

OXFORDSHIRE DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 297689

Details

Other names	NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN SOCIETY OXFORDSHIRE REGION
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1987-10-06
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER IN EVERY WAY ALLOWED BY LAW, THE SUPPORT OF DEAF CHILDREN AND DEAF YOUNG PEOPLE, UP TO THE AGE OF 25 YEARS.

Activities: We support deaf children & their families living in Oxfordshire. We provide assistance for the deaf child & their families either directly or by providing social and entertainment initiatives.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OXFORD AND DISTRICT
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£39,705	£20,041	-	-
2024-03-31	£17,182	£16,047	-	-
2023-03-31	£12,185	£6,941	-	-
2022-03-31	£78,927	£6,041	-	-
2021-03-31	£14,340	£2,153	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brid Cronin		2025-09-22
DOUGLAS SIMMONS		2017-07-17
Dr Clare Robertson		2020-09-28
Dr Zoe Elizabeth Lee		2019-06-10
Naomi Martell-Bundock		2025-06-01

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ODCS Treasurer Report to AGM

Year ending 31 March 2025

The Charity's accounts for the year ending March 2025 have been prepared and independently examined by Wilkins & Co (Accountants) for the first time.

The committee volunteers have worked extremely hard to put on a wide range of wonderful events, which have helped the charity to spend broadly in line with our long-term spending plans this year, a very welcome development after several years where spending has been below plan. We are all very grateful for the hard work put in by these volunteers. It has remained surprisingly difficult to attract appropriate requests for grants, but we are pleased to see that efforts to spread the word that the charity is able to make grants to individuals and organisations have resulted in some successful applications.

Spending for the year increased from £16,490 to 20,040. Spending on Children's Events - including wonderful Summer and Christmas parties - accounted for the largest share and we also provided a varied range of Theatre Visits and workshops. Costs associated with running the charity, including admin support and the costs of running online and in-person meetings, increased (and will be higher in the current year, with both the costs of our administrators and the costs of accountancy services taken into account). We are very grateful to our administrators for the greater efficiency and effectiveness that has been brought to our volunteer committee.

Income from the year was substantially higher than last year, at £39,705 (up from £17,182). However, this figure is distorted by a large one-off sum, as ODCS received a small share of the proceeds from the sale of the Oxford Deaf Centre. Excluding that one-off, the vast majority of income was again received from dividends and interest on the charity's investments, which underpin our future spending.

The Charity's assets stand at over £590k at the year end, up from £571k the prior year, benefiting from the capital receipt of the proceeds of the Deaf Centre sale. The capital value of the investment portfolio saw a modest unrealised loss, when measured from March 2024 to March 2025, partly accounted for by dividends being paid into our cash accounts (capital values in the current year, as at the end of August, show a meaningful advance from March 2025, as global stock markets have recovered and made further gains). The charity's investment portfolio is invested with the aim of delivering long-term growth above inflation to support ODCS' long-term spending intentions, through well-diversified allocations to three different Charity investment funds with contrasting investment approaches.

Cash resources, mostly held in a diversified series of short- and medium-term deposits to obtain better interest rates than instant access accounts, rose from £142,848 to £168,504 over the year. These cash deposits solidly underpin the charity's expected spending needs for the next five years or more, allowing the investment portfolio to develop to support long-term spending without reliance on fund-raising.

ODCS remains in an extremely strong financial position, able to support an increase in spending on events and grants from current levels, and actively seeking applications for funding.

Alex Scott

Treasurer ODCS

30 Nov 2025

OXFORDSHIRE CHILDRENS DEAF SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF OXFORDSHIRE
DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
(Charity No 297689)

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society for the year ended 31st March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

We report in respect of our examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the 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.

We 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.

Wilkins & Co Ltd
Accountants
25A Market Square,
Bicester,
Oxon.
OX26 6AD

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Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society Registered Charity No 297689

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

Balance Sheet

Item	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment Assets		
Quilter (formerly Old Mutual)	-	-
Ruffer	97,678.65	96,996.09
Sarasin	225,918.92	229,366.68
Blackrock	98,207.49	102,113.06
	421,805.06	428,475.83
Current Assets		
CAF Current	3,543.94	7,148.15
CAF Deposit	8,214.35	55.12
Flagstone Deposit	156,746.07	135,645.60
	168,504.36	142,848.87
Current Liabilities		
Uncleared Cheques	-	-
	590,309.42	571,324.70
Represented By		
Working Capital C/F	115,908.34	114,773.46
Excess of Income over Expenditure	19,664.02	1,134.88
Unrealised Gains B/F	25,416.36	11,842.41
Unrealised Gains in Year	- 679.30	13,573.95
Capital Invested	430,000.00	430,000.00
	590,309.42	571,324.70

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Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2025

Receipts & Payments

Item	2025 £	2024 £
Interest & Investment Income		
Receipt		
Old Mutual	-	957.51
Sarasin	6,169.68	6,151.52
Ruffer	3,057.44	2,445.40
Blackrock	1,773.18	3,313.06
Flagstone	-	4,062.54
CAF Current	-	99.38
CAF Gold	-	9.32
Paypal Giving	31.91	-
Russell Cooke-LLP	27,616.75	-
	38,648.96	17,038.73
Subscriptions	-	20.00
Donations	250.00	123.65
Aldermore Interest	635.99	-
Interest receivable	169.76	-
	1,055.75	143.65
Total Receipts	39,704.71	17,182.38
Payment		
Stationery & Post		97.58
Meeting & Society	337.26	331.76
Children's Events	14,687.07	8,623.53
Thieve's Visit	4,219.77	3,373.00
Social Events		-
Sundries		-
Contribution to LEA		1,356.12
Assistance for the Deaf		500.00
FYD		-
Welfare		119.00
Fees	526.99	376.91
Speech & Language Therapy		-
Other		1,269.20
Bank Charges	60.00	
Travel	209.60	
	20,040.69	16,047.10
Excess of receipts over payments	19,664.02	1,135.28

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Treasurer's Report for ODCS AGM Sept 2022 covering financial year to 31 March 2021-31 March 2022

Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society (ODCS) is a registered charity (No. 297689) that provides opportunities for families with deaf and hearing impaired children and young people to get together for mutual support and to have fun. Most of our members are parents and we have one aim in common: the welfare of hearing impaired children and their families.

We welcome all hearing impaired children and young adults and their families, whatever their ethnic or religious background, who:

- Live in Oxfordshire or surrounding counties
- Have any level of hearing loss, temporary or permanent
- Use hearing aids or have cochlear implants
- Use speech, BSL or total communication.

We also welcome children and young adults who have other additional needs.

The easing of COVID restrictions during the period has allowed a partial return of some of the charity's much-loved events, with members welcoming the chance to come back to in-person events, rather than over Zoom, both for the broad membership and for teenagers through our Friends of the Young Deaf (FYD) events. We were especially pleased to again be able to take many deaf young people and their families to the pantomime at the Oxford Playhouse, which was our single largest expenditure in the year. Other requests for financial support have remained at extremely low levels, and we are making continuous efforts both to publicise the fact that the charity can make funding available to deaf young people and their families, and to make our processes for awarding funding both more resilient and more streamlined. Spending on the operations of the charity remains low, thanks to the wonderful efforts of our volunteers, with spending on the operations of the charity falling slightly vs 2021. Expenditure for the financial year recovered to just over £6,000 (from £2,000 last year), but this remains well below the level the trustees regard as sustainable and we hope to increase spending next year both on events and on making grants/funding available for deaf young people and their families, in particular recognising the extra pressures that inflation and a cost-of-living crisis will place on families.

The charity's income rose significantly vs the previous year, to almost £79,000 (vs approximately £14,000 in 2020-21). However, the increase in income was due to a one-off bequest made to the charity, for which we are extremely grateful. Excluding this capital sum, our income from more stable or recurring sources was approximately £12,000, down slightly from around £14,000 in 2020-21. The vast majority of our ongoing income is derived from investments and bank interest, and income from these sources fell slightly due to lower interest rates and lower dividend payments during the period. We note that interest rates have picked up significantly over the past few months, which will support a recovery in the charity's underlying income.

The charity's trustees had conducted a review of investments during the prior year, resulting in changes to our stocks and shares investment managers, intended to better serve the charity's risk profile and long-term spending plans. The migration of the charity's investment assets to the selected investment managers continued through the year amid volatile stockmarket conditions (and has been completed subsequent to the financial year end). We highlight again that all of the selected investment managers operate with robust ethical / ESG (environmental, social and governance) frameworks in their investment approach.

After substantial gains in the previous year, the value of our stockmarket investments was affected by market volatility during the latter part of the period. However, the charity's robust financial plan

means that we have significant interest-bearing cash reserves to support our short and medium-term spending intentions and can leave investment assets exposed to any potential stockmarket recovery and future growth, in order to sustain our spending needs as we offer support to deaf children, young people and their families for the long-term.

We end the year in a very robust financial position, with net assets of almost £577,000 (up from around £491,000 a year previously). A small proportion of this is due to our spending again running below our ongoing income, but the vast majority of the increase is accounted for by the extremely generous bequest made to the charity, which will support our ability to operate in support of our families for many years to come.

Alex Scott, Treasurer

Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society
Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2021
Registered Charity No. 297689

Receipts & Payments

	2022 £	2021 £	
Receipts			
Interest & Investment Income			
Old Mutual	9,547.86	11,250.09	
Sarasin	166.27	-	
Ruffer	30.60	-	
FAIF Property	438.54	835.15	
Flagstone	29.75	-	
Julian Hodge	177.02	584.36	
Virgin Bank	5.63	-	
CAF Gold	14.43	11.37	
	<u>10,410.10</u>	<u>12,680.97</u>	
Subscriptions	30.00	50.00	
Donations	68,475.02	935.88	
Social Events	-	-	
Collections	-	-	
Gift Aid	-	-	
Other	11.97	673.60	
	<u>68,516.99</u>	<u>1,659.48</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>78,927.09</u>	<u>14,340.45</u>	
Payments			
Stationery & Post	9.90	7.65	
Meeting & Society	937.18	1,018.99	
Children's Events	935.35	1,057.97	
Threatre Visits	2,210.00	-	
Gift & Donations	-	-	
Sundries	-	-	
Contribution to LEA	-	-	
Assistence tfor the Deaf	-	-	
FYD	1,790.54	-	
WBFF	-	-	
Fees	158.36	69.00	
Speech & Language Therapy	-	-	
Other	-	-	
	<u>6,041.33</u>	<u>2,153.61</u>	
Total Payments	<u>6,041.33</u>	<u>2,153.61</u>	
Excess of Receipts over Payments	72,885.76	12,186.84	

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Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2021
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Balance Sheet

	2022 £	2021 £
Investment Assets		
Quilter (formly Old Mutual)	144,124.74	382,529.64
Ruffer	61,003.35	-
Sarasin	174,047.87	-
Blackrock	56,155.27	-
FAIF/Time (Ground Rent)	-	18,868.13
	<u>435,331.23</u>	<u>401,397.77</u>
Current Assets		
CAF Current	1,940.73	19,086.79
CAF Deposit	39,694.62	25,098.84
Flagstone Deposit	100,017.39	-
Julian Hodges	-	30,000.00
Virgin Charity	-	16,000.00
	141,652.74	<u>90,185.63</u>
Current Liabilities		
Uncleared Cheques	-	-
	<u>576,983.97</u>	<u>491,583.40</u>
Total Assets		
	<u>576,983.97</u>	<u>491,583.40</u>
Represented by:		
Working Capital C/F	68,766.98	77,998.79
Excess of Income over Expenditure	72,885.76	12,186.84
Unrealised Gains B/F	91,397.77	10,126.26
Unrealised Gains in Year	(53,943.04)	81,271.51
Capital Invested	<u>397,876.50</u>	<u>310,000.00</u>
	<u>576,983.97</u>	<u>491,583.40</u>
Total	<u>576,983.97</u>	<u>491,583.40</u>

Examiner's Report

I have examined these statements of Income & Expenditure and Assets & Liabilities to confirm their accuracy and that they properly reflect the underlying accounting records. My examination has provided me with no evidence that these financial statements do not provide a true and fair view of the Income and Expenditure and Assets and Liabilities of the Oxfordshire Deaf Children's Society for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Stuart Gibson
Independent Examiner

Date:

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Stuart Gibson
Independent Examiner

Date:

16/1/23