

CHESTER AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 237910

Details

Other names	CHESTER - DEESIDE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEAF, CHESTER AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DEAF
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1964-10-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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The Deaf Centre
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Activities

Objects: A. THE ASSIST IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE THE SPIRITUAL, MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL WELFARE OF THE DEAF AND RESIDENTS IN, OR BELONGING TO, THE AREA OF THE SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CHESTER AND DISTRICT CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE MAIN OBJECT THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ENDEAVOUR TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEAFNESS SUPPORT NETWORK AND ITS SUCCESSORS TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE CHESTER AND DISTRICT CENTRE FOR DEAF PEOPLE.

Activities: Social opportunities for D/deaf people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DISTRICTS OF CHESTER, ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON AND DEESIDE.
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,915	£37,859	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,200	£66,256	-	-
2023-03-31	£92,098	£40,364	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,574	£20,989	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,056	£12,588	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mike Ritchie	Chair	2013-09-09
Andrew Mayers		2014-01-10
Fiona Dodd		2023-09-30
JOHN PANE		
Kevin Unsworth		2025-10-04
Mary Killoran		2022-10-15
Sally Pane		2019-09-27
Samantha Sarah Wilkes		2025-10-04

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Annual Report & Financial Statements
Year Ended
31st March 2025

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- **Secretary (Hon)** Mrs F Dodd
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- Mrs S Pane (Previously Miss S Fletcher)
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- To improve links with other D/deaf organisations.
- To increase the public's awareness of D/deafness and of the Committee.

In preparing the annual report the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that the objectives and activities meet these requirements. The Committee continues to operate successfully in achieving its overall objectives.

Financial Review

In the financial year to 31 March 2025, the Committee showed a deficit of £3,944.03. This is in the main due to the increased legal fees that occurred during 2024/25. There was a substantial increase between 2023/24 and 2024/25 in the insurance costs as well as an increase in the utility costs which have contributed to the overall deficit. Of the three accounts that make up the consolidated records two of them recorded a profit whilst the third incurred a deficit meaning that the overall outturn for the year resulted in the aforementioned deficit.

Investment Policy

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Approved by the Council of Management on Saturday 4th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Chair M Ritchie
Council of Management

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 'Chester and District Committee for Deaf People (Charity number 237910)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all of the applicable directors 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:



Mrs D D Lea FCA, FCCA
DJH Chester Limited
Chester House
Lloyd Drive, Cheshire Oaks Business Park
Ellesmere Port

Date: 20 January 2026

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Account	COMMITTEE	BAR	VIP	Total
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	1,033.24	4.04	150.06	1,187.34
Chester and District Fundraising Events	470.00	0.00	0.00	470.00
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	1,450.00	0.00	0.00	1,450.00
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	0.00	0.00	3,404.17	3,404.17
Donations and legacies	2,836.00	0.00	0.00	2,836.00
Hall Hire Income	3,734.50	0.00	0.00	3,734.50
Other Revenue	7,559.00	0.00	200.00	7,759.00
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	6,562.50	0.00	0.00	6,562.50
Sales	0.00	15,327.71	0.00	15,327.71
Total Receipts	23,645.24	15,331.75	3,754.23	42,731.22
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	8,816.14	0.00	8,816.14
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	8,816.14	0.00	8,816.14
Gross Profit	23,645.24	6,515.61	3,754.23	33,915.08
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,128.00	0.00	0.00	1,128.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	4.25	4.25
Bar Licence	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
Bin collection charges	1,003.56	0.00	0.00	1,003.56
BSL Interpreter Fees	747.20	0.00	0.00	747.20
Cleaning	2,537.39	0.00	0.00	2,537.39
General Expenses	1,073.05	114.97	2,475.16	3,663.18
Goodwill Sumup	0.00	417.60	0.00	417.60
Insurance	3,037.74	0.00	0.00	3,037.74
IT Software and Consumables	2,354.14	0.00	69.99	2,424.13
Legal Expenses	5,520.00	0.00	0.00	5,520.00
Light, Power, Heating	4,918.76	0.00	0.00	4,918.76
Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	9.35	0.00	0.00	9.35
Printing & Stationery	0.00	0.00	99.77	99.77
Repairs & Maintenance	7,473.57	0.00	0.00	7,473.57
Staff Training	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Subscriptions	219.50	0.00	709.06	928.56
Taxi Fares	2,489.89	0.00	0.00	2,489.89
Telephone & Internet	0.00	110.00	0.00	110.00
Water charges	1,151.16	0.00	0.00	1,151.16
Total Payments	33,688.31	712.57	3,458.23	37,859.11
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(10,043.07)	5,803.04	296.00	(3,944.03)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	COMMITTEE	BAR	VIP	Total
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	1,020.70	86.48	0.00	1,107.18
Chester and District Fundraising Events	878.55	0.00	0.00	878.55
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	1,290.00	0.00	0.00	1,290.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	906.60	0.00	0.00	906.60
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	0.00	0.00	3,988.50	3,988.50
Donations and legacies	1,662.67	1,089.16	0.00	2,751.83
Hall Hire Income	3,176.00	0.00	0.00	3,176.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00	45.00	45.00
Other Revenue	4,026.80	0.00	150.00	4,176.80
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	6,562.50	0.00	0.00	6,562.50
Sales	0.00	14,266.86	0.00	14,266.86
Total Receipts	19,523.82	15,442.50	4,183.50	39,149.82
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	7,950.16	0.00	7,950.16
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	7,950.16	0.00	7,950.16
Gross Profit	19,523.82	7,492.34	4,183.50	31,199.66
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,074.00	0.00	0.00	1,074.00
Bank Fees	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00
Bar Licence	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
Bin collection charges	987.00	0.00	0.00	987.00
BSL Interpreter Fees	300.00	0.00	20.00	320.00
Cleaning	3,003.39	0.00	0.00	3,003.39
DBS Checks	229.20	0.00	0.00	229.20
General Expenses	405.00	0.00	1,239.85	1,644.85
Goodtill Sumup	0.00	452.40	0.00	452.40
Insurance	2,420.37	0.00	0.00	2,420.37
IT Software and Consumables	467.86	0.00	0.00	467.86
Legal Expenses	1,560.00	0.00	0.00	1,560.00
Light, Power, Heating	3,067.00	0.00	0.00	3,067.00
Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	260.00	260.00
Repairs & Maintenance	46,916.77	0.00	0.00	46,916.77
Subscriptions	159.00	0.00	182.35	341.35
Taxi Fares	2,427.65	0.00	0.00	2,427.65
Water charges	924.08	0.00	0.00	924.08
Total Payments	63,941.32	612.40	1,702.20	66,255.92
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(44,417.50)	6,879.94	2,481.30	(35,056.26)

ASSETS AND LIABILITES

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

As at 31 March 2025

Account	31 Mar 2025	31 Mar 2024
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Buildings	624,810.00	624,810.00
Computer Equipment	594.00	594.00
Total Assets retained for the charity's own use	625,404.00	625,404.00
Cash funds		
Cash at bank and in hand		
NW Current Reserve Sweep 80851568	71,427.40	65,815.21
BAR RESERVE ACCT DNU Closed May 24	0.00	3,084.17
DNU NW Liquidity Closed May 24	0.00	5,399.18
NW VIP'S Curr 33067155	704.00	28,311.09
Chester and District Liquidity 35 day VIPs	23,360.89	0.00
NW VIPS Reserve	3,461.33	0.00
Total Cash at bank and in hand	98,953.62	102,609.65
Total Cash funds	98,953.62	102,609.65
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
NW Current Acct 79823505	288.00	0.00
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	288.00	0.00
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	98,665.62	102,609.65
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	724,069.62	728,013.65
Net Assets	724,069.62	728,013.65
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(3,944.03)	(35,056.26)
Retained Earnings	728,013.65	763,069.91
Total Capital and Reserves	724,069.62	728,013.65

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Bar purchases		
Cost of Goods Sold	8,816.14	7,950.16
Total Bar purchases	8,816.14	7,950.16
Gross profit	6,515.61	7,492.34
Payments		
Bank Fees	0.00	90.00
Bar Licence	70.00	70.00
General Expenses	114.97	0.00
Telephone & Internet	110.00	0.00
Goodtill Sumup	417.60	452.40
Total Payments	712.57	612.40
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	5,803.04	6,879.94

VIP's RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

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Receipts		
Bank Interest Income	150.06	0.00
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	3,404.17	3,988.50
Other Revenue	200.00	150.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	45.00
Total Receipts	3,754.23	4,183.50
Payments		
Bank Fees	4.25	0.00
BSL Interpreter Fees	0.00	20.00
General Expenses	2,475.16	1,239.85
IT Software and Consumables	69.99	0.00
Printing & Stationery	99.77	0.00
Subscriptions	709.06	182.35
Mileage Expenses	100.00	243.00
Total Payments	3,458.23	1,685.20
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	296.00	2,498.30

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of 'Chester and District Committee for Deaf People

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 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").

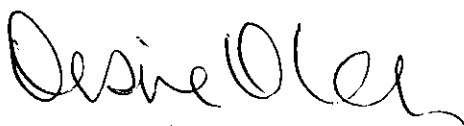
I report in respect of my examination of the trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all of the applicable directors given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounts records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Act or;
2. the accounts do not accord with those 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: 21/11/2024

Mrs D D Lea
FCA, FCCA
DJH Chester Limited
Chester House
Lloyd Drive, Cheshire Oaks Business Park
Ellesmere Port

Date:

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	COMMITTEE	BAR	VIP	Total
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	1,020.70	86.48	0.00	1,107.18
Chester and District Fundraising Events	878.55	0.00	0.00	878.55
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	1,290.00	0.00	0.00	1,290.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	906.60	0.00	0.00	906.60
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	0.00	0.00	3,988.50	3,988.50
Donations and legacies	1,662.67	1,089.16	0.00	2,751.83
Hall Hire Income	3,176.00	0.00	0.00	3,176.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00	45.00	45.00
Other Revenue	4,026.80	0.00	150.00	4,176.80
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	6,562.50	0.00	0.00	6,562.50
Sales	0.00	14,266.86	0.00	14,266.86
Total Receipts	19,523.82	15,442.50	4,183.50	39,149.82
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	7,950.16	0.00	7,950.16
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	7,950.16	0.00	7,950.16
Gross Profit	19,523.82	7,492.34	4,183.50	31,199.66
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,074.00	0.00	0.00	1,074.00
Bank Fees	0.00	90.00	0.00	90.00
Bar Licence	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
Bin collection charges	987.00	0.00	0.00	987.00
BSL Interpreter Fees	300.00	0.00	20.00	320.00
Cleaning	3,003.39	0.00	0.00	3,003.39
DBS Checks	229.20	0.00	0.00	229.20
General Expenses	405.00	0.00	1,239.85	1,644.85
Goodwill Sumup	0.00	452.40	0.00	452.40
Insurance	2,420.37	0.00	0.00	2,420.37
IT Software and Consumables	467.86	0.00	0.00	467.86
Legal Expenses	1,560.00	0.00	0.00	1,560.00
Light, Power, Heating	3,067.00	0.00	0.00	3,067.00
Mileage Expenses	0.00	0.00	260.00	260.00
Repairs & Maintenance	46,916.77	0.00	0.00	46,916.77
Subscriptions	159.00	0.00	182.35	341.35
Taxi Fares	2,427.65	0.00	0.00	2,427.65
Water charges	924.08	0.00	0.00	924.08
Total Payments	63,941.32	612.40	1,702.20	66,255.92
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR)	(44,417.50)	6,879.94	2,481.30	(35,056.26)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf

People

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	COMMITTEE	BAR	VIP	Total
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	280.13	67.03	0.00	347.16
Chester and District Fundraising Events	835.20	0.00	0.00	835.20
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	580.00	0.00	0.00	580.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	89.10	0.00	0.00	89.10
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	0.00	0.00	2,912.46	2,912.46
Donations and legacies	26,655.00	0.00	380.00	27,035.00
Hall Hire Income	2,937.22	0.00	0.00	2,937.22
Other Revenue	440.37	0.00	0.00	440.37
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	8,750.00	0.00	0.00	8,750.00
Sales	0.00	19,836.36	0.00	19,836.36
Space Hive Donations	34,300.00	0.00	0.00	34,300.00
Total Receipts	74,867.02	19,903.39	3,292.46	98,062.87
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	5,965.04	0.00	5,965.04
Total Cost of Sales	0.00	5,965.04	0.00	5,965.04
Gross Profit	74,867.02	13,938.35	3,292.46	92,097.83
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	954.00	0.00	0.00	954.00
Bank Fees	99.00	0.00	0.00	99.00
Bar Licence	0.00	70.00	0.00	70.00
Bin collection charges	282.06	0.00	0.00	282.06
BSL Interpreter Fees	80.00	0.00	70.00	150.00
Cleaning	847.13	0.00	0.00	847.13
DBS Checks	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
General Expenses	7,080.00	0.00	1,080.22	8,160.22
HMRC Fine	100.10	0.00	0.00	100.10
Insurance	2,300.20	0.00	0.00	2,300.20
IT Software and Consumables	842.58	0.00	0.00	842.58
Legal Expenses	1,420.00	0.00	0.00	1,420.00
Light, Power, Heating	2,724.10	0.00	0.00	2,724.10
Postage, Freight & Courier	2.35	0.00	0.00	2.35
Printing & Stationery	581.07	0.00	90.82	671.89
Repairs & Maintenance	20,296.19	0.00	0.00	20,296.19
Subscriptions	209.00	0.00	163.13	372.13
Taxi Fares	322.27	0.00	0.00	322.27
Water charges	725.30	0.00	0.00	725.30
Total Payments	38,895.35	70.00	1,404.17	40,369.52
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR)	35,971.67	13,868.35	1,888.29	51,728.31

ASSETS AND LIABILITES

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

As at 31 March 2024

Account	31 Mar 2024	31 Mar 2023
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Buildings	624,810.00	624,810.00
Computer Equipment	594.00	594.00
Total Assets retained for the charity's own use	625,404.00	625,404.00
Cash funds		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Reserve Sweep 80851568	65,815.21	94,531.23
BAR RESERVE ACCT DNU Closed May 24	3,084.17	12,045.72
DNU NW Liquidity Closed May 24	5,399.18	5,259.17
NW VIP'S Curr 33067155	28,311.09	25,829.79
Total Cash at bank and in hand	102,609.65	137,665.91

COMMITTEE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	2024	2023
Receipts		
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Chester and District Fundraising Events	878.55	835.20
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	1,290.00	580.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	906.60	89.10
Donations and legacies	1,662.67	26,655.00
Hall Hire Income	3,176.00	2,937.22
Other Revenue	4,026.80	440.37
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	6,562.50	8,750.00
Space Hive Donations	0.00	34,300.00
Total Receipts	19,523.82	74,867.02
Payments		
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,074.00	954.00
Bank Fees	0.00	99.00
Bin collection charges	987.00	282.06
BSL Interpreter Fees	300.00	80.00
Cleaning	3,003.39	847.13
DBS Checks	229.20	30.00
General Expenses	405.00	7,080.00
HMRC Fine	0.00	100.10
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IT Software and Consumables	467.86	842.58
Legal Expenses	1,560.00	1,420.00
Light, Power, Heating	3,067.00	2,724.10
Postage, Freight & Courier	0.00	2.35
Printing & Stationery	0.00	581.07
Repairs & Maintenance	46,916.77	20,296.19
Subscriptions	159.00	209.00
Taxi Fares	2,427.65	322.27
Water charges	924.08	725.30
Total Payments	63,941.32	38,895.35
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	(44,417.50)	35,971.67

BAR RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	2024	2023
Receipts		
Bank Interest Income	86.48	67.03
Donations and legacies	1,089.16	0.00
Sales	14,266.86	19,836.36
Total Receipts	15,442.50	19,903.39
Bar purchases		
Cost of Goods Sold	7,950.16	5,965.04
Total Bar purchases	7,950.16	5,965.04
Gross profit	7,492.34	13,938.35
Payments		
Bank Fees	90.00	0.00
Bar Licence	70.00	70.00
Goodwill Sumup	452.40	0.00
Total Payments	612.40	70.00
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	6,879.94	13,868.35

VIP's RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf
People
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Account	2024	2023
Receipts		
Dee Sign Choir Fundraising	3,988.50	2,912.46
Donations and legacies	0.00	380.00
Other Revenue	150.00	0.00
Merchandise Sales	45.00	0.00
Total Receipts	4,183.50	3,292.46
Payments		
BSL Interpreter Fees	20.00	70.00
General Expenses	1,239.85	1,080.22
Printing & Stationery	0.00	90.82
Subscriptions	182.35	163.13
Mileage Expenses	260.00	0.00
Total Payments	1,702.20	1,404.17
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,481.30	1,888.29

CHESTER AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 237910

Accounts

CHESTER & DISTRICT COMMITTEE FOR
DEAF PEOPLE

Annual Report & Financial Statements
Year Ended
31st March 2023

Registered Charity No: 237910

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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Throughout this report the word 'Deaf' (with a capital D) is used to denote an individual whose first language is British Sign Language (BSL), while the term 'D/deaf' – now widely recognised by care service professionals – refers to everyone with a hearing loss: Deaf, deaf, deafened and hard-of-hearing. D/deafblind people are now recognised as having a unique disability, but the D/deaf distinction is still relevant in identifying whether they use BSL or spoken English as their preferred method of communication.

Officers & Council of Management

For the year ended 31st March 2023

The organisation is a charity and was registered on 30th October 1964, prior to registration the organisation had existed as an unregistered charity since 1936.

The Council of Management

The following were members of the Council of Management during the year:

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|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| • Chair | Mr M Ritchie | |
| • Secretary (Hon) | Ms B Bain | (appointed Oct 21) |
| • Secretary (Hon) | Ms B Bain | (resigned Sep 22) |
| • Secretary (Hon) | Mr M Ritchie | (appointed Sep 22) |
| • Treasurer (Hon) | Mrs J Stringer | (resigned Sep 22) |
| • Treasurer (Hon) | Mr M Jones | (appointed Sep 22) |

- Mrs A Hesketh
- Mr A Mayers
- Miss S Fletcher
- Mr C Beadles
- Mr J Pane
- Mrs M Killoran
- Mr M Jones

Report of the Council of Management

For the year ended 31st March 2023

The Council of Management submit their report and the receipts and payments accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is a registered charity and was established under a Constitution which details its objects and powers.

Recruitment and Appointment of Council of Management

Under the requirements of the Constitution the members of the Council are elected to serve for a period of one year, after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual Meeting of Members. The Council seeks to ensure that the needs of D/deaf people are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the Trustee body. To enhance the potential pool of Trustees the charity has, through networking with other organisations in the local area and throughout the local Deaf Communities, sought to identify D/deaf individuals who would be willing to become members of the Council.

Trustee Induction and Training

Most Trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been involved with the charity, or the local Deaf Community, in one form or another.

New Trustees are invited and encouraged to visit the Charity's offices and meet with the Chair to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

A Trustee Induction pack has also been prepared which includes the following information:

- Trustee Role Description
- The Essential Trustee (Charity Commission leaflet CC3)
- Welcome to New Trustees
- Statutory Accounts
- Constitution
- Minutes of Previous Council and Members Meetings

Organisational Structure

The charity has a Council of Management of 8 members who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer also attend Council meetings.

Objectives and Activities

The Charity's objects and principal activities are:

The relief of D/deaf people resident in the borough of Chester and such other areas in the County of Cheshire, as the Council of Management may from time to time decide including:

- The provision and maintenance of religious and recreational facilities intended to improve the quality of life for D/deaf people;
- The provision and maintenance of social welfare centres for D/deaf people;
- To increase the active involvement of D/deaf people within the Chester area;
- To improve links with other D/deaf organisations;
- To increase the public's awareness of D/deafness and of the Committee.

In preparing the annual report the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that the objectives and activities meet these requirements. The Committee continues to operate successfully in achieving its overall objectives.

Financial Review

In the financial year to 31st March 2022 the Committee generated a surplus of £1,586. Due to the ongoing pandemic the Centre has not been open and although the office rental income has continued the restrictions brought about by Social Distancing has made it impossible for the Bar and the centre to open as a Social venue. A donation of £15,500 has been promised to the Centre and will form part of the income for year ended 31 March 2023.

Costs has also seen a decline however given the fixed nature of some of these costs they have only reduce by fifty percent.

There was an accounting adjustment in the current year to reflect the repayment of personal funds to VIP members of £2,262.

Investment Policy

The Trustees having regard to the liquidity requirements of the Committee have operated a policy of keeping available funds in an interest bearing deposit account and seek to achieve a rate of deposit interest which matches or exceeds inflation as measured by the retail price index.

Property

In the opinion of the Council of Management, the value of the freehold property is in excess of the net book value.

Future Developments

As reported in the last Trustee report the Committee are continuing their commitment to fundraise for development of the centre. As seen across the third sector fundraising efforts has been adversely affected by the Co Vid pandemic. However, the Committee are continuing to seek funding opportunities to support the development.

Once the economic environment allows we will strongly focus on the promotion of the centre as available for hire for Social events and more fundraising events to enable the future development, to increase the income and future proof the centre.

Responsibilities of the Council of Management

The Committee shall comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to:

- the keeping of accounting records for the Charity
- the preparation of annual statements of account for the Charity
- the independent examination of the statements of account of the Charity
- the transmission of statements of account to the Charity Commissioners

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Committee will be held on 30 September 2023 at the Deaf Centre, South View Road, Chester, in accordance with the formal notice thereof, at which the Council's Report and Statement of Accounts will be amplified.

Under the requirements of the Constitution the members of the Council will be elected to serve for a period of one year.

Independent Examiners

In the year to 31 March 2023 it is not envisaged that an audit will be required. It is recommended that Morris & Co be retained as independent examiners.

Approved by the Council of Management on 30 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Chair M Ritchie
Council of Management



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I report the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, other than the disclosure below, giving me course to believe that in any material respect:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Disclosure

During the year a bank reconciliation difference of £1,680 has been reflected in the accounts as a cost to the charity.

Signed:



Mrs D D Lea
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Date: 15/12/2023.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Account	BAR	COMMITTEE	VIP	Consolidated
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	67.03	280.13	-	347.16
Chester and District Fundraising Events	-	835.20	-	835.20
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	-	580.00	-	580.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	-	89.10	-	89.10
Deesign Choir Fundraising	-	-	2,912.46	2,912.46
Donations and legacies	-	26,655.00	380.00	27,035.00
Hall Hire Income	-	2,937.22	-	2,937.22
Other Revenue	-	440.37	-	440.37
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	-	8,750.00	-	8,750.00
Sales	19,836.36	-	-	19,836.36
Space Hive Donations	-	34,300.00	-	34,300.00
Total Receipts	19,903.39	74,867.02	3,292.46	98,062.87
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	5,965.04	-	-	5,965.04
Total Cost of Sales	5,965.04	-	-	5,965.04
Gross Profit	13,938.35	74,867.02	3,292.46	92,097.83
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	-	954.00	-	954.00
Bank Fees	-	99.00	-	99.00
Bar Licence	70.00	-	-	70.00
Bin collection charges	-	282.06	-	282.06
BSL Interpreter Fees	-	80.00	70.00	150.00
Cleaning	-	847.13	-	847.13
DBS Checks and training costs	-	30.00	-	30.00
General Expenses	-	7,080.00	1,080.22	8,160.22
HMRC Fine	-	100.10	-	100.10
Insurance	-	2,300.20	-	2,300.20
IT Software and Consumables	-	842.58	-	842.58
Legal Expenses	-	1,420.00	-	1,420.00
Light, Power, Heating	-	2,769.10	-	2,769.10
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	2.35	-	2.35
Printing & Stationery	-	581.07	90.82	671.89
Repairs & Maintenance	-	20,291.01	-	20,291.01
Subscriptions	-	209.00	163.13	372.13
Taxi Fares	-	322.27	-	322.27
Water charges	-	680.30	-	680.30
Total Payments	70.00	38,890.17	1,404.17	40,364.34
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	13,868.35	35,976.85	1,888.29	51,733.49

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People

For the year ended 31 March 2022

Account	BAR	COMMITTEE	VIP	Consolidated
Receipts				
Bank Interest Income	-	8.00	-	8.00
Chester and District Fundraising Events	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Chester and District Membership Subscriptions	-	270.00	-	270.00
Cleaner Reimbursement from DSN	-	-	-	-
Deesign Choir Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Donations and legacies	-	4,096.00	2,200.00	6,296.00
Hal Hire Income	-	810.00	-	810.00
Other Revenue	-	1,820.00	740.00	2,560.00
Rent received from Deafness Support Network (DSN)	-	8,750.00	-	8,750.00
Sales	5,678.00	-	-	5,678.00
Total Receipts	5,678.00	17,754.00	2,940.00	26,372.00
Cost of Sales				
Cost of Goods Sold	3,797.00	-	-	3,797.00
Total Cost of Sales	3,797.00	-	-	3,797.00
Gross Profit	1,881.00	17,754.00	2,940.00	22,575.00
Payments				
Audit & Accountancy fees	-	-	-	-
Bank Fees	92.00	-	-	92.00
Bar Licence	35.00	-	-	35.00
Cleaning	-	1,201.00	-	1,201.00
DBS Checks and training costs	-	50.00	34.00	84.00
General Expenses	-	998.00	475.00	1,473.00
IT Software and Consumables	-	93.00	298.00	391.00
Legal Expenses	-	605.00	-	605.00
Light, Power, Heating	-	3,814.00	-	3,814.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery	-	159.00	-	159.00
Repairs & Maintenance	-	12,045.00	1,000.00	13,045.00
Subscriptions	-	50.00	40.00	90.00
Total Payments	127.00	19,015.00	1,847.00	20,989.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	1,754.00	- 1,261.00	1,093.00	1,586.00

ASSETS AND LIABILITES

Chester & District Committee for Deaf People
As at 31 March 2023

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NW Bus Reserve 80851541 BAR RESERVE ACCT	12,045.72	22,293.51
NW Liquidity 33861951	5,259.17	5,220.29
NW VIP'S Curr 33067155	25,829.79	28,855.50
Total Cash at bank and in hand	137,665.91	86,160.33