



## DS43 COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS

### Trustees' annual report for the period

	Start Date		End Date
From	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025	To	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2025

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 <sup>th</sup> 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

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>The Advancement of health and the saving of lives in Hartlepool and the surrounding area by: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The provision of Public Access Defibrillators (AED's) in areas of suitable utility</li> <li>b) Promoting awareness of AED's and providing information and education pertaining to their safe and correct use.</li> </ul>
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives	<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"> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p>With public benefit in mind, our activities centre around equality of access and awareness of CPR &amp; 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"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://ds43communitydefibrillators.org.uk/">https://ds43communitydefibrillators.org.uk/</a></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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.	<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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Over 700 people have attended free of charge CPR and Defibrillator awareness sessions during the year.</li> <li>• This year 11 of defibrillator batteries have been replaced along with 16 sets of pads.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As more defibrillators are placed, we recruit additional guardians and currently the number stands at 63</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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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	<b><i>Not applicable</i></b>

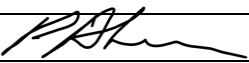
Further financial review details:

None
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## 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 <sup>st</sup> March 2026
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DS43 Community Defibrillators

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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

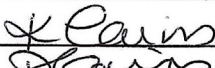
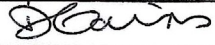
	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	11,921	-	-	11,921	17,509
Events	6,120	-	-	6,120	5,795
Raffles	3,982	-	-	3,982	493
Sales	1,749	-	-	1,749	475
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	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>28,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,905</b>	<b>26,847</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>28,905</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,905</b>	<b>26,847</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,810</b>	<b>4,771</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	14,064	-	-	14,064	30,916
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,064</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,064</b>	<b>30,916</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>35,687</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>- 8,840</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>48,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,883</b>	<b>57,723</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>59,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,914</b>	<b>48,883</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Balances	59,914	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	59,914	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	84 Cabinets & defibrillators installed in the community		-	-
	<b>STOCKS AS BELOW</b>		-	-
	2 Eiremed Cabinets,		-	-
	2 Defib caddy cabinets		-	-
	4 defibrillators		-	-
	2 Bags		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
	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):**

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.





# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

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