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**DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION**  
**UNAUDITED**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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## DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Trustees

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Dominic Rees-Jones  
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Helen Bagley (appointed 11 October 2023)  
Julia Cook (appointed 11 October 2023)  
Jill Manion-Brunt (appointed 11 October 2023)  
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#### Company registered number

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### CHAIR'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Chair presents her statement as Chair of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board of Trustees:

I am delighted to introduce Derbyshire Voluntary Action's annual report for 2023/24. It is an immense privilege to be part of such a professional team.

Over the past three years as Chair, I have witnessed the exceptional work of our staff in supporting communities across Derbyshire during these challenging times. Our team consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the best collaborative efforts with colleagues from both the voluntary and statutory sectors. We have worked diligently to provide essential support, ensuring that as a leading specialist infrastructure organisation, we bolster the health and wellbeing of the voluntary and community sector. This enables them to deliver vital services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Our adaptability in service provision is a point of pride, particularly in our work with groups and individuals with lived experience in mental health and wellbeing. We also focus on developing community resilience through our outreach efforts.

Our Mental Health Liaison Service has expanded, incorporating the Chesterfield and Northeast Derbyshire & Bolsover Living Well Collaborates, which are recognised as the most successful in the county. Our transformation project, Feeling Connected, continues to thrive with additional Northeast Derbyshire UKSPF funding, allowing us to extend our outreach to enthusiastic individuals who want to support their communities through additional workshops, training, and social events. In Chesterfield, UKSPF funding has enabled us to deliver 'Fundamentals' training to local voluntary sector groups and organisations. The Hub @ Low Pavement offers numerous user-developed and led activities, along with new health and wellbeing initiatives, providing a much-needed safe and welcoming space for all, including our most isolated and marginalized individuals. In June, we celebrated five years of our innovative, national award-winning Community Chesterfield partnership project with Derby University, now entering its final legacy year.

This year, as in previous years, I have seen our staff strengthen and build new working partnerships, embracing our new business plan and ways of working. They have worked tirelessly to secure funding, ensuring staff roles are maintained and our support and services are enhanced and expanded. Our new opportunities have flourished thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of our staff and the trust my fellow trustees place in us as a forward-thinking team. Our partnerships and Memorandums of Understanding with Chesterfield FC Community Trust and the University of Derby will continue to foster future project and research developments. Our strategic representation and membership on the Chesterfield Town Centre Board bring sector opportunities and allow us to pass on vital community insights.

Despite additional workloads, financial pressures, and campaigning against proposed statutory grant funding cuts across Derbyshire, Derbyshire Voluntary Action has fulfilled its funders' obligations and responsibilities.

Moving forward, we will focus our business plan on supporting our members, strengthening the resilience of our sector, enhancing our community offer, developing projects within our existing structure and progressing our ambition for a shared space. We will rebrand to create a fresh look for the organisation while always being mindful of sustainability.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this fantastic organisation, especially our dedicated staff teams and the Board of Trustees for their dedication and expertise. We also thank our amazing members and stakeholders who have believed in us.



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Julie Dixon

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The Trustees (who are directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity Derbyshire Voluntary Action for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to 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).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

The charitable objects of Derbyshire Voluntary Action as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- The promotion and protection of good health for the benefit of the public, particularly in the county of Derbyshire.
- The promotion of the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in the Area of Benefit.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's main aim is to support health related voluntary groups working in Derbyshire.

During this period, Integrated Care Board (ICB) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action under its Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire, requiring us to deliver against the following local defined outcomes agreed by Governing Bodies:

1. Building community capacity through support to local VCSE groups and services.
2. VCSE infrastructure services have a local presence in the community and provide a front door to and for the VCSE.
3. Effective volunteer support and brokerage.
4. VCSE engagement and communication at strategic, individual and local level.
5. Effective signposting to VCSE services.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) funded Derbyshire Voluntary Action, via a Service Level Agreement to provide the following support and outcomes:

Sector Support: Derbyshire's VCSE is supported to grow and develop, enabling residents to contribute to social and cultural opportunities which enhances their lives and the lives of others.

- 1: Maintain a local presence
- 2: Build Sector Capacity

Volunteer Support: Increased pathways to volunteering gives opportunities to individuals to contribute to their community and is accessible to all.

- 3: Volunteer brokerage

Strategic Support: VCES organisations are supported to contribute to the strategic priorities of the Council

- 4: VCSE has a strong voice
- 5: Effective information and collaboration

Section b below describes the work, which Derbyshire Voluntary Action has undertaken to meet these objectives.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

##### b. Activities for achieving objectives and achievements and performance

Derbyshire Voluntary Action works with health related voluntary and community organisations, providing networks of information and support.

##### Community Champions

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continued its community engagement work related to the wider determinants of health throughout the 2023/24 period. Working closely with Derbyshire County Council Public Health and NHS to deliver their health messaging, we provided information bulletins (16 in total to 436 recipients) in a community-focused way.

Representation: at a strategic level, our Chief Executive provided voluntary sector representation for Chesterfield and North-East Derbyshire at the Derbyshire Community Forum (previously COVID Community Champs Forum) and she was a key contributor and partner in Chesterfield's Strategic Community Wellbeing Coordination Group.

##### The Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health & Social Care Voluntary Sector Forum

The Health and Social Care Forum met on four occasions in 2023/24. One meeting was held virtually over Zoom and the three others were held in person.

##### 'Network' Newsletter

We are proud to champion the services, activities, successes and diversity of the health and care related voluntary sector, and we continued to promote the excellent work that takes place in our communities every day through our online newsletter 'Network at Home.'

##### 'E News Update' - Derbyshire Voluntary Action's electronic information bulletin

We produced and distributed 95 information bulletins to 749 recipients during the year. These valued and popular information-sharing bulletins help our stakeholders, members, and other interested parties to keep up to date with opportunities, news, and events locally, regionally, and nationally. We can distribute same-day information if necessary.

##### Derbyshire Voluntary Action Database

Derbyshire Voluntary Action maintains a specialist database of health-related community organisations, predominantly in North Derbyshire. This database is available to all and can be via the interactive map on the homepage of our website.

Our membership stands at 358 charities, social enterprises, and volunteer-led groups, and 17 new memberships were approved by our Board of Trustees during 2023/24.

In addition, DVA staff use Lamplight, a cloud-based based management system, to record groups, interactions, activities, and support given. There are currently 537 organisations and groups listed there.

##### Website - [www.dva.org.uk](http://www.dva.org.uk)

The Derbyshire Voluntary Action website is updated on a regular basis with current and interesting news and events, links to VCSE groups and organisations, funding opportunities and information about our small grants, projects, and services - thus providing an additional communication channel with groups, statutory agencies and the wider public. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Senior Administrator remains responsible for its population and general administration.

##### Community Directory Derbyshire

Derbyshire Voluntary Action continues to work in partnership with infrastructure partners across Derbyshire to jointly support and be responsible for data population of the Community Directory Derbyshire. This includes responsibility for a proportion of the associated costs, input, and refresh. The Community Directory lists all voluntary groups, including health and care related groups.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

##### Derbyshire Voluntary Action Health and Wellbeing Grant

Integrated Care Board and Derbyshire County Council Public Health made available a total of four different funding streams to Derbyshire Voluntary Action in 2023-24, which were administered as a single 'Health and Wellbeing Grant' for Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover. The purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Grant was to support new and existing not-for-profit voluntary and community groups/organisations in their work to strengthen the local community and improve the health and wellbeing of their beneficiaries. Applications could be for core costs or project projects only, or for a combination of the two. During this period, 51 health and wellbeing grants were distributed during the period.

##### Derbyshire Voluntary Action Start-Up Grant

The Start-Up Grant is for newly forming groups. It helps volunteers to meet the costs of getting a new group off the ground, 6 start-up grants were granted during the period.

##### Cost of Living Grant

During this period, 3 cost of living grants were distributed.

##### Representation of the VCS at Strategic Level

Jacqui Willis provided strategic representation for the health and care related VCSE throughout the year, including at: Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Derbyshire Integrated Community Place Board, Derbyshire System Insight Group, Joined Up Care Derbyshire Exec Leadership Programme, VCSE Leadership Programme, Place Alliances in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire/Bolsover; Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover and the newly formed VCSE Alliance.

##### Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH) NHS Trust - Partner Governors

Chesterfield Royal Hospital's Council of Governors is a stakeholder group for the local community. It plays a key role in the stewardship of the Trust, including responsibility for the appointment of the Chair and non-executive directors. Every three years, Derbyshire Voluntary Action's membership elects two representatives to fulfil the role of Partner Governor and represent the VCSE in the running of local healthcare services. Dave Radford, Keith Clarke and Bridget Dunks are our current Partner Governors.

##### Mental Health Liaison Service

Derbyshire Voluntary Action hosts and manages North Derbyshire's Mental Health Liaison Service (MHLS). In 2023-24 the service was commissioned under NHS Derby and Derbyshire's Framework Specification for Organisations Delivering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Services in Derby and Derbyshire.

#### Objectives:

##### MHLS continued to:

- Support a platform for voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to come together to discuss matters of common interest and influence strategic planning in mental health.
- Represent voluntary sector mental health providers on strategic commissioning and other key planning groups.
- Ensure voluntary sector representation on other joint agency planning groups and review bodies.
- Train and support other voluntary sector representatives.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

##### I. A Platform for Voluntary Agencies to Discuss Issues and Influence Strategic Planning

During the period MHLS delivered the Voluntary Sector Mental Health Network (VSMHN). VSMHN membership extends to 121 representatives of mental health service providers from VCS and statutory providers. Four successful forums took place during the year, including 1 Joint Countywide Forums (in collaboration with Derbyshire Mental Health Forum), 3 North Derbyshire Mental Health Forums. As well as several themed workshops and events. During this year we also created our Reflections Group, which is a space for people with lived experience to come together and hold to account the Living Well framework and other strategic work taking place. Information was distributed via regular electronic bulletins (109 in total) to 264 recipients.

##### II. Representing the Voluntary Sector on Planning Groups

Rachel Bounds, our Mental Health Liaison Service Officer, provided VCSE representation at both strategic and 'task and finish' level with stakeholders at: Derbyshire Suicide Prevention Partnership; Chesterfield Mental Health Partnership; North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover Mental Health Partnership; High Peak Living Well Collaborative; Living Well – Community Mental Health Framework (CMHF) Workforce Planning Group; Living Well - CMHF Integrated Care Steering Group; Living Well - CMHF Governance Group; Mental Health First Aid Network; Community Mental Health Communications and Engagement Sub-Group; Derbyshire Community of Practice for Living Well Leads; Living Well Programme Delivery Group; Urgent Care Steering Group; MH Helpline / Crisis Alternatives Steering Group; Chesterfield Living Well Collaborative; North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Living Well Collaborative; Population Mental Health Task and Finish Group; Joined Up Care – Mental Health, Neurodiversity, Learning Disability/Autism Alliance; and Derbyshire Healthcare Foundation Trust Board of Governors.

##### III. Support for Voluntary Groups

MHLS has links locally, regionally, and nationally with a wide range of organisations and regularly shares information and opportunities from the wider mental health world with its network. In addition, it supported a number of local events and initiatives over the last year, including: ThinkFest, Baton of Hope, World Suicide Prevention Day football matches and mental health related events and group sessions at Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Hub @ Low Pavement.

We have continued to share our Mental Health Support Pack across the country, providing simple and accessible support information to our colleagues and communities. The support pack has been utilised by many organisations across the county, as well as being a valuable resource for mental health teams.

During Suicide Awareness Week the DVA MHLS designed, developed and delivered a highly successful Memorial Service and engagement event. The event brought together 5 partner organisations, The Georgia Bird Foundation, The Tomorrow Project, Survivors of Bereavement (SOBS), Kakou and Mentell to highlight suicide awareness and provide one-to-one support for individuals, families and carers.

#### Living Well

This year also saw the MHLS hosting the role of Living Well Collaborative Coordinator. Ellie Scott has successfully ran innovative collaboratives for Chesterfield, and North-East Derbyshire and Bolsover. As well as led on multiple Meet the Groups Events with support from the Mental Health Liaison Service and Derbyshire Recovery and Peer Support. The Living Well Collaboratives bring together partners and colleagues from across the system, to support, challenge and review the work of the new community mental health framework. These collaborative spaces have been instrumental in shaping Living Well and making sure the voice of lived experience remains at the centre of the work we do. Within this space, Ellie has championed the voice of lived experience, shared the amazing work of the voluntary and community sector, created new and exciting partnership working and co-designed and co-produced the Waiting Well Pack, which is a model now being developed countywide.



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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

##### Feeling Connected

The project aims to tackle the adverse impacts upon health caused by loneliness and social isolation across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire. We are commissioned by a partnership of local authorities, Chesterfield Borough Council, NE Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The project's objective is to create a flourishing of sustainable, grassroots, volunteer-led initiatives that bring people together, reducing isolation and loneliness. We support volunteer-organisers by providing mentoring, micro-grants, training, and networking opportunities.

Whilst broadly raising awareness of the importance of social connectedness for one's health, we aim to inspire people to start new initiatives, be they one-off events, regular groups, community projects, or neighbourhood-based activities. Many of the volunteer-organisers we support are starting from scratch and prefer to remain 'informal'. We are the only organisation to offer them support without requiring them to formalise.

The organiser of the Grassmoor Meet and Greet Group reported: "We wouldn't have done what we have done without Feeling Connected. It picked us both up and has had a big impact. The support, advice, and encouragement we've had has been so helpful and the Feeling Connected funding has enabled us to keep our group moving forward".

In turn, the attendees of the activities our volunteer-organisers benefit from the companionship they find there. One such attendee of the Grassmoor Meet and Greet Group said:

"It's a great place if you're feeling a little lonely. Lots of shared stories and laughs, and lovely new friends too. This group gives you purpose to your week, something to look forward to."

During this period, we have supported 66 volunteer-organisers and administered 53 micro-grants (between £75 and £300). We have held 12 networking events and delivered 13 training workshops in venues across Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire.

In the final quarter of this period, we launched a new service call Community Connector in NE Derbyshire to provide one-to-one support for individuals at risk of isolation and need help engaging in local activities.

##### The Hub @ Low Pavement

The Hub is a small community venue, in the centre of Chesterfield. We provide a safe and welcoming space for people to meet, engage in activities and access public health focused information. We have a full programme of volunteer-led groups, whilst also hosting other organisations so they can engage the public. We provide personal coaching for individuals who want to broaden their network of activities and community venues.

We estimate that 60-70 people come in each week, which includes roughly 45 regular attendees, plus 20 people popping in occasionally or only once, often looking for information.

We estimate that 30% of attendees are brought to the Hub by a professional or key worker, while 70% self-refer, sometimes being recommended by another service. There is a high prevalence of people who have had adverse experiences in their life and/or trauma. They often present with complex psychological needs, low confidence, and self-esteem. There are a lot of neurodivergent attendees, people with a learning disability and people with a brain disorder. Some older adults have found themselves isolated outside of the Hub and attended very regularly.

The diverse challenges people present have often had a significant impact on their expectations of others and organisations', and on their interpersonal relationships outside of, and within the Hub. Below is a comment from one attendee, responding to the question, 'What does the Hub mean to you?'

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

*"I have complex PTSD resulting from 20 years of abuse. To help with my condition I attend the Hub's groups. I need an environment that is safe, non-pressurised, non-demanding. The Hub is very supportive, the staff are very friendly and supportive. I fear people, places I don't know and worry about getting things wrong because I relate it to punishment. I attend the Art group as therapy, such as grounding mindfulness, avoiding isolation. I also acknowledge the other members of the group who are very friendly."*

Community Chesterfield

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's award-winning partnership with the University of Derby, Community Chesterfield celebrated its fifth and last year of operation. The project has built strong relationships with colleagues across the University of Derby, exceeding expectations, forging new projects and ultimately providing learning and collaboration opportunities for voluntary community organisations, researchers, students and lecturers. Much of this work will continue as Derbyshire Voluntary Action is embedding the valuable training and skills support for community organisations within the heart of the organisation, and as partners, we seek further funding opportunities to explore new collaboration opportunities. Over the past five years, the project has averaged over 1,000 meaningful connections between university members and the Voluntary Community Sector each year, facilitated over 100 people from the community sector with lived experience to talk to students, over 30 student projects, over 50 student placements within community organisations, over 2,350 hours of training, skills development and shared learning for the voluntary community sector, attended by almost 1,000 people.

Bowel Cancer Engagement

Building on the learning of our 2018-19 'Be Cancer Safe' project across North Derbyshire, Derbyshire Voluntary Action worked in partnership with Derbyshire Public Health to undertake a piece of targeted engagement work around bowel cancer awareness. The initiative aims to increase uptake of bowel cancer screening in communities with the greatest inequalities and lowest uptake of screening – focusing on Chesterfield, Bolsover District and Erewash. The campaign takes an 'on the ground' approach to engage in person and online with local people, businesses and organisations, in order to raise awareness and generate support by recruiting 'cancer champions'. Champions learn about signs and symptoms and pledge to start cancer conversations with their colleagues, friends and family. Over a four-month period we reached 9,000 people, engaged 406 cancer champions' and gained 41 online pledges of support. Career progression of the project worker left a period of inactivity; however, we are pleased to say that our new Bowel Cancer Project Worker took over the helm in February 2023.

Understanding the importance of this project and appreciating the power of people and conversation, Kat Johnson, our dedicated project worker, embarked on sharing the important message of 'Early Screening Saves Lives'. She has engaged in conversations with businesses, participated in networking events, and made a presence in local communities. As conversations gained momentum, we have gathered the support of over 300 champions, representing local businesses, residents, event participants, and exhibitors.

With support of local media and magazines, our campaign has already reached an audience exceeding 300,000. Our project has been featured in various publications, including two titles within the NG magazine group (with a readership of 40,000 in Ilkeston and Long Eaton) and three titles published by Heron Publishing (reaching 36,000 readers), along with Ilkeston Life (with a readership of 10,000). We also marked the first anniversary of Dame Deborah James' passing by broadcasting prerecorded messages on Greatest Hits Radio. Bite-sized segments encouraging listeners to recognise symptoms were played during drive-time news slots at 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, and 7pm, reaching a listening audience of over 52,000.

Materials including posters, leaflets, window stickers and coasters have been displayed in a variety of premises and businesses, including supermarkets that have more than 25,000 customers per week. We have also reached out to builders' merchants and similar businesses which attract over 500 customers per week.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

Some businesses were unable to display resources for their customers, but recognised the importance of raising awareness, and took materials to display for their own staff.

There were some initial barriers to overcome as many individuals anticipated donation requests, however, once we explained the Be Cancer Safe campaign, this led to fantastic support.

#### c. Public benefit

The Directors reaffirm Derbyshire Voluntary Action's contribution to the public benefit:

As a result of Derbyshire Voluntary Action's aims and actions, a large number of small groups and organisations, directly supporting people with health, wellbeing and social care needs, benefit from:

- Representation – the voice of the voluntary & community sector is increasingly included in health and care commissioning and planning of services at local level.
- Dissemination of information about statutory health and social care services.
- Accessible information about local and national trends, policy changes and training.
- Opportunities to network and explore collaborative working amongst voluntary and community groups.
- Promotion and marketing of activities and services.
- Financial support via grants and advice on applications for funding.
- Facilitation of partnerships between Derbyshire Voluntary Action members and other agencies.
- Social Prescribing services
- A high-quality voluntary sector workforce which is supported to gain new knowledge and skills

#### 1. Is there any detriment or harm that may arise from our work and how is this balanced against benefit?

There are two possible harms identified in the work of Derbyshire Voluntary Action: harm to people and harm to the environment. The organisation takes its health & safety and safeguarding responsibilities seriously, and ensures that no harm arises to employees, volunteers and beneficiaries from the way in which it undertakes its activities, by implementing appropriate policies and procedures. In terms of environmental impact, pre-Covid-19 Derbyshire Voluntary Action ran from three bases in Chesterfield and staff travelled by car or public transport to meetings. During 2023/24 most staff continued to work the majority of week using home-based working and most meetings were held virtually using Zoom and Microsoft Teams. Travel, printing and paper consumption continued to be minimal. The exception was staff working at the Hub @ Low Pavement to which travel was necessary and printing essential. Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Environmental Policy aims to minimise the impact of its activity via recycling, car sharing, etc. to ensure that the benefits of our work continue to outweigh the harm. In 2020 we signed up to Plastic Free Chesterfield's Plastic Free Pledge and give additional consideration to minimizing our use of single-use plastics in our work. The Directors are not aware of any other causes of harm likely to arise from the activities of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

#### 2. Who are the beneficiaries of Derbyshire Voluntary Action?

The beneficiaries of our actions are:

- Trustees, staff, and volunteers from the voluntary and community sector who support individuals with health and social care needs in Derbyshire – 358 are registered members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action and 749 such groups and individuals benefit from our information services;
- Individuals with health and social care needs living in Derbyshire – these people are the beneficiaries of the support provided by our member groups and organisations;
- Community leaders, activists and residents who volunteer formally and informally in order to support and connect their local communities;

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

- The Health and Social Care 'System' – representatives from the statutory agencies and organisations that deliver health and social care services in Derbyshire.

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

**d. Achievements and performance**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's achievements in 2023/24 are:

- We integrated our social connectedness, social prescribing, and community hub work into a fourth pillar of DVA under the banner of Feeling Connected. Therefore, embedding our ethos of working with a hyper local community approach.
- Continued support for VCSE through high level strategic representation, active engagement at place and in neighbourhoods, grant giving and being an active member of the VCSE Alliance.
- Continued collaboration with Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust, including signing a Partnership Agreement. Using that partnership approach to bring in much needed funding; for Thr1ve, our young people's social prescribing service, via PCN and Public Health support. The new funding supported the service to move into a third year, increase its geographical coverage and grow the staff team. We were delighted that Thr1ve won the HSJ Award for 'Best / Most Effective Contribution to Integrated Care'.
- DVA continued to adopt innovative new ways of engaging and supporting our existing membership and new beneficiaries through our Community Chesterfield, Feeling Connected and Be Cancer Safe projects.
- The Mental Health Liaison Service revamped its approach to supporting our smaller members by creating a bespoke 'Small Groups Network'.
- The Last Photo Exhibition, organised by Rachel Bounds the DVA Mental Health Liaison Service Worker in collaboration with five mental health organisations, was a resounding success drawing national recognition. Held over a week in the Hub @ Low Pavement as part of Suicide Awareness Week 2022, it gave a sensitive and compassionate glimpse into the trauma caused by losing a family member, relative, friend or colleague.
- Community Chesterfield not only continued to deliver successful training, shared learning and community development but also was given access to collaborate with all Derby University (UoD) faculties, therefore opening many more doors and opportunities. We are proud to say that the success of Community Chesterfield has led to DVA becoming a UoD Strategic Partner, a Civic Agreement Signatory, and sitting on the University Court and the Business, Law, and Social Sciences Advisory Group.
- The Feeling Connected pillar of DVA has grown to include all work at ground level, including Social Connectedness, Social Prescribing, The Hub @ Low Pavement and Be Cancer Safe.
- Feeling Connected developed a successful program of outreach workshops to upskill residents to take community action.
- Following last year's first week-long communications campaign: Feeling Connected Week, which aimed to highlight local approaches to reducing loneliness and isolation, this year we increased it to a two-week campaign linked to a series of events.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

- the Hub @ Low Pavement, our community hub in central Chesterfield, went from strength to strength developing into a must have space in the Centre of Chesterfield. It's a vibrant and person-centred safe place for people to be creative, discover new interests and activities while making new social connections and supporting their health and wellbeing.
- Social prescribing based at the Hub @ Low Pavement supported significant and life changing opportunities for people with poor mental and physical wellbeing. By working with people in a community venue with a combination of a safe space, self-referral (walking through the door), a friendly face, time, and peer support we evidenced a unique way to socially prescribe. Proving that a 'no wrong door approach' really works.
- We held a week-long Social Prescribing Exhibition, with fabulous artwork produced by our clients.

#### Financial review

##### a. Results for the year

Total income for the year was £682,170 (2023: £601,527) and total expenditure was £543,141 (2023: £618,364) giving net income of £139,029 (2023: net expenditure £16,837). Total funds carried forward were £830,550 (2023: £691,521) of which £480,389 (2023: £389,746) were restricted and £350,161 (2023: £301,775) were unrestricted.

##### b. Reserves policy

The free reserves policy of the charity is to hold reserves equal to approximately 6 months operating expenses in the general fund plus redundancy and running down costs. This would equate to £161,312 at 31 March 2024.

Unrestricted reserves at 31 March 2024 are £350,161 (2023: £301,775) of which £117,200 were designated for upcoming projects and match funding as detailed in note 14 (2023: £nil). Free reserves at 31 March 2024 were £232,961. The Directors recognise that the actual free reserves will fluctuate from year to year depending on spending due to unforeseen opportunities or circumstances and are mindful of future cost increases and pressures on funding.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action operated 28 restricted funds during the year. The opening balances and any income added to each fund during the year must only be spent for each funds' intended purpose unless the fund grantor approves spending for other purposes. Derbyshire Voluntary Action anticipates that amounts not spent in the year received will be spent in the following year or at the end of the respective project.

##### c. Risk Management

Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Board holds a risk register which is regularly reviewed and updated. The principal risks for 2023/24 remain largely unchanged from the previous year:

Continued uncertainty over core funding from statutory partners. With temporary and interim funding arrangements carrying on from year to year, we have limited confidence to make medium and long-term plans for the organisation. Alongside this, although reserves are currently in a strong position, unrestricted deficits are budgeted for 2025 which is a key area of focus for the board.

Funding risks are managed through maintaining strong relationships and networks with our commissioners, continuing to promote and champion the value of the work we do and the key role we play in providing a communications channel between 'the system' and 'the community.' We continue to proactively seek additional external funding sources for our project work and to diversify our funding sources where possible.

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## DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### **d. Going concern**

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### ***Structure, governance and management***

##### **a. Constitution**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (No. 1134329) and a Company Limited by Guarantee registered at Companies House (registered in England No. 6956527). It became a dual registered company limited by guarantee and charity on 1 April 2010. Derbyshire Voluntary Action operates independently from 3rd Floor, Dents Chambers, 81 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution), adopted on 7 April 2009.

##### **b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

Derbyshire Voluntary Action 'The Charity', remains administered by a Board of Directors elected annually at the AGM. The Board at its first meeting thereafter appoints the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. There is the facility to appoint up to three co-opted members during the year and the Memorandum and Articles of Association states that co-opted members will be chosen to ensure that the Board is representative of the geographic area and of the communities of interest in membership of Derbyshire Voluntary Action. All Directors, whether elected or co-opted, must be full individual or organisation members of Derbyshire Voluntary Action.

Under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to one or more sub-committees consisting of members of the Charity to perform any function or duties more conveniently undertaken or carried out by a sub-committee. Derbyshire Voluntary Action has a longstanding sub-committee, consisting of two Board Members and the Chair, which deals with personnel issues.

The Directors seek to maintain a suitable balance of skills and interests among those serving on the Board and may, recruit or co-opt new members if a retirement call or a skill shortfall requires action. Subject to the maximum number allowed.

New Directors receive an Induction Pack, and a face-to-face Induction meeting with the Chief Executive.

##### **Plans for future periods**

At the outset of the 2024/25 financial year, our plans for the coming 12 months are:

- We will focus on ensuring the continuation and development of projects in line with our existing work: Infrastructure, Mental Health Liaison Service and Feeling Connected.
- We will focus on expanding our Mental Health Liaison Service and Feeling Connected offers.
- We will actively campaign for infrastructure and our members sustainability.
- We will continue to develop an income earning VCSE shared space offer in Chesterfield town centre
- We will continue to sit on the Chesterfield Town Board to oversee the allocation of £20,000,000 of government funding to support a 10-year plan to regenerate the town center, across 3 themes.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Plans for future periods (continued)

- We will develop a new 'Moments in Time' suicide awareness project.
- We will deliver the Living Well Collaboration service for Chesterfield, North-East Derbyshire, and Bolsover until 31 March 2025. We will be active partners and representatives in the Collaboratives.
- We will continue to represent our voluntary and community sector across the Integrated Care System. As Derbyshire's health and care system continues its transformation to integrated services we will use community insight, pushing for equal partnership in the co-production of new person-centered services, while focusing on prevention.
- We will seek to add capacity to our management team to ensure that our work is adequately resourced, and our staff teams are well supported.
- We will continue to support community resilience and new partnerships, while building on our knowledge of hyper local community activity.
- We will continue to develop our relationships and opportunities with the University of Derby and Chesterfield Football Club's Community Trust via Memorandum of Understandings (MoU's).

#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial . Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Julie Dixon**

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

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## DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Derbyshire Voluntary Action ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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:   
Signer ID: CZYRUVFAHR...

Dated: 11/10/2024 GMT

Nicola Adams ACA DChA

BHP LLP  
One, Waterside Place Basin Square  
Brimington Road  
Chesterfield  
S41 7FH



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**DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	100,363	579,257	679,620	598,885
Other income	5	29	2,521	2,550	2,642
<b>Total income</b>		<b>100,392</b>	<b>581,778</b>	<b>682,170</b>	<b>601,527</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	51,656	491,485	543,141	618,364
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>51,656</b>	<b>491,485</b>	<b>543,141</b>	<b>618,364</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>48,736</b>	<b>90,293</b>	<b>139,029</b>	<b>(16,837)</b>
Transfers between funds	14	(350)	350	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>48,386</b>	<b>90,643</b>	<b>139,029</b>	<b>(16,837)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		301,775	389,746	691,521	708,358
Net movement in funds		48,386	90,643	139,029	(16,837)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>350,161</b>	<b>480,389</b>	<b>830,550</b>	<b>691,521</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006 and includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

**DERBYSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION**  
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06956527

**BALANCE SHEET**  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	16,069	109,048
Investments	12	170,000	-
Cash at bank and in hand		658,339	602,174
		<u>844,408</u>	<u>711,222</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(13,858)	(19,701)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	14	480,389	389,746
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	14	117,200	-
General funds	14	232,961	301,775
Total unrestricted funds	14	<u>350,161</u>	<u>301,775</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>830,550</u>	<u>691,521</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
*AS AT 31 MARCH 2024*

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The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Julie Dixon**

Chair

Date: 10/10/24

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024*

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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash provided/(used in) by operating activities	17	226,165	(107,076)
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<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of current asset investments		(170,000)	-
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<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b>		(170,000)	-
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<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		56,165	(107,076)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		602,174	709,250
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	18	658,339	602,174
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**1. General information**

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Derbyshire Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

**2.2 Going concern**

The directors have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. These figures show the charity has sufficient cash and reserves to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

**2.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.5 Taxation**

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**2.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Computer equipment	- Over 3 years
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**2.7 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.8 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.9 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

**2.10 Financial instruments**

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**2.11 Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

**2.12 Employee benefits**

When employees have rendered services to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

**2.13 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

**3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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#### 4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Active Partners Trust	-	80,000	<b>80,000</b>	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Fundamental training)	-	3,000	<b>3,000</b>	-
Chesterfield Borough Council (Springboard Service) CBC UKSPF	-	2,976	<b>2,976</b>	-
Chesterfield FC Community Trust ANP	-	17,515	<b>17,515</b>	-
Cost of Living Grants	-	-	-	31,000
DCC Chesterfield (Community Champions)	-	25,000	<b>25,000</b>	25,000
DCC (Chesterfield Social Connectedness)	-	25,000	<b>25,000</b>	-
DCC (Contain Outbreak)	-	-	-	2,653
DCC (Infrastructure)	18,166	-	<b>18,166</b>	13,625
DCC (Social Connectedness) CST	5,305	-	<b>5,305</b>	22,063
DCC (Thrive Evaluation)	-	11,340	<b>11,340</b>	-
DCC (Warm and Welcoming Spaces)	-	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	-
DCHS (returning funding for MSK Link worker)	-	(40,030)	<b>(40,030)</b>	-
DCHS (MSK Link Worker)	-	-	-	38,850
DCHS (Charities Community Hub)	-	15,914	<b>15,914</b>	-
Derby City Council (Quality Conversations)	-	50,000	<b>50,000</b>	-
DVA Small Grants	-	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	10,000
Erewash Voluntary Action (Living Well Coordinator)	-	46,000	<b>46,000</b>	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	116,674	<b>116,674</b>	162,965
NED District Council (Community Champion)	-	25,000	<b>25,000</b>	25,000
NED District Council (Inclusive Community)	-	24,423	<b>24,423</b>	-
NED District Council (Inclusive Community Buddy)	-	11,669	<b>11,669</b>	-
NED District Council (Social Connectedness)	-	45,000	<b>45,000</b>	86,600
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (ANP project)	-	18,705	<b>18,705</b>	-
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Infrastructure)	76,892	-	<b>76,892</b>	81,469
<b>balance c/f</b>	<b>100,363</b>	<b>489,186</b>	<b>589,549</b>	<b>499,225</b>

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**4. Income from donations and legacies (continued)**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
balance b/f	100,363	489,186	<b>589,549</b>	499,225
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (MHLS)	-	29,486	<b>29,486</b>	29,486
NHS Derby and Derbyshire (Leeds)	-	-	-	15,000
NHS Derby and Derbyshire ICB (Signposting)	-	2,692	<b>2,692</b>	2,659
Other	-	9,996	<b>9,996</b>	9,083
Public Health Grants (C, NED & B)	-	37,897	<b>37,897</b>	23,500
University of Derby	-	10,000	<b>10,000</b>	10,000
Western Power	-	-	-	9,932
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>100,363</b>	<b>579,257</b>	<b>679,620</b>	<b>598,885</b>
Total 2023	101,783	497,102	598,885	

**5. Other income**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Expert by Experience	-	-	-	397
Rental Income	-	950	<b>950</b>	2,245
Other income	29	1,571	<b>1,600</b>	-
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,642</b>
Total 2023	-	2,642	2,642	

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**6. Charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Payroll costs	1,421	-	1,421	1,590
Bank charges	393	4	397	408
Consultancy	205	3,002	3,207	1,289
Contract work*	-	7,982	7,982	54,462
Careers that care	-	-	-	13
Experts by experience	-	2,926	2,926	-
Grants paid out	10,000	86,593	96,593	136,402
Insurance	2,596	-	2,596	2,548
IT costs	7,584	10,854	18,438	13,875
Marketing	24	20,840	20,864	8,403
Postage	93	15	108	60
Premises costs	9,772	11,659	21,431	20,208
Printing	6	682	688	510
Professional fees	4,158	-	4,158	3,780
Recruitment	-	-	-	245
Room hire and catering	1,096	3,063	4,159	5,199
Salaries, NI and pension	98,827	246,792	345,619	356,310
Stationery	55	1,080	1,135	871
Subscriptions	2,410	1,774	4,184	4,142
Sundries	218	1,479	1,697	620
Telephone	628	1,148	1,776	1,802
Training	659	476	1,135	3,896
Travel	631	1,996	2,627	1,731
Management fees and overhead allocation**	(89,120)	89,120	-	-
<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>51,656</b>	<b>491,485</b>	<b>543,141</b>	<b>618,364</b>
Total 2023	92,621	525,743	618,364	

\* Refers to project work completed by other organisations.

\*\* Relates to apportionment of management and running costs charged to the restricted fund projects as agreed by funders.

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**7. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the company's independent examiner for the independent examination of the company's annual accounts	<b>3,638</b>	3,465

**8. Staff costs**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<b>307,434</b>	320,517
Social security costs	<b>24,843</b>	22,269
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>13,342</b>	13,524
	<b>345,619</b>	356,310

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	No.	No.
	<b>14</b>	15

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £69,198 (2023: £74,867). The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise of the Chief Executive Officer and the Business Innovations Manager.

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**9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees (2023 - £nil).

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computer equipment £</b>
At 1 April 2023	<b>4,621</b>
Disposals	<b>(4,621)</b>
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At 31 March 2024	-
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At 1 April 2023	<b>4,621</b>
On disposals	<b>(4,621)</b>
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At 31 March 2024	-
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<b><i>Net book value</i></b>	
At 31 March 2024	-
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At 31 March 2023	-
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**11. Debtors**

	<b>2024 £</b>	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>4,173</b>	1,240
Grants receivable	<b>11,896</b>	107,808
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	<b>16,069</b>	109,048
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**12. Current asset investments**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Unlisted investments	<b>170,000</b>	-

**13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>2,424</b>	5,904
Other taxation and social security	<b>3,829</b>	7,401
Other creditors	<b>3,061</b>	2,068
Accruals and deferred income	<b>4,544</b>	4,328
	<b>13,858</b>	19,701

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**14. Statement of funds****Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b><i>Unrestricted funds</i></b>					
<b><i>Designated funds</i></b>					
Hub sustainability	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Branding	-	-	-	22,200	22,200
New project development	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Match funding	-	-	-	20,000	20,000
Capital replacement	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
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	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
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<b><i>General funds</i></b>					
Unrestricted funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
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<b><i>Total Unrestricted funds</i></b>	<b>301,775</b>	<b>100,392</b>	<b>(51,656)</b>	<b>(350)</b>	<b>350,161</b>
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**14. Statement of funds (continued)**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b><i>Restricted funds</i></b>					
Active Neighbourhood Projects	-	116,221	(23,882)	-	92,339
Living Well	-	46,000	(32,896)	-	13,104
The Hub @ Low Pavement	6,981	4,814	(11,215)	-	580
Public Health	39,087	37,897	(68,332)	-	8,652
Quality Conversations	-	51,400	(13,629)	-	37,771
CBC UKSPF	-	2,976	(3,357)	3,024	2,643
Charities Together Fund	-	15,914	(2,655)	-	13,259
Cost of Living	9,306	-	(9,306)	-	-
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	(1,718)	-
Mental Health Liason Service	3,831	29,486	(30,887)	-	2,430
Community Chesterfield	116,295	129,168	(145,516)	-	99,947
Connect to...	41,662	(40,030)	-	(1,632)	-
Social Connectedness	51,457	70,000	(69,811)	703	52,349
Bowel Cancer Engagement	26,627	-	(6,868)	1,718	21,477
Community Champions	67,224	50,000	(40,608)	-	76,616
NED UKSPF Inclusive Community	-	36,092	(19,409)	-	16,683
Living Well Stories	15,000	7,500	(4,608)	-	17,892
Fundamental Training	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Thrive Evaluation	1,042	11,340	-	(1,042)	11,340
Other Funds	9,516	10,000	(8,506)	(703)	10,307
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	389,746	581,778	(491,485)	350	480,389
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<b><i>Total of funds</i></b>	<b>691,521</b>	<b>682,170</b>	<b>(543,141)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>830,550</b>
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**14. Statement of funds (continued)****Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b><i>Unrestricted funds</i></b>				
Unrestricted funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
<b><i>Restricted funds</i></b>				
Living Well	15,000	-	-	15,000
The Hub @ Low Pavement	-	15,838	(8,857)	6,981
Public Health	67,176	34,500	(62,589)	39,087
Feed Chesterfield	-	599	-	599
Connect Derbyshire Conference	4,000	500	(3,797)	703
Cost of Living	-	31,000	(21,694)	9,306
Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group	1,718	-	-	1,718
Mental Health Liason Service	-	29,486	(25,655)	3,831
Community Chesterfield	73,624	188,361	(145,690)	116,295
Connect to...	24,514	38,850	(21,702)	41,662
Social Connectedness	81,695	95,010	(125,248)	51,457
Bowel Cancer Engagement	27,646	600	(1,619)	26,627
Community Champions	46,041	50,000	(28,817)	67,224
DVA Small Grants	916	10,000	(11,131)	(215)
Dora	-	5,000	(1,571)	3,429
Fundamental Training	5,000	-	-	5,000
Other Funds	68,415	-	(67,373)	1,042
	415,745	499,744	(525,743)	389,746
<b><i>Total of funds</i></b>	<b>708,358</b>	<b>601,527</b>	<b>(618,364)</b>	<b>691,521</b>

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**15. Summary of funds****Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	-	-	-	117,200	117,200
General funds	301,775	100,392	(51,656)	(117,550)	232,961
Restricted funds	389,746	581,778	(491,485)	350	480,389
	<u>691,521</u>	<u>682,170</u>	<u>(543,141)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830,550</u>

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
General funds	292,613	101,783	(92,621)	301,775
Restricted funds	415,745	499,744	(525,743)	389,746
	<u>708,358</u>	<u>601,527</u>	<u>(618,364)</u>	<u>691,521</u>

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**15. Summary of funds (continued)**

The purpose of the restricted funds are:

**Living Well:** Living Well Derbyshire focuses on helping local residents recover from mental health issues within the community, aiming to provide more accessible support for mental health and wellbeing. The funding supports the coordination of two multi-agency collaboratives in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire. These collaboratives aim to develop a multi-agency approach to reforming mental health services, with a strong emphasis on including lived experiences.

**The Hub @ Low Pavement:** Derbyshire Voluntary Action's community hub in central Chesterfield. The hub is a vibrant community space designed to bring people together. It hosts various groups and activities and is committed to being inclusive, and a welcoming environment for the public and volunteer-led community groups. Additionally, the Hub is the proud home of our Feeling Connected Project.

**Public Health:** This small grants scheme, administered by Derbyshire Voluntary Action, provides financial support to voluntary and community groups. The funds enable these groups to run projects and activities that align with Derbyshire County Council Public Health's priorities at a local level across Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire, and Bolsover.

**Quality Conversations:** This funding supports one-on-one conversations with patients on Chesterfield Royal Hospital's gastro and orthopaedic waiting lists. A 'quality conversation' is a well-established, person-centred approach that encompasses general communication skills and specific health coaching techniques. It aims to understand the factors underpinning a person's health and wellbeing.

**Charities Together Fund:** Funded by NHSE Charities Together, the Derbyshire Community Hubs Network aims to create a peer support and learning network for community hubs across Derby City and Derbyshire. These activities support the creation, operation, and growth of community-led safe spaces for wellbeing.

**Feed Chesterfield:** fund to support Chesterfield food providers.

**Connect Derbyshire Conference:** funds held on behalf of DCC Public Health; designated to meet the event costs of Connect Derbyshire Conference.

**Cost of Living:** grant funding to support the rising costs to VSCE small groups.

**Derbyshire Cancer Steering Group:** network of voluntary and community sector groups and organisations working collectively to improve the lives of people affected by cancer across Derbyshire.

**Mental Health Liaison Service:** Commissioned by the Derby and Derbyshire ICB, this service provides essential infrastructure through specialized training and support, strategic representation, and a collaborative platform. It brings together voluntary agencies delivering mental health services to discuss common interests and influence strategic planning in mental health.

**Community Chesterfield:** is a collaborative partnership between Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the University of Derby. This initiative connects the resources of the University of Derby Chesterfield with the voluntary and community sector in Chesterfield, truly "Putting the UNI in Community." Our mission is to strengthen the local community and the health and social care sector. This community-led project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund.

**Connect to...:** social prescribing service to support individuals to identify and access community-based services and activities to improve health and wellbeing and increase social connectedness.

**15. Summary of funds (continued)**

Social Connectedness: Public Health funding supports our 'Feeling Connected' project, a collaborative initiative led by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. This project aims to combat loneliness and social isolation in North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield by implementing a Social Connectedness Action Plan. It enhances local strategies for fostering social connections, bringing people together, and developing a confident, capable, and supportive network of community builders passionate about creating connection and belonging.

Bowel Cancer Engagement: awareness-raising campaign of signs and symptoms of bowel cancer, and importance of attending screening; with focused engagement on the ground in target communities with greatest health inequalities and lowest uptake of screening in Chesterfield, Bolsover and Erewash.

Community Champions: work in support of DCC Public Health's containment of Covid-19 in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, including dissemination of Covid-19-related messaging and development of a network of 'Covid Community Champions'.

DVA Small Grant: funding provided by NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG via its Service Level Agreement to enable DVA to offer its 'DVA Small Grant Scheme' for small health-related voluntary groups working in North Derbyshire.

NED UKSPF Inclusive Community: UKSPF funding supports people across North East Derbyshire in connecting with their local community and social activities. This project enhances the Feeling Connected initiative by directly assisting individuals in NEDDC wards who feel lonely and isolated. It aims to empower residents with the confidence to attend local groups and activities, thereby reducing social isolation. Additionally, it grows community activists and provides participants with extra support, training, and social events.

Living well stories: This funding supports quality conversations with individuals experiencing poor mental health, developing system learning and insight.

Active Neighbourhood Projects: This funding supports Active Neighbourhood Pilots in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, aiming to increase walking levels through a systems approach. By engaging communities in the co-production of solutions, the project provides valuable insights and learning to enhance the pilot's delivery.

Thrive Evaluation: funding to extend Children and Young People's Social Prescribing pilot project into a second year and expand service provision through partnership with School Nursing Team.

The purpose of the designated funds are:

Designated funds: This funding supports various needs, including capital replacement, organisational rebranding, new project development, match funding, and the sustainability of our community hub.

Transfers between funds

Transfers this year were made to funds in respect of projects which are completed and where conditions of contracts have been fulfilled and the establishment of designated funds.

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**16. Analysis of net assets between funds****Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	364,019	480,389	<b>844,408</b>
Creditors due within one year	(13,858)	-	<b>(13,858)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>350,161</u>	<u>480,389</u>	<u><b>830,550</b></u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	321,476	389,746	711,222
Creditors due within one year	(19,701)	-	(19,701)
<b>Total</b>	<u>301,775</u>	<u>389,746</u>	<u>691,521</u>

**17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>139,029</b>	(16,837)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>92,979</b>	(76,725)
Decrease in creditors	<b>(5,843)</b>	(13,514)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities</b>	<u><b>226,165</b></u>	<u>(107,076)</u>

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**18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	<b>658,339</b>	602,174
<b><i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i></b>	<b>658,339</b>	602,174

**19. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>At 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>At 31 March 2024</b>
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>602,174</b>	<b>56,165</b>	<b>658,339</b>
Liquid investments	-	<b>170,000</b>	<b>170,000</b>
	<b>602,174</b>	<b>226,165</b>	<b>828,339</b>

**20. Related party transactions**

There are no related party transactions during the period (2023: £nil).