

# Sound Friends Deaf Children's Society

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100725

## Details

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| Status     | Overdue  |
| Registered | 2014-10-06   |
| Register   | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a> |

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** To promote the health, welfare, care, mental and physical well-being of deaf/Deaf children living in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council areas by providing: • Recreational and leisure time activities and organising events for such children, family members and carers. • Access resources, practical advice and general family support • Opportunities to network, find mutual support and encouragement

**What the charity does:** The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Counselling/support, Education/training, Human rights/equality, Sport/recreation

**Who the charity helps:** Carers, Children (5-13 year olds), Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-03-31 | £4,862 | £2,324      | £0     | 0         |

## Trustees

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| Name                   | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------|------|-----------|
| Mr Ruairi Magennis     |      |           |
| Mrs Natalia Buchanan   |      |           |
| Mrs Stephanie Thompson |      |           |

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# Accounts

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| Charity Name  | Charity No. (if any)     |  |
| Sound Friends | Charity No.<br>NIC100725 |  |

## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |            |    |            |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|
| For the period from | 01/04/2023 | To | 31/03/2024 |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Fundraising  | 0                                      |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
| Grant  | 500                                    | 1,800                                |                                     | 2,300                           |                               |
| Donation   | 2,562                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,562                           |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)                                   | 3,062                                  | 1,800                                | -                                   | 4,862                           | 0                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed asset  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loan repayments received   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A2 Sub total</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>  | 3,062                                  | 1,800                                | -                                   | 4,862                           | 0                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Activities   | 138                                    | 6                                    |                                     | 144                             |                               |
| Bank Charges   | 45                                     |                                      |                                     | 45                              |                               |
| Outings  | 2,135                                  |                                      |                                     | 2,135                           |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
| <b>A3 Sub total</b>  | 2,318                                  | 6                                    | -                                   | 2,324                           | 0                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Purchase of investments  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loans made   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A4 Sub total</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>  | 2,318                                  | 6                                    | -                                   | 2,324                           | 0                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | 745                                    | 1,794                                | -                                   | 2,539                           | 0                             |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>   | 7,984                                  |                                      |                                     | 7,984                           |                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>  | 8,729                                  | 1,794                                | -                                   | 10,523                          | 0                             |

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

| Categories    | Details  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account  | 8,729                           | 1,794                         | -                            | 10,523                   | -                      |
|               | Deposit account  | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>8,729</b>                    | <b>1,794</b>                  | <b>-</b>                     | <b>10,523</b>            | <b>-</b>               |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                              | OK                            | OK                           | OK                       | OK                     |

|                          | Details                    | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | Charitable loan receivable | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          | Tax reclaim due            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            |                                 |                               | Total                        | -                        | -                      |

| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | Total           | -                        | -         |

| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details        | Fund to which asset belongs |            | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|  |                | Unrestricted                | Restricted |                 |                          |           |
|  | Buildings      |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  | Motor vehicles |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             |            | Total           | -                        | -         |

| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | When due (optional) | Amount due (optional) | Last year |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | Total                 | -         |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Signature       | Print Name      | Date of approval |
| Ruairi Magennis | Ruairi Magennis | 27/05/2025       |

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# Accounts

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| Charity Name  | Charity No. (if any)     |  |
| Sound Friends | Charity No.<br>NIC100725 |  |

## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |            |    |            |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|
| For the period from | 01/04/2022 | To | 31/03/2023 |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Fundraising  | 0                                      | -                                    |                                     | 0                               |                               |
| Grant  | 500                                    |                                      |                                     | 500                             |                               |
| Donation   | 692                                    |                                      |                                     | 692                             |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)                                   | 1,192                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,192                           | 0                             |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed asset  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loan repayments received   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A2 Sub total</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>Total receipts</b>  | 1,192                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 1,192                           | 0                             |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Activities   | 30                                     |                                      |                                     | 30                              |                               |
| Bank Charges   | 38                                     |                                      |                                     | 38                              |                               |
| Outings  | 4,026                                  |                                      |                                     | 4,026                           |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               |                               |
| <b>A3 Sub total</b>  | 4,094                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 4,094                           | 0                             |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Purchase of investments  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loans made   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A4 Sub total</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>Total payments</b>  | 4,094                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 4,094                           | 0                             |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | -2,902                                 | -                                    | -                                   | -2,902                          | 0                             |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>   | 10,886                                 |                                      |                                     | 10,886                          |                               |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>  | 7,984                                  | -                                    | -                                   | 7,984                           | 0                             |

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

| Categories    | Details  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account  | 7,984                           | -                             | -                            | 7,984                    | -                      |
|               | Deposit account  | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>7,984</b>                    | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>7,984</b>             | <b>-</b>               |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                              | OK                            | OK                           | OK                       | OK                     |

| Categories               | Details                    | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | Charitable loan receivable | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          | Tax reclaim due            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            |                                 |                               | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>               |

| Categories           | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|----------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| B3 Investment assets |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |         | <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>  |

| Categories                                   | Details        | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Buildings      | Unrestricted                | -               | -                        | -         |
|  | Motor vehicles | Restricted                  | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                | <b>Total</b>                | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>  |

| Categories     | Details | Fund to which liability relates | When due (optional) | Amount due (optional) | Last year |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         | <b>Total</b>                    |                     | <b>-</b>              | <b>-</b>  |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Signature       | Print Name      | Date of approval |
| Ruairi Magennis | Ruairi Magennis | 16/11/2023       |

FYE Mar 23 Transactions

| DATE              | Category     | DESCRIPTION   | DEBIT     | CREDIT  | BALANCE    |
|-------------------|--------------|---|-----------|---------|------------|
| 22 April 2022     | Outings      | Tayto Park Deposit                                    | £430.82   |         | £10,455.34 |
| 09 May 2022       | Donation     | Amazon Smile  |           | £7.30   | £10,462.64 |
| 10 May 2022       | Outings      | Tayto Park Balance - chq 000290                       | £1,232.65 |         | £9,229.99  |
| 12 May 2022       | Outings      | Cinema - chq 000289                                   | £60.00    |         | £9,169.99  |
| 31 May 2022       | Outings      | Tayto Park FX fee - chq 000291                        | £33.90    |         | £9,136.09  |
| 31 May 2022       | Activities   | Bannville room hire - chq 000292                      | £20.00    |         | £9,116.09  |
| 10 June 2022      | Bank Charges | Quarterly charges                                     | £11.46    |         | £9,104.63  |
| 05 July 2022      | Outings      | Panto deposit   | £162.40   |         | £8,942.23  |
| 21 July 2022      | Outings      | Summerscheme - Limepark Equestrian                    | £245.00   |         | £8,697.23  |
| 11 August 2022    | Fundraising  | NDCS Grant funding                                    |           | £500.00 | £9,197.23  |
| 09 September 2022 | Bank Charges | Quarterly charges                                     | £9.59     |         | £9,187.64  |
| 10 October 2022   | Outings      | Panto balance   | £649.60   |         | £8,538.04  |
| 28 October 2022   | Outings      | Crafts & food for Halloween party - B&M               | £43.29    |         | £8,494.75  |
| 31 October 2022   | Outings      | Crafts & food for Halloween party - Around a Pound    | £10.00    |         | £8,484.75  |
| 31 October 2022   | Outings      | Crafts & food for Halloween party - Tesco             | £6.00     |         | £8,478.75  |
| 02 November 2022  | Activities   | Unknown transaction                                   | £10.00    |         | £8,468.75  |
| 15 November 2022  | Outings      | Halloween Party - room hire, fun house, pizza & Bus   | £919.90   |         | £7,548.85  |
| 09 December 2022  | Bank Charges | Quarterly charges                                     | £8.43     |         | £7,540.42  |
| 19 December 2022  | Donation     | Loughran family donation                              |           | £670.00 | £8,210.42  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food, crafts & supplies panto - Home Bargains         | £20.10    |         | £8,190.32  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food, crafts & supplies panto - Tesco                 | £14.16    |         | £8,176.16  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food, crafts & supplies panto - Pound Stretcher       | £8.00     |         | £8,168.16  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food, crafts & supplies panto - Tesco                 | £15.00    |         | £8,153.16  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food, crafts & supplies panto - Lidl                  | £2.75     |         | £8,150.41  |
| 19 December 2022  | Outings      | Food for panto - POH Catering                         | £150.00   |         | £8,000.41  |
| 26 January 2023   | Donation     | Doran family towards Panto tickets                    |           | £14.50  | £8,014.91  |
| 21 February 2023  | Outings      | Payment to Natalia for Christmas crafts bought online | £6.99     |         | £8,007.92  |
| 21 February 2023  | Outings      | Payment to Natalia for Christmas crafts bought online | £14.99    |         | £7,992.93  |
| 10 March 2023     | Bank Charges | Quarterly charges                                     | £8.86     |         | £7,984.07  |
|                   |              |   |           |         | £7,984.07  |
|                   |              |   |           |         | £7,984.07  |
|                   |              |   |           |         | £7,984.07  |
|                   |              |   |           |         | £7,984.07  |
|                   |              |   |           |         | £7,984.07  |

Category Summary FY23

| <b>Category</b>               | Data          | Total             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Activities                    | Sum of DEBIT  | £30.00            |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Bank Charges                  | Sum of DEBIT  | £38.34            |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Fundraising                   | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £500.00           |
| Outings                       | Sum of DEBIT  | £4,025.55         |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Donation                      | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £691.80           |
| (blank)                       | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| <b>Total Sum of DEBIT</b>     |               | <b>£4,093.89</b>  |
| <b>Total Sum of CREDIT</b>    |               | <b>£1,191.80</b>  |
| <b>Surplus of Expenditure</b> |               | <b>£2,902.09</b>  |
| <b>Opening Bank Blance</b>    |               | <b>£10,886.16</b> |
| <b>Closing Bank Blance</b>    |               | <b>£7,984.07</b>  |

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# Annual report

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## **Sound Friends Deaf Children's Society**

### **Trustees Annual Report 2022-2023**

**Sound Friends Deaf Children's Society** was set up in 2011 to support families of d/Deaf children. Many d/Deaf children (statistics suggest slightly more than 90%) are born to hearing parents and so it is a common occurrence that these parents need advice on how to deal with this diagnosis, communicate with their child and make plans for their social and academic lives. The charity supports members informally through questions being asked in their closed Facebook group (utilizing the shared experiences of the group), provides information from partner charities, signposts to other services where appropriate, and organises face-to-face events. Our events provide opportunities for parents to share experiences, ask questions and for the children to meet and play, to make new friends, help to develop and improve social skills.

**Sound Friends DCS** is affiliated with the **National Charity (NDCS – National Deaf Children's Society)** and is a registered charity within Northern Ireland – NIC100725.

We currently cover the following towns and surrounding areas:

- Portadown
- Lurgan
- Craigavon
- Banbridge
- Newry
- Kilkeel

**Chairperson** : Nataliia Buchanan

**Treasurer** : Ruairi Magennis

**Secretary** : Stephnie Thompson

Sound Friends (SF) held an AGM in December 2021 and a new committee were elected at the AGM. The new committee initiated a membership survey to further understand the needs, wants and preferences of its members to help focus its aims. There was a great response from this, and the events planned for the reporting year subsequently, were based on the findings of the membership survey. SF has seen its membership grow incrementally.

#### **Events held January 2022- March 2023**

- 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2022- Airtastic Craigavon
- 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 -Brownlow Hub Bee Active.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2022- subtitled movie Banbridge -Sonic 2.
- 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2022- Tayto Park trip.

- 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022- Beginners Bite Size Camp Lime Park Equestrian Centre
- 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2022 - Tannaghmore garden meet up.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022 -Halloween Party Newry transport provided.
- 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 -Signed Panto/Christmas party Armagh Market Place Theatre.
- 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023- AGM

The members are happy to be back to meet in person, and we've noticed that towards the end of the year the attendance of the events was noticeably growing.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, the charity experienced a predictable reduction in donations as disposable incomes fell across the region. We would however, like to highlight that we were the beneficiary of two sizeable donations. One of our member's family created a Halloween display in their garden, which was visited by many members of the Newry community. This was a fantastic boost for the groups finances, and we remain very grateful to this family for their loyal support. SF also welcomed a donation from another family, which arranged a Sound Friends donation box to be placed in their local shop. Their donation was much appreciated. We also secured a £500 grant from NDCS which helped to cover the costs of the Christmas Pantomime. SF also received a donation of selection boxes for the Christmas party from a local councillor. Tesco also contributed via their 'Community Champion' programme, providing snacks, drinks, and tableware for the children's Christmas party.

We continue to work closely with the National Deaf Children's Society (NCDS) with whom we are affiliated, and upon whose support and guidance we depend. We also continue to work closely with Action Deaf Youth (ADY), which supports our families in number of ways, including weekly play sessions and formal sign language courses for parents. In collaboration with NCDS and ADY, we strive to improve deaf awareness in our local community, to create a more deaf friendly environment for our children and all those of the d/Deaf community.

Two of our former committee members stood down at the December 2021 AGM. We would like to thank them on behalf of Sound Friends for all their hard work during their tenure here. We would also like to thank all our supporters throughout the year for their fundraising efforts and all those who donated both time and money to help make all of these events possible.

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# Annual return

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I report on the accounts of Sound Friends for the year ended 31st March 2023.

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

I have examined your Charity Accounts as required under Section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

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**Marian Shields**

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**31st January 2024**

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**SOUND FRIENDS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023**

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Donations                               | 691.80            |
| NDCS Grant                              | 500.00            |
|   | <u>£1,191.80</u>  |
| <b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>                  |                   |
| Outings & Activities                    | 4,055.55          |
| Bank Charges                            | 38.34             |
|   | <u>£4,093.89</u>  |
| <br>                                    |                   |
| <b>Excess of Payments over Receipts</b> | <b>-£2,902.09</b> |
| <br>                                    |                   |
| <b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>                 |                   |
| Balance as at 1st April 2022            | 10,886.16         |
| Deficit for the Year                    | -2,902.09         |
| <b>Balance as at 31st March 2023</b>    | <b>£7,984.07</b>  |
| <br>                                    |                   |
| <b>REPRESENTED BY</b>                   |                   |
| <b>Bank Current Account</b>             | <b>£7,984.07</b>  |

In my opinion, from the records and books I received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of Sound Friends financial position for the year ended 31st March 2023.



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**31st January 2024**

**Sound Friends Deaf Children-s Society**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100725

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# Accounts

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|               |                      |  |
|---------------|----------------------|--|
| Charity Name  | Charity No. (if any) |  |
| Sound Friends | Charity No.          |  |
|               | NIC100725            |  |

## Receipts and payments accounts

|                     |            |    |            |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|
| For the period from | 01/04/2021 | To | 31/03/2022 |  |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|--|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|  | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Just Giving  | 1,246                                  | -                                    |                                     | 1,246                           |                               |
| Fundraising  | 1,300                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,300                           | 507                           |
| Grant  | 0                                      |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 500                           |
| Donation   | 410                                    |                                      |                                     | 410                             | 2,150                         |
| BSL For All  | 0                                      | 1,899                                |                                     | 1,899                           | 0                             |
| Residential  | 1,000                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,000                           | 19                            |
| Activities   | 48                                     |                                      |                                     | 48                              | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)                                   | <b>4,004</b>                           | <b>1,899</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,902</b>                    | <b>3,176</b>                  |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).    |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed asset  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loan repayments received   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A2 Sub total</b>  | <b>0</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>  | <b>4,004</b>                           | <b>1,899</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,902</b>                    | <b>3,176</b>                  |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>   |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Activities   | 206                                    |                                      |                                     | 206                             | 0                             |
| Bank Charges   | 56                                     |                                      |                                     | 56                              | 46                            |
| Outings  | 1,892                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,892                           | 795                           |
| Residential  | 1,000                                  |                                      |                                     | 1,000                           | 0                             |
| Examiner   | 0                                      |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| Tuition Fees   | 0                                      |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| BSL For All  | 0                                      | 1,899                                |                                     | 1,899                           | 0                             |
| Just Giving (Dr)   | 0                                      |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 162                           |
|  |  |                                      |                                     | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A3 Sub total</b>  | <b>3,155</b>                           | <b>1,899</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,053</b>                    | <b>1,003</b>                  |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance) |  |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Purchase of investments  | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| Loans made   | 0                                      | -                                    | -                                   | 0                               | 0                             |
| <b>A4 Sub total</b>  | <b>0</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>  | <b>3,155</b>                           | <b>1,899</b>                         | <b>-</b>                            | <b>5,053</b>                    | <b>1,003</b>                  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>  | <b>849</b>                             | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>849</b>                      | <b>2,174</b>                  |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>  | <b>0</b>                               | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>   | <b>10,037</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>10,037</b>                   | <b>7,862</b>                  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>  | <b>10,886</b>                          | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>10,886</b>                   | <b>10,036</b>                 |

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

| Categories    | Details  | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Current account  | 10,886                          | -                             | -                            | 10,886                   | 10,036                 |
|               | Deposit account  | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|               | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>10,886</b>                   | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>10,886</b>            | <b>10,036</b>          |
|               | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                              | OK                            | OK                           | OK                       | OK                     |

| Categories               | Details                    | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ | Total funds to nearest £ | Last year to nearest £ |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | Charitable loan receivable | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          | Tax reclaim due            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          |                            | -                               | -                             | -                            | -                        | -                      |
|                          | <b>Total</b>               | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      | <b>-</b>                     | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>               |

| Categories           | Details      | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| B3 Investment assets |              |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |              |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |              |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      |              |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|                      | <b>Total</b> |                             | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>  |

| Categories                                   | Details        | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) | Last year |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Buildings      | Unrestricted                | -               | -                        | -         |
|  | Motor vehicles | Restricted                  | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                |                             | -               | -                        | -         |
|  |                | <b>Total</b>                |                 | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>  |

| Categories     | Details | Fund to which liability relates | When due (optional) | Amount due (optional) | Last year |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| B5 Liabilities |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         |                                 |                     | -                     | -         |
|                |         | <b>Total</b>                    |                     |                       | <b>-</b>  |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

|                 |                 |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Signature       | Print Name      | Date of approval |
| Ruairi Magennis | Ruairi Magennis | 26/05/2022       |

Category Summary FY22

| <b>Category</b>               | <b>Data</b>   | <b>Total</b>      |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Activities                    | Sum of DEBIT  | £205.86           |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £48.00            |
| Bank Charges                  | Sum of DEBIT  | £56.36            |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Fundraising                   | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £1,300.00         |
| Just Giving (Cr)              | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £1,245.76         |
| Outings                       | Sum of DEBIT  | £1,892.30         |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Sign For All (Cr)             | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £1,898.70         |
| Sign For All (Dr)             | Sum of DEBIT  | £1,898.70         |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT |                   |
| Residential                   | Sum of DEBIT  | £1,000.00         |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £1,000.00         |
| Donation                      | Sum of DEBIT  |                   |
|                               | Sum of CREDIT | £410.00           |
| <b>Total Sum of DEBIT</b>     |               | <b>£5,053.22</b>  |
| <b>Total Sum of CREDIT</b>    |               | <b>£5,902.46</b>  |
| <b>Surplus of Expenditure</b> |               | <b>£849.24</b>    |
| <b>Opening Bank Blance</b>    |               | <b>£10,036.92</b> |
| <b>Closing Bank Blance</b>    |               | <b>£10,886.16</b> |

**Sound Friends Deaf Children-s Society**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100725

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# Annual report

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## **Sound Friends Deaf Children's Society**

### **Trustees Annual Report 2022-2023**

**Sound Friends Deaf Children's Society** was set up in 2011 to support families of d/Deaf children. Many d/Deaf children (statistics suggest slightly more than 90%) are born to hearing parents and so it is a common occurrence that these parents need advice on how to deal with this diagnosis, communicate with their child and make plans for their social and academic lives. The charity supports members informally through questions being asked in their closed Facebook group (utilizing the shared experiences of the group), provides information from partner charities, signposts to other services where appropriate, and organises face-to-face events. Our events provide opportunities for parents to share experiences, ask questions and for the children to meet and play, to make new friends, help to develop and improve social skills.

**Sound Friends DCS** is affiliated with the **National Charity (NDCS – National Deaf Children's Society)** and is a registered charity within Northern Ireland – NIC100725.

We currently cover the following towns and surrounding areas:

- Portadown
- Lurgan
- Craigavon
- Banbridge
- Newry
- Kilkeel

**Chairperson** : Nataliia Buchanan

**Treasurer** : Ruairi Magennis

**Secretary** : Stephnie Thompson

Sound Friends (SF) held an AGM in December 2021 and a new committee were elected at the AGM. The new committee initiated a membership survey to further understand the needs, wants and preferences of its members to help focus its aims. There was a great response from this, and the events planned for the reporting year subsequently, were based on the findings of the membership survey. SF has seen its membership grow incrementally.

#### **Events held January 2022- March 2023**

- 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2022- Airtastic Craigavon
- 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 -Brownlow Hub Bee Active.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2022- subtitled movie Banbridge -Sonic 2.
- 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2022- Tayto Park trip.

- 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022- Beginners Bite Size Camp Lime Park Equestrian Centre
- 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2022 - Tannaghmore garden meet up.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2022 -Halloween Party Newry transport provided.
- 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 -Signed Panto/Christmas party Armagh Market Place Theatre.
- 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2023- AGM

The members are happy to be back to meet in person, and we've noticed that towards the end of the year the attendance of the events was noticeably growing.

Due to the cost-of-living crisis, the charity experienced a predictable reduction in donations as disposable incomes fell across the region. We would however, like to highlight that we were the beneficiary of two sizeable donations. One of our member's family created a Halloween display in their garden, which was visited by many members of the Newry community. This was a fantastic boost for the groups finances, and we remain very grateful to this family for their loyal support. SF also welcomed a donation from another family, which arranged a Sound Friends donation box to be placed in their local shop. Their donation was much appreciated. We also secured a £500 grant from NDCS which helped to cover the costs of the Christmas Pantomime. SF also received a donation of selection boxes for the Christmas party from a local councillor. Tesco also contributed via their 'Community Champion' programme, providing snacks, drinks, and tableware for the children's Christmas party.

We continue to work closely with the National Deaf Children's Society (NCDS) with whom we are affiliated, and upon whose support and guidance we depend. We also continue to work closely with Action Deaf Youth (ADY), which supports our families in number of ways, including weekly play sessions and formal sign language courses for parents. In collaboration with NCDS and ADY, we strive to improve deaf awareness in our local community, to create a more deaf friendly environment for our children and all those of the d/Deaf community.

Two of our former committee members stood down at the December 2021 AGM. We would like to thank them on behalf of Sound Friends for all their hard work during their tenure here. We would also like to thank all our supporters throughout the year for their fundraising efforts and all those who donated both time and money to help make all of these events possible.

**Sound Friends Deaf Children-s Society**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100725

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# Annual return

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I report on the accounts of Sound Friends for the year ended 31st March 2022.

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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**SOUND FRIENDS**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022**

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Just Giving | 1,245.76                |
| Fundraising | 1,300.00                |
| Donations   | 410.00                  |
|             | <u><b>£2,955.76</b></u> |

**PAYMENTS**

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Outings & Activities | 2,050.16                |
| Bank Charges         | 56.36                   |
|                      | <u><b>£2,106.52</b></u> |

**Excess of Receipts over Payments** **£849.24**

**ACCUMULATED FUND**

|                                      |                   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance as at 1st April 2021         | 10,036.92         |
| Surplus for the Year                 | 849.24            |
| <b>Balance as at 31st March 2022</b> | <b>£10,886.16</b> |

**REPRESENTED BY**

**Bank Current Account** **£10,886.16**

In my opinion, from the records and books I received, the above Financial Statement gives a true and fair view of the state of Sound Friends financial position for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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**31st January 2024**