

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

England & Wales · Charity number 269672

Details

Other names DAGE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1975-12-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN ANY MANNER WHICH IS NOW OR IS HEREAFTER DEEMED BY LAW TO BE CHARITABLE WITHIN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH, BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE PARTS KNOWN AS DEPTFORD.

Activities: The purpose of DAGE is to combat social isolation for pensioners of Lewisham and Greenwich by the provision of a pop-in facility for social contact, an advice and information service providing help with forms and referrals to specialist agencies, and the provision of advice from fire safety to crime prevention. The DAGE charity shop will make affordable items available to pensioners.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGHES OF LEWISHAM AND GREENWICH ESPECIALLY DEPTFORD AREA
- Lewisham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,500	£7,386	-	-
2024-03-31	£12,513	£8,584	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,909	£36,057	-	-
2022-03-31	£45,532	£79,595	-	-
2021-03-31	£93,314	£76,985	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christine Fuller		2025-09-05
JOHN HINDMARSH		2013-01-30
Sharon Haward		2021-02-25

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Accounts

Deptford Action Group for the Elderly

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Holder of The Queen's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

Annual Report to Members – Year ending March 2022



DAGE pensioners and volunteers at DAGE's centre for Age UK Lewisham, Healthwatch Lewisham and Independent Age



DAGE – List of Officers

TRUSTEE MEMBERS:

Kathleen Maslen – Chairman
Helen Doyle – Treasurer
John Hindmarsh – Secretary
Sharon Haward – Vice-chairman

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Barbara Banks
Gwynn Calcutt
Bill Peters
Brenda Moore
Shirley Jenkins
Thalayasingam Rajamannan



1st anniversary of
DAGE's premises' opening
in May 2001 in Deptford High Street



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

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Chair's report to members for the year ending 31st March 2022

As director of a care company for older people and accredited by the Care Quality Commission with the highest rating of "excellent", my working role has again assisted my voluntary capacity as a trustee of DAGE.

The start of this year marked the second year of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions and where older people were advised not to mix as in over Christmas 2020-2021 which further affected hospitality and old people's confidence in going about their normal lives.

I understand all too well from my work that older people crave human interaction and company and of course Covid wreaked havoc with older people's lives being turned upside down in being advised not to mix with others and even their own families and also over the 2020-2021 Christmas and just preceding this accounting year when restrictions were reintroduced because of the Omicron variant of Covid.

DAGE however continued to achieved three vital things throughout these further restrictions:

1. Open for those pensioners brave enough to access our centre; we still collected donated food and distributed this from our pop-in café/charity shop and still operating the 2-metre safe distancing rule to reassure our pensioner users.
2. Over the phone our team of volunteer befrienders were also able to maintain our crucial befriending service and in addition to those willing to access the pop-in which opened but we observed the recommended Covid restrictions for inside the premises. Some of our volunteer befrienders were also able to offer befriending on the doorstep for those elderly not readily accessible on the phone or still willing to venture out.
3. Signposting for help, for example, to Age UK, and importantly encouraging our elderly to get their Covid-19 booster vaccines.

We aided our elderly to remain in touch and so enhancing their sense of belonging in our pop-in centre when being able to open.

Regular feedback collected revealed that a sense of purpose and self-worth in giving back in volunteering was experienced by our befrienders. They told us this aided overcoming feeling downhearted.

A reduction in our members' feelings of social isolation and loneliness was highlighted in feedback. Plus our members told us that coming to DAGE for the donated food has aided them to remain physically active.



The Presentation by Colonel Conrad Graham, the Queen's Deputy Lord Lieutenant, of **The Queen's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service** bestowed upon Deptford Action Group for the Elderly on 6th August 2008, and attended by DAGE's trustees, members and local dignitaries from Lewisham and Greenwich Councils

Our volunteers have told us that their volunteering has been like a gift they have given and this has made them shine. It has also enabled them to live up to the great honour it is for the charity to maintain our earlier but on-going accolade, *the Queen's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service*, and equivalent in group status to the MBE, awarded in 2008.

Our members tell us that either being on the receiving end of our volunteers befriending, or taking it in turns to volunteer themselves, has kept them motivated.

Our members are keen to see what they regard as our essential services continuing for them. Some of our membership have made small donations into our donations jar, but this was not possible during the recent lockdowns except at the adjoining shop entrance where they were able to access donated food at the time.

Outside of encouraging voluntary donations, we have never charged a membership fee. The vast majority who were asked at the time of our relaunch in 2000-2001 saw that charging a membership fee or for even the refreshments we provide would act as a deterrent to coming into DAGE and accessing the friendship and signposting services the charity offers. To charge now would be unthinkable and especially at a time of our membership finding it especially hard to juggle with heating and eating in the wintertime.

So, the external support from trusts and foundations has been a life-saviour to the charity and so indirectly also to our beneficiaries.

Lacking or even without social connections, the Campaign to End Loneliness likens to the equivalent harm of smoking 15 cigarettes a day. They explain that “being socially disconnected increases the likelihood of mortality by over a quarter”.

The after-effects of the pandemic have meant, in our accounting year 2021-2022, that some of our membership have only slowly built up the confidence to return to our centre. We provided as much reassurance as we could that coming out and mixing was hugely beneficial both to their physical and mental health, but the fears of catching Covid were very real among our membership.

To those not willing to access our pop-in centre after the lockdowns, we provided encouragement to just come to our adjoining charity shop and take away donated food and useful leaflet information we had to hand.

Our volunteers took it in turns to also hand out the donated food and even speak to those still not confident enough to access our pop-in centre and typically once a week on the phone.

The frightening statistic from Age UK Lewisham and Southwark that despite Lewisham having a younger population than the national average, Lewisham has a much higher rate of excess winter deaths compared to both London and England, meant we were determined to keep our local elderly users as healthy as possible. So, we have put in leaflets, and our volunteers in befriending our elderly have also reinforced this, that getting their flu and Covid jabs is a key defence against the ravages of such viruses. We have also used examples of some of our more reluctant members having their booster Covid jabs and so as to give our elderly all the reassurance and confidence to follow suit.

All our volunteer befrienders inducted are made aware that it is very likely that our elderly users are not coping well, financially, and so they need to gently coax our users to seek the financial help they are entitled to such as Pension Credit and Attendance Allowance.

We are aided by the Campaign to End Loneliness' scales to measure the difference we make to our older members' lives. We are able to measure our members' physical isolation in counting the days in a week that our members are without human contact and so show that by coming out to us we make a positive difference to our members' lives.

Feedback from members is that they are hugely aided by our one-to-one support provided by our volunteer befrienders who are the older people themselves who have given up a couple of hours on average a week to volunteer.

We have been able to measure our users' improved levels of well-being in our elderly remaining in touch with our service. The feedback has been that they are less lonely and so more socially connected. As a result, our pensioner users are more physically active and are more mentally alert and so feel happier in being able to mix with DAGE's volunteer befrienders. The volunteers share tips on overcoming day-to-day problems and aid our older users to recall earlier episodes of note in their lives.

Our members measure on our feedback forms their levels of loneliness which affects their mental and physical health and so their overall quality of life. The way our members feel about their relationships and connections at DAGE with other people can show the positive impact we have on their lives.

We follow Age UK's guidance that "loneliness occurs when people's ability to have meaningful conversations and interactions is inhibited", to train our volunteer befrienders to be good listeners and so as to find out what our older members actually want to talk about. Our members' interaction is then much more meaningful in being able to lead on their topics of conversation.

Over half of our members have told us that but for this contact, they would go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all and so leaving them feeling extremely lonely.

We are guided by the local Age UK which has told us that 38.2% of pensioners in Lewisham live alone, which is almost 2 out of every 5 older people. In addition to the direct feedback from our own members themselves, these statistics speak volumes on also why we are needed.

A top priority is having the pop-in centre and back-up phone contact with our volunteer befrienders, our members have told us.

Without it, they would be “cut off” and “lost”. In being able to interact over free refreshments, our members value being free to bring with them their interests to share.

So, we must pay tribute to all our dedicated volunteers on a day-to-day basis for making all the difference to our members who have continued to feel welcome, safe and part of an extended family.

Our volunteers have gently signposted our older users to the take-up of rightful entitlements and adaptations to aid their mobility at home and have been aided by preventative health measures in leaflets on display provided by health workers.

The outcomes from our work for our members: feeling fitter and so having greater motivation, feeling valued and part of a bigger community, maintaining all-important human contact lost through bereavement, and an immense sense of being loved by our volunteers for all the time they devote to our pensioner members.

From 40 registered volunteers, there are 10 weekly volunteering placements which aids the above feedback from our members. We also welcome younger volunteers to aid intergenerational work and to equip them with life skills in our adjoining charity shop

To all our sponsors, a big thank you is due for all their support! Without this, we simply could not make the huge difference our elderly rely on!

To our dedicated staff, supporting our 40+ signed-up volunteers and to the agencies which have given in-person and leaflet advice including Age UK, Citizens Advice, the police, fire brigade and NHS, a big thank you, too!

To our 100+ members of DAGE, thank you as well! You are the reason for our work and you make it so worthwhile! By making friends with one another and in volunteering, this ensures new life into the charity every day.

Observing how you care, look out for each other, and signpost other elderly coming to DAGE to local services, is truly heart-warming and thank you so much for this!

Kathleen Maslen, Chair of DAGE.

Treasurer's report on accounts ending 31st March 2022

DAGE's accruals accounts up to 31st March 2022 shows a deficit of £34,063 between the level of income and expenditure but our unrestricted reserves permitted this. Total funds carried forward for unrestricted funds, including assets, are £159,326. Of the charity's assets, £144,079 represents tangible assets such as the leasehold property.

Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to combat social isolation for pensioners of Lewisham and Greenwich by the provision of a pop-in facility for social contact and information from fire safety to crime prevention, and to signpost for help with forms to advice agencies. We aid volunteering in our pop-in and charity shop.

DAGE's aims

- To give a new lease of life in combatting social isolation in a welcoming centre offering light refreshments and befriending by pensioner volunteers.
- To signpost pensioners to specialist agencies for welfare and health advice.
- To run a charity shop, geared to pensioners looking for bargains, and aided by older people taking up worthwhile volunteering placements.

DAGE's objectives

- To staff a tea and coffee refreshment area in the pop-in centre to make pensioners feel at home and to motivate pensioner volunteers.

What have pensioners been getting from DAGE – to help change a life? DAGE's developments from April 2021, witnessing the 20th year

- DAGE has continued to provide 5 days a week a welcoming environment for advice and information and companionship to break down the isolation of being shut indoors, in person, outside of the lockdowns.
- Age UK, Citizens Advice and the Pension Service have continued to provide information at DAGE's centre on their advice sessions and home visits. Local opticians outreach to promote free sight-testing.
- DAGE's volunteers, outside of the lockdowns, have befriended and signposted for specialist advice and information an average of 40 pensioner users a day over 5 days a week.
- Once inside DAGE's centre, users have enjoyed companionship, news of activities and events, so aiding their independence.
- DAGE's volunteering scheme has been enjoyed by many pensioners wanting to remain active by befriending in the pop-in and assisting in the charity shop.
- DAGE's pensioners' radio service provides a weekly slot with music and interviews with agencies such as Age UK Lewisham and on the London Musician Collective's radio station, Resonance104.4FM. The programme is currently on Mondays at 1.00pm and repeated Sundays at 2.00pm.
- Plus, we have also promoted the tenth year of the government-led Warm Home Discount scheme, offering eligible pensioners a rebate in 2021-2022 and from their electricity company. The majority of our pensioners only found out about this rebate through coming to DAGE.
- Feedback in our case studies from DAGE's members and where membership is free:

Eileen, aged 85: *"I have no family other than at DAGE - they are like an extended family and are my friends which means so much to me!"*

Rose, aged 79: *"Coming out to DAGE keeps me going and motivated!"*

Volunteer, Peter, 68: *"I like the sense of purpose volunteering gives me. I make friends with other elderly which helps them feel less alone and this gives me joy to see that!"*

DAGE wishes to thank its many donors including the following for their generous support in the past year:

The Three Oaks Trust
The Innholders' Charitable Foundation
The Albert Hunt Trust
The Vandervell Foundation
The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust
Marsh Christian Trust
G M Morrison Charitable Trust
The Archer Trust
Dentons Charitable Trust
The Christabella Charitable Trust
Reuben Foundation
The Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust
E Alec Colman Charitable Fund
Mageni Trust

DAGE would also like to extend a thank you to all the smaller donors and those who have personally donated to the charity, amounting to £1,204 in total.

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Deptford Action Group For The Elderly

(Registered Charity No: 269672)

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**for the period ended
31st March 2022**

FROM ACCOUNTS PREPARED BY

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	45,532	-	45,532	64,587
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	5,245	-	5,245	9,856
Covid-19 Grant from Lewisham Council	17,249	-	17,249	18,731
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	140
Other income	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	45,532	-	45,532	93,314
Resources Expended				
Costs of generating funds:				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	79,595	-	79,595	74,453
Governance costs	-	-	-	2,532
Total Resources Expended	79,595	-	79,595	76,985
Net Incoming Resources	-(34,063)	-	-(34,063)	16,329
Total Funds brought forward	193,389	-	193,389	177,059
Total Funds carried forward	159,326	-	159,326	193,388

There were no recognised gains or losses for the period other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	144,079	145,486
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Debtors & Prepayment	11,474	8,475
Cash at Bank and in hand	6,125	41,627
	<u>17,599</u>	<u>50,102</u>
<u>LESS CREDITORS:-</u>		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,352)</u>	<u>(2,200)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	15,247	47,902
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>159,326</u>	<u>193,388</u>
MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Restricted Funds	-	175,178
Unrestricted Funds	159,326	(18,210)
	<u>159,326</u>	<u>193,388</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:-



John Hindmarsh, Secretary of Trustees

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2022

1	<u>SOURCES OF INCOME</u>	<u>TOTAL 2022</u>	<u>TOTAL 2021</u>
	The Three Oaks Trust	3,000	-
	The Innholders' Charitable Foundation	3,000	2,000
	The Albert Hunt Trust	1,000	-
	The Vandervell Foundation	3,000	3,000
	The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust	5,500	5,000
	Marsh Christian Trust	500	450
	G M Morrison Charitable Trust	1,700	1,700
	The Archer Trust	1,000	1,000
	Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust	-	1,000
	Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund	-	500
	Dentons Charitable Trust	1,000	-
	Christadelphian Samaritan Fund	-	400
	The Christabella Charitable Trust	400	-
	Reuben Foundation	250	-
	The Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust	1,000	-
	E Alec Colman Charitable Fund	500	-
	Mageni Trust	1,000	-
	Other donations/Anonymous	1,204	597
	Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	140
	London Borough of Lewisham Covid-19	17,249	67,671
	HMRC Job Retention Scheme	5,245	9,856
	Refunds	1,504	-
	Total	<u>48,052</u>	<u>93,314</u>
2	<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>Total 2022</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>
	<u>COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Advertising and Publicity	-	-
	<u>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Salaries	27,965	29,435
	Staff Pension	463	547
	NI Employer's Contributions	517	-
	Rent, Rates and Hire charges	8,070	4,164
	Travel, Expenses, Outings, Events	8,293	1,558
	Vehicle hire expenses	-	2,188
	Telephone	1,140	1,084
	Refreshments, Water, Licences, Safety/Fire/Cleaning	927	884
	Pensioners' services - free refreshments	11,363	25,731
	Bank and Finance charges	107	90
	Insurance premiums	3,909	2,667
	Printing, Postage and Stationery	645	2
	Refunded motor expenses	4,693	-
	Depreciation	-	2,277
	Electricity & Gas	4,880	3,208
	Repairs & Renewals	22	618
	Sundry Expenses	1,635	-
	Total	<u>72,995</u>	<u>74,453</u>
	<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Legal & professional fees	4,800	332
	Accountancy and Payroll fees	3,013	2,200
	Total	<u>7,813</u>	<u>2,532</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>80,808</u>	<u>76,985</u>
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	-32,756	16,329

The actual expenditure for the year 2022, minus depreciation was £80,808.

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In relation to our income shown above, it includes refunds credited to us. It also shows funds received from the HMRC Job Retention Scheme, as well as £17,249 in funds received from the London Borough of Lewisham's Covid-19 payments. The accounts in full show £17,057.61 for the Covid-19 payments, a lesser figure due to being accruals accounts which is a financial accounting method recording revenue before receiving payment.

With regards to expenditure shown above, our figure is £80,808 compared to the accounts in full showing £79,595. This follows for the latter figure, the method of accruals accounting where expenses are recorded when a transaction is due and not when payment is made. Depreciation is also applied of £1,907 in the full accruals accounts.

Charity number: 269672

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Dage is a registered charity and is an unincorporated organisation governed by its constitution. The members of the constituted board trustees are distinct from the management committee who are appointed periodically. The board of trustees has ultimate responsibility for the preparation of the charity's financial statements.

The Objectives of DAGE as set out in Declaration of Trust are:-

- (a) To combat social isolation for pensioners of Lewisham and Greenwich.
- (b) To provide information and advice on risk-saving measures ranging from fire safety to crime prevention.
- (c) To aid the relief of poverty by running a charity shop and making affordable items available to pensioners.

Statement on public benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Achievements against objectives

DAGE'S centre has continued to be a welcoming environment for providing a weekday advice and information service on combating social isolation for pensioners. The Pension Service has been able to provide specialist advice quarterly at DAGE; in between DAGE contacts the Pension service so they can undertake home visits

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves

The net deficit for the year amounted to £34063.05, which is attributable to general reserves of the charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Charity registration number	269672
Principal address	71 Deptford High Street London SE8 4 AA

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

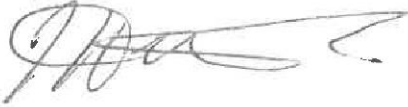
Mr John Hindmarsh
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Independent examiners

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by



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Mr John Hindmarsh

20 January 2023

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

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

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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20 January 2023

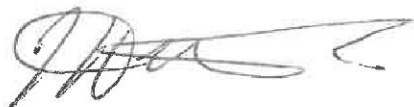
DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	45,532	93,175
Charitable activities	3		
Charitable Activities		-	141
Total		45,532	93,316
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4/5		
Charitable Activities		(79,595)	(76,986)
Total		(79,595)	(76,986)
Net income/expenditure		(34,063)	16,330
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		193,389	(70,119)
Total funds carried forward		159,326	(53,789)

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	144,079	145,487
		144,079	145,487
Current assets			
Debtors	10	11,474	8,476
Cash at bank and in hand		6,125	41,626
		17,599	50,102
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,352)	(2,200)
Net current assets		15,247	47,902
Total assets less current liabilities		159,326	193,389
Net assets		159,326	193,389
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	12	159,326	193,389
Total funds		159,326	193,389

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr John Hindmarsh
Trustee

20 January 2023

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer Equipment	25% Reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	20% Reducing balance
Fixtures and Fittings	25% Reducing balance

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	41,109	64,588
Grants received	4,423	28,587
	45,532	93,175

3. Income from charitable activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Charitable Activities</i>		
Income from charitable activities	-	141

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For the year ended 31 March 2022

4. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Charitable Activities	79,595	76,986

5. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2022	2021
	£	£
Activities undertaken directly		
Charitable Activities	79,595	76,986

6. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,907	2,277
Operating lease charges - other	2,917	2,188
Staff pension contributions	511	547

7. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2022 were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	34,190	29,435
Pension costs	511	547
	34,701	29,982

	2022	2021
Staff	3	3
	3	3

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2022

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
At 01 April 2021	138,418	23,609	41,039	4,544	207,610
Additions	-	-	500	-	500
At 31 March 2022	138,418	23,609	41,539	4,544	208,110
Depreciation					
At 01 April 2021	139	20,440	40,408	1,136	62,123
Charge for year	139	634	283	852	1,908
At 31 March 2022	278	21,074	40,691	1,988	64,031
Net book values					
At 31 March 2022	138,140	2,535	848	2,556	144,079
At 31 March 2021	138,279	3,169	631	3,408	145,487

10. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	6,298	6,500
Prepayments and accrued income	2,145	1,309
Other debtors	3,031	667
	11,474	8,476

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other creditors	2	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,350	2,200
	2,352	2,200

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2022

12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2021 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/03/2022 £
<i>General</i>					
General	193,389	45,532	(79,595)	-	159,326
	193,389	45,532	(79,595)	-	159,326

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/04/2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Balance at 31/03/2021 £
<i>General</i>					
General	(70,119)	93,316	(76,986)	247,178	193,389
	(70,119)	93,316	(76,986)	247,178	193,389

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Funds

Comprising funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees

General

Unrestricted general funds:- comprising funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of trustees.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets £	Net current assets / (liabilities) £	Net Assets £
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	144,079	15,247	159,326
	144,079	15,247	159,326

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	145,487	47,902	193,389
	145,487	47,902	193,389

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	41,109	64,588
LBL Covid Grant	-	18,731
HMRC Covid Job Retention Scheme	4,423	9,856
	45,532	93,175
Charitable activities		
Income from charitable activities	-	141
	-	141
Total incoming resources	45,532	93,316
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(34,190)	(29,435)
Staff costs - pension contributions	(511)	(547)
Operating leases - other	(2,917)	(2,188)
Depreciation - owned assets	(1,907)	(2,277)
Rent & Rates	(2,232)	(11,164)
Travel & Motor Expenses	(1,266)	(1,558)
Telephone	(1,293)	(1,084)
Bank Charges	(17)	(90)
Insurance premium	(2,866)	(2,667)
Postage, Printing & Stationery	(819)	(3)
Light & Heat	(4,880)	(3,208)
Repair & Renewal	(22)	(618)
Sundry Expenses	(261)	-
Legal & Professional	(5,613)	(332)
Accountancy Fee	(2,350)	(2,200)
Health & Safety	-	(102)
Tv Licence	(25)	(157)
Cleaning	(1,412)	(625)
Outing & Event	(17,014)	(18,731)
	(79,595)	(76,986)
Total resources expended	(79,595)	(76,986)
Net Expenditure	(34,063)	16,330

SOURCES OF INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
LB Lewisham	17,057.61	17,057.61	48,940
Mageni Trust	1,000	1,000.00	-
Innholders' Charitable Foundation	3,000	3,000	2,000
The Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000	-
The Vandervell Foundation	3,000	3,000	3,000
Sir Cliff Richard	-	-	1,000
E Alec Colman	500	500	-
The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust	5,500	5,500	5,000
Marsh Christian Trust	500	500	450
G M Morrison Charitable Trust	1,700	1,700	1,700
The Archer Trust	1,000	1,000	1,000
Stanley Smith Memorial Trust	-	-	500
The Three Oaks Trust	3,000	3,000	-
Reuben Foundation	250	250	-
Doris and Fred English	-	-	200
Dentons Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000	-
Christadelphian Samaritan	-	-	400
The Christabella C	400	400	-
Albert Hunt SP	1,000	1,000	-
Other donations/Anonymous	1,202	1,202	397
Sub total	41,109	41,109	64,587

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

England & Wales - Charity number 269672

Accounts

Deptford Action Group for the Elderly

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**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups

Annual Report to Members – Year ending March 2021



Above: Lewisham Citizens Advice's Energy Best Deal presentation
Below: London Fire Brigade's safety advice and leaflet drop



DAGE – List of Officers

TRUSTEE MEMBERS:

Kathleen Maslen – Chairman
Helen Doyle – Treasurer
John Hindmarsh – Secretary
Sharon Haward – Vice-chairman

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Barbara Banks
Gwynn Calcutt
Bill Peters
Brenda Moore
Shirley Jenkins
Thalayasingam Rajamannan



1st anniversary of
DAGE's premises' opening
in May 2001 in Deptford High Street



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Chair's report to members for the year ending 31st March 2021

Volunteering as a trustee of DAGE, I am assisted by my working capacity as a director of a care company for older people and accredited by the Care Quality Commission with the highest rating of "excellent". My work greatly helps my understanding of what older people seek and need.

This year marked the first COVID-19 national lockdown towards the end of March 2020, running until hospitality could resume in July 2020, only to be closed again in November 2020 for the remainder of this accounting year.

However, we achieved three vital things throughout these lockdowns.

1. We were still able to collect donated food and distribute this from our charity shop as providing an essential service and so could still open, operating the 2-metre safe distancing rule.
2. Our volunteer befrienders were also able to maintain our crucial befriending service and via over the phone, instead of in the pop-in which remained closed during the lockdowns. Some of our volunteer befrienders were also able to offer befriending on the doorstep for those elderly not readily accessible on the phone.

3. We were still able to signpost for help, for example, to Age UK, but this time via the phone and importantly encouraged our elderly to get their Covid-19 vaccines.

Remaining in touch with our elderly enabled their sense of belonging to continue in the same way it was there when our pop-in centre was able to be open.

Our befrienders continued to feel a sense of purpose and self-worth in giving back in volunteering and so this aided overcoming feeling downhearted. This was evidenced in their regular feedback to us.

Giving our elderly telephone support assisted our aim of giving older people the independence at home they want and where this proved to be one of the best defences against the Coronavirus in remaining physically isolated. But spiritually we remained connected to our elderly in the phone contact and limited social contact in them coming to collect donated food.

Our members have reported that their outreach to DAGE where possible within the Covid restrictions, and the weekly or as needed phone contact, aided reducing their feelings of social isolation and loneliness. Being able to collect the donated food from our centre has been a great aid to keeping our elderly physically active, they have also reported.



The Presentation by Colonel Conrad Graham, the Queen's Deputy Lord Lieutenant, of **The Queen's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service** bestowed upon Deptford Action Group for the Elderly on 6th August 2008, and attended by DAGE's trustees, members and local dignitaries from Lewisham and Greenwich Councils

Our volunteers have rallied together during these almost war-like times where the common enemy has been the virus and they have shown stoicism in overcoming the difficulties having the centre open has presented.

They have done us proud in living up to our earlier but on-going accolade, *the Queen's Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service*, and equivalent in group status to the MBE, awarded in 2008. Our volunteers have aspired to live up to the great honour it is for the charity to maintain this award. Their gift of their volunteering is what our volunteers tell us has made them shine.

Using more inventive ways to combat loneliness and with some even able to use IT to connect to their families has meant that apart from Covid-19, their number one enemy, loneliness, has been thwarted.

Outside support for our work continuing from trusts and foundations has meant there is no need to charge a membership and which members have continued to point out would act as a deterrent.

The Campaign to End Loneliness states lacking social connections is equal to the harm caused by smoking 15 cigarettes a day and where being socially disconnected increases the likelihood of mortality by over a quarter. The pandemic has therefore presented new challenges in not being able to assemble in our pop-in centre for much of this year we are concerned with, but we feel the more inventive ways to socialise, either if it is just with one volunteer also handing out the donated food or speaking to them typically once a week on the phone, has mitigated the worst effects of the pandemic.

Giving our elderly the reassurance and confidence to get their jabs has also been backed up by Age UK Lewisham and Southwark pointing out that despite having a younger population than the national average, Lewisham has a much higher rate of excess winter deaths compared to both London and England. This has made seeking the best possible protection in getting their vaccines all-important.

Our volunteer befrienders have also continued to ask our elderly how they are coping financially as we know from Age UK that 1 in 4 older people in Lewisham are living in deprivation (25.7%) based on 2015's Deprivation Indices and where this has become worse in 2019 where Lewisham was the 7th rather than 10th most deprived in London.

We are still measuring the difference we make to our older members' lives and aided by the Campaign to End Loneliness' scales.

This means we can show to our supporters that we are making a real change and difference to our members' lives by being able to measure their physical isolation in counting the days in a week that our members are without human contact.

Even where our members have only seen us now once a week during the lockdowns in coming out for donated food and again via phone contact, our members' feedback is that they are hugely aided by this one-to-one support that is also provided by older people themselves who have become our volunteer befrienders.

In our elderly remaining in touch with our service, we have been able to measure their improved levels of well-being.

They have told us that they are less lonely and so more socially connected through the contacts we have maintained.

Key from our members' reports to us is that they are more physically active and are more mentally alert and so feel happier in mixing with DAGE's volunteer befrienders, albeit less often during the lockdowns, in the sharing of tips on overcoming day-to-day problems and recalling earlier episodes in their lives.

We have got our members to measure on our feedback forms their loneliness which has a negative impact on their quality of life, and their mental and physical health. This means we can demonstrate the way our members feel about their relationships and connections with other people and the positive impact this has on their lives.

"Loneliness occurs when people's ability to have meaningful conversations and interactions is inhibited", as detailed by Age UK. That is why we train our volunteer befrienders to be good listeners in getting them to find out what our older members want to talk about. This makes our members' interaction much more meaningful in being able to lead on the conversation topics.

Our members' feedback over the last year about their outreach to DAGE where possible within the Covid restrictions and the weekly or as needed phone contact, has revealed that over half of our members but for this contact, would go at least five or six days a week without seeing or speaking to anyone at all and so leaving them feeling extremely lonely.

Age UK's local branch tell us that 38.2% of pensioners in Lewisham live alone, which is almost 2 out of every 5 older people. This speaks volumes on also why we are needed, and in addition to the direct feedback from members themselves

Our members have reported a top priority is having the pop-in centre and how much they missed it during the lockdowns, and but for the phone contact with our volunteer befrienders, they would have felt "cut off" and "lost". They have told us they value being free to bring with them their interests and share and interact over free refreshments.

It remains to pay tribute to all our dedicated volunteers for making the charity function on a day-to-day basis and best it could during the lockdowns with the phone contact we made. Their efforts made all the difference to our members who felt welcome, safe and part of a large family!

Preventative health measures in leaflets and put on display by health workers who were able to visit, have been promoted by our volunteers in person and over the phone to our members.

Our volunteers were also able to gently signpost our older users to the take-up of rightful entitlements and adaptations to aid their mobility at home.

Our members tell us in their feedback:

1. they have greater motivation through feeling fitter;
2. they sense they are a bigger part of their community that is making them feel valued;
3. but for DAGE through bereavement, they would otherwise lose that all-important human contact;
4. and how much they appreciate our volunteers for all the time they devote to them.

This feedback from our members is aided by an average of 10 weekly volunteering placements from 40 registered volunteers. We also welcome younger volunteers in intergenerational work to equip them with life skills as in our adjoining charity shop. Our volunteers rallied round so we could provide the support needed to our members and especially during the lockdowns.

A big thank you is due to all our sponsors who could help for their support! Without the basic support received we simply could not make the huge difference in improving our elderly community's lives.

A big thank you also is due to our dedicated staff, supporting our 40+ signed-up volunteers and to the agencies which have given in-person and leaflet advice including Age UK, Citizens Advice, the police, fire brigade and NHS.

Our 100+ members of DAGE, thank you also, as you make it so worthwhile, what we do! Through your companionship of one another and in volunteering, you bring new life into the charity.

It is truly heart-warming to see how you care, look out for each other, and signpost other elderly coming to DAGE to local services! To all of you, thank you so much for this!

Kathleen Maslen, Chair of DAGE.

Treasurer's report on accounts ending 31st March 2021

DAGE's accounts up to 31st March 2021 shows a net surplus of £16,329 attributable to the unrestricted funds. The statement of financial activities shows "net incoming resources" of £16,329 and this is set against the unrestricted reserves of the charity. Total funds carried forward for restricted funds are £175,178 and for unrestricted funds £18,210. This equals the total funds carried forward of £193,388. Of the charity's assets, £145,486 represents capital assets such as the leasehold property.

Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to combat social isolation for pensioners of Lewisham and Greenwich by the provision of a pop-in facility for social contact and information from fire safety to crime prevention, and to signpost for help with forms to advice agencies. We aid volunteering in our pop-in and charity shop.

DAGE's aims

- To give a new lease of life in combatting social isolation in a welcoming centre offering light refreshments and befriending by pensioner volunteers.
- To signpost pensioners to specialist agencies for welfare and health advice.
- To run a charity shop, geared to pensioners looking for bargains, and aided by older people taking up worthwhile volunteering placements.

DAGE's objectives

- To staff a tea and coffee refreshment area in the pop-in centre to make pensioners feel at home and to motivate pensioner volunteers.

What have pensioners been getting from DAGE – to help change a life? DAGE's developments from April 2020, witnessing the 19th year

- DAGE has continued to provide 5 days a week a welcoming environment for advice and information and companionship to break down the isolation of being shut indoors, in person, between lockdowns, and over the phone.
- Age UK, Citizens Advice and the Pension Service have continued to provide information at DAGE's centre on their advice sessions and home visits. Local opticians outreach to promote free sight-testing between lockdowns.
- DAGE's volunteers, between lockdowns, have befriended and signposted for specialist advice and information an average of 40 pensioner users a day over 5 days a week.
- Once inside DAGE's centre and between lockdowns, users have enjoyed companionship, news of activities and events, so aiding their independence.
- DAGE's volunteering scheme has been enjoyed by many pensioners wanting to remain active by befriending in the pop-in and assisting in the charity shop.
- DAGE's pensioners' radio service provides a weekly slot with music and interviews with agencies such as Age UK Lewisham and on the London Musician Collective's radio station, Resonance104.4FM. The programme is currently on Mondays at 1.00pm and repeated Sundays at 2.00pm.
- Plus, we have also promoted the ninth year of the government-led Warm Home Discount scheme, offering eligible pensioners a rebate in 2020-2021 and from their electricity company. The majority of our pensioners only found out about this rebate through coming to DAGE.
- Feedback in our case studies from DAGE's members and where membership is free:

Mary, aged 83: *"I feel part of the DAGE family, they are my friends and with no close family!"*

Maureen, aged 82: *"Getting the phone contact from DAGE and support when able to visit has kept me alive and interested in life!"*

Volunteer, Jim, 73: *"I find the befriending gives me purpose and helps me stay connected and this helps me feel less lonely and isolated as well!"*

DAGE wishes to thank its many donors including the following for their generous support in the past year:

Christadelphian Samaritan Fund
The Marsh Christian Trust
The Archer Trust
Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust
The Innholders' Company's Charity Trust
The Vandervell Foundation
The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust
Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund
G M Morrison Charitable Trust

DAGE would also like to extend a thank you to all the smaller donors and those who have personally donated to the charity, amounting to £597 in total.

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Deptford Action Group For The Elderly

(Registered Charity No: 269672)

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**for the period ended
31st March 2021**

FROM ACCOUNTS PREPARED BY

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources				
Incoming Resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	64,587	-	64,587	49,002
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	9,856	-	9,856	0
Covid-19 Grant from Lewisham Council	18,731	-	18,731	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities	140	-	140	250
Other income	-	-	-	0
Total Incoming Resources	93,314	-	93,314	49,252
Resources Expended				
Costs of generating funds:				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-	172
Charitable activities	74,453	-	74,453	44,256
Governance costs	2,532	-	2,532	2,222
Total Resources Expended	76,985	-	76,985	46,650
Net Incoming Resources	16,329	-	16,329	2,602
Total Funds brought forward	1,881	175,178	177,059	174,457
Total Funds carried forward	18,210	175,178	193,388	177,059

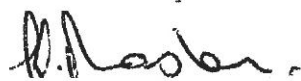
There were no recognised gains or losses for the period other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Tangible Fixed Assets	145,486	143,218
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Debtors & Prepayment	8,475	5,500
Cash at Bank and in hand	<u>41,627</u>	<u>30,417</u>
	50,102	35,917
<u>LESS CREDITORS:-</u>		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,200)</u>	<u>(2,077)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	47,902	33,840
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>193,388</u>	<u>177,058</u>
MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Restricted Funds	175,178	247,178
Unrestricted Funds	<u>18,210</u>	<u>(70,119)</u>
	<u>193,388</u>	<u>177,058</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:-



Kathleen Maslen, Chair of Trustees

DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2021

1	<u>SOURCES OF INCOME</u>	<u>TOTAL 2021</u>	<u>TOTAL 2020</u>
	The Three Oaks Trust	-	3,000
	The Innholders' Charitable Foundation	2,000	-
	Sheepdrove Trust	-	5,000
	G Henning c/o Stewardship	-	100
	The Vandervell Foundation	3,000	3,000
	The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust	5,000	5,000
	Marsh Christian Trust	450	400
	G M Morrison Charitable Trust	1,700	1,700
	The Archer Trust	1,000	1,000
	William Allen Young Charitable Trust	-	2,000
	Stella Symons Charitable Trust	-	250
	Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust	1,000	-
	Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund	500	500
	Dentons Charitable Trust	-	1,000
	The Bellinger Donnay Charitable Trust	-	500
	Christadelphian Samaritan Fund	400	-
	The Christabella Charitable Trust	-	500
	TSB Bank	-	123
	The Ogilvie Charities	-	500
	The Robert Kiln Charitable Trust	-	500
	Inman Charity	-	5,000
	Worshipful Company of Basketmakers	-	1,000
	E Alec Colman Charitable Fund	-	250
	Barclays Stockbrokers Charitable Trust	-	17,244
	The Phillips Family Charitable Trust	-	150
	Other donations/Anonymous	597	285
	Shop Activity	-	250
	Incoming resources from charitable activities	140	-
	London Borough of Lewisham Covid-19	67,671	-
	HMRC Job Retention Scheme	9,856	-
	Total	<u>93,314</u>	<u>49,252</u>
2	<u>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>	<u>Total 2021</u>	<u>Total 2020</u>
	<u>COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Advertising and Publicity	-	172
	<u>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Salaries	29,435	17,096
	Staff Pension	547	211
	NI Employer's Contributions	-	-
	Rent, Rates and Hire charges	4,164	9,025
	Travel, Expenses, Outings, Events	1,558	4,418
	Vehicle hire expenses	2,188	-
	Telephone	1,084	1,040
	Refreshments, Water, Licences, Safety/Fire/Cleaning	884	307
	Pensioners' services - free refreshments	25,731	-
	Bank and Finance charges	90	90
	Insurance premiums	2,667	1,398
	Printing, Postage and Stationery	2	426
	Music licence	-	-
	Leasing of equipment	-	-
	Depreciation	2,277	5,626
	Electricity & Gas	3,208	4,119
	Repairs & Renewals	618	364
	Sundry Expenses	-	136
	Total	<u>74,453</u>	<u>44,256</u>
	<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Legal & professional fees	332	222
	Accountancy and Payroll fees	2,200	2,000
	Total	<u>2,532</u>	<u>2,222</u>
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>76,985</u>	<u>46,650</u>
	Surplus (Deficit) for the year	16,329	2,602

The actual expenditure for the year 2021, minus depreciation of £2,277, was £74,708.

The net surplus for the year amounted to £16,329 (2020 - net surplus was £2,602) attributable to the unrestricted funds. The statement of financial activities shows "net incoming resources" of £16,329 and this is set against the unrestricted reserves. There is £145,486 in capital assets.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER: 269672

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John Hindmarsh - Trustee
Helen Doyle - Treasurer
Sharon Haward - Vice-chairman

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Bill Peters
Thalayasingam Rajamannan
Barbara Banks
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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting their report and the audited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 5 and 6, and comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the applicable law.

Constitution, objective of the charity, principal activities and organisation of our work

DAGE is a registered charity, and is an unincorporated organisation governed by its constitution. The members of the constituted board of trustees are distinct from the management committee who are appointed periodically. The board of trustees has the ultimate responsibility for the preparation of the charity's financial statements.

The objectives of DAGE as set out in the Declaration of Trust are:

- (a) To combat social isolation for pensioners of Lewisham and Greenwich.
- (b) To provide information and advice on risk-saving measures ranging from fire safety to crime prevention.
- (c) To aid the relief of poverty by running a charity shop and making affordable items available to pensioners.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the charity.

The Charity Commission in its "Charities and Public Benefit" Guidance states that there are two key principles to be met in order to show that an organisation's aims are for the public benefit: firstly, there must be an identifiable benefit and secondly, that the benefit must be to the public or a section of the public. The trustees are satisfied that the aims and objectives of the charity, and the activities reported on below to achieve those aims, meet these principles.

Development, activities and achievements in the year

DAGE's centre has continued to be a welcoming environment for providing a weekday advice and information service on combating social isolation for pensioners. The Pension Service has been able to provide specialist advice quarterly at DAGE; in between DAGE contacts the Pension Service so they can undertake home visits.

Review of the financial position

The net surplus for the year amounted to £16,329 (2020 - net surplus was £2,602). The restricted funds are £0 and unrestricted funds £16,329.

Investment Policy

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. The charity has a policy of keeping any surplus funds in short-term deposits which can be readily accessed.

Risk assessment Policy

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate its exposure to the major risks.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to at least three months of core activity costs.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are requested to:

- o Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- o Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- o State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- o Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Board of Trustees

The members of the board of trustees who served during the year are listed below:-

Helen Doyle

Dale Kathleen Maslen

John Hindmarsh

Sharon Haward

Approval

This report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

John Hindmarsh



Dated

28.01.22

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY (D A G E)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 6 and notes to the accounts on pages 7 to 11.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act, and
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity
- Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as 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 STATEMENTS

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

- 1) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Chris Atkins Services Ltd
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Dated: 28.01.22

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DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total F'ds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income	2	64,587	0	64,587	49,002
HMRC Job Retention Scheme		9,856	0	9,856	0
Covid-19 Grant from Lewisham Council		18,731	0	18,731	0
Incoming resources from charitable activities		140	0	140	250
Other income		0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources		93,314	0	93,314	49,252
Resources Expended					
Costs of generating funds:					
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	0	0	0	172
Charitable activities	5	74,453	0	74,453	44,256
Governance costs	6	2,532	0	2,532	2,222
Total Resources Expended		76,985	0	76,985	46,650
Net Incoming resources		16,329	0	16,329	2,602
Total Funds brought forward		1,881	175,178	177,059	174,457
Total Funds carried forward		18,210	175,178	193,388	177,058

There were no recognised losses for the period other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on Pages 7 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	NOTES	2021 £	2020 £
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible Fixed Assets	3	145,486	143,218
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Debtors & Prepayment	8	8,475	5,500
Cash at Bank and in hand		41,627	30,417
		<u>50,102</u>	<u>35,917</u>
<u>LESS CREDITORS :-</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(2,200)</u>	<u>(2,077)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		47,902	33,840
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>193,388</u>	<u>177,058</u>
<u>MEMBERS ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Restricted Funds	11	175,178	247,178
Unrestricted Funds	11	18,210	(70,119)
		<u>193,388</u>	<u>177,058</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee 

Dated 28.01.22

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 1993, the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP

1.1 Incoming Resources

Voluntary income

Income from general and restricted grants are included in incoming resources when these are receivable.

Donations and Gifts Received

Income from donated facilities and gifts are valued and included in incoming resources at the time of receipt. The value of voluntary services provided by members are not included in these accounts.

Proceeds from Shop activities

Takings from the Charity Shop and recycling items are included in incoming resources at the time when sales are concluded and proceeds received.

1.2 Resources Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Certain costs are apportioned between Cost of generating voluntary income and Governance costs on the bases consistent with the use of those resources. Charitable costs comprise those associated with directly charitable activities while governance costs include those for meeting the legal and administrative

1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity and Depreciation

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Charity are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on reducing balance basis over their estimated useful lives on the following basis.

Motor Vehicles - 20% per annum;

Equipment & Instruments - 25% per annum;

Leasehold Property - 1% per annum.

1.4 Funds Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted general funds - comprising funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - which were raised for particular restricted purposes and can only be used for those particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1.5 Other Grants and income

Grants received from charitable entities are included in unrestricted funds designated for payments of salaries. Donations received from other charities for general use are also included in unrestricted funds.

1.6 Other Income

Other incoming resources comprises of rebates and levies on outings and events and these are included in unrestricted funds designated for general charitable use.

1.7 VOLUNTARY INCOME

The voluntary income realised from different sources during the accounting year are distributed below :-

<u>SOURCES OF INCOME</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
London Borough of Lewisham Covid-19	48,940		48,940	0
The Three Oaks Trust	0		0	3,000
Inman Charity	0		0	5,000
The Innholders' Company's Charity Trust	2,000		2,000	0
Worshipful Company of Basketmakers	0		0	1,000
Sheepdrove Trust	0		0	5,000
Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust	1,000		1,000	0
The Vandervell Foundation	3,000		3,000	3,000
E Alec Colman Charitable Fund	0		0	250
The Thomas J. Horne Memorial Trust	5,000		5,000	5,000
Marsh Christian Trust	450		450	400
G M Morrison Charitable Trust	1,700		1,700	1,700
The Archer Trust	1,000		1,000	1,000
William Allen Young Charitable Trust	0		0	2,000
Barclays Stockbrokers Charitable Trust	0		0	17,244
Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund	500		500	500
Dentons Charitable Trust	0		0	1,000
The Philip Charitable Family Trust	0		0	150
The Bellinger Donnay Charitable Trust	0		0	500
Christadelphian Samaritan Fund	400		400	0
The Christabella Charitable Trust	0		0	500
TSB Bank	0		0	123
Doris and Fred English	200		200	0
The Ogilvie Charities Deed No. 2	0		0	500
Stella Symmons Charitable Trust	0		0	250
G Henning - Donor	0		0	100
Other donations/Anonymous	397		397	285
The Robert Kiln Charitable Trust	0		0	500
Shop Activity	0		0	250
Sub total	64,587	0	64,587	49,252

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

<u>REVENUE FUNDS</u>	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £
London Borough of Lewisham Covid-19	48,940	48,940
Innholder's Charitable Foundation	2,000	2,000
Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust	1,000	1,000
The Vandervell Foundation	3,000	3,000
The Thomas J Horne Memorial Trust	5,000	5,000
Marsh Christian Trust	450	450
G M Morrison Charitable Trust	1,700	1,700
The Archer Trust	1,000	1,000
Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund	500	500
Christadelphian Samaritan Fund	400	400
Doris and Fred English	200	200
Other Donations/Anonymous	397	397
	64,587	64,587

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment, Fix & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles	Leasehold Property	Total 2021 £
COST				
At 1 April 2020	41,039	23,609	138,418	203,066
Additions	0	4,544	0	4,544
At 31 March 2021	0	45,583	23,609	138,418
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2020	0	40,198	19,648	59,846
Charge for the year	0	1,346	792	139
At 31 March 2021	0	41,544	20,440	62,123
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2020	0	4,039	3,169	138,279
At 31 March 2021	0	841	3,961	138,418

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4	<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>				
	<u>COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total F'ds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
	Advertising and Publicity	-	-	-	172
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>172</u>

5	<u>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total F'ds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
	Salaries	29,435	0	29,435	17,096
	Staff Pension	547	0	547	211
	Rent, Rates and Hire charges	4,164	0	4,164	9,025
	Travel, Motor Expenses	1,558	0	1,558	4,418
	Telephone	1,084	0	1,084	1,040
	Licence, Health & Safety & Cleaning	884	0	884	307
	Bank and Finance charges	90	0	90	90
	Insurance premiums	2,667	0	2,667	1,398
	Printing, Postage and Stationery	2	0	2	426
	Pensioners' free refreshments	25,731	0	25,731	-
	Car Hire Expenses	2,188	0	2,188	0
	Depreciation	2,277	0	2,277	5,626
	Electricity & Gas	3,208	0	3,208	4,119
	Repairs & Renewals	618	0	618	364
	Sundry	0	0	0	137
		<u>74,453</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,453</u>	<u>44,257</u>

6	<u>GOVERNANCE COSTS</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total F'ds	Total Funds
		Funds	Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
	Professional fees	332	-	332	222
	Accountancy fees	2,200	-	2,200	2,000
		<u>2,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,532</u>	<u>2,222</u>

7	<u>STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS</u>	2021	2020
		£	£
	Salaries	29,435	17,096
	Social security costs	0	0
		<u>29,435</u>	<u>17,096</u>

The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year was as follows:

<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>
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Of the staff costs reported above, there are no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000.

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8	<u>DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</u>	2021 £	2020 £	
	Debtors	7,022	5,500	
	Prepayment	1,309	-	
	HMRC Debtor	145	-	
		8,475	5,500	
9	<u>CREDITORS</u> <u>- AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u>	2021 £	2020 £	
	Social security costs	0	77	
	Accruals	2,200	2,000	
		2,200	2,077	
10	<u>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR</u>	2021 £	2020 £	
	The net movement in funds for the year is stated after charging:			
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - for use by the charity	2,277	5,626	
	Audit and Accountancy fees	2,000	2,000	
11	<u>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS</u>	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
	Balance as at 1 April 2020	1,881	175,178	177,059
	Movement in Funds for the year	16,329	0	16,329
	Balance as at 31 March 2021	18,210	175,178	193,388