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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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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	(Vice Chair) (Appointed 05/11/22)
P Dillon	(Unappointed 10/04/2023)
E Docherty	
A Donati	(Appointed 12/04/2022)
H Gray	(Co-Chair)
S Leggett	
W Leggett	
E McCluskey	
Rachel O'Rourke	
Rebecca O'Rourke	
K Ryan	
H Young	(Co-Chair) (Appointed 05/11/22)

Independent Examiners: AMAS Murrison Limited
Chartered Accountants
10 Newton Terrace
Charing Cross
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WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the Receipts and Payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The legal and administrative information on page 1 forms part of the report.

Co-Chairs' Report

2022 – 23 has been another year of challenge for West Scotland Deaf Children's Society (WSDCS) and for the children and families we support. Many deaf children are still recovering from the disruption to their education and support that resulted from the COVID pandemic and the services that WSDCS offer play a vital role in addressing those challenges and helping deaf children and their families get targeted support. The profile of income and increased competition for grant funding has meant that our income is made up of a larger number of smaller grants together with regular giving and fundraising income. We are very grateful to all our funders, our staff and our fundraisers for the great result that has sustained our services during this time. We did, however, have restricted funding to cover club costs. We received small donations and grants from funders consistently throughout the year. The Trustees are pleased to report that levels of service have been sustained.

WSDCS has noted the ongoing social, emotional and wellbeing impacts of the pandemic. This has had a continuing impact on emotional and physical wellbeing and our services focus was on this key area. Support mechanisms and medical and other appointments continued to be virtual until well into 2022, 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 now twice-weekly Kids' Club and weekly Youth Group. These groups continue to be positive, building skills, confidence and friendships for deaf children and young people. They will remain a core area of delivery for young people moving forwards. The Kids' Club returned to in person activities on Saturdays in September 2022 with a Welcome Back party, followed by other activity days and trips which focused on building connections, alliances and confidence.

We have continued to work closely with the National Deaf Children's Society as they too emerge from COVID with a refreshed approach to delivery of specialist care and support. To date, there has been no CRIDE (Consortium of Research in Deaf Education) Report Scotland published in 2023, however we remain focused on key themes which indicate reducing numbers of teachers of the deaf and increasing number of deaf children. Closing the attainment gap remains a key area of focus.

Demand for our Family Support work 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. Our Trustees recognised the importance of a return to face to face and school based support which the team has progressed.

We have had the support of several funders during 2022 -23 including Shared Care Scotland Better Breaks and Glasgow Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. We are thankful to them and to all other funders and individuals who donated to WSDCS. Funders and individual donors are named and thanked in the Report of the Trustees. 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.

The majority of deaf children are born to hearing parents. Our Family Support Officer continued to provide practical and emotional support to families following early or first diagnosis of Deafness and continues 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 and other agencies to provide comprehensive support to deaf children and their families in the West of Scotland. Seeking ways to ensure appropriate referrals and effective partnership working across the sector have been key areas of priority.

WSDCS is grateful to the many people who have fundraised for and supported WSDCS through 2022-23 and thanks everyone who took part in the Kiltwalk in April 2022 and other challenges, giving up their time and energy.

The Trustees continued to meet online with a focus on transitioning back to face to face meetings. The Trustees also acknowledged and set plans to review the strategic direction of WSDCS, recognizing the changes as we emerge from a period of change.

The Trustees would like to note particular thanks to our hard-working, dedicated staff team – Iain Campbell, Charlene Dolan and Lesley Winning.

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

Heather Young

Heather Gray Heather Young
Co-Chairs of West Scotland Deaf Children's Society

Date: 9th October 2023

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Trustees

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

P Boyce (Vice Chair) (Appointed 05/11/2022)
P Dillon (Unappointed 10/04/2023)
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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 2023

Achievements and Performance

West Scotland Deaf Children's Society (WSDCS) held its AGM on 5 November 2022 at St Mirin's Hall in Paisley in person for the first time since November 2019. The Family Fun Day to complement the AGM went ahead after the AGM and was attended by over 80 families. This included the family of late Trustee Pat Clarke who dedicated so much time to the development of the organisation.

The Family Support Service moved to meeting people face to face as restrictions were lifted which was well received by families. Clubs continued to be held on Zoom and, from September 2022, clubs also returned to face to face activities with a Welcome Party where deaf children were very happy to connect with friends, volunteers and staff. Zoom Youth Group sessions also worked well for our young people, especially for those who have underlying health problems or who are geographically isolated.

We collaborated and worked in partnership with Hamilton School for the Deaf and Elderbank Primary School, providing fun and educational 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 was dissolved in 2022 but the mantle was handed to WSDCS who inherited its members and remaining funds. 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. We continue to work closely with National Deaf Children's Society and are grateful for their support.

WSDCS uses the following social media to communicate: Facebook (with a closed group for families and young people), Twitter (for the wider community), Instagram and Facebook Messenger. The organisation saw followers increase and our profile raised.

Highlights and Activities

Over the past 12 months, we have provided:

Kids' Club:

- for pre-school and primary school-aged deaf children and their siblings
- Twice weekly on Zoom
- Once weekly face to face except during school holiday periods
- craft and activity packs are sent out to children to aid participation
- 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 on Zoom
- Activities in person included Welcome, Hallowe'en and Christmas parties, Fun Day, Christmas cake decorating and arts and crafts, trips to WonderWorld soft play, Hollywood Bowl, Glasgow Science Centre, AirThrill and a cinema trip for a specially subtitled showing of Puss in Boots
- Children taking control of their club and co-producing the programme, shape and review.

Youth Group

- For secondary school-aged young people and their siblings
- Weekly even during school and college holidays, except Christmas period
- Many different activities such as video games, competitions, board games and quizzes on Zoom
- Prizes and awards for young people
- In person activities included 2 cinema trips to see subtitled films at Vue Cinema, football tournament, M&Ds Theme Park, Hollywood Bowl
- 16 deaf young people supported individually with specific issues
- Supportive and friendly group

We continue to provide Kids' Club and Youth Group on Zoom to support those children and young people who are geographically isolated or for whom it would be too time-consuming to travel to a club. The Kids' Club is now meeting in person and the Youth Group meets in person for trips and activities.

Football Tournament

This went ahead in 2022 at Pro-Soccer Rouken Glen with a high number of schools and young people taking part.

Summer Trips

Summer trips were back on for 2022 with trips organised to M&Ds Theme Park, Five Sisters Zoo and Inflatation. Coach travel was arranged for two trips which were difficult to access by public transport. The summer trips proved to be extremely popular and well attended by deaf children, young people and their families. They served to bring people together, to expand experiences and focus on wellbeing and fun.

Cinema Trips

Two cinema trips were arranged for the Youth Group and one cinema trip for the Kids' Club. All three films were subtitled to allow equal access to the latest films for our deaf children and young people. Thank you to Vue Cinemas for their deaf awareness.

Glasgow Life Museums

In October 2022, our first return trip to Riverside Museum went ahead with a museum tour and activity sessions. This was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Further sessions are planned at Glasgow Life museums for 2023 – 24. Thank you to Rachel Leckie at Glasgow Life with whom we have worked consistently closely for several years.

Hallowe'en and Christmas Events

- Hallowe'en party at the Adelphi Centre
- Christmas cake decorating delivered by Lynette Daly, parent of a deaf child
- Christmas arts and crafts
- Christmas party
- Hollywood Bowl trip
- Santa's visit to the Christmas party. Thank you to Oliver Kerr.
- Signed Christmas Pantomime, 'Beauty and the Beast', at the King's Theatre, Glasgow.

Kiltwalk 2022

This was the first in person Kiltwalk since before the Covid pandemic lockdowns. A total of £9004.67 was raised for WSDCS. Fundraisers included staff members Iain, Charlene and Lesley and also Chris and Gillian Carruthers and family, Rachel Docherty, Joe McGhee, Kim McMillan, Beth McMillan, Nicola Wilson, Wilson Leggett, Yasmin Esson, Scott Grant, Michael Byers, Danni McMeekin, Daniel Bryers, Kai McMeekin, Travis McMeekin, Stacey Wright, Vivianne Waddell and her family. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Kiltwalk and to those who donated to and supported WSDCS.

JustGiving 2022 - 23

Donations received in 2022 – 23 via JustGiving totaled £3532.65 including Gift Aid. This includes some Kiltwalk donations for Kiltwalk 2023. Thank you to those who fundraised for us through JustGiving.

AGM 2022

WSDCS' AGM was held in person at St Mirin's Hall in Paisley on Saturday 5 November 2022. Formal proceedings were conducted, accounts approved and the Board re-elected. Lucy Handley from our accountants Ammu (Amas Murrison Ltd.) attended to present the accounts. This was followed by a Fun Day attended by many of our families where a buffet lunch was served. The children and young people could have their faces painted, make 'magic' potions, meet Disney princesses, take part in games, win prizes and be entertained by a magician. Communication at our AGM was supported by our BSL/English interpreters Nikki Dunipace and Sarah Forrester with notetaking and recording of minutes by Electronic Notetaker Jackie Donati. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and services including the Board of Trustees, Make A Smile and Paula Burns at Balloon Box.

Awards

WSDCS awards were presented at our AGM. The Pat Clark Volunteer Award was presented to Arlene Slimmon and the Frances Dolan Endeavour Award was presented to Raihanna Rasouli.

Activities in Schools

Twenty school visits to schools in East Ayrshire, Glasgow, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire were undertaken throughout the year 2022 – 23. Deaf awareness and some introductory British Sign Language was delivered by our Family Support Officer, with the support of her BSL/English interpreter, and information about the charity was shared, thus promoting our activities and services. These visits lead to better engagement with schools, building up our relationships with teachers, children and parents.

Funding

Grants and donations from funders, which helped to fund our clubs, deaf young people over 16, Family Support, BSL classes and core costs, were received during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 from:

Agnes Hunter Trust (for FY 2023-24), Albert Hunt Trust, All Saints Retail, Andrew Paton's Charitable Trust, Anne R Jolly Charitable Trust, Archer Trust, Bank of Scotland Reach, Better Breaks Shared Care Scotland, Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired, Forty Clothing & Kara Gillespie, Glasgow Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund (received in FY 21-22), Hedley Foundation, Miss E C Hendry Charitable Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation, National Deaf Children's Society, Paristamen Charity, Ronald Miller Foundation, Scottish Minority Deaf Children's Society, Scripture Union, Stafford Trust, T C Young Solicitors (Isabel McArthur deceased), Templeton Bowling Club.

Other donations are received through Payroll Giving, Charities Aid Foundation, Amazon Europe Core and we thank everyone who donated via these.

Individual donors in 2022 – 23 were Aitchison, N Ali, S Allan, L Cameron, K Campbell, P Cassidy, M Chaussat, A & S Dickie, F Dolan, A S Etherington, D Gillespie, S Grant, A Halpin, D Henderson, S & D Henderson, S Hughes, E & S Hutchinson, C & L Jackson-Jamieson, F Kerr, D Lyon, A MacFarlane, G May & J Wilson, L McDicken, M McGhee, D Morton, Y Nicholl, C & F Richardson, M H T Robertson, W & I Rutherglen, R Ryan, E Sharp, A Slimmon, I Virtiga, H Young.

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

WSDCS also held a raffle in December 2022 which raised £1053.00 with prizes generously donated by volunteer Sandra Wilson and businesses Claire's, Hotel Chocolat, House of Fraser, Lego Shop, M&Ds Theme Park, Slaters Menswear, Swarovski, Tesco, Vivienne Westwood and Waterstones.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to WSDCS during FY22-23.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year amounted to £68,631 (2022: £111,883) 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 at 31/03/23 are £22,186 (2022: £41,268). The Trustees will focus on increasing the level of reserves during the coming financial years.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Heather Gray

Heather Young

Name: Heather Gray and Heather Young, Co-Chairs

Date: 9th October 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 14.

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
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Date: 9th October 2023

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Charitable Grants	4,353	15,660	20,013	82,979
Donations	38,832	-	38,832	14,149
Gift Aid	253	-	253	228
Fundraising income	9,005	-	9,005	14,523
Interest income	28	-	28	4
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-	-	-
Activity income	-	-	-	-
Other/Misc Income	500	-	500	-
Total Receipts	<u>52,971</u>	<u>15,660</u>	<u>68,631</u>	<u>111,883</u>
Payments				
Staff costs	58,517	22,941	81,458	89,550
Operating costs	10,944	15,812	26,756	16,255
Bank Charges	-	-	-	-
Investment management fees	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investments	-	-	-	-
Independent examination & bookkeeping fees	2,592	-	2,592	2,592
Total Payments	<u>72,053</u>	<u>38,753</u>	<u>110,806</u>	<u>108,397</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>(19,082)</u>	<u>(23,093)</u>	<u>(42,175)</u>	<u>3,486</u>

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 £	2022 £
Bank and cash in hand					
Opening balances		41,268	36,679	77,947	74,461
(Deficit)/Surplus for year		<u>(19,082)</u>	<u>(23,093)</u>	<u>(42,175)</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Closing balances		<u>22,186</u>	<u>13,586</u>	<u>35,772</u>	<u>77,947</u>
Debtors	1			936	524
Liabilities	2			2,170	2,170
Investments	3			-	-
Other assets	4			3,619	3,619

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:

Heather Gray

Heather Young

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Name: Heather Gray and Heather Young, Co-Chairs

Date: 9th October 2023

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid	253	228
GCVS	683	296
	<u>936</u>	<u>524</u>

2. Liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent	1,125	1,125
Telephone	95	95
Independent examiners fee	950	950
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>2,170</u>

3. Other assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
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 (2022: Nil).

Travel expenses totalling £0 (2022: 0) were reimbursed to 0 (2022: 0) trustee during the year.

WEST SCOTLAND DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5. Funds

	Movement in Funds				Balance at 31 Mar 2023
	Balance at 01 Apr 2022	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General funds	41,268	52,971	72,053	-	22,186
	41,268	52,971	72,053	-	22,186
Restricted Funds					
Better Breaks (2021/22)	889	-	-		889
Bank of Scotland/Foundation Scot	9,948	987	10,935		-
NDCS	500	500	1,000		-
Scotmid	5,000	-	5,000		-
GCC Mental Health	10,000	-	10,000		-
Tesco	185	-	185		-
Better Breaks 2022-23	-	5,000	5,000		-
Localgiving – Magic Little Grant	83		83		-
Pavers Charitable Trust	714	-	550		164
Hedley Foundation		1,000	1,000		-
Agnes Hunter Trust		8,173	-		8,173
Connect us too	4,360		-		4,360
Community Fund- National Lottery	5,000	-	5,000		-
	36,679	15,660	38,753	-	13,586
	<u>77,947</u>	<u>68,631</u>	<u>110,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,772</u>

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

NDCS Combined Grant (1) – Resources for Youth Group

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 and St. Roch's Secondary School HI Unit

Community Fund A4All – Funding towards club outings

Connect Us Too – Deaf mental health training

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

Hedley Foundation – Funding towards group outings

Agnes Hunter Trust – Funding towards staff salaries 2023-24

NDCS Combined Grant (2) – funding towards pantomime tickets