



DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

Trustees' annual report for the period

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

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

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	Constitution adopted 26 th Sept 2022
How the charity is constituted	Incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 4 years at the Annual General Meeting held in January

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

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

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start
01/01/2024

To

Period end date
31/12/2024

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
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	77 Cabinets & defibrillators installed in the community		-	-
	STOCKS AS BELOW		-	-
	2 Eiremed Cabinets,		-	-
	9 Defib caddy cabinets		-	-
	11 defibrillators		-	-
	9 Bags		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
	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

CCXX R2 accounts (SS)	2	26/04/2025
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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 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1200478

Set out on pages

1 & 2 Receipts & payments accounts

(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 2024.

**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:

Ben Sirs

Date:

30 March 2025

Name:

Ben Sirs

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

FCA

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.