

Registered Charity Number
208737

Reading Centre for the Deaf

Report and Accounts

For The Year Ended

31 March 2023

**Reading Centre for the Deaf
Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Reading Centre for the Deaf
Charity Number	208737
	Registered 27 July 1964
Principal Address	131-133 Cardiff Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 8JF
Trustees	Caron Jones Bill Evans Ken Dyson Ray Lee Tony Evans Donna O'Brien
Officers	Information and Centre Officer
Bankers	Lloyds Leeds Building Society
Independent	Inspire Accounting UK Ltd Unit 13a, Chiltern Court, Asheridge Road, Chesham, HP5 2PX.

Examiner

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The charity is an unincorporated association, governed by its constitution adopted in 1950 and amended on 20 June 1994.

Appointment of Trustees

The Committee consists of not less than six members who are elected at the Charity's AGM. Trustees may be co-opted during the year and serve until the next AGM.

Organisational Structure

The trustees normally meet at least ten times a year to consider the business of the association.

Risk Management

The trustees do not consider that there are any substantial risks beyond the liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The association hold the freehold of the 131-133 Cardiff Road. It holds public liability insurance.

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

Objects

The objective of the Charity is to promoting independence and awareness of deaf and hard of hearing people in Reading and surrounding areas.

The Centre provides activities for deaf and hard of hearing throughout the year as the focus point of social gathering. The Centre also provides information and assistance to those who need in order to develop their independence and confidence.

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Activities, achievements and performances

The Centre has seen a numerous of activities such as: -

50+ Group – The age range is for 50+ and they meet every fortnightly, however the meetings had been suspended due to Government restrictions, but they are now back to usual.

Church – The monthly gatherings have been suspended due to Government restrictions, but they are now back to normal.

Deaf Social Club – normally a large number of members from Reading and surrounding areas regularly meet, with 8-Pool every Wednesday evenings, we have two teams competing in Reading Pool Leagues.

Bingo nights – Now reinstalled.

Information and Centre Officer – Provides information and assistance to deaf and hard of hearing people in Reading. The Executive Committee are working to provide support to the Information Service. During the Covid restrictions the information Officer has been working remotely for part of the year. Assists with the smooth running of the Deaf Centre and supports the Executive Committee in implementing the philosophies and principles of the organisation.

Public Benefit

In planning our activities, we follow the Charity's Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustees meetings.

Everyone is welcome to the Centre regardless of personal background, faith gender, personal circumstances, hearing or deaf to join in the social activities. These benefit all people by developing their self-confidence and social skills.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary

The finances of the association is stable. There is a unrestricted fund balance of £121,641 at the year end. The restricted fund balance as at 31 March 2023 is £0 (2022 - £0 (See notes)).

Reserve Policy

The trustees believe they should hold a minimum of £10,000 in unrestricted reserve to meet its commitments and creditors of running the Centre.

Caron Jones
Chair

Dated

30th August 2023

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Reading Centre for the Deaf
Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023

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	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted fund £	Total funds £	2022 Total £
Receipts				
Donations and grants	10,000	22,910	32,910	22,426
Room and hall hire	635	-	635	592
TC rent and rates received	23,254	-	23,254	22,504
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	300
Bank interest	36	-	36	29
Total receipts	33,925	22,910	56,835	45,851
Payments				
Rates and water rates	5,272	-	5,272	4,981
Light and heat	-	8,613	8,613	7,622
Equipment, repairs and renewals	8,700	-	8,700	4,529
Insurance	-	1,320	1,320	2,490
Cleaning	-	5,536	5,536	3,389
Information Officer and services	10,135	3,725	13,860	12,771
Donations	1,000	-	1,000	770
Support services	-	1,870	1,870	1,240
Office and training costs	-	1,846	1,846	1,661
Independent Examiner's fees	990	-	990	990
Total payments	26,097	22,910	49,007	40,443
Net surplus/ (deficit)	7,828	-	7,828	5,408
Cash funds last year end	113,813	-	113,813	108,405
Cash funds this year end	121,641	-	121,641	113,813

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Statement of assets and liabilities
For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
1 Cash funds			
Cash at bank, Prepayments and Accruals	121,641	-	121,641
Total cash funds	121,641	-	121,641

2 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Freehold Property - Reading Centre for the Deaf, 131-133 Cardiff Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 8JF.

Computers, fax machine and office equipment Unrestricted

3 Restricted fund

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31 March 2023 £
Service Level Agreement	-	22,910	22,910	-
	-	22,910	22,910	-

Service Level Agreement - Reading BC £ 15,337, Wokingham BC £7,723.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Reading Centre for the Deaf

I report on the accounts of Reading Centre for the Deaf for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 30th August 2023