

Registered Charity No: SC012285

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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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
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Charity Registration Number: SC012285

Trustees:

P Boyce	
P Clark	(Retired 22/11/21)
P Dillon	(Appointed 15/06/21)
E Docherty	
F Dolan	(Honorary President) (Retired 22/11/21)
H Gray	(Chair)
S Leggett	
W Leggett	(Vice Chair)
E Lyon	(Retired 15/06/21)
C McClafferty	(Retired 08/09/21)
E McCluskey	
Rachel O'Rourke	
Rebecca O'Rourke	
K Ryan	(Appointed 05/12/21)
H Young	(Appointed 22/11/21)

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WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the Receipts and Payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The legal and administrative information on page 1 forms part of the report.

Chairman's Report

2021 – 22 has been another year of challenge for West Scotland Deaf Children's Society (WSDCS) and for the children and families we support. Our team continued to work remotely until November 2021, returning to hybrid working. Carol Campbell retired in February 2022. Lesley Winning started in post as Finance and Administration Officer in November 2021. The Trustees would like to record their thanks for Carol Campbell's years of service to the charity.

Covid-19 continued to disproportionately impact deaf children with many isolating due to complex health care needs. This has had an impact on emotional and physical wellbeing. Support mechanisms and medical and other appointments continued to be virtual, creating challenges and delaying screening for many children which has had a detrimental impact on their education and learning. WSDCS continued its varied and comprehensive online programme of activities through its thrice-weekly Kids' Club and weekly Youth Group. These groups have been positive, building skills, confidence and connections for deaf children and young people. They will remain a core area of delivery for young people moving forwards and consultation responses have been positive.

The CRIDE (Consortium of Research in Deaf Education) Report 2021 was published on 10 April 2022 and states that there are 2,841 deaf children in Scotland. This is ostensibly a 2% drop in numbers from 2020 but this may be due to inconsistencies in reporting by schools and delays in screening.

Demand for our Family Support work and online clubs continued to rise. We continued to work in partnership with other organisations to deliver online support and services to deaf children and young people and their families in the West of Scotland.

We have had the support of several funders during 2021-22 including Children in Need and Better Breaks. We are thankful to them and to all other funders and individuals who donated to WSDCS. We continue to be proud of our Living Wage Accredited Provider Status and that we pay all staff the real SLW (Scottish Living Wage).

Families have continued to benefit from the range of services available to them and to their children offered by WSDCS. According to CRIDE 2021, 81% of deaf children attend mainstream schools, 20% of whom have additional special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents. Our Family Support Officers continued to provide practical and emotional support to families following early or first diagnosis of Deafness and continue to do this up to the age of 25. We have reached out to many new families during this period and we continue to see a high demand for services and support. We continue to work with National Deaf Children's Society to provide comprehensive support to deaf children and their families in the West of Scotland.

WSDCS is grateful to the many people who have fundraised for and supported us through 2021-22 and thank everyone who took part in the virtual Kiltwalk in April 2021.

The Trustees would like to note particular thanks to our hard-working, dedicated team – Carol Campbell, Iain Campbell, Charlene Dolan and Lesley Winning. The Trustees would also like to thank Frances Dolan who resigned as Honorary President at the AGM 2021.

It was with sadness that we learned of the untimely death of Pat Clark, longstanding Trustee, volunteer and friend. We are pleased that Pat's name lives on through the Pat Clark Volunteer Award.

Further thanks are due to The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, particularly Janis McDonald, who continued to offer support and guidance to WSDCS.

Heather Gray
Chair of West of Scotland Deaf Children's Society.

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Trustees

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

P Boyce
P Clark (Retired 22/11/21)
P Dillon (Appointed 15/6/21)
E Docherty
F Dolan (Honorary President) (Retired 22/11/21)
H Gray (Chair)
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W Leggett (Vice Chair)
E Lyon (Retired 15/6/21)
E McCluskey
R O'Rourke
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K Ryan (Appointed 5/10/21)
C McClafferty (Assoc) (Retired 8/9/21)
H Young (Appointed 22/11/21)

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 10th 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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Achievements and Performance

West Scotland Deaf Children's Society (WSDCS) held its AGM on 22 November 2021 via Zoom for the second year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Fun Day and family participation were unfortunately cancelled.

The Family Support Service during this year was a combination of Zoom at the start of the year when the country was still in lockdown and face to face towards the end of the year as we slowly moved out of lockdown. Clubs continued to be held virtually which worked well for our young people, especially for those who have underlying health problems or who are geographically isolated. Staff continued to work at home until November 2021, then on a hybrid basis from November onwards, becoming more office-based by year end March 2022.

Four of our trustees retired in FY 21-22: Pat Clark, Frances Dolan (Honorary President), Liz Lyon and Claire McClafferty. Sadly, Pat Clark passed away in February 2022 and she will be missed by so many people. Three new trustees joined our Board: Pauline Dillon, Kerry Ryan and Heather Young.

We collaborated and worked in partnership with Hamilton School for the Deaf and Elderbank Primary School, providing fun and educational virtual workshops. We also partnered with St Roch's Secondary School Club for Kids, sharing Better Breaks funding with them. Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society continued to be a close associate, signposting families to our Family Support Service. We also continued to provide support to peripatetic Teachers of the Deaf in the West of Scotland. We have continued our working relationship with The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland, information sharing with each other and maintaining the close working relationships with staff that we previously had with deafscotland.

2021-22 continued to be a challenging year for deaf young people, with a slower return to normality due to the continuing impact of the pandemic on mental health and anxiety about Covid-19 within the deaf community due to the lack of access to information for deaf people. Due to the pandemic, audiology appointments are less frequent than pre-Covid, with hearing aids and cochlear implants allegedly only being maintained every 5 years on average instead of every 3 years. Parents now have an average waiting time of 4 – 6 months for a first hearing assessment for their child.

WSDCS uses the following social media to communicate: Facebook (closed groups for families and young people), Twitter (for the wider community), Instagram and Facebook Messenger.

Highlights and Activities

Over the past 12 months, we have also provided:

Kids' Zoom Club:

- for pre-school and primary school-aged deaf children and their siblings, even pets!
- Thrice-weekly - every week except bank holidays and Christmas period
- craft and activity packs posted out
- PVG-certified staff and BSL/English interpreters
- Many different types of activities and workshops such as quizzes, arts and crafts, games, making journals, stories and themed activities
- Children taking control of their club and deciding on activities

Zoom Youth Group

- For secondary school-aged young people and their siblings
- Weekly - every week except bank holidays and Christmas period
- Many different activities such as video games, competitions, board games and quizzes
- Supportive and friendly group

All the young people supported and encouraged each other throughout the year. The numbers attending the clubs has decreased since December 2021 when mainstream clubs started to go back to normal face to face gatherings. WSDCS hopes to return to face to face clubs from August 2022.

Football Tournament

This was cancelled for 2021 due to the pandemic.

Summer Trips

These were cancelled for 2021. It is anticipated that they will go ahead in Summer 2022. However, online clubs were in high demand over summer 2021 and were very well attended.

Cinema Trips

These were also cancelled for 2021.

Glasgow Life Museums

WSDCS is planning to restart these fun and educational trips in 2022-23.

Hallowe'en and Christmas Events on Zoom

- Hallowe'en activities
- Party and dressing up
- Quiz
- Arts and crafts
- Christmas parties
- Santa visit!
- Christmas Family Quiz
- Christmas Signing Advent Calendar on YouTube and Facebook
- Signed Christmas Pantomime, 'Cinderella', at the King's Theatre Glasgow. First time since December 2019!

Kiltwalk 2021

This was a virtual Kiltwalk for families and individuals within their own area due to travel restrictions under the pandemic lockdown. People cycled, walked, ran and even climbed mountains to raise a total of £9,518.13 for WSDCS. Fundraisers included staff members Carol, Charlene and Iain and also Lindsey and Donald Cameron, Rachel Docherty, Lottie Dolan, Nikki Dunipace, Sarah Forrester, Heather Gray, Zoe Hopper, Stewart, Stephanie, Jasper and Juno Leggett, Laura McLean, Natalie Patrick, Kerry, John, Ellie and Rebecca Ryan and Emma, Byron, Maia and Oscar Sharp. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kiltwalk, donated to and supported WSDCS.

The service provided by WSDCS has been entirely made possible by grants, donations, and sponsorship from all those listed under funding at the end of this report. All have contributed to the events and family support detailed throughout, for which we are extremely grateful.

AGM 2021

WSDCS' AGM was again held during a Covid-19 lockdown on Zoom. Formal proceedings were conducted, accounts approved and the Board re-elected. An updated video of 'WSDCS in Lockdown' was shown. Pat Clark and Frances Dolan resigned at the meeting. Liz Lyon, Karen McCulloch and Claire McClafferty had already resigned during this year. All other existing members confirmed their intention to remain on the Board and new members are Pauline Dillon, Kerry Ryan and Heather Young. Lesley Winning was introduced as new Finance and Administration Officer, taking over from Carol Campbell who retired in February 2022. Communication at our AGM was supported by our BSL/English interpreters Nikki Dunipace and Sarah Forrester with live captioning, notetaking and recording of minutes by Electronic Notetaker Andrena McMenemy.

Awards

WSDCS awards have been renamed to honour Pat Clark and Frances Dolan. The Star Volunteer Award is now to be known as the Pat Clark Volunteer Award. The Endeavour Award will now be known as the Frances Dolan Endeavour Award.

Virtual Activities in Schools

During the continuing pandemic and lockdowns, we still managed to maintain contact with schools, especially St Roch's Secondary School. WSDCS supported its after school club by providing a share of

the funds from Better Breaks Short Break Fund. Towards the end of FY 21-22, we started to organise face to face meetings in schools and organisations with the hope of continuing to do this in FY22-23.

BSL Classes

BSL classes on Zoom continued in November and December 2021, culminating in a session of Christmas songs, all of which was funded by the Pavers Foundation and Tesco 'Bags of Help' Grant. The classes continued to have a family-centred approach. Videos of new signs were shared with attendees using WeTransfer so that families could practise between sessions. WSDCS continued to use YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Messenger and Instagram to share our events and news and to communicate with our members. New material and BSL videos, which were subtitled and voiced over by a BSL/English interpreter, were made and added to YouTube weekly to support the classes and aid practice at home.

Funding

Grants and donations, which helped to fund our clubs, Family Support, BSL classes and core costs, were received during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 from:

Better Breaks Shared Care Scotland, BBC Children in Need Next Steps, Andrew Paton Charitable Trust, Pavers Charitable Foundation, Ladies East Renfrewshire Golf Club, Magic Little Grant Postcode Lottery, Amazon Europe Core, Baillie Gifford, Arnold Clark Monthly Raffle Foundation, Scottish Midland, Virgin Money Foundation, Anne R Jolly Trust, Mary HT Robertson, Bank of Scotland Reach Foundation, Glasgow Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, Foundation Scotland.

Many donations are received through JustGiving, Payroll Giving, Charities Aid Foundation, The Kiltwalk, Connect Us Too, Charitable Giving.

Anne Halpin, Heather Young, Magalie Chaussat, Emma Sharp, C & J Jamieson, David Lyon, N & F Ali, Yvonne Nicholl, Aitchison, S & D Henderson, K Campbell, F Dolan, S Hughes, J Chisholm, W & I Rutherglen, Joanna Wilson, Rachel and Rebecca O'Rourke, C & F Richardson, David Gillespie, G May & J Wilson, E & SI Hutchinson, Leigh McDicken, F McClafferty, T/K McCulloch, David Morton, Scott Grant, L & D Cameron.

Thank you also to all the members who donated towards the panto trip. This helps us to provide more activities for deaf children and young people and is greatly appreciated.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to WSDCS during the FY21-22.

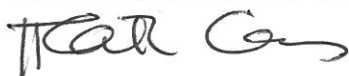
Financial Review

The charity's income for the year amounted to £115,891 (2021: £99,303) 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 £41,268 (2021: £62,841). The Trustees note that the unrestricted reserves are currently sitting below £56,000, which is below the organisation's requirement of 6 months' running costs. The Trustees recognise the impact of COVID-19 on reserves and will be focusing on driving up reserves to 6 months' running costs in financial year 2023 as part of the strategic priorities.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:



Name: Heather Gray, Chair

Date: 19 October 2022.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

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.

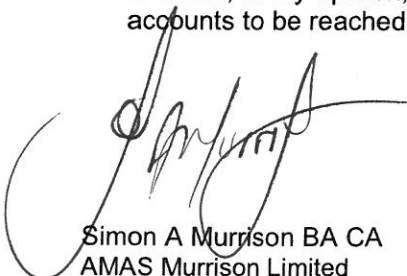
Independent examiner's statement

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.



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Date:

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Receipts				
Charitable Grants	-	82,979	82,979	82,049
Donations	13,149	1,000	14,149	11,279
Gift Aid	228	-	228	313
Fundraising income	10,163	4,360	14,523	5,649
Interest income	4	-	4	13
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-
Activity income	-	-	-	-
Legacy income	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	<u>23,544</u>	<u>88,339</u>	<u>111,883</u>	<u>99,303</u>
Payments				
Staff costs	38,256	51,294	89,550	81,167
Operating costs	4,269	11,986	16,255	18,744
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-
Investment management fees	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
Independent examination & bookkeeping fees	2,592	-	2,592	2,694
Total Payments	<u>45,117</u>	<u>63,280</u>	<u>108,397</u>	<u>102,605</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>(21,573)</u>	<u>25,059</u>	<u>3,486</u>	<u>(3,302)</u>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank and cash in hand					
Opening balances		62,841	11,620	74,461	77,763
(Deficit)/Surplus for year		(21,573)	25,059	5,445	(3,302)
Closing balances		<u>41,268</u>	<u>36,679</u>	<u>77,947</u>	<u>74,461</u>
Debtors	1			524	4,019
Liabilities	2			2,170	2,170
Other assets	3			3,619	3,619

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:


 Name: Heather Gray

Date:

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid	228	313
Trade Debtors		
GCVS	296	3,706
	<u>524</u>	<u>4,019</u>

2. Liabilities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Rent	1,125	1,125
Telephone	95	95
Independent examiners fee	950	950
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>2,170</u>

3. Other assets

	2022	2021
	£	£
Office furniture, fittings & equipment at cost	<u>3,619</u>	<u>3,619</u>

4. Related Party Transactions

No Trustees received any remuneration during the year (2021: Nil).

Travel expenses totalling £0 (2021: £99) were reimbursed to 0 (2021: 1) trustee during the year.

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

5. Funds

	Movement in Funds				Balance at 31 Mar 2022
	Balance at 01 Apr 2021	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	62,841	23,544	45,117	-	41,268
	<u>62,841</u>	<u>23,544</u>	<u>45,117</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,268</u>
Restricted Funds					
Better Breaks (2020/21 2021/22)	4,308	5,000	8,419		889
Bank of Scotland/Foundation Scot	-	12,500	2,552		9,948
NDCS	500	-	-		500
Scotmid	-	5,000	-		5,000
GCC Mental Health	-	10,000	-		10,000
Tesco	1,000	-	815		185
BBC Children in need	-	48,479	48,479		-
PF Charitable Trust	483	-	483		-
City of Glasgow College	284	-	284		-
Localgiving – Magic Little Grant	-	500	417		83
Pavers Charitable Trust	-	1,500	786		714
Raising Trust	45	-	45		-
Baillie Gifford	-	1,000	1,000		-
Connect Us Too	-	4,360	-		4,360
Community Fund- Co-op	5,000	-	-		5,000
	<u>11,620</u>	<u>88,339</u>	<u>63,280</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,679</u>
	<u>74,461</u>	<u>111,883</u>	<u>108,397</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,947</u>

Tesco Bags of Help – Funding towards BSL lessons, classes and videos

NDCS Combined Grant – Resources for Youth Group

Better Breaks (2021-22) - Funding towards the Saturday club, youth group and St Roch's Secondary School projects. Includes donations/income received from clubs

Children in Need – Funding towards staff salaries

Magic Little Grant – Resources for clubs

Better Breaks 2020-21 – First Aid Training

Bank of Scotland Reach Foundation – Funding towards Team Lead Salary

Scotmid – Funding towards club resources

Glasgow Community Mental Health – Funding towards Youth Group 16+

Better Breaks 2022-23 – Funding towards club resources

Community Fund A4All – Funding towards club outings

Connect Us Too – Deaf mental health training

Pavers Charitable Foundation – Funding towards BSL lessons, classes and videos

