



# **Annual Report**

**2022/2023**

Scottish Charity Number: SC041146

# Annual Statement

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## Executive Committee Report

The DHS AGM 2022 was held at Deaf Action in Edinburgh on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and very well attended by members and non-members. This was followed by a book launch of “John Ross Memorial Badminton Club” and some very interesting presentations from Sarah Smith about her book “Hear No Evil”, Elizabeth Lafferty – “St Vincent’s Deaf Heritage Project”, Ruth Donaldson – “Donaldson’s Hospital” and Carrie Skinner – “Why archives are important”. At the AGM, there were four vacancies on the DHS Executive Committee. Margaret Aitken, Lilian Lawson and Gail Speirs were all re-elected for three years. Luigi Lerosé was elected to fill the vacancy created by James Barnes-Miller’s resignation – for two years.



Margaret Stewart and Flora Kerr volunteered to sell raffle tickets and DHS was grateful to receive donations for the raffle. Margaret Stewart also took on the role of auctioneer to sell two knitted pumpkins. Money raised will be used for work on the Scottish Deaf Archives. DHS greatly appreciated Margaret and Flora’s support.

After the AGM, Sarah Smith posted on her Facebook page “*Deaf History Scotland is an incredible organisation full of amazingly knowledgeable and hard working people. I already knew that. But today I learnt loads about Deaf history/language/culture as well as having the chance to share some of my own research*”.

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.



The DHS Executive Committee decided to have an inaugural event to celebrate the “Deaf History Month” on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The theme was “Deaf Politics”. Grant Ferguson, Scotland’s first Deaf councillor and John Denerley, Scotland’s first Deaf UK Tory councillor gave interesting presentations about their journeys to becoming councillors.

DHS and BDHS had their second joint gathering in Carlisle on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023. About 40 people came and enjoyed presentations from Lilian Lawson about the BDA’s Carlisle Days, John Dennerley – the history of Dumfries & Galloway Deaf Society, Ann Blair – the Cumbria Deaf Association and Peter Jackson – the history of the British Deaf News in Carlisle.

The DHS Executive Committee set up a sub-group to work, research and produce a book on the history of Glasgow School for the Deaf. The sub-group consists of Margaret Aitken (Chair), Clark Denmark, Margaret McLean and Erelend Tulloch. It is hoped that they will produce the book for publication in October 2024.

Lilian Lawson volunteered to research and edit a book on the history of Partially Hearing Schools in Glasgow and has had support from Janice McCusker. Former pupils of Renfrew Street Special School, Ashgill School and Parkhouse School have been helpful with their photos and stories. It is hoped that this book will be completed and published in time for the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

DHS participated in the second Edinburgh Deaf Festival which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023. John Hay delivered two excellent “Edinburgh Deaf Schools”. One of these workshops catered for young deaf people and after this, they were taken on a tour of Edinburgh Deaf Heritage.

DHS had been busy with deaf heritage tours. John Hay was very busy with his Deaf Edinburgh tours and Lilian Lawson led two “Deaf Glasgow Heritage” tours. Also, John sold many copies of his book “Deaf Edinburgh. These tours and book sales helped to raise much-needed funds for DHS.





DHS continue to receive donations of photographs, reports, programmes, leaflets, minutes, books and equipment. We are most grateful to have these acquisitions to our Scottish Deaf Archives. The Scottish Deaf Archives have been moved to another room on the ground floor at Deaf Action, with much appreciated help and support from Carrie Skinner and some members of the Executive Committee. DHS was not successful in securing a grant from the National Archives for a cataloguing officer. However, we will still endeavour to get funding for this essential cataloguing work.



Work on revamping the DHS website has started and is still ongoing. It is planned to have videos of past DHS events uploaded to the website as well as a digital library of photographs. We constantly post latest information and photographs on our Facebook page, and this has certainly helped to raise the profile of DHS.

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 cataloguing grant application. We also thank all the members for their continuing support, attendance at our events, donations and acquisitions for the Scottish Deaf Archives. Thank you!

## **Executive Committee**

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

**Members:** Ian Carmichael, Manjeet Cross, John Hay, Luigi Lerosé, 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 2023

	£ 2022/2023	£ 2021/2022
<b>Receipts</b>		
Book sales	2,253	123
Merchandise sales	55	6
Membership fees	579	1,123
Donations	219	366
Glasgow Deaf Heritage Trail	0	100
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	321	756
Scottish Deaf Archives	249	90
Event Fees	317	140
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>3992</b>	<b>2,704</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Deaf History Journals	625	459
Administration costs	3	7
DHS AGM	268	0
Executive Committee expenses	276	451
Spring Gathering	27	12
Scottish Deaf Archives	402	459
Tenth Anniversary Celebrations	0	913
PayPal fees	5	44
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	355	451
deaf fingerprints@NLS Project	0	559
Miscellaneous	63	49
Gratuties	220	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>3,404</b>
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	1,749	(700)

	£ 2023	£ 2022
Bank Opening Balance	10,288	10,988
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	<u>1,749</u>	<u>- 700</u>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b><u>12,037</u></b>	<b><u>10,288</u></b>

# Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## 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	£626.21
Receipts received:	£94.50
Less PayPal fees	(£5.17)
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023:</b>	<b>£715.54</b>

## 3. Dedicated Funds

	<b>Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Publications Fund	1,388	2253	0	3,641
Deaf Archives Project	20	249	402	(133)
	<b>1,408</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>3,508</b>

### a) Publications Fund

The Publications Fund is to cover costs of printing future DHS publications.

### b) 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 £249 was donated. More archival storage materials were purchased and expenditure (£155) was incurred for moving the archives to another room, thus totalling expenditure of £402 for this financial year.



#### **4. Restricted Funds**

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

The balance of £557 will be used to cover the cost of printing the book “History of Partially Hearing Schools in Glasgow” which will be launched in the next financial year.

**b) “deaf fingerprints @ NLS “Project**

As no expenditure was incurred, the balance remains the same; i.e. £3,373.

#### **5. Total Funds at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
Dedicated funds	3,508	1,408
Restricted funds	3,930	3,930
General funds	3,883	4,324
PayPal Account	716	626
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>12,037</b>	<b>10,288</b>

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 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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