Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Charity number 1201337

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2026

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Society for Deaf People

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Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2026

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Valerie Pratt		
Richard Jones		
Marie Vickers		
Michael Maddon		
Claire Brambles		
Peter Noble	Chair	Appointed 01/04/2026
Christopher Evans		
Ann Stokes		Resigned 16/02/2026
Frank Wood		Resigned 13/11/2025
John Pearson		Resigned 04/09/2025

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 14 December 2022 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The promotion of social inclusion among deaf, deaf blind and hard of hearing people who are socially excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of being deaf, deaf blind or hard of hearing and to relieve the needs of those people including by but not limited to:

raising public awareness of the issues affecting deaf, deaf blind and hard of hearing people both generally and in relation to their social exclusion:

providing workshops, forums, advocacy and general support;

providing recreational facilities and opportunities;

co-operating with other organisations having the same or similar aims.

The charity's main activities

Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People specialises in providing community support, engagement and equipment for service users who are deaf, deafened, deafblind and hard of hearing. We also provide other services such as sign language training and deaf awareness.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Trustee Report

It is my privilege to present the Chair's Report for Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People. This year has been one of significant progress, development and change as we continue to strengthen our organisation and ensure we remain responsive to the needs of those with a hearing loss across the Wakefield district.

Over the past year, Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People has continued to grow both in its reach and its capacity. Our income has increased, allowing us to expand our services, invest in our staff team and improve our organisational resilience. This growth brings new opportunities but also increased responsibility to ensure we maintain strong governance, effective financial management and high-quality services for the communities we support.

A key focus this year has been strengthening our foundations as a charity. The Board of Trustees has been re-strengthened with the appointment of two new Trustees, bringing additional skills, experience and diversity of thought. We have continued to improve our governance arrangements, reviewing policies, financial controls and operational processes to ensure that Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People is well equipped for the future.

Our staff team has also expanded from six to eight members, reflecting the increased demand for our services and our commitment to providing consistent and accessible support. I would like to place on record my thanks to all staff and volunteers for their dedication, professionalism and passion. Their work makes a significant difference to the lives of those whom we work with every day.

Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People continues to provide vital Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), advocacy, community support and a range of other services. Much of our work is about removing barriers, improving communication access and ensuring people can participate fully in society. Whether supporting someone to access healthcare, navigate welfare benefits, understand housing options, develop independence or connect with their community, our services remain focused on improving wellbeing and reducing inequalities.

We have also strengthened our partnerships, working across the Wakefield District and wider West Yorkshire region, working collaboratively with statutory organisations, health partners, voluntary sector organisations and other Deaf-led organisations, essential growth if we are to influence wider change and improve accessibility.

The wider environment remains challenging. Deaf services nationally continue to face significant pressures, with many deaf clubs and community organisations closing or reducing their activities due to financial pressures, changes in community needs and difficulties sustaining volunteer-led models. These challenges highlight the importance of organisations like ours continuing to adapt, modernise and demonstrate the value of specialist deaf services.

Looking ahead, our focus will be on developing a clear strategic roadmap for Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People. This will include strengthening our sustainability, expanding partnerships, improving how we measure our impact and ensuring that the voices and experiences of our community continue to shape our future direction.

I would like to thank my fellow Trustees for their commitment, support and willingness to challenge and improve. I would also like to thank our members, volunteers, partners, funders and supporters whose contribution enables Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People to continue its important work.

Together, we are building a stronger, more sustainable organisation that can continue to promote equality, accessibility and inclusion for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people for many years to come.

As I bring my role as Chair to a close, I now hand over the baton to a new Chair who will lead the governance of the Society. I will, however, continue as a Trustee and support the Society in the ways outlined in my report.

Valerie Pratt
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Chief Officer's Report 2025/26

It is my pleasure to present the Chief Officer's Report for 2025/26, reflecting on a year of growth, resilience and positive impact for Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People.

Against a challenging backdrop for the third sector, with rising demand, increasing financial pressures and significant changes across the specialist deaf sector, Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People has continued to strengthen its position and deliver high-quality, accessible services to deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people across the Wakefield district.

Across our services, we delivered more than 1,600 recorded interventions this year.

Our team also completed 552 home visits, providing equipment, practical support, advice, advocacy and befriending directly to people in their own homes.

These figures represent more than simple change to individuals with each intervention reflecting on a person receiving support to access healthcare and other services, managing daily life, to remain independent and safe, to be able to communicate effectively, and reducing the loneliness and isolation that many deaf people experience.

Expanding Opportunities

Partnership working remains central to our approach. During the year, we strengthened relationships with health services, Wakefield Council, education providers, voluntary sector organisations and local Jobcentre Plus teams.

These partnerships have helped strengthen referral pathways, improve accessibility and ensure that deaf people are better able to access support and have their voices heard in the design and delivery of services.

Investing in Our Future

We recognise that supporting more people requires a strong and sustainable organisation. During the year, we continued to invest in our people, systems and governance.

A significant milestone was securing a three-year National Lottery Reaching Communities grant, providing greater financial stability and enabling us to further develop our Information, Advice, Guidance and Befriending services.

This investment, alongside our continued focus on organisational development, is helping build the resilience needed to meet future challenges.

Looking Ahead

Demand for specialist support continues to grow, while funding remains competitive and the wider network of deaf organisations continues to change. Our priorities for the coming year are therefore to:

- Expand our Information, Advice, Guidance and Befriending services.
- Strengthen activities that reduce isolation and improve wellbeing.
- Develop new partnerships and referral pathways.
- Improve how we capture and demonstrate our impact.
- Deliver the priorities within our Strategic Roadmap.
- Continue building a resilient and sustainable organisation.

I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, Trustees, members, funders and partners for their commitment and support throughout the year. Their dedication has enabled us to make a real difference to the lives of people with hearing loss across the Wakefield district.

Despite the challenges facing the sector, I am confident that Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People is well placed to continue growing, developing and supporting our community in the years to come.

Ross Grant
Chief Officer
Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Achievements and performance

The difference our work made in 2025/2026

Supporting Independence: Helping People Live Safely, Confidently and Independently

For many deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people, communication barriers, limited access to information and difficulties using technology can make everyday life very challenging.

Our specialist team provides practical, person-centred support to help people remain safe, confident and independent in their own homes and communities.

During 2025/26, we completed 216 assessments, installed 114 items of specialist equipment and delivered 71 technology support interventions. We also completed 169 equipment home visits, ensuring people could use their equipment effectively and identifying wider support needs where appropriate.

Our support included amplified telephones, TV listening devices, flashing alert systems and specialist doorbells, alongside help with digital technology and access to other services.

Our role in supporting independence at home is about more than equipment. We listen to people identifying wider needs and we work with partners including health services, statutory partners and other community organisations to connect people with the support that helps them remain independent for longer.

Story of Change – Mrs V

At 94 years old, Mrs V contacted us after experiencing difficulties hearing her television. She had already received a TV listening device from another provider but had been unable to use it because it had not been set up for her.

One of our Community Support Worker visited Mrs V, installed the equipment and identified that she would benefit from wider support.

We subsequently helped to arrange an accessible doorbell, referred her to West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service for home safety equipment, supported access to CareLink, and referred her to Wakefield's Adaptations Service. This resulted in further adaptations including handrails and a perching stool.

We also recognised that Mrs V was becoming socially isolated and introduced her to our Befriending Service. She has since received 23 befriending visits.

As a result, Mrs V has been able to remain safely at home, use her equipment with confidence, access additional support and enjoy regular companionship.

Her experience demonstrates the value of our holistic approach: a simple request for equipment can become an opportunity to identify wider needs, prevent problems from escalating and help someone remain safe, connected and independent.

Information, Advice & Advocacy

Helping People Navigate Everyday Life

For many deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people, communication barriers can make accessing healthcare, housing, benefits, employment and other essential services difficult.

Our Information, Advice and Advocacy service removes these barriers by providing accessible, independent and person-centred support. During the year, we delivered 230 IAG contacts, 184 general advice contacts, 116 drop-in sessions and 46 IAG home visits.

This support included welfare benefits, housing and tenancy matters, healthcare, employment, debt and money advice, digital inclusion, accessible communication and advocacy

Our service is increasingly supporting people with more complex needs and, where necessary, working alongside multiple agencies to ensure people understand their options, remain involved in decisions and can access the services available to them

Community & Wellbeing

Bringing People Together and Reducing Isolation

Social isolation remains a significant challenge for many deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people. Limited access to mainstream activities and communication barriers can make it difficult to build friendships and participate fully in community life.

During 2025/26, we introduced six new monthly community activities, including coffee mornings, lunch clubs, walking groups, ten-pin bowling, afternoon activities and Tilly's Kitchen Befriending afternoon.

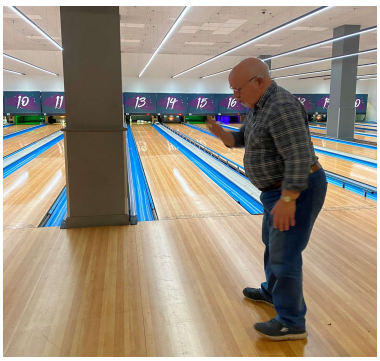
These activities now attract an average of 40–50 people each month, providing regular opportunities to meet others, build friendships and develop confidence in an accessible environment.

Our Befriending Service remains equally important for people who cannot easily attend group activities. During the year, we completed 232 befriending visits, providing companionship, reassurance and regular social contact.

These activities are about more than filling people's time. They create opportunities for connection, peer support and belonging, helping to reduce loneliness and improve well-being.

Community is about more than activities. It is about belonging. We are helping create a more connected and inclusive deaf community across Wakefield.





Children & Young People

Creating Opportunities and Building Confidence

Every child deserves the opportunity to participate, make friends and feel included. For deaf children and young people, accessible opportunities to meet others with shared experiences can be particularly important.

During the year, we delivered 17 activities, with 148 children and young people attending, providing opportunities to build confidence, develop friendships and participate in accessible experiences.

Our programme also supports parents and carers, giving families opportunities to meet others with shared experiences and develop valuable peer networks.

We piloted an Early Years programme, supporting 12 children aged 0–5 and their families over ten months. Following a review of the pilot, we have decided to change our approach to Early Years provision. We will work with another charity, in conjunction with the National Deaf Children's Society, to consider how best to meet the needs of younger children and their families in a sustainable way.

We also delivered deaf awareness sessions to several mainstream groups and classes in local schools, helping children and young people develop a better understanding of deafness, communication and inclusion.

Story of Change

One family joined our programme after struggling to find activities where their deaf child could feel fully included. Communication barriers had made it difficult for their child to build friendships and participate confidently.

Through our activities, the child was able to meet other deaf children, develop friendships and become more confident in taking part. The parents also connected with other families and developed their own support network.

This demonstrates the wider value of our Children & Young People programme: creating accessible opportunities that build confidence, strengthen families and help deaf children feel that they belong.

Looking Forward

We will continue to develop opportunities for deaf children and young people, support families and promote greater understanding of deafness within mainstream communities.

Every child deserves the opportunity to belong, participate and thrive.





Strengthening Our Organisation

Building a Stronger, More Sustainable Charity

As Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People has grown, we have continued to strengthen the organisation behind our services. During 2025/26, we invested in our people, governance, financial management, systems and partnerships, ensuring we are well placed to respond to increasing demand and meet the changing needs of our community.

Our People

Our staff are at the heart of everything we do. During the year, our team grew to eight staff members, increasing our capacity to respond to demand and develop our services.
We remain committed to supporting our staff through training and professional development, recognising that a skilled and supported workforce is essential to delivering high-quality, person-centred services.
Our two new Trustees also brought additional skills, experience and perspectives to the Board, strengthening our governance and strategic leadership.

Financial Sustainability

Our annual income increased to **£209,085**, representing just over **100%** increase since 2023 when we first became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This growth has enabled us to expand our services, strengthen our workforce and invest in the infrastructure needed for the future.

A significant milestone was securing a three-year National Lottery Reaching Communities grant, providing longer-term funding to develop our Information, Advice, Guidance and Befriending services.

We also strengthened our financial controls and reporting arrangements helping ensure that Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People continues to manage its resources responsibly and transparently.

Improving Our Systems and Quality

As the organisation grows, so must the systems that support it. During the year, we:

- Reviewed and updated key policies and procedures.
- Strengthened financial controls and governance arrangements.
- Maintained an actively managed Risk Register.
- Improved performance and impact monitoring.
- Strengthened data management to support decision-making & service planning.

These improvements provide a stronger foundation for continued growth while helping us better demonstrate the difference our services make

Safeguarding, Equality & Inclusion

The safety and wellbeing of the people we support remains a priority. Trustees, staff and volunteers receive appropriate DBS checks and safeguarding training relevant to their roles.
Equality, diversity and inclusion remain central to our work. We involve the people who use our services, in shaping and improving what we do, ensuring that lived experience continues to influence our approach and that barriers to participation are challenged.

Working in Partnership

Partnership working continues to be essential to our success. During the year, we strengthened relationships across the NHS, Wakefield Council, education, housing, sensory services and the voluntary sector.

We also developed new relationships with Live Well Wakefield, Age UK Wakefield District and local Jobcentre Plus teams, creating stronger referral pathways and improving access to support.

Through these partnerships, we can combine our specialist deaf expertise with wider services, helping people access the support they need and ensuring that accessibility remains part of local conversations.

We also continue to deliver BSL Level 1 and deaf awareness courses, helping to improve communication, understanding and inclusion within the wider community. This supports our vision of a fully inclusive community where deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people are supported to live independently, participate equally and thrive without barriers.

Looking Ahead

The progress made during 2025/26 has strengthened the foundations of Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People.

In the year ahead, we will continue to invest in our people, strengthen governance, improve our systems, develop sustainable funding and deliver the priorities within our Strategic Roadmap.

Our aim is simple: to build a resilient, sustainable organisation that can continue providing high-quality specialist services to deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people across the Wakefield district for many years to come.

Thank You

Together, We Are Making a Difference

Everything we achieved during 2025/26 has been made possible through the commitment and support of our community, staff, volunteers, Trustees, funders and partners.

We are grateful to our Trustees for their leadership, guidance and commitment; to our staff team for their professionalism, compassion and dedication; and to our volunteers for the time, energy and enthusiasm they give so generously.

We thank our funders and supporters, whose investment enables us to continue delivering and developing specialist services. We are particularly grateful for the three-year National Lottery Reaching Communities grant, which provides important long-term support for our Information, Advice, Guidance and Befriending services.

We also value the many organisations we work alongside across the NHS, Wakefield Council, education, housing and the voluntary and community sector. By working together, we can improve accessibility, strengthen referral pathways and reach more people.

Most importantly, thank you to our community.

To every deaf, deafened, deafblind and hard of hearing person, family member and carer who has trusted us, shared their experiences or helped shape our work, thank you.

Your experiences, feedback and resilience continue to guide what we do.

We look forward to continuing to work alongside our community to reduce barriers, increase opportunities and help people live independently, participate fully and reach their potential.

Financial review

The net income for the year was £20,513, including net income of £6,968 on unrestricted funds and net income of £13,545 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity’s needs. The trustees shall maintain a minimum of six months running costs but no more than nine months. Reserves which exceed £100,000 will be expended through building refurbishments, new initiatives or increased funding for existing projects.

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £135,653.

The reserves policy sets a target range of £94,376 to £141,564 (equivalent to six to nine months of core expenditure). The trustees consider the current policy prudent given the need to protect against funding uncertainty and to provide flexibility for future development, and will review the level regularly to ensure it remains appropriate.

Approved by the board of trustees on 2/11/26

M Madden (Trustee)

Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 11 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Westmoreland CIMA

2/11/26

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Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Income from:					
Grants and donations	(2)	4,117	178,603	182,720	165,044
Sales and fees		23,630	-	23,630	24,481
Bar income		393	-	393	-
Deposit account interest		2,342	-	2,342	2,720
Total income		30,482	178,603	209,085	192,245
Expenditure on:					
Salaries, NI and pension	(3)	3,286	110,955	114,241	89,860
Payroll costs		-	1,356	1,356	1,343
Insurance		1,367	1,518	2,885	2,821
Utilities		-	5,739	5,739	5,121
Repairs and maintenance		1,311	1,952	3,263	4,007
Cleaning		1,585	1,335	2,920	2,798
Telephone and broadband		154	4,271	4,425	4,449
Stationery and postage		43	290	333	571
Photocopying and lease		-	670	670	653
IT maintenance		2,563	5,982	8,545	2,663
Staff and volunteer development		735	4,887	5,622	1,081
BSL Interpreter fees		2,342	1,553	3,895	2,029
BSL Translation fees		1,636	1,030	2,666	956
Project expenditure		398	6,889	7,287	5,440
WDSDP Group expenditure		1,476	2,643	4,119	1,899
BSL Courses expenditure		1,207	4,065	5,272	9,879
Travel expenses		175	-	175	1,600
Equipment		(2,564)	9,123	6,559	10,291
Bar expenditure		304	-	304	180
Accountancy and Indpendent examination		1,716	-	1,716	1,716
Professional fees		3,988	-	3,988	35
Depreciation		2,592	-	2,592	1,263
Total expenditure		24,314	164,258	188,572	150,655
Net income / (expenditure)		6,168	14,345	20,513	41,590
Transfers between funds	(4)	800	(800)	-	-
Net movement in funds		6,968	13,545	20,513	41,590
Fund balances brought forward		134,353	85,671	220,024	178,434
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	141,321	99,216	240,537	220,024

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2026

		2026 Unrestricted £	2026 Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	(5)	5,668	2,515	8,183	5,696
Total fixed assets		5,668	2,515	8,183	5,696
Current assets					
Stock		250	-	250	250
Debtors and prepayments	(6)	227	1,971	2,198	1,925
Current asset investments	(7)	49,866	-	49,866	47,918
Cash at bank and in hand	(8)	88,662	95,230	183,892	167,549
Total current assets		139,005	97,201	236,206	217,642
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors and accruals	(9)	3,352	500	3,852	3,314
Total current liabilities		3,352	500	3,852	3,314
Net current assets / (liabilities)		135,653	96,701	232,354	214,328
Net assets		141,321	99,216	240,537	220,024
Funds					
Unrestricted funds		141,321	-	141,321	134,353
Restricted funds		-	99,216	99,216	85,671
Total funds		141,321	99,216	240,537	220,024

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 2/11/26

M Madden (Trustee)

Wakefield and District Society for Deaf People
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2026

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.
The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern
The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, if it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations
Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets
Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.
Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:
Freehold property: nil
Improvements to freehold property: over 20 years
Fixtures and fittings: over 10 years
Computer equipment: over 3 years

Pensions
The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

1 Accounting policies continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Leases
Rents under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term or to an earlier date if the lease can be determined without financial penalty.

2 Grants and donations

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Live Well Wakefield	-	5,881	5,881	-
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	84,575	84,575	46,470
Prosper Wakefield District	-	4,394	4,394	6,074
Wakefield Met. District Council (WMDC)	-	76,181	76,181	76,181
Wharfedale Foundation	-	7,172	7,172	2,500
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	-	-	1,000
Birkdale Trust for Hearing Impaired Ltd	-	-	-	2,000
Charities Aid Foundation	-	-	-	500
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	-	-	-	25,000
Enterprise Rent-a-car	-	-	-	1,500
WACCL	-	-	-	2,500
Other donations	4,117	400	4,517	1,319
	4,117	178,603	182,720	165,044

3 Staff costs and numbers

	2026 £	2025 £
Gross salaries	111,681	88,297
Social security costs	11,127	4,990
Employment allowance	(10,500)	(4,990)
Pensions	1,933	1,563
	114,241	89,860

The average number of employees during the year was 9.2, being an average of 5.2 full time equivalent (2025: 8, 2.9 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme

	2026 £	2025 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	1,933	1,563
Amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end	-	338

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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 March 2026

4 **Restricted funds**	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
WMDC - Support services	352	76,181	74,210	-	2,323
National Lottery	1,405	-	1,405	-	-
Warburtons	-	400	277	-	123
Prosper Small Grants	6,074	-	6,074	-	-
Birkdale Trust	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Wharfedale Foundation	2,455	7,172	2,204	(160)	7,263
WACCL	2,500	-	2,500	-	-
Arnold Clark	1,000	-	597	-	403
National Lottery (BIG)	45,905	84,575	71,618	(640)	58,222
Prosper Small Grants	-	4,394	1,398	-	2,996
Live Well Wakefield	-	5,881	1,152	-	4,729
Gladys Hardman	11,096	-	1,074	-	10,022
Jimmy Balmforth (Elderly) Fund	12,884	-	1,749	-	11,135
	85,671	178,603	164,258	(800)	99,216

Fund name	**Purpose of restriction**
WMDC - Support services	To provide the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Service.
National Lottery	To support capacity and development of the charity.
Warburtons	To respond to the changing environment.
Prosper Small Grants	Towards British Sign Language sessions.
Birkdale Trust	Towards Making Wakefield Inclusive - to provide accessible events by providing BSL interpreters.
Wharfedale Foundation	From the Bentley Advancing Life Chances Small Grants programme to produce accessible videos.
WACCL	To fund salary costs towards the development of our work with deaf children and young people.
Arnold Clark	To support activity costs for our work with deaf children and young people.
National Lottery (BIG)	To support activity costs for our work with deaf children and young people.
Prosper Small Grants	To support activity costs for our work with deaf children and young people.
Live Well Wakefield	To provide support and activities for elderly deaf people.
Gladys Hardman	To support deaf children's activities.
Jimmy Balmforth (Elderly) Fund	To provide support and activities for elderly deaf people.

5 Tangible assets

	Freehold property	Property improvemen	Fixtures and Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2025	1,207	99,139	40,671	4,273	145,290
Additions	-	-	-	5,079	5,079
At 31 March 2026	1,207	99,139	40,671	9,352	150,369
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2025	-	99,139	36,182	4,273	139,594
Charge for year	-	-	899	1,693	2,592
At 31 March 2026	-	99,139	37,081	5,966	142,186
Net book value					
At 31 March 2026	1,207	-	3,590	3,386	8,183
At 31 March 2025	1,207	-	4,489	-	5,696

6 Debtors and prepayments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Prepayments	2,198	1,925
	2,198	1,925

7 Current asset investments

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash equivalents on deposit	49,866	47,918
	49,866	47,918

8 Cash at bank and in hand

	2026	2025
	£	£
Cash at bank	182,141	165,173
Cash held by payroll company	1,419	1,789
Cash in hand	332	587
	183,892	167,549

9 Creditors and accruals

	2026	2025
	£	£
Accruals	3,852	2,976
Other creditors	-	338
	3,852	3,314

11 Designated funds

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Building maintenance fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Strategic Development Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Redundancy Fund	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
	30,000	-	-	-	30,000

Fund name	Reason for designation
Building maintenance fund	To put aside funds for major building repairs.
Strategic Development Fund	Designated to support the strategic development, including investment in organisational development, new opportunities and activities that contribute to the longer-term sustainability and objectives.
Redundancy Fund	Designated to provide financial provision towards potential redundancy costs arising from organisational restructuring or changes in staffing requirements.

12 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
During the year 2 trustees were paid a total of £427 in respect of travel (previous year: 2 trustees and £191).

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel
The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £31,804 (previous year: £29,496).

13 Operating leases

Expected future minimum lease payments over the remaining life of the lease, analysed into the period in which the commitment falls due:	2026	2025
	£	£
Within one year	461	461
In the second to fifth years inclusive	499	960
Over five years from the balance sheet date	-	-
	960	1,421

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 March 2026

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Income						
Grants and donations	4,117	27,819	178,603	137,225	182,720	165,044
Sales and fees	23,630	24,481	-	-	23,630	24,481
Bar income	393	-	-	-	393	-
Deposit account interest	2,342	2,720	-	-	2,342	2,720
Total income	30,482	55,020	178,603	137,225	209,085	192,245
Expenditure						
Salaries, NI and pension	3,286	5,212	110,955	84,648	114,241	89,860
Payroll costs	-	-	1,356	1,343	1,356	1,343
Insurance	1,367	1,454	1,518	1,367	2,885	2,821
Utilities	-	3,525	5,739	1,596	5,739	5,121
Repairs and maintenance	1,311	1,657	1,952	2,350	3,263	4,007
Cleaning	1,585	1,370	1,335	1,428	2,920	2,798
Telephone and broadband	154	1,930	4,271	2,519	4,425	4,449
Stationery and postage	43	252	290	319	333	571
Photocopying and lease	-	105	670	548	670	653
IT maintenance	2,563	-	5,982	2,663	8,545	2,663
Staff and volunteer development	735	79	4,887	1,002	5,622	1,081
BSL Interpreter fees	2,342	1,494	1,553	535	3,895	2,029
BSL Translation fees	1,636	-	1,030	956	2,666	956
Project expenditure	398	393	6,889	5,047	7,287	5,440
WDSDP Group expenditure	1,476	1,899	2,643	-	4,119	1,899
BSL Courses expenditure	1,207	7,291	4,065	2,588	5,272	9,879
Travel expenses	175	546	-	1,054	175	1,600
Equipment	(2,564)	-	9,123	10,291	6,559	10,291
Bar expenditure	304	180	-	-	304	180
Accountancy and Indpendent exam	1,716	-	-	1,716	1,716	1,716
Professional fees	3,988	35	-	-	3,988	35
Depreciation	2,592	1,263	-	-	2,592	1,263
Total expenditure	24,314	28,685	164,258	121,970	188,572	150,655
Net income / (expenditure)	6,168	26,335	14,345	15,255	20,513	41,590
Transfers between funds	800	1,606	(800)	(1,606)	-	-
Net movement in funds	6,968	27,941	13,545	13,649	20,513	41,590
Fund balances brought forward	134,353	106,412	85,671	72,022	220,024	178,434
Fund balances carried forward	141,321	134,353	99,216	85,671	240,537	220,024