

Rotherham Talking Newspaper

Registered Charity number: 512545

**Financial Statements for the period
ending 31 December 2020**



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for the period ending 31 December 2020**

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Rotherham Talking Newspaper
Legal and administrative information
for the year ended 31 December 2020

Registered Charity number: 512545
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Trustees

Jean Dowd - Chairperson
Lisa Astle - Vice Chairperson
Wendy Birch - Treasurer from 30 September 2020
John Dowd - Retired 30 September 2020
Heather Lilleker - Secretary
Doreen Atkinson
Sally Wilkinson
John Binstead
Cynthia Varo

Administrative address

Rosehill Park Hall
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Bankers

The Co-operative bank
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Independent examiner

Charlotte Phelps employee of
Voluntary Action Rotherham
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Rotherham Talking Newspaper
Report of the Chair
for the year ended 31 December 2020

Report of the Chair

2020 has been a very trying year due to the Covid situation. The finances are still in a very healthy position due to the very generous allowances by the Grantees of accepting that the spends may not be of what the grants were initially allowed.

We did have grants that paid for salaries and the furlough scheme did help with not having to use all our grants for the time lost.

We managed to only close for three months due to the government restrictions, but the age of our volunteers does mean that we have been restricted with the amount of help that has been offered.

As we were limited for space all trustee meetings from February had to be cancelled. We were short on volunteers at the beginning of the year and Covid has only exasperated the matter.

We have been unable to run our usual fund raising items this year and this has had an effect on our income. A grant by RMBC of £10,000 has been very welcome and this does not have any restrictions placed upon it.

We did manage to run our Christmas Raffle and this proved to be a great success giving some light to, what was for all concerned, a very miserable year. Alexa has been up and running and is proving to be a further weapon in our arsenal in reaching the visually impaired community.

Both I and the trustees would like to thank all listeners and volunteers for the hard work and effort that has been applied during this difficult year, and here is to 2021 with the hope that it will bring better days.

Lisa Astle
Chairwoman

Rotherham Talking Newspaper
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2020

Structure, Governance and Management

Rotherham Talking Newspaper is a registered charity and was first registered with the charity commission on 22 January 1982. The charity is operated under the rules of the constitution.

Appointment of Trustees

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12.

Trustees are appointed at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for 12 months.

Related Parties

There are no related party transactions.

Charitable Aims and Objectives

Provide support to visually impaired people or those people whose disability or incapacity prevents them reading local news and information, by the provision of audio recordings.

Main activities undertaken for public benefit

Rotherham Talking Newspaper produce a local newspaper, together with a magazine, which is sent out to listeners each week on memory sticks, tapes cassettes or CD's. Rotherham Talking Newspaper's activity is in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines.

Rotherham Talking Newspaper employs two part-time staff so the bulk of the work is carried out by volunteers.

Financial review

Rotherham Talking Newspaper has been fortunate to receive a number of grants during 2020. The grants have helped to cover capital expenditure and general running expenses. The Covid crisis has meant a temporary halt to our fundraising activities but the income from our listeners generous donations has allowed the charity to accumulate reserves. The Covid crisis has also allowed our grantees to give permission for allowances to be spent on alternatives to the original plans and for this we are extremely indebted.

Reserves Policy

At 31 December 2020 the charity held free reserves of £29,224

To be able to continue its work, Rotherham Talking Newspaper is reliant on donations, fundraising and grant awards.

The trustees declare that they have approved the above report:

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signed:



Date:

13/10/21

Name and position:

WENDY SUSAN BIRCH TREASURER

**Independent examiners report to the trustees of
Rotherham Talking Newspaper
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rotherham Talking Newspaper (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As charity trustees of the Charity 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 RTN accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 examiners 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Date: 13/10/2021

Charlotte Phelps
Community Accountancy
Voluntary Action Rotherham Ltd
The Spectrum, Coke Hill
Rotherham
S60 2HX

Rotherham Talking Newspaper
Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 Unrestricted	2020 Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Unrestricted	2019 Restricted	2019 Total
	£	£		£	£	
Incoming resources						
Charitable donations	1,106	-	1,106	6,652	-	6,652
Listeners donations	2,805	-	2,805	3,987	-	3,987
Friends of RTN donations	876	-	876	910	-	910
Bequests	875	-	875	100	-	100
Fundraising & events	365	-	365	786	-	786
Raffle sales	1,032	-	1,032	1,670	-	1,670
Gift aid	1,339	-	1,339	686	-	686
Grants & contracts	2 24,882	3,000	27,882	5,500	24,722	30,222
Miscellaneous income	65	-	65	-	-	-
IT Services	-	-	-	240	-	240
Total incoming resources	<u>33,345</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>36,345</u>	<u>20,531</u>	<u>24,722</u>	<u>45,253</u>
Resources expended						
Cost of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects						
Wages/Nl/admin	10,407	7,900	18,307	14,570	2,914	17,484
Payroll charges	121	33	154	150	-	150
Subscriptions	-	-	-	70	-	70
Hardware repairs	628	-	628	-	-	-
CD/Tapes	50	90	140	96	398	494
Bank/PayPal charges	-	72	72	12	-	12
Equipment	888	325	1,213	1,120	90	1,210
Pouches & transport	194	879	1,074	473	17	490
Telephone & ICT	339	155	494	1,226	-	1,226
RMBC service charge	2,100	700	2,800	700	2,100	2,800
Office expenses	520	295	815	1,173	-	1,173
Insurance	459	-	459	449	-	449
Events	137	-	137	289	-	289
Publicity	42	108	150	258	100	358
Miscellaneous expenses	93	-	93	-	-	-
Independent examination	-	350	350	185	-	185
Asset and investment purchase						
Purchase of Equipment	1,694	1,187	2,881	-	1,690	1,690
Total expensed resources	<u>17,673</u>	<u>12,094</u>	<u>29,767</u>	<u>20,771</u>	<u>7,309</u>	<u>28,080</u>
Net income/(deficit) for the year	15,672	(9,094)	6,578	(240)	17,413	17,173
Funds brought forward	13,678	20,413	34,091	13,918	3,000	16,918
Funds carried forward	<u>3 29,350</u>	<u>11,319</u>	<u>40,669</u>	<u>13,678</u>	<u>20,413</u>	<u>34,091</u>

**Rotherham Talking Newspaper
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

	2020	2019
Monetary assets	£	£
Current account	40,550	33,878
Cash in hand	41	100
PayPal account	77	113
Total Monetary Assets	40,669	34,091
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	29,224	13,678
Restricted Funds	11,445	20,413
Total Funds	40,669	34,091
Non-Monetary assets and liabilities		
Fixed assets for charity use		
	2020	2019
Other Assets	£	£
Erasing and copying equipment	300	300
Computer/Printer	2,100	1,500
Recording Equipment	3,187	2,000
Other equipment	1,094	-
	6,681	3,800
Creditors	£	£
Accountancy Fee	(457)	(350)
Total Non-Monetary Assets/Liabilities	(457)	(350)

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:



Date:

13/10/21

Name and position:

WENDY SUSAN BIRCH TREASURER.

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year.

In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

Fund Accounting

The charity maintains an unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Unrestricted funds may arise from general donations, fundraising activities, grants of a general nature, fees for service provision and payment for service delivery contracts.

Restricted funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and may only be spent for the purposes for which they were given. Any balance remaining outstanding on restricted fund at the end of the year is carried forward as a balance on the fund, unless permission has been given by the funder to remove the restriction on the balance outstanding. Restricted funds will arise from grants and donations given to the charity for specific purposes.

2 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2020	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Yapp Charitable Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Skipton BS Charitable Foundation	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation	-	-	-	-	750	750
Souter Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Leeds Building Society	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
Gay & Peter Harley's Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
SY Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	4,677	4,677
The Scurrah Wainwright Charity	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
Dalton Parish Council	-	-	-	-	500	500
National Lottery Awards for All	-	-	-	-	9,895	9,895
Ravenfield Events	-	-	-	500	-	500
RMBC (Ward funding)	-	-	-	-	500	500
Yapp Charitable Trust - Covid Recovery	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
Co-Op Community Fund	5,671	-	5,671	-	-	-
Tesco Bags of Help	500	-	500	-	-	-
RMBC Covid 19	10,000	-	10,000	-	-	-
HMRC - Job support scheme	3,712	-	3,712	-	-	-
	24,882	3,000	27,882	5,500	24,722	30,222

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3 Restricted funds

	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
The Yapp Charitable Trust	6,000	3,000	3,057	-	5,943
Dalton Parish Council	500	-	-	-	500
RMBC (ward funding)	102	-	-	-	102
The Woodroffe Benton Foundation	750	-	284	-	466
Souter Charitable Trust	1,200	-	-	-	1,200
The Scurrah Wainwright Charity	115	-	-	-	115
Leeds Building Society	1,000	-	90	-	910
Skipton Building Society	1,305	-	-	-	1,305
SY Community Foundation	2,460	-	2,587	127	-
National Lottery Awards for All	6,981	-	6,078	-	903
Total Funds	20,413	3,000	12,095	127	11,445

4 Trustee payments, benefits and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2019: none).

One trustee made donations totalling £60 during the year.

5 Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the independent examination and accountancy services was £457 (2019: £350).