

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

	<p>training and monitoring of all of the AEDs installed by the charity.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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 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	<i>Not applicable</i>


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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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	Sep-22		31/12/2023

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	24,675	-	-	24,675	-
Events	5,838	-	-	5,838	-
Lottery Grant	20,000	-	-	20,000	-
Raffles	8,706	-	-	8,706	-
PFC Grant	500	-	-	500	-
Sales	600	-	-	600	-
Gift Aid	2,909	-	-	2,909	-
Interest	9	-	-	9	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,237	-	-	63,237	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,237	-	-	63,237	-
A3 Payments					
Merchandise	1,758	-	-	1,758	-
Insurance	834	-	-	834	-
Training & Training Aids	1,016	-	-	1,016	-
Sundry	854	-	-	854	-
Raffle Tickets & Prizes	383	-	-	383	-
Website	595	-	-	595	-
GNR 2023 and 2024 entries	1,448	-	-	1,448	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,888	-	-	6,888	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Defibs, pads, cabinets, bags, mounting posts	28,517	-	-	28,517	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,517	-	-	28,517	-
Total payments	35,405	-	-	35,405	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	27,832	-	-	27,832	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,891	-	-	29,891	-
Cash funds this year end	57,723	-	-	57,723	-

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 Balance	57,723	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	57,723	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
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)
	55 Cabinets and defibrillators installed in the community	-	-	-
	STOCKS AS BELOW	-	-	-
	3 Eire Med cabinets	-	-	-
	1 Oval Cabinet	-	-	-
	14 match funded Caddy Cabinets	-	-	-
	14 match funded Mindray Defibrillators	-	-	-
	5 Mindray Defibrillators	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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
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.

**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:

18 February 2024

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.