



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

**THE SHEFFIELD ASSOCIATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA AND
HYDROCEPHALUS**

(Registered Charity Number 254108)

ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Charity Information

Registration Number

254108

Principal Address

61 Herries Road
Sheffield
S5 7HX

Object

The Association is established for the relief of persons who have spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus or allied or related disorders who are resident, or were formally resident, in the Sheffield postal district by providing for their care, welfare, treatment, education and integration into society.

Trustees

Michelle Goddard (Chair)
Bruce Allen (Secretary)
Tina Stones (Treasurer)
Laura Rose (appointed 6-10-20)
John O'Connell
Brian Rawson (appointed 6-10-20)
Philip Hughes (appointed 17-11-20)
Timothy Graham Smith (appointed 17-11-20)

Declaration

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for providing the financial information including the appropriateness of the accounting basis. The trustees confirm that there were no donor imposed restrictions on any of the year's incoming resources.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity is exempt from requirements for these financial statements to be audited.

The financial information set out on pages 2 and 3 for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the statements of assets and liabilities at that date set out on page 3 are as approved by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Michelle Goddard

Chairman

Tina Stones

Treasurer

Date:

25.9.21.

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Trustees Report

Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (SHASBAH) was established by parent volunteers in 1964 to support everyone affected by complex neuro-disabilities resident in the Sheffield postal district covering Sheffield, Rotherham, Barnsley, Chesterfield and Worksop. SHASBAH provides 1:1 support, befriending, a full social calendar, information, advice and guidance to combat loneliness and social isolation so everyone gets the most out of life.

Sheffield SHASBAH has had an eventful year that began positively in April 2019 with monthly Stay and Play sessions for families with children under 5 at a local indoor play area. We organised Crafternoons for older members, as well as trips on the accessible Ethel barge for all our members during the spring.

The Sentinel Squad charity raise money for a year by dressing up as Star Wars characters and appearing at Comicon events, shopping malls etc. posing for photos, doing bucket collections. They choose a small local Charity each year to be their recipients of their fund-raising efforts. SHASBAH was chosen as the charity they would support for the year 2018-2019 and this summer we all met up at a convention called Warp Con in Doncaster for the presentation of a cheque for over £20,000.

SHASBAH beneficiaries had a popular trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park in September. We also went sailing with North and West Yorkshire ASBAH, which was a great time for our two charities to link up. Our connections with other charities increased by joining South Yorkshire Children's Additional Needs network (SY CANN) so we could work together to have stands at a family fun day for children with special needs and a neuro-disabilities day with Sheffield Children's hospital. By collaborating with national Shine charity, we participated in Spina Bifida Awareness week and also Hydrocephalus Awareness week. We had stands, leaflets, banners and collections at a variety of venues and events.

In the autumn our charity received a development grant from The National Lottery Community Fund to help us re-establish our services and develop our offer to our community. We began planning for the new year by finding our first ever base at Burton Street Foundation. We also made Christmas cards and organised stalls at Christmas fairs and events to raise money for SHASBAH.

Our Christmas party was very well attended where we gave out presents kindly donated by Cash for Kids Mission Christmas. There was a very positive atmosphere and many families made connections that would be beneficial to their wellbeing.

In January 2020, SHASBAH moved into the new base at Burton Street Foundation and arranged weekly Stay and Play sessions, organised bowling buddies' groups, more barge trips, Crafternoons and some cuppa and chat dates. Two new members of staff were appointed on a part-time basis to cover administrative duties and to organise outdoor events. More new trustees and volunteers joined our team and we were planning outreach sessions for new families when the pandemic struck.

When the pandemic struck, our lively and friendly service, designed to reduce social isolation with face-to-face meet ups, had to change suddenly. So too did the skills of our newly appointed energetic staff, skilled in creating adventures, who now must run a very different service.

During the first few weeks of the lockdown we went from event's organisers to emergency food and medical suppliers until the mutual aid and community groups were up and running in the region. We had to go from safely delivering our members to exciting events to delivering emergency supplies to isolated families in quarantine.

Our newly appointed team had to learn quickly how to modify our services into online ones, all without any IT or communications experience or training. We also had to teach our membership online and, on the phone, how to get online and join us for remote meet ups.

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This is an evolving service, responding the different needs of families and individuals with a range of neuro-disabilities under duress. We upped our volunteer befriender training from the face-to-face version we planned this spring to an online interim series of modules, using remote learning for all our part-time staff and our volunteers. We're learning fast by contacting other charities to ensure the training of volunteers and members alike is successful.

New phone scripts for welfare calls were created by a research assistant, who was a temporary addition to our team. We now have a few of our home-grown welfare callers to Chat and Check on other members who were self-isolating or shielding someone in their family. Our quickly updated COVID-19 newsletters were collated by volunteers and were sent out on time for all our members, many of whom prefer post and information on paper to emails and texts.

Our use of social media, emails, texts, messaging, What's App and all other forms of communication has increased exponentially. We are learning how to put together suitable content for our new website and what features we want it to have, despite none of us having any IT training. Our small team is also constantly checking recommended online content for suitability for young people and adults, who are vulnerable online before sharing with our membership.

Throughout this time, we have had to keep our service funded and find new ways of raising funds now half-marathons and fund-raising fairs are cancelled. We joined in the 2.6 Challenge and a few SHASBAH families have been sponsored to do some sporty tasks through donations to Give as you Live. We are encouraging risk-averse members to use EveryClick and we have made emergency grant applications, all without professional funding or marketing experience. Our part-time staff are working so many extra hours and learning more skills as the situation changes. Just as we think we have got the measure of the challenges new ones descend upon our small team that has risen to every request for support. We are making contingency plans for postponed events we were so looking forward to. There is so much to do and all via remote ways of working but we will find a way during this highly eventful 12-month period.

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Receipts and Payments Account 31 March 2021

RECEIPTS	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £	2020 £
Voluntary Sources				
Elsi Lawrence Trust			0	1,650
National Lottery			0	47,500
Card factory			0	202
South Yorkshire Community Fund		9,429	9,429	0
Groundworks (Jacks)		500	500	0
Covid Emergency Grant		7,000	7,000	0
Covid Community Support Fund		21,434	21,434	0
Other		5,228	5,228	24,535
Income from Assets				
Interest		27	27	53
Total Receipts	0	43,618	43,618	73,940
PAYMENTS				
Direct Charitable Expenditure				
Grants to members and expenses	3,813	7,294	11,107	3,852
Salaries - National Lottery funded	14,822		14,822	
Salaries -Dev & CCSF		17,535	17,535	7,026
Room hire		4,320	4,320	4,482
Other Expenditure				
Accountancy		114	114	114
Insurance	45	312	357	250
Heat and light		1,326	1,326	0
Travel	101	281	382	10
Miscellaneous	2,368	1,900	4,268	132
Printing and stationery	243	1,317	1,560	276
Postage and telephone	166	244	410	413
Total Payments	21,558	34,643	56,201	16,555
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(21,558)	8,975	(12,583)	57,385
Balances brought forward	38,358	29,685	68,043	10,658
Balances in hand	16,800	38,660	55,460	68,043

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**Statement of Assets & Liabilities
31 March 2021**

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	TOTAL £	2020 £
MONETARY ASSETS				
Cash Balances				
The Charities Deposit Fund		22,685	22,685	22,659
Current account	16,800	15,975	32,775	45,384
Total Cash Balance	16,800	38,660	55,460	68,043



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**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Trustees
on the Unaudited Financial Information of
The Sheffield Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus
(SHASBAH)**

We have prepared for your approval the financial information of SHASBAH for the year ended 31st March 2021 which comprises the receipts and payments account and the statement of assets and liabilities from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed within the ICAEW's regulations and guidance at <http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the Trustees of SHASBAH, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of SHASBAH and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than SHASBAH and its Trustees as a body for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year to 31st March 2021 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary of its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 25 September 2021