

Registered Charity Number
208737

Reading Centre for the Deaf

Report and Accounts

For The Year Ended

31 March 2024

**Reading Centre for the Deaf
Trustees' Annual Report
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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	David Goddard	(Chair) from 16th September 2023
	Bill Evans	
	Ken Dyson	
	Ray Lee	Retired 16 September 2023
	Tony Evans	Retired 1 November 2023
	Peter Perry	from 16th September 2023
	Linda Dean	from 20th April 2023
	Marcella Dwek	from 9th June 2023
	Caron Jones	
	Donna O'Brien	
Officers	Information and Centre Officer	
Bankers	Lloyds TSB Cambridge & Counties Bank	
Independent Examiner	Inspire Accounting UK Ltd Unit 13a, Chiltern Court, Asheridge Road, Chesham, HP5 2PX.	

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

The objective of the Charity is to promote 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 numerous activities such as: -

50+ Group – The age range is for 50+ and they meet every fortnight.

Church – Monthly gatherings

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.

Outreach and Information Officer – Provides signposting information for the Deaf community, supports the running of community, health and information events and outreaches to other services to promote engagement and empowerment for the Deaf community. They assist with the smooth running of the Deaf Centre and supports the Executive committee in implementing the philosophies and principles of the organisation.

Coffee Mornings- These monthly sessions are for the community to come together including those with children, where opportunity to play and chat, also specific presentations on various topics.

Chair Yoga/Pilates - Sign language led sessions for the Deaf community provided on a weekly basis.

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 £114,783 at the year end. The restricted fund balance as at 31 March 2024 is £0 (2023 - £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.

D. Goddard

David Goddard
Chair

Dated

6/sept/2024

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 2024.

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: 4th July 2024

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Receipts and payments accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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	Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted fund	Total funds	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations and grants	2,000	23,714	25,714	32,910
Room and hall hire	260	0	260	635
TC rent and rates received	23,156	0	23,156	23,254
Bank interest	99	0	99	36
Total receipts	25,515	23,714	49,229	56,835
Payments				
Rates and water rates	5,334	0	5,334	5,272
Light and heat	10,066	8184	18,250	8,613
Equipment, repairs and renewals	8,356	0	8,356	8,700
Insurance	1,454	0	1,454	1,320
Cleaning	5,173	0	5,173	5,536
Information Officer and services	0	11,167	11,167	13,860
Donations	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Support services	0	2,550	2,550	1,870
Office and training costs	0	1,813	1,813	1,846
Independent Examiner's fees	990	0	990	990
Total payments	32,373	23,714	56,087	49,007
Net surplus/ (deficit)	-6,858	0	-6,858	7,828
Cash funds last year end	121,641	0	121,641	113,813
Cash funds this year end	114,783	0	114,783	121,641

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

	Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted fund	Total funds	
	£	£	£	
1. Cash funds				
Cash at bank, Prepayments and Accruals	114,783	0	114,783	121,641
Total cash funds	114,783	0	114,783	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				
At 1st April 2023	Income resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st March 2024	
£	£	£	£	
121,641	25,515	32,373	114,783	
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Service Level Agreement - Reading BC £ 15,450 Wokingham BC £8,264.