership with The Social Society.
- Where project funding has been secured, hire suitably skilled staff for the required period of the project.

6. Finance

The Receipts and Payments Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are on page 6. During the reporting period to 31 December 2022 income for SWF has been received from the following sources:

- Ovingdean Hall Foundation – grant £11,500.
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- Team Lewis – grant £1,000.

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8. Risks and Uncertainties

For the Action for Captions project, the changes in government during 2022 has meant SWF's lead contact has changed position and is no longer able to present SWF's case to the Education Select Committee. SWF will need to establish a relationship with his successor or another suitable minister or Lord.

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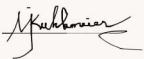
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Signed.....

Date.....19 - 5 - 2023

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Insurance	96.00		96.00	-		-
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