Trustees' Report and Review of the Year 2026

It has been another productive year for The Sequal Trust, with 58 cases supplied with communication equipment at a cost of £155,574. The equipment we provide our members with is wide and varied. Some people we help are non-verbal and need a voice to speak for them, some need special access devices to enable them to communicate, and some of the people we help have physical restrictions which we help them to overcome. There is a wide range of communication equipment on the market, and it is very important that each case is looked at individually and the best piece of equipment to suit each individual is chosen.

We have been given a massive financial boost this year thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of The Honeywood Trust. This charity for many years has provided grants for computers, information technology and communication aids to promote their education, independence and well-being. First registered in 1986, they have been awarding grants to fund many of our members over the years, and we have been very grateful for the help they have given. In 2025 their Trustees made the decision to wind up the charity, and we were thrilled when they approached us early in the year and advised us that they had agreed that The Sequal Trust should be the beneficiary of their financial investments when they close. The Trustees of The Honeywood Trust advised that a condition of our acceptance of these funds was that it should be treated as an expendable endowment, i.e. invested and the return on this investment to be used to contribute towards overheads, but with the proviso that if the funds were needed for other purposes this could be done if our Trustees authorised it. As you can see from our accounts, the impact of this generous legacy has meant that our investment income has doubled during the year, leaving more of the donations we receive from our generous benefactors available to use. The Trustees would like to thank The Honeywood Trust for thinking of us and promise that their generosity will mean we can fund more people who desperately need our help.

Thank you also to all our donors, some who have supported us for many years and new ones who have only recently heard of us. We conduct a general appeal each year and are very grateful for the donations we receive from this and the regular financial help from individuals. Other charities working in the same field as us are also generous donors and our staff have developed very good relationships with them.

Thank you so much to our wonderful staff. Everyone at Sequal does everything possible to ensure that members who we are helping get the vital equipment they need as soon as they possibly can and work hard to achieve this. In addition, our staff always do their best to help all our members with other concerns, and this continues after the equipment has been supplied.

A huge thanks to our amazing Trustees. During the year Pat Redfern, who took on the role of Trustee when her husband and former Chair of Sequal, John Redfern passed away, decided it was time to retire. We are, however, very pleased to have recruited Andrew Cheetham, my husband, as a new Trustee. He has done so much behind the scenes for many years, and it is wonderful to recognise this officially and welcome him aboard.

Thank you also to our President, Nigel Havers, and to our Patrons, HRH The Princess Michael of Kent, Roger Jefcoate, and Lee Ridley, AKA Lost Voice Guy. You are great ambassadors for The Sequal Trust, and we appreciate the time you invest in promoting our charity.

We look forward to another year of providing communication equipment to the many people who need this help and playing a part in improving their lives and following their dreams. We pledge to do whatever we can to ensure that everyone can have a 'voice', in one form or other, and reach their full potential.

Jackie Cheetham, Chair, on behalf of the Sequal Trust

THE SEQUAL TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 31.03.26 £	Total 31.03.25 £
Income resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	130,526	117,176	439,332	687,034	309,563
Subscriptions	-	-	-	0	0
Investment income	2997	107	41,094	44,198	19,634
Total incoming resources	133,523	117,283	480,426	731,232	329,197
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating donations and legacies	32,171	-	-	32,171	32,650
Charitable activities					
Charitable expenditure	46,445	155,754	-	202,199	209,259
Governance costs (Audit fees and bank charges)	1,368	-	-	1,368	1,255
Total resources expended	79,984	155,754	-	235,738	243,164
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers	53,539	(38,471)	480,426	495,494	86,033
Net transfers between funds	(61,061)	101,131	(40,070)	0	0
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources	(7,522)	62,660	440,356	495,494	86,033
Other recognised gains and losses					
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	-	118,179	118179	(1621) 118,179
Net movement in funds	(7,522)	62,660	558,535	613,673	84,412
Fund balances at 1 April 2025	39,491	113,237	487,698	640,426	556,014
Fund balances at 31 March 2026	31,969	175,897	1,046,233	1,254,099	640,426

OUR AGM THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH 2026 AT 11.30 AM AT THE DERWEN COLLEGE, GOBOWEN. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 01691 624222 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

The financial information presented in these Trustees Annual Report and Accounts do not compromise the statutory financial statements of The Sequal Trust (Registered Charity No. 260119) for the year ended 31st March 2026, but represent extracts from them and therefore does not provide as full an understanding of the financial performance as the reading of the complete Annual Report and Accounts prepared under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. A copy of the complete Trustees' Annual Reports and Accounts, including the Independent Examiners' Report, can be obtained from The Sequal Trust offices or the offices of the Independent Examiners.

THE SEQUAL TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026

Bankers
CAF Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Accountant
KV Ford FCA
Pointers
Gallows Green
Alton
Stoke-in-Trent
ST10 4BN

Solicitors
Martineau Johnson
No 1 Colmore Square
Birmingham
B4 6AA

Independent Examiners
Morris Cook
Chartered Accountants
6 Salop Road
Oswestry
SY11 2NU

		31.03.26		31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		2,747		2,494
Investments		1,191,433		582,463
		1,194,180		584,957
Current assets				
Debtors	8,112		4,654	
Cash at bank and in hand	57,208		57,186	
	65,320		61,840	
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	(5,401)		(6,371)	
Net current assets		59,919		55,469
Total assets less current liabilities		1,254,099		640,426
Capital funds				
Endowment funds		1,046,233		487,698
Income funds				
Restricted funds		175,897		113,237
Unrestricted funds		31,969		39,491
		1,254,099		640,426

In the year to 31.03.26, £156k has been spent on providing equipment to 58 members. At the end of the financial year, we were holding £175,897 on behalf of members, pending completion of fundraising, trials, further assessments, or delivery of equipment. This will be used to fund the purchase of equipment in the coming year.

Acknowledgements

We should include THE HONEYWOOD TRUST

We would like to thank the many individuals, Grant-Making Trusts, Companies, and other Organisations that have so generously supported The Sequal Trust, as well as those people who organised fundraising activities. Here are just a few:

BARON DAVENPORT'S CHARITY
BARTLE FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST
BEATRICE LAING TRUST
BIRKDALE TRUST FOR HEARING
BLACKBURN ROUND TABLE
BRISTOL MASONS
CASTLE BROMWICH ROTARY CLUB
CHARITY OF EDGAR RALPH DRE
CHELMSFORD LIONS CLUB
CHIPPING SODBURY LIONS CLUB
CHRIMES FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST
CLARENCE HOUSE TRUST
DORCHESTER ROTARY CLUB
DOUGLAS ARTER FOUNDATION
EDITH MARY CLARKE FOUNDATION
EVESHAM RELIEF IN NEED
EXMOUTH ROTARY CLUB
FARNHAM ROUND TABLE
FRASER TRUST
FULMER CHARITABLE TRUST
GAIL TAYLOR TRUST
GEOFF HILL CHARITABLE TRUST
GIBBONS FAMILY TRUST
GLASTONBURY & STREET LIONS CLUB
HAMILTON WALLACE C T
HARFORD CHARITABLE TRUST
HORSHAM LIONS CLUB
I M MARSH COLLEGE
JANKI SAYE FOUNDATION
JEAN & LESLIE CONNOR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
JOHNSON SERVICE GROUP
JOSEPH SHELDON TRUST
LILLEY JOHNSON TRUST
MARK O'SULLIVAN CHARITABLE TRUST
MRS A LACY-TATE TRUST
NORTHAMPTON LIONS CLUB
P B DUMBELL CHARITABLE TRUST
RAOB GROSVENOR SHAKESPEARE
RISLEY MEDICAL RESEARCH
ROTARY CLUB EVESHAM
ROTARY CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
ROTARY CLUB OF BURTON-ON-TRENT
ROTARY CLUB OF BURY ST. EDMUNDS
SANDOWN & SHANKLIN LIONS
SHANLEY FOUNDATION
SIR JAMES ROLL CHARITABLE TRUST
ST JUDE'S TRUST
STAFFFORDSHIRE MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION
SUTTON COLDFIELD & ERDINGTON LIONS CLUB
SYLIVA AITKEN CHARITABLE TRUST
THE AMMCO CHARITABLE TRUST
THE ARCHER TRUST
THE BUFFALOES LODGE
THE CAMELIA TRUST
THE CAZENOVE CHARITABLE TRUST
THE CECIL & HILDA CHARITABLE TRUST
THE HAMILTON WALLACE TRUST
THE HELEN JEAN COPE CHARITY
THE JACK LANE CHARITABLE TRUST
THE MARY ROBERTSON TRUST
THE MAUD ELKINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST
THE MULBERRY TRUST
THE PATRICK TRUST
THE ROTARY CLUB OF DARWEN
THE ROWLEY TRUST
THE WESTMINSTER LODGE
VERA WOLSTENCROFT CHILDREN CHARITY
W E D CHARITABLE TRUST
W M & B W LLOYD CHARITY TRUST
WALWYN CHAPMAN CHARITABLE TRUST
WEDNESFIELD ROTARY CLUB

During the year, we are very proud to have provided 58 people with communication equipment costing £156k. Equipment that really has revolutionised their lives.

thank you!