

Registered Charity No: SC012285

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

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### LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Charity Name:** West Scotland Deaf Children's Society

**Registered Office and  
Operational Address:** 281 Central Chambers  
93 Hope Street  
Glasgow  
G2 6LD

**Charity Registration Number:** SC012285

**Trustees:**

P Clark	
E Docherty	
F Dolan	(Honorary President)
H Gazem	
H Gray	(Vice Chair)
W Leggett	(Chairperson)
E Lyon	
K McCulloch	
C McClafferty	
A Nzelwa	
S Nzelwa	
A Slimmon	
P Pettit	

**Independent Examiners:** Murrison & Wilson Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
10 Newton Terrace  
Charing Cross  
Glasgow  
G3 7PJ

**Bankers:** Bank of Scotland Community Banking  
38 St Andrew Square  
Edinburgh  
EH2 2YR

**Investment Managers:** Barclays Wealth  
Royal Exchange House  
100 Queen Street  
Glasgow

## **WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the Receipts and Payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018. The legal and administrative information on page one forms part of this report.

#### **Chairman's Report**

2017 has been a busy and exciting year for West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society. The year saw us celebrating our anniversary with a number of events and activities. We are proud of our legacy in delivering support to deaf children and young people in the West of Scotland for over 70 years. It has also been a year of fast paced change in policy and practice in Scotland. Significant progress has been made in relation to the implementation of the BSL Act in Scotland, with much more to be done. WSDCS is proud to play a part in shaping this. The CRIDE report has indicated a real drop in numbers of Teachers of the deaf and increasing numbers of deaf children in Scotland. Families and children need our support to ensure they understand their rights and can exercise these.

We are proud to be a Living Wage Provider and to have introduced a pension scheme for our team

Our Trustee Group has had new members join and this has brought new energy and enthusiasm to our work, allowing us to focus on our strategy, help more families and create a new role within our team. In addition, we introduced a new subcommittee of the Board to improve decision making and support to our team. The finance and HR committee consists of four members and has driven through changes and improvements to conditions for our team.

We continue to focus on listening to what families and children and young people who are deaf want and need. We continue to work in partnership with others to make a difference to the lives of children and young people in West Scotland. We are particularly grateful to the National Deaf Children's Society for their ongoing support and to our many members and supporters.

We have driven forward our use of social media, built foundations to professionalise our approach and reached out to more families. All of this will support ongoing progress and development.

We are grateful to Better Breaks and our many funders and fundraisers who make our work possible with their support.

West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society has put in place plans for the future that will see us play a key role in services for deaf children, young people and their families beyond our 70-year anniversary. 2017 has been a year of change and evolution which has had a positive impact. Our overall financial position in terms of results is positive when set within a context of change, evolution and external challenges.

The Trustees would like to thank both our staff team and our funders for their support during 2017.

**Wilson Leggett**  
**Chairman**

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

#### Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year and since the year-end, unless otherwise stated, were as follows:

H Gazem  
W Leggett (Chair)  
H Gray (Vice Chair)  
P Clark  
S Crerar (Resigned 21/6/17)  
E Docherty  
E Lyon  
L Fisher (Appointed 28/10/17, Resigned 10/01/18)  
K McCulloch  
S McGaughey (Appointed 21/6/17) Resigned (7/9/2017)  
C Miller (Resigned 20/06/18)  
A Nzelwa  
S Nzelwa  
H Di Paolantonio (Resigned 20/06/18)  
P Pettit (Appointed 2/8/17)  
A Slimmon  
L Valentine (Resigned 1/9/17)  
C McClafferty (Assoc)  
F Dolan (Honorary President)

#### Structure, Governance and Management

##### Governing Document

West Scotland Deaf Children's Society ("the charity") is established by Constitution as a registered Association of the National Deaf Children's Society and was recognised as a Scottish Charity (no SC012285) on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1992.

##### Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed at the discretion of the Management Committee. There is no fixed term for membership of the Management Committee. New Trustees take part in an induction programme which aims to familiarise them with the charity's values, aims and objectives together with its day to day operations, in addition to clarifying their statutory responsibilities as a Trustee of a charity.

#### Objectives and Activities

The charity's principal activities are:

- Providing a unique, empathic service to deaf children and their families
- Providing social events for all the family
- Providing a weekly fun/sign/activity club
- Providing a twice monthly youth club
- Providing outreach support
- Providing emotional support to the families from the point of diagnosis

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#### **Achievements and Performance**

2017 saw us celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a milestone we were honoured and proud to mark with a joint parliamentary reception at Holyrood, on the 6<sup>th</sup> September, alongside our colleagues from the Scottish Council on Deafness who were celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

This was followed by a celebration at our Annual General Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October, which we were delighted to share and celebrate with more of our families, staff, trustees, volunteers, colleagues and fundraisers. We also proudly announced the relaunch of the Endeavour Award (formerly May Neeson Award) and the new, Scottish Council on Deafness (SCoD now deafscotland) Sportsmanship Award. The entries received for the Awards were inspiring and confirmation of what our deaf young people can achieve with the right support in place. The challenges overcome, and successes achieved should absolutely be celebrated and we look forward to receiving this year's nominations.

It has again been a challenging year as we strive to provide the best service possible to all our deaf children, young people and their families. During the year, the charity succeeded in supporting even more families. The family officers, who deliver a vital lifeline to families, handled:

- Over 1650 telephone calls, 869 emails & 341 Facebook requests for emotional support, information and advice and sign-posting.
- The family officers also made 191 visits to families at home or in a neutral setting.
- Made contact with 38 new families.
- Attended 32 meetings, or reviews, relating to Education.
- Supported 16 families to successfully claim DLA or PIP.

Our Resource Worker continues to support both the Administrator and Family Support Officer, with training being an ongoing venture. This has had a positive impact on the workload and taken some of the stress off other staff. The role has also resulted in a positive impact on our provision to the children, young people and the families we serve. In addition, this provides capacity and succession planning for our charity. The Resource Worker will continue to develop our ability to reach more families and help us create structure and processes which will help us meet the diverse needs of families we support into the future.

Our closed Facebook groups (one for our parents/carers and one for our young people) continue to thrive and have been a very useful tool in reaching our families and giving them a new way to seek support (not only from staff but also from each other). Our Twitter Account also remains a useful tool and we have recently seen an increase in our followers from 41 to 74. Whilst it has been a useful method of communication, it has also allowed us to tap into information from other deaf organisations. Social media is a medium we will continue to use and develop in order to help us achieve our goals and support our families.

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#### Highlights and Activities

Over the past 12 months we have also provided:

**Mini Saturday Club** (for our 0 – 5 age group): We have provided 18 opportunities for our younger children to come together in a relaxed and fun environment and lent our support and assistance to a fortnightly Toddlers Group being run by Hamilton School for the Deaf at an additional 11 events. We started our Mini Saturday Club on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017. They meet every two weeks during term time and offer our families, with younger children, the opportunity to meet with other families whilst sharing fun activities. This has been invaluable for providing a support network for the parents, and a peer group for the children, particularly for those who are at the early stages & whose children have been newly or recently diagnosed.

**Fun/Sign Activity Saturday Club** (for all primary school aged children): We have provided 30 outings or activities between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018. These have included technology days; a drama workshop; an arts and crafts workshop; a trip to Dynamic Earth; a music workshop and even learned some circus skills. The Saturday Club is made possible by funding from the Better Breaks Short Break Fund.

**Our Youth Group** (for all secondary aged pupils and beyond): We have provided 30 outings or activities between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 including quiz & games nights; circus skills workshop; visits from the police; a Halloween party; movie night, Valentine's disco and a sleepover at the Sea Life Centre. The Youth Group is made possible by funding from the Better Breaks Short Break Fund.

**Football Tournaments:** Again this year we were delighted to be involved in supporting, what has become, an annual football tournament for nursery & primary school pupils, organised by the Sensory Service for Ayrshire & the Scottish Football Association. This year 150 children attended Somerset Park for a fun football event which included skills training, mini games and lots of fun! In June, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual West Scotland Deaf Children's Society / Glasgow Deaf Athletic Football Club Inter School football tournament, for secondary pupils, was once again hotly contested by 8 teams. They had lots of supporters cheering them on including current & former, deaf students; teachers; and family members. The triumphant team were last year's champions 'RenAyr' who were awarded the trophy along with a commemorative plate which they will get to keep. They will retain the trophy for a year and then return to defend their title at our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament in 2019. Other awards were presented for Player of the Tournament and Top Goal Scorer and medals were presented to all participants (including those who helped organise and run the event).

There are some very talented players and the games are highly competitive, but the best part was seeing the young people all come together, feeling comfortable and having fun with their friends. The events are a great opportunity for them to socialise. Communicating in a variety of ways, in an environment where they feel welcomed, supported and a rare occasion where our deaf young people are in the majority and have no need to feel alone or isolated. The 2017 football tournament was funded by an Awards for All Lottery Grant.

**Summer Trips:** (for all deaf children and their families): In partnership with the Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society, we had three very successful Summer trips. The first was to the Odeon Cinema followed by a meal at Cook & Indi's World Buffet; the second was to Ayr Farm Park, and after being disappointed by Cineworld, we had another trip to the Odeon Cinema followed by a visit to the Science Centre. The children, young people and their families thoroughly enjoyed all the trips we offered, making the most of the opportunity to come together and have fun. The summer trips were supported by funding from an Awards for All Lottery grant received by the Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society.

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**Fun Day Out/Sports Day.** We also organised a fun day out, again in partnership with the Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society, for our families. We all went to the cinema to see the new Thor movie which both the kids and adults thoroughly enjoyed. Parents and Carers said how much they appreciate being able to attend the cinema with other people who understand the needs and behaviours of their child.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June we held a Sports/Fun Day which included a variety of races, competitions, football, Nerf guns, archery, a barbecue, bouncy castle and visits from cartoon characters. The police and fire service also stopped by to support us and meet the families.

**Halloween & Christmas Events:** Both the Saturday Club and the Youth Group held Halloween parties which saw our children and young people wearing some amazing costumes, playing fun games and showing off their dance moves. We also held a big Christmas party at Pollokshaws Burgh Hall alongside the Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society. There was a magician, Bollywood dancers, a DJ, delicious pizza and Indian food and even a special visit from Santa! And of course, we attended two pantomimes to cater to all ages: The first being 'One More Sleep 'Til Christmas' at the Citizens Theatre and then 'Alice In Weegieland' at the Tron. The Christmas party was funded by the SMDCS Awards for All Lottery grant; and we received selection boxes, gifts and refreshments courtesy of the Co-operative Union Street and Sauchiehall Street stores and were delighted to be joined on the day by some of their staff. The panto trips were made possible by the generosity of the Better Breaks Short break Fund and the Tron's Pay It Forward scheme.

**Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year 2017:** On the 28<sup>th</sup> October, we held our AGM and a special Anniversary Celebration afterwards. We had party food, magicians, a clown, a face-painter, a glitter tattoo/special effects makeup artist and a huge raffle. We also presented awards to some of our children who were nominated for a great personal achievement. A great day was had by all, again providing our families an opportunity to socialise with friends and make new ones and to be in an understanding and fun environment.

All our activities continue to be well attended and so important to the children, young people and parents who attend – for some a lifeline! The importance of having the opportunity to meet up on a regular basis cannot be overstated. Our young people are involved in the planning and advertising of the activities and take great pride and ownership of their clubs. The respite gained from the loneliness and isolation often experienced and the value in achieving a strong deaf identity is so important. Particularly for those who have no peer group in their own school or local area.

Similarly, the parents/carers gain so much from the clubs & events. We know that they appreciate the unique empathic support and advice they receive from our staff, trustees and volunteers. However, in addition they gain support from each other. They get the opportunity to meet up with people who are experiencing the same problems on a daily basis and many become firm friends and will meet up or keep in touch by telephone or Facebook outwith the events.

WSDCS receive no statutory funding and it is only with the very generous and continued support of the following, within this financial year, that make our work possible.



## WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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#### Funding

Grants and Donations were received from:

The Better Breaks Short Break Fund, Co-op Community Fund, NDCS Local Groups Grant, Anne R Jolly Trust, Andrew Paton Charitable Trust, Ronald Miller Foundation, Souter Charitable Trust, Cruden Foundation, Glasgow Clyde College, Claremont Friendship Club, Templeton Private Bowling Club (Finlay Boyd Memorial), C & D MacTaggart Client Legacy, Jennifer Frater & Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Una Syme Legacy, Trinity High School Fund, John Wilson in memory of his late Aunt Elspeth Maxwell Morrison, Bank of Scotland Staff Matched Funding, Maria Speirs & family in memory of her Dad, Laburnum Nursery Centre, George Finnie in memory of his late father Andrew, City of Glasgow College, J A Carrick & family in memory of her Aunt, Jean Glen, Glasgow Clyde College, Elinor Vincent memorial, Martin McCluskey, and from many fundraising & sponsored events by our supporters, members and their families:

Allan Etherington & family, Ashleigh Purves Skydive, Clare Phillips Stirling Marathon, Lauren Kay (Titan Crane), Linda Mooney & Clydesdale Bank, Colin Mackie (Great Scottish Run), Erin Bowie (cut her long hair to raise funds & donated hair to another charity), Helen S Craik, Joanna Wilson & Gerhard May Plant Sale, Lyn Robson with her Family & Friends Fundraiser, George Finnie, Jacqueline Devlin & colleagues, Marion Boyd, Irene Carmichael, Wilson, Gregor, Stewart & Robert Leggett (NC 500 Cycling Challenge), The team from the Abbey Mill Run Club and donations from our members and families.


#### Financial Review

The charity's income for the year amounted to £67,659 (2017: £65,080) which is made up of mainly grants and donations, with minimal gift aid and investment income.

- Reserves Policy

All reserves of the charity are unrestricted. It is policy for the charity to maintain unrestricted reserves of approximately £56,000. Current unrestricted reserves are £101,635 (2017:£125,120).

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

  
Name: E Lyon

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE  
TRUSTEES OF WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY  
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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on page 9 to 12.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Simon A Murrison BA CA  
Murrison & Wilson Limited  
10 Newton Terrace  
Charing Cross  
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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Charitable Grants	-	23,020	23,020	10,302
Donations	24,071	-	24,071	24,191
Gift Aid	547	-	547	869
Fundraising income	739	-	739	1,835
Interest income	43	-	43	369
Investment income	1,020	-	1,020	6,873
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-
Activity income	3,219	-	3,219	641
Legacy income	15,000	-	15,000	20,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<u>44,639</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>67,659</u>	<u>65,080</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Staff costs	52,831	-	52,831	48,607
Operating costs	12,644	23,663	36,307	27,950
Bank Charges	128	-	128	32
Investment management fees	126	-	126	110
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
Independent examination & bookkeeping fees	2,394	-	2,394	2,153
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>68,123</u>	<u>23,663</u>	<u>91,786</u>	<u>78,852</u>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for year</b>	<u>(23,484)</u>	<u>(643)</u>	<u>(24,127)</u>	<u>(13,772)</u>

**WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**  
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2018**

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>					
Opening balances		125,119	2,419	127,538	141,310
(Deficit)/Surplus for year		<u>(23,484)</u>	<u>(643)</u>	<u>(24,127)</u>	<u>(13,772)</u>
Closing balances		<u>101,635</u>	<u>1,776</u>	<u>103,411</u>	<u>127,538</u>
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>1</b>			11,623	3,266
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2</b>			2,170	2,170
<b>Investments</b>	<b>3</b>			41,437	40,543
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>4</b>			3,619	3,619

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

  
 Name: E Lyon

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018**

**1. Debtors**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gift Aid	547	869
Trade Debtors	404	-
GCVS	10,672	2,397
	<u>11,623</u>	<u>3,266</u>

**2. Liabilities**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rent	1,125	1,125
Telephone	95	95
Independent examiners fee	950	950
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>2,170</u>

**3. Investments**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Market Value	40,543	33,780
Disposal of investments at market value	-	-
Additions	-	-
Revaluations	894	6,763
Closing Market Value	<u>41,437</u>	<u>40,543</u>
Historical Cost	<u>31,970</u>	<u>31,970</u>

**4. Other assets**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Office furniture, fittings & equipment at cost	<u>3,619</u>	<u>3,619</u>

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**5. Related Party Transactions**

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2017: Nil).

Travel expenses totalling £621 (2017: £610) were reimbursed to 1 (2017: 1) trustee during the year.

**6. Funds**

	<b>Movement in Funds</b>				
	<b>Balance at 01 Apr 2017</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 Mar 2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General funds	125,119	44,639	68,123	-	101,636
	<u>125,119</u>	<u>44,639</u>	<u>68,123</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,636</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Better Breaks (2017/18)	7	16,953	17,059	-	(99)
Awards for All	2,412	4,998	6,604	-	806
NDCS	-	500	-	-	500
City of Glasgow College	-	569	-	-	569
	<u>2,419</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>23,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,776</u>
	<u>127,538</u>	<u>67,659</u>	<u>91,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,412</u>

**Better Breaks**

Funding towards the Saturday Club, Youth Group and St Roch projects and includes donations / income received from clubs.

**Awards for All**

Funding for Summer Trips and two Fun Days for the children and their families.

**NDCS**

Local Groups Grant towards the cost of the Football Tournament.