

The Autism Assistance Dogs Charity

England & Wales · Charity number 1199343

Details

Other names	AUTISM DOGS CHARITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-06-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, EQUALITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM, BY PROVIDING DOGS TRAINED AS AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS AND FOR THE EDUCATION IN TRAINING OF THOSE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM AND THEIR CARERS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES IN THE CARE AND WELFARE OF AUTISM ASSISTANCE DOGS AND TO PROVIDE SERVICES, FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM AND THEIR CARERS/GUARDIANS AND FAMILIES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DEEM FIT.

Activities: Provision of training of dogs to help autistic people

Classification

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

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£1,017,656	£796,813	£634,967	22
2024-12-31	£790,826	£640,567	£414,124	21
2023-12-31	£521,351	£410,890	£263,865	23
2022-12-31	£317,063	£166,625	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Tom Wilde	Chair	2025-02-12
Janet Moore		2025-04-03
Jenifer Hamilton		2025-04-03
Liza Woodray		2026-05-07
Luke Stafford		2024-04-30
Matthew Salisbury		2025-02-12

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2025



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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Trustees – 6

Tate Preston	Elected 31 December 2022 Outgoing Chair
Luke Stafford	Elected 30 April 2024
Matthew Salisbury	Elected 12 February 2025
Tom Wilde	Elected 12 February 2025 Chair appointed 2025
Janifer Hamilton	Elected 3 April 2025
Janet Moore	Elected 3 April 2025

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Independent Examiner

Eileen Grigg

Officers

Caroline Preston acted as Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Trustees.

The Trustees' present their Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1199343

Objects, organisation and activities

Autism Dogs Charity trains assistance dogs for autistic children and adults in England, Scotland and Wales.

We are an Advanced Service accredited by the National Autistic Society.

Many of our team are autistic, including our CEO, which provides us with a unique insight when helping other autistic people.

Our Charity is recognised for working with some of the most challenging cases in the UK, providing hope for some of the most vulnerable autistic people. Our work successfully helps autistic children and adults to lower debilitating anxiety, reduce self-injurious behaviours,

improve poor sleeping and eating patterns and increase social skills which eventually leads to improved confidence and independence.

The Board of Trustees

Governance - Trustee Board

This year, the Charity welcomed new Trustees to the Board, bringing together diverse expertise and fresh perspectives. The Trustees have been highly active in guiding the organisation's strategy, meeting regularly with senior staff and the CEO, attending key external events, and ensuring that every decision supports the Charity's mission and objectives.

Their leadership has strengthened governance and reinforced a focus on delivering meaningful outcomes for clients.

Operations and Financial Management

Our dedicated Operations team, though small, has achieved strong financial performance while keeping client needs at the heart of every decision. Through careful cost management and strategic planning, resources have been maximised efficiently, ensuring the Charity remains sustainable and able to invest in high-quality services for those who rely on us.

Impact for Clients

The results of this work are clear in the experiences of our clients:

Families have received timely, tailored support when they needed it most.

Individuals have benefited from services designed to empower them to thrive.

Communities have seen initiatives that respond directly to their needs and priorities.

Every initiative, from boardroom strategy to frontline delivery, is guided by the goal of improving outcomes and making a tangible difference in people's lives.

Looking Ahead

With a strong Trustee Board and committed Operations team, the Charity is well-positioned to continue growing, innovating, and delivering lasting, positive change for our clients.



Statistics

Overview of Programme statistics over the year we received:

- 27937 enquiries
- 832 applications
- 42 programme places/enrolments
- 60 dogs assessed
- 26 Qualified
- 41 Placed
- 2 Successor Dogs Placed
- 15 Foundation Programme Dogs placed
- 2 dogs returned
- 3 dogs passed
- Volunteer hours 127

Working assistance dog teams from previous years: 85

Total number of teams at the end of the year: 123

Volunteering and Work Experience

We continued to advocate and immerse ourselves in the autistic community by offering volunteer and work experience to the autistic community. These volunteering opportunities also provided us with the opportunity to educate the volunteers about the work that we do and the help that our assistance dogs provide for our beneficiaries.

We delivered a volunteer workshop where 14 young people attended and were awarded a certificate of contribution and provided 2 work placements across the year. All the young people who volunteered for the organisation were autistic.

Finances

The costs of each Programme varied from £22,000-27,000 to the end of the first year of delivery.

Total income for the year £1,017,656 with costs of £796,813 leading to a net income of £220,843.

CEO report

During the year Charity continued to develop and refine its service delivery in order to further its charitable objectives and improve outcomes for beneficiaries.

A new **Foundation Programme** was introduced that places puppies within carefully assessed and approved family households. This model enables early bonding between the assistance dog and the intended handler within a stable home environment, while ensuring appropriate safeguarding and animal welfare standards are maintained. The programme

operates under parental supervision, with regular monitoring through home visits carried out by Animal Welfare staff and qualified Trainers. This approach supports both the wellbeing of the dogs and the long-term success of placements, contributing directly to the Charity's public benefit objectives.

The Charity's Foundation Programme has been established across London, Oxfordshire, and the Northwest.

This geographic expansion has increased access to services for beneficiaries in these areas and represents a significant step in extending the Charity's reach. This development is an important contribution towards meeting unmet need and improving equity of access to our services.

To support growth and ensure the Charity remains effective and sustainable, a programme of organisational restructuring was undertaken during the year.

This focused on strengthening internal processes, improving clarity of roles and responsibilities, and enhancing consistency across service delivery. The restructuring was designed to improve the overall experience of beneficiaries and stakeholders, while ensuring the Charity has appropriate systems in place to manage its activities effectively and responsibly.

Decision making processes were strengthened through the establishment of a Directors' Board. This change was made to improve strategic oversight, accountability, and decision-making. The Board brings together a broader range of skills and experience, enabling more informed governance and supporting the Charity's long-term stability.

This development enhances the Charity's ability to manage risk, plan strategically, and respond effectively to future challenges and opportunities.

The Charity invested in workforce development through the recruitment of additional staff across several operational areas. This investment was accompanied by an increased focus on staff training and professional development. Enhanced training has contributed to improved capability, consistency, and organisational capacity, supporting effective service delivery and operational resilience.

During the year, the Charity continued to work with recognised external accrediting bodies, including the National Autistic Society and Assistance Dogs International. These organisations provide independent accreditation against established standards relevant to the Charity's activities. Ongoing engagement with these bodies supports continuous improvement, quality assurance, and adherence to best practice. Accreditation also provides reassurance to beneficiaries, families, and the wider autistic community regarding the Charity's commitment to high standards, professionalism, and ethical practice.

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard any remaining incoming resources as free reserves of the charity and available for the general purposes of training dogs in accordance with the stated objects of the charity. The Trustees regularly review the level of reserves to ensure that they are being maintained at an appropriate level.



Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Under the Constitution of the Charity and trust law, the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its income and expenditure. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounts standards have been followed, subject to any material departures, disclose and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

The Trustees are required to act in accordance with the Constitution of the Charity and within the framework of trust law. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to safeguard the assets of the fund and to prevent and detect fraud and other regularities.

The attached financial statements show the current state of the finances.

On behalf of the Trustees

Tom Wilde
Chairperson

Date 13th January 2026



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Congleton Town Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 9 to 10

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an Independent Examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

*Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act

*To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and

*To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the Report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Eileen Grigg ACMA CTA
EPG Accountants Ltd
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26th January 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
Income and expenditure					
Incoming resources					
Dog Training		938,680	-	938,680	682,404
Donations		30,807	-	30,807	37,712
Grants		27,375	-	27,375	43,560
Sundry income		20,794	-	20,794	27,150
Total incoming resources		1,017,656	-	1,017,656	790,826
Resources expended					
Direct charitable expenditure					
Animal Training Salaries		95,048	-	95,048	83,651
Animal Welfare Salaries		155,248	-	155,248	106,833
Vets Fees		28,679	-	28,679	24,455
Other direct costs		129,710	-	129,710	109,102
Administrative Costs					
Management, admin and consulting		144,498	-	144,498	120,412
Pension Costs		6,123	-	6,123	4,902
Rent and Rates		32,660	-	32,660	27,545
Light, power, heating		14,855	-	14,855	13,609
Fund Raising, Design and Marketing		73,331	-	73,331	37,961
Motor vehicle and travel		27,620	-	27,620	18,606
Legal fees		7,761	-	7,761	20,634
Accountancy		5,420	-	5,420	4,800
Repairs and Maintenance		26,962	-	26,962	25,594
Bank charges and Interest		8,650	-	8,650	3,784
Other costs		40,248	-	40,248	39,169
Total resources expended		796,813	-	796,813	640,567
Net(outgoing)/incoming for the year		220,843	-	220,843	150,259
Recognised gains (losses) on investments					
Unrealised		-	-	-	-
Realised		-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		220,843	-	220,843	150,259
Fund balances brought forward		414,124	-	414,124	263,865
Fund balances carried forward		634,967	-	634,967	414,124

Balance Sheet
 At 31 December 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed assets			
Buildings	3	23,914	-
Motor Vehicles		7,430	9,906
Computers		1,443	1,186
		32,787	11,092
Current assets			
Cash at bank		48,154	22,732
Debtors	5	585,771	434,545
		633,925	457,277
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	6	9,844	14,427
		624,081	442,851
Net current assets			
Creditors: amount falling due after one year		21,901	39,818
		634,967	414,124
Net assets			
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		634,967	414,124
Restricted capital fund		-	-
		634,967	414,124

 Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

**Tom Wilde
Chairperson**


Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Reporting Standards

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). Assets & Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

2. Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Buildings	No depreciation
Motor vehicles	25% on WDV
Computer equipment	25% on cost

	Buildings	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	At cost	
At 1 January 2025		19,440	1,961	21,401
Additions	23,914	-	996	24,910
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2025	23,914	19,440	2,957	46,311
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2025	-	9,534	775	10,309
Charge for the year	-	2,476	739	3,215
At 31 December 2025	-	12,010	1,514	13,524
Net book value				
At 1 January 2025	-	9,906	1,186	11,092
At 31 December 2025	23,914	7,430	1,443	32,787

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Trustees in respect of the year.

5. Debtors

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year		
Clients payments towards dog training	585,771	434,545
Other debtors	-	-
	585,771	434,545

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
Taxes and social security	8,985	9,307
Pension Contributions	859	1,364
Accruals	-	3,756
	9,844	14,427

7. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025	2024
Bank loans	21,901	39,818

8. Average number of employees

During the year, the average number of employees was 22.

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

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Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Nominated Trustees – 4

Rachel Morris	Elected 17 June 2022	
Kathryn Hamblett	Elected 17 June 2022	
Tate Preston, Chairperson	Elected 31 December 2022	
Luke Stafford	Elected 30 April 2024	
David Bailey	Elected 17 June 2022	– resigned 30 November 2024
Victoria Colclough	Elected 30 November 2022	– resigned 30 November 2024
Alison Hurlstone	Elected 5 December 2022	– resigned 17 December 2024
Robert Smith	Elected 29 June 2023	– resigned 30 June 2024

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Review of progress and achievements

The Board of Trustees

In this first full year of the organisation moving from a Community Interest model to a Charity, our Trustee Board remained unchanged until an additional member was added later in the year, bringing the total Trustee Board to seven members.

The new Trustee brought exceptional operational skills to the Board, adding increased focus on keeping costs low and concentration on fund-raising efforts.

Detailed feedback and data from our existing and newly enrolled clients led to further investment in our Psychotherapy and SEN Behaviours department which proved a vital part of our wrap-around service to ensure the best possible outcomes for the autistic handlers.

The Charity team expanded to include greater numbers dedicated to Animal Welfare and additions to the Training team, which we hoped would enable us to deliver more teams successfully than any other year to date.

The Charity team values remain unchanged:-

Approachable: We create an environment and attitude that allows both our clients and our team to feel at ease, enabling us to create the best experience possible based on their needs.

Dedicated: We strive to provide the best care to our clients and dogs so we can change as many lives as possible.

Respect: We value all of our clients and team members, ensuring everyone is treated with dignity and compassion.

Hardworking: We work hard through responsible actions, always striving to be the best we can be.

Loyalty: We are proud to represent an organisation that does such life-changing work for autistic people and their families.

Timeliness: We work hard to show up on time and provide timely support to our beneficiaries, team members, and dogs.

Caring: All of our work revolves around us providing the utmost care and attention to our clients, team members, and dogs.

Considerate: We are adaptable, understanding others' needs and adjusting our way of working to accommodate them.

Professional: We work together to provide an outstanding experience, building upon our deep-rooted ethics and our desire to be as skilled as we can possibly be.

Inclusion: We respect and value everyone's differences, creating an environment that both promotes respect and highlights the advantages diversity brings.

Statistics

Overview of Programme statistics over the year we received:

- 18354 enquires
- 464 applications
- 38 programme places/enrolments
- 36 dogs assessed
- 26 Qualified
- 2 families were removed from the programme prior to delivery
- 2 dogs were collected from the family after delivery
- 3 dogs retired
- Volunteer hours 530

From the previous working team's estate:

Total number of teams working at the end of the year: 85

Volunteering and Work Experience

We continued to advocate and immerse ourselves in the autistic community by offering volunteer and work experience to the autistic community. These volunteering opportunities also provided us with the opportunity to educate the volunteers about the work that we do and the help that our Assistance Dogs provide for our beneficiaries.

We delivered a volunteer workshop where 36 young people attended and were awarded a certificate of contribution, and provided 4 work placements across the year. All of the young people who volunteered for the organisation were autistic.

Finances

The costs of each Programme varied from £20-25,000 to the end of the first year of delivery.

Total income for the year was £790,826 with costs of £640,567.

CEO report

During this first full year as a Charity the team expanded and the quality of the beneficiary's experience and the number of delivered teams grew.

Additions to many areas ensured our existing teams were well supported and that new enrolments teams in training received a wealth of holistic support for the beneficiary and immediate family.

Increased resources were allocated into the Psychotherapy Department that helped to enhance our understanding. Increased hours and skills in this vital area also increased our ability to bespoke the beneficiary's care to a new level.

Our Charity continued to work with the NAS which is of great importance and reassurance to our clients. We also remained part of the ADUK community that provides an overall contribution of support to the UK's Assistance Dog sector.

A new focus was also given to fund raising. We successfully continued to provide our services at a reduced rate by fund raising over 20% of the costs. By investing in a Fund Raising Manager we began the process of building a team that could generate additional donations to reduce the cost to each beneficiary even further.

Reserves policy

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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- select suitable policies and then apply them consistently;
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- Prepare the financial statements on an ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue.

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On behalf of the Trustees



Tate Preston
Chairperson

Date 29th January 2025

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It is my responsibility to:

- *Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- *To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
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Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Eileen Grigg ACMA CTA
EPG Accountants Ltd
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29th January 2025



Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Income and expenditure				
Incoming resources				
Dog Training	682,404	-	682,404	499,349
Donations	37,712	-	37,712	3,340
Grants	43,560	-	43,560	13,651
Sundry income	27,150	-	27,150	5,011
Total incoming resources	790,826	-	790,826	521,351
Resources expended				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Animal Training Salaries	83,651	-	83,651	78,928
Animal Welfare Salaries	106,833	-	106,833	70,292
Vets Fees	24,455	-	24,455	17,137
Other direct costs	109,102	-	109,102	56,700
Administrative Costs				
Management, admin and consulting	120,412	-	120,412	81,425
Pension Costs	4,902	-	4,902	3,580
Rent and Rates	27,545	-	27,545	26,833
Light, power, heating	13,609	-	13,609	14,514
Fund Raising, Design and Marketing	37,961	-	37,961	-
Motor vehicle and travel	18,606	-	18,606	14,720
Legal fees	20,634	-	20,634	-
Accountancy	4,800	-	4,800	3,750
Repairs and Maintenance	25,594	-	25,594	11,264
Bank charges and Interest	3,784	-	3,784	5,074
Other costs	39,169	-	39,169	26,673
Total resources expended	640,567	-	640,567	410,890
Net(outgoing)/incoming for the year	150,259	-	150,259	110,461
Recognised gains (losses) on investments				
Unrealised	-	-	-	-
Realised	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds	150,259	-	150,259	110,461
Fund balances brought forward	263,865	-	263,865	153,404
Fund balances carried forward	414,124	-	414,124	263,865



Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed assets			
Motor vehicles	3	9,906	6,006
Computer equipment		1,186	343
Plant and machinery		-	-
		<u>11,092</u>	<u>6,349</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank		22,732	28,329
Debtors	5	434,545	290,593
		457,277	318,922
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	6	14,427	3,809
		<u>442,851</u>	<u>315,113</u>
Net current assets			
Creditors: amount falling due after one year		39,818	57,597
		<u>414,124</u>	<u>263,865</u>
Net assets			
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		414,124	263,865
Restricted capital fund		-	-
		<u>414,124</u>	<u>263,865</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 29th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Tate Preston
Chairperson

Notes to the Financial Statements

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The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

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Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

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	Plant & machinery	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	At cost	
At 1 January 2024	600	12,240	628	13,468
Additions	-	7,200	1,333	8,533
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	600	19,440	1,961	22,001
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	600	6,234	285	7,119
Charge for the year	-	3,300	490	3,790
At 31 December 2024	600	9,534	775	10,909
Net book value				
At 1 January 2024	-	6,006	343	6,349
At 31 December 2024	-	9,906	1,186	11,902



4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Trustees in respect of the year.

5. Debtors

	2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year		
Clients payments towards dog training	434,545	290,594
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>434,545</u>	<u>290,594</u>

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
Taxes and social security	9,307	2,702
Pension Contributions	1,364	685
Accruals	3,756	422
	<u>14,427</u>	<u>3,809</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
Bank loans	<u>39,818</u>	<u>57,597</u>

8. Average number of employees

During the year, the average number of employees was 21.

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Trustees

Nominated Trustees – 7

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Kathryn Hamblett	Elected 17 June 2022
David Bailey	Elected 17 June 2022
Victoria Colclough	Elected 30 November 2022
Alison Hurlstone	Elected 5 December 2022
Tate Preston, Chairperson	Elected 31 December 2022
Robert Smith	Elected 29 June 2023

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Independent Examiner

Eileen Grigg

Officers

Caroline Preston acted as Chief Executive Officer on behalf of the Trustees.

The Trustees' present their Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1199343

Objects, organisation and activities

Autism Dogs Charity trains Assistance Dogs for autistic children and adults in England, Scotland and Wales.

We are an Advanced Service accredited by the National Autistic Society.

Many of our team are autistic, including our CEO, which provides us with a unique insight when helping other autistic people.

Our Charity is recognised for working with some of the most challenging cases in the UK, providing hope for some of the most vulnerable autistic people. Our work successfully helps autistic children and adults to lower debilitating anxiety, reduce self-injurious behaviours, improve poor sleeping and eating patterns and increase social skills which eventually leads to improved confidence and independence.

Review of progress and achievements

The Board of Trustees

In this first full year of the organisation moving from a Community Interest model to a Charity, our Trustee Board remained unchanged until an additional member was added later in the year, bringing the total Trustee Board to seven members.

The new Trustee brought exceptional operational skills to the Board, adding increased focus on keeping costs low and concentration on fund-raising efforts.

Detailed feedback and data from our existing and newly enrolled clients led to further investment in our Psychotherapy and SEN Behaviours department which proved a vital part of our wrap-around service to ensure the best possible outcomes for the autistic handlers.

The Charity team expanded to include greater numbers dedicated to Animal Welfare and additions to the Training team, which we hoped would enable us to deliver more teams successfully than any other year to date.

The Charity team values remain unchanged:-

Approachable: We create an environment and attitude that allows both our clients and our team to feel at ease, enabling us to create the best experience possible based on their needs.

Dedicated: We strive to provide the best care to our clients and dogs so we can change as many lives as possible.

Respect: We value all of our clients and team members, ensuring everyone is treated with dignity and compassion.

Hardworking: We work hard through responsible actions, always striving to be the best we can be.

Loyalty: We are proud to represent an organisation that does such life-changing work for autistic people and their families.

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Inclusion: We respect and value everyone's differences, creating an environment that both promotes respect and highlights the advantages diversity brings.

Statistics

Overview of Programme statistics over the year we received:

- 18354 enquires
- 464 applications
- 38 programme places/enrolments
- 36 dogs assessed
- 26 Qualified
- 2 families were removed from the programme prior to delivery
- 2 dogs were collected from the family after delivery
- 3 dogs retired
- Volunteer hours 530

From the previous working team's estate:

Total number of teams working at the end of the year: 85

Volunteering and Work Experience

We continued to advocate and immerse ourselves in the autistic community by offering volunteer and work experience to the autistic community. These volunteering opportunities also provided us with the opportunity to educate the volunteers about the work that we do and the help that our Assistance Dogs provide for our beneficiaries.

We delivered a volunteer workshop where 36 young people attended and were awarded a certificate of contribution, and provided 4 work placements across the year. All of the young people who volunteered for the organisation were autistic.

Finances

The costs of each Programme varied from £20-25,000 to the end of the first year of delivery.

Total income for the year was £521,351 with costs of £410,890.

CEO report

During this first full year as a Charity the team expanded and the quality of the beneficiary's experience and the number of delivered teams grew.

Additions to many areas ensured our existing teams were well supported and that new enrolments teams in training received a wealth of holistic support for the beneficiary and immediate family.

Increased resources were allocated into the Psychotherapy Department that helped to enhance our understanding. Increased hours and skills in this vital area also increased our ability to bespoke the beneficiary's care to a new level.

Our Charity continued to work with the NAS which is of great importance and reassurance to our clients. We also remained part of the ADUK community that provides an overall contribution of support to the UK's Assistance Dog sector.

A new focus was also given to fund raising. We successfully continued to provide our services at a reduced rate by fund raising over 20% of the costs. By investing in a Fund Raising Manager we began the process of building a team that could generate additional donations to reduce the cost to each beneficiary even further.

Reserves policy

After providing sufficient funds to cover all management and administration the Trustees regard any remaining incoming resources as free reserves of the charity and available for the general purposes of training dogs in accordance with the stated objects of the charity.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Under the Scheme of the Charity and trust law, the Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its income and expenditure. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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The attached financial statements show the current state of the finances.

On behalf of the Trustees



Tate Preston
Chairperson

Date 10th October 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Congleton Town Trust

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 9 to 10

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an Independent Examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

*Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act

*To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and

*To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the Report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Eileen Grigg ACMA CTA
EPG Accountants Ltd
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 3JY

9th September 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Income and expenditure				
Incoming resources				
Dog Training	499,349	-	499,349	249,853
Donations	3,340	-	3,340	38,850
Grants	13,651	-	13,651	25,820
Sundry income	5,011	-	5,011	2,540
Total incoming resources	521,351	-	521,351	317,063
Resources expended				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Animal Training Salaries	78,928	-	78,928	38,297
Animal Welfare Salaries	70,292	-	70,292	21,193
Vets Fees	17,137	-	17,137	8,051
Other direct costs	56,700	-	56,700	27,661
Administrative Costs				
Management Salaries	81,425	-	81,425	37,478
Pension Costs	3,580	-	3,580	1,585
Rent	24,357	-	24,357	11,200
Rates	2,476	-	2,476	2,589
Light, power, heating	14,514	-	14,514	4,108
Motor vehicle expenses	7,027	-	7,027	2,796
Travel	7,693	-	7,693	2,538
Accountancy	3,750	-	3,750	1,850
Repairs and Maintenance	11,264	-	11,264	1,260
Bank charges and Interest	5,074	-	5,074	1,749
Other costs	26,673	-	26,673	4,271
Total resources expended	410,890	-	410,890	166,626
Net(outgoing)/incoming for the year	110,461	-	110,461	150,437
Recognised gains (losses) on investments				
Unrealised	-	-	-	-
Realised	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds	110,461	-	110,461	150,347
Fund balances brought forward	153,404	-	153,404	2,967
Fund balances carried forward	263,865	-	263,865	153,404



Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Fixed assets			
Motor vehicles	3	6,006	8,008
Computer equipment		343	190
Plant and machinery		-	-
		<u>6,349</u>	<u>8,197</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank		28,329	70,733
Debtors	5	290,593	150,403
		318,922	221,136
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	6	3,809	3,794
		<u>315,113</u>	<u>225,540</u>
Net current assets			
Creditors: amount falling due after one year		57,597	72,135
		<u>263,865</u>	<u>153,404</u>
Net assets			
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		263,865	153,404
Restricted capital fund		-	-
		<u>263,865</u>	<u>153,404</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Tate Preston
Chairperson



Notes to the Financial Statements

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Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	At cost	
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Additions	-	-	249	249
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	600	12,240	628	13,468
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2023	600	4,232	190	5,022
Charge for the year	-	2,002	95	2,097
At 31 December 2023	600	6,234	285	7,119
Net book value				
At 1 January 2023	-	8,008	189	8,197
At 31 December 2023	-	6,006	343	6,349

4. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Trustees in respect of the year.

5. Debtors

	2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year		
Clients payments towards dog training	290,594	150,403
Other debtors	-	-
	290,594	150,403

6. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
Taxes and social security	2,702	3,258
Pension Contributions	685	535
Accruals	422	-
	3,809	3,794

7. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
Bank loans	57,597	72,135

8. Average number of employees

During the year, the average number of employees was 23.

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Specialist trained dogs for autistic people

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The Trustees' present their Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission, number **1199343**

Objects, organisation and activities

On the 16 June 2022 the Charity Commissioners approved and established a scheme for the future regulation of Autism Dogs Charity.

The scheme is for the public benefit, to promote the health, safety, equality and independence of people who are diagnosed with autism, by providing dogs trained as autism assistance dogs and for the education in training of those diagnosed with autism and their carers/guardians and families in the care and welfare of autism assistance dogs and to provide services, facilities and activities for the benefit of people diagnosed with autism and their carers/guardians and families as the trustees shall deem fit.

Review of progress and achievements

The Board of Trustees

In our first year of the organisation moving from a Community Interest model to a Charity, our immediate challenge was to establish a Trustee Board, that included dedicated individuals with a diverse set of skills that also recognised the need for growth.

The Board formed included a Veterinary Surgeon, Social Worker/Autism Safeguarding Trainer, NHS specialist Lawyer (whose family have an Autism Assistance Dog), and an Assistance Dog Industry Executive/Dog Trainer.

I was appointed the Chair of Trustees. I am a Veterinary Surgeon and previous Board Director of Autism Dogs CIC. I am related to the CEO, Caroline Preston therefore, a robust 'Conflict of Interest Policy' was immediately implemented.

In later months our Trustee Board then added two new members. A second specialist NHS lawyer and Human Resources Specialist. The Board meets monthly but are available to discuss urgent matters weekly which has been a great support to the CEO and ultimately the success and governance of the Charity team.

Changes and Improvements

The move from CIC to Charity added extra pressure in the first quarter to the existing team, but despite this they were enthused to continue their good work and driven to continually improve the service. Success over the previous 6 years meant the Charity inherited the responsibility of continued support of over 50 working teams. The success of previous years resulted in the Charity Board immediately taking in funds from a partial grant/loan of £75,000, in order to invest in the growth of the training team, psychotherapy, and animal welfare team. We wanted to increase:

- The number of new teams we were able to help in a year.
- The support for existing teams.
- Our understanding of the stability and overall mental health within the home of each client
- The number of dogs in assessment living at the farm (HQ).

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- How autism-friendly the farm was to clients, investing in further changes to the client areas.
- The safety and welfare of growing number of working Assistance Dogs.

The investment across the year proved successful, improving:

- Training hours by 30%, producing 4 more qualified teams in the year
- Face-to-face visits for existing teams, top up training, and assessments on the working dogs.
- Psychotherapy and SEN autism behavioural support, with psychotherapy being quadrupled and SEN autism behaviourist hours being added to great effect.
- Areas around the farm, with an autism-friendly office and break out room being created in farmhouse and an outbuilding being converted into a training room.

The client interview process was enhanced to include application form, internal review panel, face-to-face interview with entire family, a video of the client's home environment, concluding with a video interview with the CEO.

The programme structure was also altered, following consultation from fellow Assistance Dog organisations and outcomes from case studies. We hope that this timing re-structure will help both the dog and the beneficiary, which has brought positive early outcomes.

External validation

The Charity continued to work closely with the NAS, whose representatives attended 2 of our fundraising events. We exchanged updates and regularly appeared at NAS events to talk about our work. Our key NAS contact continued to provide steer around feedback on the impact of our work, as well as areas where we could improve the client experience working with our team - at the farm and even in their homes.

Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising and donations continued to cover costs of:

- Administration
- Director fees
- Partial animal welfare
- 20% of vet fees

The remaining costs were covered by the client's local authority, charitable foundations, or the client themselves.

Under the supervision of the General Manager, the team, Ambassadors, and volunteers delivered 5 fundraising events across the year. One of the Trustee Board also created a fund raiser at her child's school. The events stretched non specialist resources but raised small amounts and a lot of awareness.

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Staff

We are proud to be a service for autistic people that is also run by autistic people. We are the only organisation training Autism Assistance Dogs where the majority of the team are autistic. Through our own lived experiences, internal training, and a wealth of knowledge held by our team, we are able to learn more both about ourselves and how we can extend that understanding across our beneficiaries and families.

Staff education continued to be a vital part of our duty of care and to ensure the best possible experience for the client and dog was achieved.

Safeguarding sessions and autism training was delivered frequently to all staff, often face to face by our Trustee and specialist Trainer, and by our General Manager at staff meetings.

All staff also received animal welfare training, including canine first aid delivered by our Trustee Chair and Veterinary Surgeon Tate Preston.

As part of our continued CPD for all staff, 3 members achieved Animal welfare level 2 Diploma and another is currently working towards the same. Our staff members worked together to establish some 'Company Values', helping the team to work towards the organisation's visions and goals. These Company Values are as follows:

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Statistics

Overview of Programme statistics over the year we received:

- 7650 enquires
- 480 applications
- 20 programme places/enrolments
- 36 dogs assessed
- 18 Qualified
- 1 family removed from programme prior to delivery
- 1 dog collected from family after delivery
- 16 new teams all meeting expectations
- Volunteer hours 195

From previous working team's estate:

- 53 working teams
- 1 deceased
- 2 retired

Total number of teams working at end of year: 66

Working teams

Working teams are encouraged to meet and use our private family virtual groups to share stories and support. This continued to be a valuable support and resulted in 10 of our working teams being appointed Ambassadors for the Charity to help build autism awareness and the benefits of our work.

Volunteering and Work Experience

We continued to advocate and immerse ourselves in the autistic community by offering volunteer and work experience to the autistic community. These volunteering opportunities also provided us with the opportunity to educate the volunteers about the work that we do and the help that our Assistance Dogs provide for our beneficiaries.

We delivered a volunteer workshop where 4 young people attended and were awarded a certificate of contribution, and provided nearly 20 work placements across the year. Many of the young people who volunteered for the organisation were autistic.

Finances

First year of the accounts are a partial year because of date that the Charity was established. In summary the accounts reflect 7 months to 31.12.22 plus CIC brought forward
Income Split as per page 11 – donations 12%, grants 8% (including CIC brought forward)
Costs 52% of income (including CIC brought forward).

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Costs of each Programme varied from approximately £18,000 to approximately £23,000 to the end of the first year of delivery. Family contributions for the year were £107,382 and funds moved over from the CIC were £147,271.

CEO report

This was a very special year as the organisation re-established itself as a Charity. With everything that we have learned and achieved, we know that we have something very special to offer the autistic community. However, it's vital that finances are not the barrier to being able to offer to all that need to apply and benefit from our work.

We know that 1 in 68 of our children are being diagnosed with autism - and often comorbidities. Half of these children will not have access to full-time education, and less than 20% will go onto to have a full-time employed career. The challenges faced by an autistic child or adult can often have direct and detrimental consequences on the lives of their families, so acknowledging, understanding, and addressing that is the key to a successful autism Assistance Dog Programme.

Many of our team and our Ambassadors are autistic, including myself, and we believe this provides a unique way of understanding and communication with our client. Along with a wealth of staff training and education, we believe this to be an important component to our approach which will continue.

The success rate of our work has a transformative effect for the client and their families. Nearly 90% of those that we have worked with have gone on to live healthier, more peaceful, and independent lives. Many have been able to go back into education, forged friendships for the first time, improve eating and sleeping habits, improve their communication and social skills, and make overall changes of happiness for their future.

The dog's health, happiness, and welfare remain of the utmost importance, and the team has demonstrated the strength to stop Programmes or remove animals that they know to be unhappy or at risk.

The NAS remain our go-to for education, support, and mentoring. We also enjoy being part of the ADI/ADUK community, and hope to increase our contribution through forging closer relationships with the many incredible Assistance Dog organisations that have so many positive stories and approaches to share.

I recognise the need for focused and skilled resource in fundraising and operationally, which will be a key area of our plans in the next 3-5 years.

Feedback from our team's successes and staff's development proves both inspiring and an exceptional environment to work, volunteer, and learn. We hope to maintain our integrity, drive, and transformative results for our families, and continue to make the positive impact we are achieving for the autistic community.

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Autism Dogs Charity Trustees' Report and Financial Statements 31 December 2022

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On behalf of the Trustees



Tate Preston
Chairperson

Date 26th October 2023

Autism Dogs Charity Trustees' Report and Financial Statements 31 December 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Autism Dogs Charity

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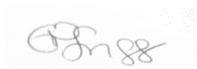
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the Report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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23rd October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2022 £	2021 £
Income and expenditure					
Incoming resources					
Dog Training		249,853	-	249,853	-
Donations		38,850	-	38,850	-
Grants		25,820	-	25,820	-
Sundry income		2,540	-	2,540	-
Total incoming resources		317,063	-	317,063	-
Resources expended					
Direct charitable expenditure					
Animal Training Salaries		38,297	-	38,297	-
Animal Welfare Salaries		21,193	-	21,193	-
Vets Fees		8,051	-	8,051	-
Other direct costs		27,661	-	27,661	-
Administrative Costs					
Management Salaries		37,478	-	37,478	-
Pension Costs		1,585	-	1,585	-
Rent		11,200	-	11,200	-
Rates		2,589	-	2,589	-
Light, power, heating		4,108	-	4,108	-
Motor vehicle expenses		2,796	-	2,796	-
Travel		2,538	-	2,538	-
Accountancy		1,850	-	1,850	-
Repairs and Maintenance		1,260	-	1,260	-
Bank charges and Interest		1,749	-	1,749	-
Other costs		4,272	-	4,272	-
Total resources expended		166,625	-	166,625	-
Net(outgoing)/incoming for the year		150,437	-	150,437	-
Recognised gains (losses) on investments					
Unrealised		-	-	-	-
Realised		-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		150,437	-	150,347	-
Fund balances brought forward from Autism Dogs CIC		2,967	-	2,967	-
Fund balances carried forward		153,404	-	153,404	-

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Balance Sheet

At 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
Fixed assets			
Motor vehicles	3	8,008	-
Computer equipment		190	-
Plant and machinery		-	-
		8,197	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank		70,733	-
Debtors	5	150,403	-
		221,136	-
Current liabilities:			
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	6	3,794	-
		225,540	-
Net current assets		225,540	-
Creditors: amount falling due after one year		72,135	-
		153,404	-
Net assets		153,404	-
Represented by:			
Funds			
Unrestricted income fund		153,404	-
Restricted capital fund		-	-
		153,404	-

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



**Tate Preston
Chairperson**

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1 The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015). Assets & Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

2 **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

3 **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Plant & machinery	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on WDV
Computer equipment	25% on cost

The assets were transferred from Autism Dogs CIC mid-year already having been depreciated in the CIC.

	Plant & machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 16 June 2022	600	12,240	379	13,219
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	600	12,240	379	13,219
Depreciation				
At 16 June 2022	600	4,232	190	5,022
Charge for the year	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	600	4,232	190	5,022
Net book value				
At 16 June 2022	-	8,008	189	8,197
At 31 December 2022	-	8,008	189	8,197

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4 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid or payable for the year to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Trustees in respect of the year.

5 Debtors	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Clients payments towards dog training	150,403	-
Other debtors	-	-
	150,403	-

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Taxes and social security	3,258	-
Pension Contributions	535	-
Accruals	-	-
	3,794	-

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans	72,135	-

8 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 14.