

SURREY DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (SDCS)

Trustee's Annual Report

Charity number: 208084

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers

Principle office address:
28 Old Farm road
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Trustee 1 Mrs Helen Le Page (Vice Treasurer)
Trustee 2 Kris Harvey (Chair)
Trustee 3 Mrs Gabriella Stiles (Treasurer)

Financial Adviser Mr Gerry Probett (Frobisher Capital Ltd)

Structure, governance and management (SORP paragraph 44)

Our committee is run by parents of deaf children, working entirely on a voluntary basis. We run regular events and provide support and information to families based on our own experiences and cover the whole of Surrey (from 0-21 years). We each have roles within the committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Events (Pre-school, KS1, KS2 & KS3), Website, Safeguarding.

We meet monthly to discuss and plan our events. Previously we would meet in person at a different committee members house, however since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have our meetings online via the Zoom platform. We use technology to help us run effectively, i.e. sub groups on 'WhatsApp' to discuss/agree grants applications.

Committee members are voted in at our Annual General Meeting, held each year and every member on committee is subject to DBS checks. We are affiliated to the National Deaf Children's Society (and have our own constitution, based on theirs).

Financial review (SORP paragraphs 55 and 56)

We have no reserves policy in place (as we currently have no designated large projects to fund). We hold our money in a bank account to use funds appropriately throughout the year and draw down yearly from an investment managed by Transact and take advice from our Financial Adviser.

Public benefit statement

We can confirm that the charity trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to

the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Objectives and activities (SORP paragraphs 47 and 52)

We offer a huge variety of regular events where Deaf children and their families can meet, this is something we are passionate about considering the majority of Deaf children in Surrey are in mainstream education. Our events offer a chance for lasting friendships and an end to isolation. We provide support for both aural and BSL families (paying for interpreters when needed). SDCS is free to join and we offer our members grants and access to a Speech & Language professional who works closely with us.

We are affiliated to the National Deaf Children's Society – and have close links with them. Basically we work at a local level – the 'SDCS family' helping families in need. Trustees and committee members are all dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people.

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Accounting year (1st January – 31st December 2021)

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