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Dear Sirs

RE: Year End Accounts 31st December 2024

At the request of your Treasurer, Mr G Walker, we have independently reviewed the accounts of SCARF for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Following appropriate accounting tests applied by us, it is our opinion that the information supplied presents a true and fair picture of the financial position of the organisation at 31st December 2024.

Yours faithfully

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Scarf Financial Summary as at 31st December 2024

Income

	2024			2023		
Grant Income	29,549			27,214		
Donations and Fund Raising	9,267	38,817		11,545	38,759	
Other Income						
Paula Williams' Father memorial				769		
Sundry Income				580		
Membership	2,409			2,260		
Interest Received	746			568		
Amazon		3,154		58	4,234	
Total Income			41,971			42,993
Activities						
Multi sport <18 Subs	1,261			1,398		
Multi sport >18 Subs	1,993	3,254		1,406	2,804	
Activity Costs	(3,696)			(3,537)		
Wage Costs		(3,696)	(442)	(6,243)	(9,780)	(6,976)
Scarf 2 Subs		2,136			1,595	
Scarf 2 Activity Costs	(3,220)			(2,859)		
Wage Costs		(3,220)	(1,084)	(2,723)	(5,582)	(3,987)
Youth Club Subs		2,289			2,042	
Activity Costs	(2,209)			(1,526)		
Wage Costs		(2,209)	80	(6,188)	(7,714)	(5,673)
Drama Subs		1,575			1,602	
Activity Costs	(2,872)			(2,768)		
Wage Costs		(2,872)	(1,297)	(2,261)	(5,029)	(3,427)
Feb Half Term Subs		823			532	
Activity Costs	(1,388)			(958)		
Wage Costs		(1,388)	(565)	(1,705)	(2,664)	(2,132)
Easter Subs		1,467			822	
Activity Costs	(2,357)			(1,250)		
Wage Costs		(2,357)	(890)	(1,745)	(2,994)	(2,172)
May Half Term Subs		838			401	
Activity Costs	(1,848)			(598)		
Wage Costs		(1,848)	(1,010)	(1,705)	(2,304)	(1,903)
Summer Holiday Subs		5,420			3,782	
Activity Costs	(9,055)			(6,577)		
Wage Costs		(9,055)	(3,635)	(3,617)	(10,194)	(6,412)
Parent Activity Subs		401			321	
Activity Costs	(446)			(462)		
Wage Costs		(446)	(45)	-	(462)	(141)
October Half Term Subs		557			648	
Activity Costs	(1,071)			(1,399)		
Wage Costs		(1,071)	(514)	(1,705)	(3,104)	(2,456)
Christmas Holiday Subs		724			892	
Activity Costs	(1,161)			(1,721)		
Wage Costs		(1,161)	(437)	(1,714)	(3,435)	(2,543)
Christmas Panto Subs		3,142			1,918	
Activity Costs		(3,758)	(617)		(3,267)	(1,349)
Net Activities Cost			(10,455)			(39,171)
Overheads						
Wages		(32,920)		-		
Other Costs		(5,373)	(38,293)	(3,565)		(3,565)
Surplus (Shortfall) for the period			(6,778)			257
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024						
Fixed Assets-Equipment Cost less Depreciation			-			307
Current Assets						
Sundry Debtors-Lymington Town Council Grant	2,000			591		
Prepayments	1,549			1,295		
Lloyds Current Account	1,674			1,536		
Lloyds Deposit Account	72,761			66,608		
Lloyds Hardship Fund Account	234			289		
Total Current Assets		78,218			70,319	
Current Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	(1,187)			(463)		
Accruals and Deferred Income	(18,186)			(4,451)		
Nest Pension Creditor	-			(89)		
Total Current Liabilities		(19,373)			(5,003)	
Net Current Assets			58,845			65,316
Total Assets			58,845			65,623
Reserves						
Reserves Brought Forward 31st December 2023		65,623		65,366		
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the period		(6,778)		257		
Total Reserves		58,845		65,623		

Scarf Annual Report 2024

Scarf Committee Members/Trustees 2024

Chair—Gary Morgan

Vice Chair—Paula Williams

Treasurer—Geoff Walker

Secretary—Debbie Morgan

General Committee Members—Kate Reeve, Cathy Smith, Linda Cohu, Elaine Williams (also Health and Safety Officer), Cerys Williams, Lisa Harrison

Trustees—Gary Morgan, Paula Williams and Katy Bailey (also Designated Safeguarding Lead).

What Scarf does

Scarf supports families living in the New Forest who have a child/young person with additional needs through organising regular term-time and holiday activities for the children/young people and their families.

Scarf aims to meet the needs of the disabled child/young person, but additionally to recognise the impact on the whole family, particularly siblings, who also need fun and support. Parents and carers particularly value the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, share experiences and gain support.

Term time activities include a Drama Club, weekly Youth Club and Saturday morning Multi Sports Clubs. During each of the school holidays Scarf runs a Holiday Programme of fun activities for children/young people with additional needs as well as their siblings to take part in. We also run regular Scarf 2 activities for young people from 15-25 years, usually during the school holidays, with the aim of offering social as well as enjoyable activities for young people to take part in, supported by Scarf support workers.

Achievements in 2024

- 6 Different Holiday Programmes with 88 activities in total
- 38 Youth Club Sessions
- 29 Multi Sports Sessions (for 2 age groups, 7-17's and 18-25's)
- 34 Drama Sessions
- 9 Scarf 2 activities
- 5 Parent/carer get-togethers/sessions
- 118 families joined up as Scarf members (including 27 new members)
- Almost £42,000 fundraised this year (grants/donations).
- 7 Monthly Art Sessions with Spud in Sway

2024 - Another busy year for Scarf in 2024 —we've put on more activities than ever before! We hope everyone has enjoyed the activities they've come along to and that new members have felt welcomed.

Lots of members have been actively engaged in supporting us in different ways this year, whether on the Committee or helping with fundraising.

"Scarf offers wonderful opportunities at such an affordable price. There is such a lack of options for SEN children to find activities that are inclusive and therefore these opportunities you provide are so incredibly valuable. Scarf create a safe space for children to explore and you can't put a value on that. The members and staff are all very supportive and encouraging. I feel very fortunate to be a member"

Scarf Clubs and Activities

Holiday Activities – School holidays are always busy times for Scarf with high numbers of families attending numerous activities. As usual, we programmed in lots of old favourites (e.g. the Sea Water Baths, Romsey Rapids, cycling with Pedall, animal assisted therapy, boat trips, canoeing, craft activities and the Christmas Panto) as well as some new activities this year including Becky's Bakes, Bright and Bubbly and Em's Friendly Farm. There were plenty of activities for younger children with the numbers of younger members increasing, with some activities particularly targeted at this group.

"The team at Scarf know my young person really well. He has complex issues but he is always safe and has a wonderful fully supported time on activities which is amazing. It gives our young person an opportunity to be included and try new things."

Saturday Multi Sports— We've offered a variety of sports this year, including Taekwondo, tennis, basketball, football and cycling. We've continued running two clubs with a younger and older age group, and found new funding for our older club through HIWCF (Get Active, Get Involved). It's sometimes challenging finding coaches available on Saturday mornings, but we are committed to doing so, and are seeking new coaches/instructors who may work well with our groups. We have a fantastic team of committed helpers.

"Scarf makes a huge difference! My son is already becoming more confident and happy. He loves attending scarf and seeing his new & old friends. Its an amazing charity and we are so happy to be involved with Scarf and the amazing people who run it. Thank you so much."

Youth Club— Another great year for our Youth Club, with over 20 regular members. Again we'd like to thank an amazing team of support workers and volunteers who are so committed to this group.

Drama Club— Based at Ashley Junior School, on Monday nights—parents/carers stay for the sessions (but go upstairs for a coffee and a chat). We have around 10-12 children/young people who regularly attend.

"Scarf is a large family, everyone supports each other at events and activities are always warm and welcoming. Attending activities where you know no one is judging you is just wonderful."

Scarf 2 Activities — our aim is to offer young people (15-25 years) with additional needs a range of fun and social activities to take part in during the school holidays, supported by Scarf support workers. We were able to offer 9 activities this year including climbing, motorboats at Tuckton Bridge, the New Forest Bus Tour with a stop-over for pizzas, skittles and the legendary Scarf 2 Christmas party! For a second time we enjoyed the incredible Wetwheels Experience. All activities involved eating together socially, either a picnic or a meal, as well as each activity creating a socialable environment for our older members.

Parent/Carer Activities/Get-togethers During 2024, we organised 5 different events for just parents/carers to attend. Most of these were weekday coffee mornings, but we also put on our extremely popular Christmas Wreath making activity in December with a record number of 25 parents attending. We continue to involve members input for ideas for future events.

Fundraising in 2024

None of Scarf's activities would be possible without the very generous support of individuals, families, companies, charities and trusts who have given their time and funds to us. We are so grateful for every donation we receive. We can't name them all but acknowledge the support received from:

Hampshire CC Short Breaks Funding
Lymington and Pennington Town Council
Scott Bailey Solicitors LLP
Burry Charitable Trust
HIWCF (Get Active, Get Involved)
Lion's Club of New Milton (Marwell Zoo Tickets)
Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation
Make a Difference Locally (Nisa Ashley Store)
3 Wishes Card Shop, Lymington
Kings Arms Lymington
Charles Burnett Memorial Fund
Miranda Mayhem Fundraising Event
Staff member's abseil down Spinnaker Tower
Hays Travel New Milton (sponsored walk)
Lymington Waitrose Community Christmas Fund
Simul Group
Goodall's Strawberry Farm

Our fundraising total in 2024 was almost £42,000

Membership During 2024 we reached a total membership of 118 families, which is significantly more than last year (106) and another record year for Scarf. We were delighted to welcome 24 new families to Scarf this year. Many came via word of mouth from current members.

Due to high membership numbers we continue to only accept new families who live in the New Forest District Council area and have a child or young person aged up to 25 years with additional needs. We also have a concessions fund for any family to access who may be struggling financially.

Thank You's

Thank you to the incredible and dedicated team of people who support Scarf's work either in a paid or voluntary capacity.

"The scarf 2 activities are always a firm favourite as it gives our young person a chance to be fully included and safe whilst trying something new."

View from Scarf Trustees and Committee

As with every year, fundraising is a priority for the committee. This year has seen a significant increase in our costs, which has resulted in a shortfall in our funds of £6,778. This shortfall has been funded from our reserves and we aim to rebuild these reserves to ensure Scarfs continued success and longevity.

The Trustee's and committee wrote to families in January to advise of this year's shortfall and what was proposed to restore this.

- **Fundraising Coordinator:** Our first step is to appoint a fundraising coordinator role on the committee. This role is not the sole person responsible for fundraising, but it will be the person who will coordinate and monitor our fundraising activities. This role will also assist with grant applications and will investigate grant options and help identify new donors for Scarf. Whilst this is not a paid role, it is a vital part of the committee and key to our success going forward.
- **Funding Activities:** Currently we aim to cover the cost of between 40 and 60% of an activity or club. Going forward we will look at every activity or club that we operate and decide upon what level of funding we can offer before we publish the information to members. We will always aim to help fund these activities but in some cases our funding may be limited to the time spent organising an activity or the cost of our support workers who operate a session.
- **Multi-Sport/Drama Sessions:** Generally, there are 5 or 6 sessions per half term. When we publish these sessions, we will need to be paid in full for all sessions to secure the place, even if they are not able to attend all sessions.

The committee's fundraising efforts have been amazing in 2024, but we do need the help of members. Due to rising costs and our need to re-build our reserves, the fundraising target we have set for ourselves for 2025 is £50,000.

There have been some great examples of parent led fundraising in 2024. Every penny counts for Scarf so whether it's a coffee morning, cake sale or running a marathon, members can have a big impact on the opportunities that we can deliver for our children, young people and families. Members may work for a company who have a charity of the year and they have been encouraged to nominate Scarf as the beneficiary.