

DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

England & Wales · Charity number 1200478

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-09-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF HEALTH AND THE SAVING OF LIVES IN HARTLEPOOL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY:-A) THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS (AED'S) IN AREAS OF SUITABLE UTILITY.B) PROMOTING AWARENESS OF AED'S AND PROVIDING INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PERTAINING TO THEIR SAFE AND CORRECT USE.NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Activities: The Advancement of health and the saving of lives in Hartlepool and the surrounding area by:-a) The provision of Public Access Defibrillators (AED's) in areas of suitable utility.b) Promoting awareness of AED's and providing information and education pertaining to their safe and correct use.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hartlepool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£28,905	£17,874	-	-
2024-12-31	£26,847	£35,687	-	-
2023-12-31	£63,237	£35,405	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pamela Ann Shurmer	Chair	2022-08-02
David Cairns		2022-08-06
Kelly Cairns		2022-08-08
Sarah West		2022-08-16
William Edward Shurmer A.C.M.A		2022-08-02

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DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Trustees' annual report for the period

	Start Date		End Date
From	1 st Jan 2025	To	31 st Dec 2025

<i>Charity Name</i>	<i>DS43 Community Defibrillators</i>
<i>Reg Charity Number</i>	<i>1200478</i>
<i>Charity's Principal Address</i>	<i>8, Hampstead Gardens</i>
	<i>Tunstall Park</i>
	<i>Hartlepool, Durham</i>
	<i>TS26 0LX</i>

Names of charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)
Pamela Ann Shurmer	Chair
William Edward Shurmer	Treasurer
David Cairns	Circuit and Guardian Management
Kelly Cairns	Circuit and Guardian Management
Sarah Elaine West	

STRUCTURE, governance and management

Type of governing document	<i>Constitution adopted 26th Sept 2022</i>
How the charity is constituted	<i>Incorporated organisation</i>
Trustee selection methods	<i>Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 4 years at the Annual General Meeting held in January</i>

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Advancement of health and the saving of lives in Hartlepool and the surrounding area by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The provision of Public Access Defibrillators (AED's) in areas of suitable utility b) Promoting awareness of AED's and providing information and education pertaining to their safe and correct use.
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives</p>	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should cardiac arrest happen, bystander assistance with CPR along with speedy access to a defibrillator significantly increases a persons' chance of survival, potentially doubling or tripling the survival rate. <p>With public benefit in mind, our activities centre around equality of access and awareness of CPR & AEDs for all in the area in which we work.</p> <p>Activities undertaken during the course of the year.</p> <p>We have held six CPR and Defibrillator awareness sessions across the town engaging with a wide age range and include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We arranged and managed a five-hour CPR marathon incorporated into an emergency awareness day gave people the opportunity to get hands on with CPR and learn about the importance of defibrillators and how to use one. • Free events advertised across the town where members of the public participated within their own comfort zone to better understand how a bystander can help in the chain of survival. • Worked with the local further education college to raise awareness with staff and students at Freshers Fayre and dedicated CPR/ Defibrillator awareness days engaging with staff and students during National Restart the Heart Day • Having been nominated as the Charity for this years Hartlepool Business awards we had the opportunity raise awareness with over 200 people about what we do and the benefit to the Hartlepool Community. With the contacts we made at this event we now have the opportunity to work with our local newspaper to further raise awareness within the community in 2026. • We have been invited on a number of occasions to be part of BBC Radio Tees breakfast slot which helps showcases the charity and it's aims and therefore builds awareness. <p>https://ds43communitydefibrillators.org.uk/</p>

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Additional details of objectives and activities

By engaging with the public, being open and transparent the support we receive from the community drives our fundraising allowing us to continue our work. A key objective for any charity is to have the funds to continue. We are very much supported within our community and the Trustees spend a great deal of time driving support from within our local community.

Our communication with the public via our Facebook page, press articles, TV slots, our awareness sessions and generally making ourselves available to offer help and sign post individuals and groups, leads to the ongoing support we receive from our community.

Some Examples

- The local business forum nominating us as their charity for their awards evening
- Local businesses and groups raising funds
- Families who have lost a loved one’s raising funds in their memory and donating to us.
- Support for our annual raffle
- The 11 people who did the Great North Run in 2025 for our charity and raised a fantastic amount

The list is endless but without them we wouldn’t be able to do what we do; we have a fantastic community which should be proud of as we are of them.

Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.</p>	<p>Ensuring the defibrillators we place into the community are emergency ready as much as is humanly possible is a key aim and requires vigilant monitoring and maintenance. A key objective for any charity is to have the funds to continue our work which remains a key objective for us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We have placed an additional 7 additional AEDs into the community during the course of the year. This was achieved by engaging and working with both builders on new build sites and our local Council. This brings the total number of defibrillators placed into the community to 84. ● 73 of the 84 defibrillators we have were deployed at least once during the course of the year with one of them being deployed at total of 16 times. ● Over 700 people have attended free of charge CPR and Defibrillator awareness sessions during the year. ● This year 11 of defibrillator batteries have been replaced along with 16 sets of pads.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As more defibrillators are placed, we recruit additional guardians and currently the number stands at 63 • Our guardians are regularly trained, they complete checks on their defibrillators monthly and after every deployment and are supported by 2 of our Trustees who have the role of Guardian and Circuit management.
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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We are committed to maintaining the defibrillators for at least 10 years following their installation, we know funds will be harder to raise as time goes on and therefore intend to ensure that there is always a minimum of £38,000 in the bank which will underpin our ability to maintain all of the units installed. As more defibrillators are installed the financial reserve will need to increase. The charity funds are raised in the main via donations, raffles and grant applications.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	Not applicable


Further financial review details:

None

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature		
Full Name	Pamela Ann Shurmer	
Position	Chair	

Date	31 st March 2026
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,921	-	-	11,921	17,509
Events	6,120	-	-	6,120	5,795
Raffles	3,982	-	-	3,982	493
Sales	1,749	-	-	1,749	475
Gift Aid	2,620	-	-	2,620	1,926
Interest	495	-	-	495	591
Sundry	18	-	-	18	58
Tees Million grant	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
PFC Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,905	-	-	28,905	26,847
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,905	-	-	28,905	26,847
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	1,126	-	-	1,126	134
Insurance	452	-	-	452	506
Training & Training aids	99	-	-	99	1,234
Gazebo	-	-	-	-	961
Sundry	34	-	-	34	926
Raffle Tickets & Prizes	701	-	-	701	-
Website	-	-	-	-	-
GNR 2026 Entries	1,052	-	-	1,052	1,010
Storage Costs	346	-	-	346	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,810	-	-	3,810	4,771
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	14,064	-	-	14,064	30,916
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,064	-	-	14,064	30,916
Total payments	17,874	-	-	17,874	35,687
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,031	-	-	11,031	- 8,840
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,883	-	-	48,883	57,723
Cash funds this year end	59,914	-	-	59,914	48,883

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balances	59,914	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	59,914	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

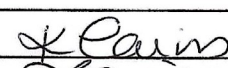
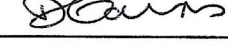
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	84 Cabinets & defibrillators installed in the community		-	-
	STOCKS AS BELOW		-	-
	2 Eiremed Cabinets,		-	-
	2 Defib caddy cabinets		-	-
	4 defibrillators		-	-
	2 Bags		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Hartlepool borough council for VAT not charged on their invoice for installing cabinets in 2024/2025			
	Inv no 0040512797 dated 30/9/25		2,000	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	K CAIRNS	12/3/26
	D CAIRNS	12/3/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
DS43 Community Defibrillators

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200478

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

B. Sirs

Date:

20 March 2026

Name:

Ben Sirs

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

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Address:

Tunstall Grange, Grange Road, Hartlepool, TS26 0DS.

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters.

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name DS43 Community Defibrillators		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2025	Charity no (if any)	1200478
Set out on pages	<small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

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Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

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No matters.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1200478

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DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Trustees' annual report for the period

	Start Date		End Date
From	1 st Jan 2024	To	31 st Dec 2024

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Names of charity trustees who manage the charity

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William Edward Shurmer	Treasurer
David Cairns	Circuit and Guardian Management
Kelly Cairns	Circuit and Guardian Management
Sarah Elaine West	

STRUCTURE, governance and management

Type of governing document	<i>Constitution adopted 26th Sept 2022</i>
How the charity is constituted	<i>Incorporated organisation</i>
Trustee selection methods	<i>Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 4 years at the Annual General Meeting held in January</i>

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Advancement of health and the saving of lives in Hartlepool and the surrounding area by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The provision of Public Access Defibrillators (AED's) in areas of suitable utility b) Promoting awareness of AED's and providing information and education pertaining to their safe and correct use.
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives</p>	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should cardiac arrest happen, bystander assistance with CPR along with speedy access to a defibrillator significantly increases a persons' chance of survival, potentially doubling or tripling the survival rate. <p>With public benefit in mind, our activities centre around equality of access and awareness of CPR & AEDs for all in the area in which we work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing awareness and familiarising people with CPR via awareness sessions. In the last 12 months in excess of 400 people have attended our sessions. • Mapping the town for strategic placement of AEDs across the town and the surrounding area with the aim of getting everyone within a 350m radius of one. To date we have placed 77 AED's and have a further 12 planned over the first two quarters of 2025. • We ensure all of our AEDs are registered with the BHF national register, the Circuit, ensuring access for our ambulance service for deployment ensuring availability and speed of access. This has resulted in our defibrillators being deployed over 900 times since our inception (Oct 2021 as a Community Group). • We have an organisational account with the Circuit, ensuring all status checks are carried out and accurately recorded to meet governance. • We operate a maintenance programme to ensure all defibrillators remain in good working order i.e. a schedule is in place for regular checks of cabinets, locks, battery and pad replacement, making them emergency ready as much as possible. • A plan of recruitment and training of volunteers from across the town to act as defibrillator guardians is ongoing. Currently we have in excess of 60 guardians who keep their defibrillator emergency ready as much as possible and all act as ambassadors and help raise awareness. <p>More information can be found on our website https://ds43communitydefibrillators.org.uk/</p>

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Additional details of objectives and activities

Our prime objectives are to ensure our town is well resourced with Public Access Defibrillators, that they are emergency ready as much as possible and that they are well maintained. Having the equipment available is one thing, knowing how to access the piece of equipment and feeling confident as to what to do is just as important, this is why our other prime objective is to spread awareness within the community hopefully encouraging bystander CPR which is a crucial part of the chain of survival in the case of cardiac arrest.

Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.</p>	<p>Working towards our objective of getting all homes in Hartlepool within a 350m radius (as the crow flies) of a publicly accessible AED has presented challenges.</p> <p>The town has many new build areas the challenge has been to engage with those builders and work with our local Council to gain permission to site a defibrillator prior to adoption of the land by our local Council. We are proud that the charity has now been able to install AEDs on four new housing estates.</p> <p>During the last year 22 defibrillators have been installed bringing the total number to 77. These defibrillators have been deployed by the Ambulance service to 300 medical emergencies over the last 12 months.</p> <p>66 of the 77 defibrillators have been deployed to at least 1 medical emergency, many have had multiple deployments which demonstrates the need for these devices.</p> <p>AED pads have required replacement on 8 occasions. Our maintenance programme and guardianship network ensure our defibrillators are emergency ready as much as possible.</p> <p>As the number of our defibrillators increase, recruitment and training of volunteer guardians is ongoing and further 9 have been recruited this year. Some of our existing guardians now look after more than 1 defibrillator.</p> <p>All of the defibrillators are registered with The Circuit, our organisational account is managed by two of our trustees one of which is also a Community First Responder with our local Ambulance Service, they have overall Guardianship of all of our defibrillators. These two Trustees have developed an excellent relationship with our local Ambulance Service (North East Ambulance Service) and work closely with our over 60 guardians.</p>
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	<p>We organised an event where we ran continuous CPR for 7 hours getting many members of the public involved, this gave everyone the chance to perform CPR on manikins and gain awareness of defibrillators in the community. This event was organised by our Charity who worked collaboratively with the local Emergency Services including the Police, Ambulance & Air Ambulance, Fire Service, it also had a presence of RNLI and Blood Run EVS. The day's prime purpose was raising awareness of the importance of bystander CPR in the chain of survival giving people confidence should cardiac arrest happen in their community.</p> <p>We have engaged with local schools, colleges & groups helping young people understand both CPR and defibrillation and how they can access AEDs in the community.</p>
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Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We are committed to maintaining the defibrillators for at least 10 years following their installation, we know funds will be harder to raise as time goes on and therefore intend to ensure that there is always a minimum of £35,000 in the bank which will underpin our ability to maintain all of the units installed. The charity funds are raised in the main via donations, raffles and grant applications.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	<i>Not applicable</i>

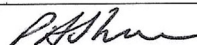
Further financial review details:

None

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature		
Full Name	Pamela Ann Shurmer	
Position	Chair	

Date	30th APRIL 2025
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

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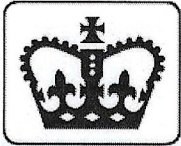
For the period from	Period start 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	17,509	-	-	17,509	24,675
Events	5,795	-	-	5,795	5,838
Raffles	493	-	-	493	8,706
Sales	475	-	-	475	600
Gift Aid	1,926	-	-	1,926	2,909
Interest	591	-	-	591	9
Sundry	58	-	-	58	-
Lottery Grant	-	-	-	-	20,000
PFC Grant	-	-	-	-	500
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,847	-	-	26,847	63,237
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,847	-	-	26,847	63,237
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	134	-	-	134	1,758
Insurance	506	-	-	506	834
Training & Training aids	1,234	-	-	1,234	1,016
Gazebo	961	-	-	961	-
Sundry	926	-	-	926	854
Raffle Tickets & Prizes	-	-	-	-	383
Website	-	-	-	-	595
GNR 2025 Entries	1,010	-	-	1,010	-
GNR 2023 and 2024 entries	-	-	-	-	1,448
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,771	-	-	4,771	6,888
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	30,916	-	-	30,916	28,517
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,916	-	-	30,916	28,517
Total payments	35,687	-	-	35,687	35,405
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,840	-	-	- 8,840	27,832
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	57,723	-	-	57,723	-
Cash funds this year end	48,883	-	-	48,883	27,832

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		48,883	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48,883	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	77 Cabinets & defibrillators installed in the community		-	-
	STOCKS AS BELOW		-	-
	2 Eiremed Cabinets,		-	-
	9 Defib caddy cabinets		-	-
	11 defibrillators		-	-
	9 Bags		-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Hartlepool borough council for posts and installation costs of 10 defibrillators on mini lampposts		10,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
DS43 Community Defibrillators

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2024
**Charity no
(if any)** 1200478

Set out on pages

1 & 2 Receipts & payments accounts
(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Independent
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DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

England & Wales - Charity number 1200478

Accounts

Trustees' annual report for the period

	Start Date		End Date
From	26 th Sept 2022	To	31 st Dec 2023

Charity Name	<i>DS43 Community Defibrillators</i>
Reg Charity Number	<i>1200478</i>
Charity's Principal Address	<i>8, Hampstead Gardens</i>
	<i>Tunstall Park</i>
	<i>Hartlepool, Durham</i>
	<i>TS26 0LX</i>

Names of charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee Name	Office (if any)
Pamela Ann Shurmer	Chair
William Edward Shurmer	Treasurer
David Cairns	
Kelly Cairns	
Sarah Jane Shurmer	
Sarah Elaine West	

STRUCTURE, governance and management

Type of governing document	<i>Constitution adopted 26th Sept 2022</i>
How the charity is constituted	<i>Incorporated organisation</i>
Trustee selection methods	<i>Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 4 years at the Annual General Meeting which are held in January</i>

Objectives and activities

<p>Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>The Advancement of health and the saving of lives in Hartlepool and the surrounding area by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The provision of Public Access Defibrillators (AED's) in areas of suitable utility b) Promoting awareness of AED's and providing information and education pertaining to their safe and correct use.
<p>Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives</p>	<p>Increasing awareness and familiarising people with CPR via awareness sessions. In the last 12 months in excess of 500 people have attended our sessions and we have given guidance and support to in excess of 1000 people. We have mapped the town for strategic placement of AEDs with the aim of getting everyone within a 350m radius of one. We originally started as a community group and had already placed 34 defibrillators, these are now managed by the charity, in addition the charity has placed a further 21 making 55 in total and have a further 14 planned in quarter one of 2024.</p> <p>A maintenance programme to ensure all defibrillators remain in good working order i.e. a schedule is in place for regular checks of cabinets, locks, battery and pad replacement.</p> <p>By recruiting and training our volunteers from across the town to act as defibrillator guardians we encourage community involvement. Currently we have in excess of 50 guardians who keep their defibrillators emergency ready and all act as ambassadors and help raise awareness.</p> <p>Our recently developed website helps us communicate the charity's aims, who the trustees are, how donations are used, raise awareness, help residents find their nearest defibrillator and much more.</p> <p>www.ds43communitydefibrillators.org.uk</p>

Additional details of objectives and activities

A research paper published this year 2023, - *Automated external defibrillator location and socioeconomic deprivation in Great Britain, Thomas Burgoine et al.*

Looked at differences in distances to the nearest 24/7 accessible AED between the most and least deprived communities.

Equitable access to 'out-of-hours' accessible AEDs may improve outcomes for people with OHCA. (out of hospital cardiac arrest)

We are confident by placing defibrillators strategically across the town the charity is helping address inequality of access for town residents.

We would like to acknowledge all of the individuals, groups and local businesses who have supported us in any way. The property owners who have allowed us to install on their premises and our wonderful guardians who selflessly give their time to ensure the defibrillators are emergency ready. The goodwill of individuals such a local electrician who has installed many of our defibrillators free of charge. The local Council who has worked with us to bring defibrillators to areas without a suitable building to site one on. The list is endless but demonstrates a real community achievement.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Placing AEDs strategically throughout the town has had challenges, we have managed to overcome these by working with our local borough council achieving 12 AED installation on mini lamp post in areas without a suitable building, a further are 14 planned in the New Year.

With 55 AEDs more of the town's population is within a 350m radius of a 24/7 available public access defibrillator. Our work needs to continue as the town is expanding creating the need for more installations to ensure equal access for town residents. Our charity ensures that these lifesaving devices remain in good working order both now and for the future. We have set up an organisational account with the Circuit, this is a national network which allows our Ambulance Service to deploy AEDs in an emergency. In the 15 months that the charity has been operating, the number of deployments by our local Ambulance Service of our AEDS is in excess of 300.

The charity has recruited and trained over 50 volunteers who act as defibrillator guardians therefore ensuring that as much as possible the AEDs are emergency ready. The guardians work as a team along with two of our Trustees who oversee

training and monitoring of all of the AEDs installed by the charity.

When someone goes into cardiac arrest bystander CPR along with access to a defibrillator can increase the chances of survival by as much as 50 – 70%. In this situation good CPR is imperative and raising awareness is a key priority, we have taken every opportunity and created some of our own events to raise awareness helping to familiarise people with both CPR and defibrillators, examples of these are:

- Free sessions advertised for anyone who wants to attend in excess of 500 people have attended.
- Attendance at large events such as, the Hartlepool Tall Ships event where we demonstrated CPR encouraging participation along with demonstrations of AEDs, this event ran over 4 days. In addition, we have sought out and attended a large number of events such as fairs and fetes to raise awareness and raise funds. The number of people who have engaged with us at such events is in excess of 1000.
- We have worked on a number of successful grant applications to help take the charity's work forward in a timely manner. An example is, a grant of £20,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund.
- We work collaboratively with interested parties to raise awareness e.g. NHS Cardiologists, private medical providers and other organisations and charities.

The overall awareness of the charity's objectives and achievements has been raised via good use of media i.e. social media, newspapers and television driving public involvement and inclusion.

We hope with knowledge and awareness of the importance of CPR along with more accessible defibrillators more lives will be saved in Hartlepool and the surrounding area.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	We are committed to maintaining the defibrillators for at least the next 10 years, we know funds will be harder to raise as time goes on and therefore intend to ensure that there is always a minimum of £35,000 in the bank which will underpin our ability to maintain all of the units installed. The charity funds are raised in the main via donations, raffles and grant applications.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	Not applicable


Further financial review details:

Between 25th August 2021 and 26th September 2022, the Charity operated as a Community Group. Charity status was approved on 26th September 2022 and all Community Group funds and assets transferred to the Charity DS43 Community Defibrillators. The opening bank account balance of the charity was therefore £29,891

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature	
Full Name	Pamela Ann Shurmer
Position	Chair

Date	24 th APRIL 2024
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
DS43 Community Defibrillators

**On accounts for the
period ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200478

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Signed:

B. Sirs

Date:

18 February 2024

Name:

Ben Sirs

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