



Annual Report

2021/2022

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Annual Statement

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Executive Committee Report

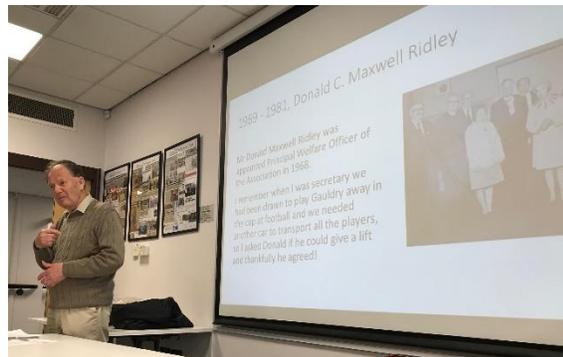
As the COVID-19 restrictions eased, DHS members were delighted to have face to face meetings again. The DHS AGM 2021 was held at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre in Camelon, Falkirk on 30th October 2021 and very well attended by members and non-members. This was followed by a highly successful joint DHS/BDHS Gathering which should have been held in May 2020. Both the AGM and the joint gathering was online (zoom) so that those people who could not attend in person, were able to participate. At the AGM, there were five vacancies on the DHS Executive Committee. Beatrice Cook and Flora Kerr did not stand to be re-elected. Manjeet Cross, John Hay and David Wilson were re-elected. James Barnes-Miller was elected to the Executive Committee.



At the joint gathering, there were excellent presentations from Ian Carmichael talking about the history of Falkirk Deaf Club, Margaret Aitken & Avril Hepner talking about the BDA/DHS Glasgow Deaf Heritage Project, Melinda Napier about the Artefacts at the BDHS Museum and Peter Jackson about Thomas Braidwood and his first pupil, Charles Shirreff. There was also a discussion on “DHS & BDHS – Working Together”.

Through Zoom and face to face meetings, the DHS Executive Committee had their meetings four times and had discussed a wide range of topics. They also received reports from members who had attended meetings that were organised by other organisations like Deaf Action, Solar Flares and St Vincent’s Deaf Centre.

DHS held its Spring Gathering on 30th April 2022 at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre. This event was very well attended by members and non-members. There were three presentations: “Dundee Deaf Club History” by Robert Burnett, “History of Deafblindness



in Scotland” by Drena O’Malley and “Deaf Teachers and School Founders” by Lilian Lawson. The audience much enjoyed these presentations.

As already reported in the previous annual reports, DHS Executive Committee set up a sub-group to work, research and produce a book on the history of John Ross Memorial Deaf Badminton Club. The sub-group met in Glasgow to scrutinise and comment on a draft book. The draft was completed and published in August 2022. The book will be launched at the DHS AGM 2022 on Saturday 29th October 2022.

As mentioned above, DHS had attended steering committee meetings of the Solar Flares Deaf Heritage Project and had given full support to Solar Flares for this exciting project.



DHS also attended meetings with Deaf Action regarding their Edinburgh Deaf Festival which took place on 12th to 19th August. DHS agreed and delivered two “Scottish Deaf



Archives” workshops. People who attended these workshops were invited to view the archives and a display of selected archives and artefacts in the Gallery. DHS also led a “Glasgow Deaf Heritage” tour.



As reported in the previous Annual Report, St Vincent’s Deaf Centre was successful in their application for a Heritage Lottery grant. DHS was invited to be represented on their project steering group. Margaret Aitken and Lilian Lawson attended a few meetings and also one of their information workshops. DHS loaned their camcorder and tripods to St Vincent’s Deaf Centre for the Project Co-ordinator to film and record interviews with people who attended St Vincent’s Deaf School and/or St Vincent’s Deaf Club. Elizabeth Lafferty was appointed as the Project Co-ordinator. She is invited to give a progress report at the DHS AGM 2022 on Saturday 29th October 2022.

As the COVID-19 restrictions eased, work on the Scottish Deaf Archives resumed. We are pleased to report that we have been successful in securing a scoping grant from the National Archives. Carrie Skinner, a para-archivist, was approached and agreed to carry out a scoping project of the Scottish Deaf Archives. After looking at the archives and talking to the DHS Executive Committee, Carrie had produced an excellent report with recommendations: short-, medium- and long-term in line with our goal to offer a Scottish Deaf Archive and Museum, a Deaf-led space where BSL is foregrounded and celebrates Scotland's Deaf heritage. We are aiming to have the archives fully catalogued, data shared on our website, regular displays of selected archives & artefacts and a reading room for researchers. After the submission of the scoping report to the National Archives, Carrie continues to volunteer, helping us with storing and preserving archives. We are most grateful to have Carrie's enthusiastic support and expertise.



We continue to receive donations of reports, programmes, leaflets, books and equipment. We are most grateful to have these acquisitions to our Scottish Deaf Archives.

We had our first ever venture of bidding for an item at an auction. Thanks to a Facebook post, we were alerted about a "Deaf and Dumb Mission" leaflet rack being auctioned at an auction house in Glasgow. The Executive Committee agreed that we should bid for this item. We are delighted to report that we successfully won the bidding. The leaflet rack was on display during the Edinburgh Deaf Festival.



Our Scottish Deaf History Tartan merchandise continues to sell well. We have had to order more to be weaved to meet demand!

We would like to acknowledge the great support from Deaf Action for allowing us to store our Scottish Deaf Archives in their building and for their assistance with the scoping grant funding application. We also thank all the members for their continuing support and attendance at our events. Thank you!

Executive Committee

Officers: Margaret Aitken (Convenor); Lilian Lawson OBE (Secretary/Treasurer).

Members: Ian Carmichael, James Barnes-Miller, Manjeet Cross, John Hay, Gail Speirs and David Wilson (Membership Secretary).

Adviser: Andy Irvine (IT)

Independent Examiner: Matthew King

Bankers: Santander, PO Box 1109, Bradford, BD1 5ZJ

Deaf History Scotland

Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2022

	£	£
	2021/2022	2020/2021
Receipts		
Grant income	0	7,025
Book sales	123	80
Merchandise sales	6	12
Membership fees	1,123	944
Donations	366	151
Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail	100	140
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	756	297
Scottish Deaf Archives	90	0
Event Fees	140	0
Total Receipts	2,704	8,648
Payments		
Deaf History Journals	459	338
Administration costs	7	49
Executive Committee expenses	451	154
Spring Gathering	12	0
Scottish Deaf Archives	459	0
Tenth Anniversary Celebrations	913	0
PayPal fees	44	76
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	451	185
deaf fingerprints@NLS Project	559	2,568
Miscellaneous	49	0
Total Payments	3404	3,370
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(700)	5,278

	£	£
	2022	2021
Bank Opening Balance	10,988	5,710
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	-700	5,278
Closing Balance	10,288	10,988

Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30th September 2022

1. Accounting policies

The accounts are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities'.

2. PayPal Account

The PayPal Account was set up in the financial year of 2016/2017.

Fund carried forward	£607
Receipts received:	£1,062
Less transfer to Santander Bank Account	(£1,000)
Less PayPal fees	(£43.00)
Balance at 30th September 2022:	£626

3. Dedicated Funds

	Balance at 1st October 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 30th September 2022
	£	£	£	£
Publications Fund	1,288	100	0	1,388
Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book	200	-	200	0
Deaf Archives Project	389	90	459	20
	1,877	190	659	1,408

a) Publications Fund

The Publications Fund will be used towards the cost of printing future DHS publications. The expenditure incurred was for posting the "Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail" book.

b) Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club History Book

Deaf History Scotland received a donation of £200 in 2016 from Glasgow Deaf Badminton Club which is now defunct. The Executive Committee agreed to put this sum of money in the dedicated funds for research and printing costs of a book to commemorate the history of this club. This book is printed and will be launched at the AGM on 29th October 2022. The £200 is now spent, leaving nil in this dedicated fund.

c) Deaf Archives Project

The Executive Committee agreed to apply for funding for a project to collate, store, catalogue and promote Scottish Deaf archives. In this financial year, a total sum of £90 was donated. More archival storage materials were purchased and a leaflet rack was acquired through successful auction, totalling expenditure of £459.

4. Restricted Funds

a) AfA “Preserving, Promoting and Sharing Glasgow’s Deaf Heritage” Project

In this financial year, the “John Ross Memorial Deaf Badminton Club” book was printed and £713 of the printing costs was covered by this project fund, thus leaving a balance of £557.

b) “deaf fingerprints @ NLS “Project

DHS received a total of £6,500 from Solar Flares (£1,500) and Edinburgh Napier University (£5,000) for a short term project “deaf fingerprints@NLS” which was started in July 2021. The main aim of this project is to create a NLS Deaf Heritage Collection. The money is being used to cover deaf researchers’ fees and BSL/English Interpreters. In this financial year, a total sum of £559 was expended, thus leaving a remaining sum of £3,373.

5. Total Funds at 30th September 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Dedicated funds	1,408	1,877
Restricted funds	3,930	5,203
General funds	4,324	3,301
PayPal Account	626	607
Total Funds	10,288	10,988

Approved by:

Margaret Aitken, DHS Convenor

Lilian K Lawson OBE, DHS Secretary/Treasurer

Date:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee of DHS

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2022 which are set out on pages 7-9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's Executive Committee acting as trustees is responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required of an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

* to keep accurate records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and

* to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....

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