



# **Annual Report**

**2023/2024**

Scottish Charity Number: SC041146

# Annual Statement

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## Executive Committee Report

The DHS AGM 2023 was held at Deaf Action in Edinburgh on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and very well attended by members and non-members. Manjeet Cross resigned from the Executive Committee and members approved the Executive Committee's nomination to elect Carrie Skinner to take the vacant place. The AGM was first followed by a Deaf genealogist, Jemima Buoy's excellent presentation on censuses in the UK and worldwide. Then a Japanese group of five people was invited to give presentations about five Japanese men, known as the Choshu Five, who came to Great Britain in 1863 (160 years ago) to learn about modern society (the "Industrial Revolution in Great Britain") and on their return to Japan, the five men went on to form the core of a new Japanese government. One of them, Yozo Yamao, founded education for Deaf children and introduced sign language into a governmental education system. Frank Phelps of Glasgow, who was probably one of the last Deaf workers in the shipbuilding trade, shared his experiences of working in the shipyards. To finish off the day, a brilliant vernacular performance/story telling called "Manchukuo and a Deaf Man" was acted in mime by a Deaf Japanese man, Hideaki Nasu.



Margaret Stewart and Flora Kerr volunteered to sell raffle tickets and DHS was grateful to receive many donations for the raffle which raised much needed funds for the Scottish Deaf Archive. DHS greatly appreciated Margaret and Flora's support.

The DHS Executive Committee had their meetings five 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, BDA Scotland and St Vincent's Deaf Centre. We are fortunate to have Carrie Skinner on our Executive Committee because she is an archivist. She has considerably helped us sorting out, putting in archival storage boxes and cataloguing acquisitions in our Archive room at Deaf Action. We purchased shelving units to properly store our books and merchandise in the Hybrid room, next door to the Archive room.

To celebrate the Deaf History Month 2024, DHS organised a very successful book launch at the Queen's Park Parish Church in Glasgow on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024. Over 100 people came to this event and enjoyed presentations from Margaret Aitken, Janice McCusker, Lilian Lawson and Ian Carmichael about Renfrew Street and Parkhouse Schools and the Nursery/Infant Schools. Former pupils, Anne Ross, George McGowan, Avril Hepner and Yvonne Wylie shared their school memories as well as one of the former teachers. The book "Partially Hearing Education in Glasgow 1905 to 1998" was formally launched by Janice McCusker who was a very close friend of Sandra Tulloch, to whom this book was dedicated.



On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, DHS acquired the Donaldson's Collection and spent time emptying relocation boxes and placing items in the Hybrid room. As they were inappropriately stored for a number of years, many items have mould blooms and so we had to take initial mitigation steps to stop the spread of mould by purchasing a dehumidifier for the Hybrid room. We are now seeking funding to clean, repair and conserve the Donaldson's Collection as well as making plans to have them on display in the future.





As reported in the last year's Annual Report, a sub-group was set up to work, research and produce a book on the history of Glasgow School for the Deaf. This sub-group met in the Mitchell Library, Glasgow in October 2023 for three days of research. There is still considerable amount of research work to be done before a book can be written and published. DHS is grateful to Margaret McLean and Erelend Tulloch for raising funds towards the publishing costs by selling baubles and school badges. DHS received a grant of £500 from the Mackichan Bursary Trust for this project.

A manuscript about the history of Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society was written by three authors who passed away before they could publish their manuscript. Lilian Lawson volunteered to help get the manuscript supplemented with photographs and printed and it will be launched at the AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

DHS participated in the third Edinburgh Deaf Festival which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Carrie Skinner, with support from Lilian Lawson, delivered a workshop "Handling Archives" on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Lilian Lawson delivered two workshops "Archive Highlights" on 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. Carrie has helped Marta Discepoli, Deaf Action's Heritage Officer with placing a selection of photographs and plaques relating to the Deaf Church on one of the walls of the Learning Centre (used to be the Albany Deaf Church).



As a way of generating income for DHS, the Executive Committee agreed to purchase a display cabinet which was placed in Deaf Action's reception area. The display cabinet shows a range of our books and Scottish Deaf History Tartan merchandise. We hope that visitors will be tempted to buy a book or more from the display cabinet.

DHS continue to receive donations of photographs, reports, mementos, leaflets, minutes, books and equipment. We are most grateful to have these acquisitions to our Scottish Deaf Archives. DHS will apply for a cataloguing grant from the National Archives in September 2024, when their funding programme re-opens. DHS has agreed with Deaf Action to make a joint application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant.



We have had talks with BDA Scotland and agreed to give a presentation on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and lead a Glasgow Deaf Heritage walk on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Glasgow.

Work on revamping the DHS website 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 continue to 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 Archive and display our books and merchandise in their building. 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, John Hay, Luigi Lerosé, Carrie Skinner, 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 2024

	£ 2023/2024	£ 2022/2023
<b>Receipts</b>		
Grants	500	0
Book sales	2190	2,253
Merchandise sales	55	55
Membership fees	1121	579
Donations	898	219
Donations for GSD Book	682	0
Scottish Deaf History Tartan	230	321
Scottish Deaf Archives	1158	249
Event Fees	590	317
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>7424</b>	<b>3992</b>

<b>Payments</b>		
Deaf History Journals	620	625
Administration costs	51	3
DHS AGM	493	268
Executive Committee expenses	309	276
Spring Gathering	100	27
Scottish Deaf Archives	5376	402
Publications	965	0
PayPal fees	13	5
Merchandise (inc. tartan)	644	355
Miscellaneous	158	63
Gratutities	250	220
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>8979</b>	<b>2,244</b>

Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	(1555)	1,749
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	£ 2024	£ 2023
Bank Opening Balance	12,037	10,288
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year	(1555)	1,749
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>10,482</b>	<b>12,037</b>



# Notes on the Receipts and Payments Account

for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## 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	£715.54
Receipts received:	285.00
Less PayPal fees	(13.18)
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024:</b>	<b>£987.36</b>

## 3. Dedicated Funds

	<b>Balance at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023</b>	<b>Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Resources Expended</b>	<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£
Publications Fund	3,641	2,180	2,035	3,786
Deaf Archives Project	(133)	1,153	376	644
	<b>3,508</b>	<b>3,333</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>4430</b>

### a) Publications Fund

The Publications Fund is to cover costs of printing future DHS publications. This fund was used towards the cost of printing the "Partially Hearing Education in Glasgow 1905 to 1998" (£408). The Executive Committee agreed to take £1,627 from this fund to pay towards the cost of acquisition of the Donaldson's Collection.

### b) Deaf Archives Project

The Executive Committee set up an appeal to members and supporters of DHS to raise money for the Donaldson's Collection's conservation costs initially. So far, £1153 was raised. A dehumidifier and some archival materials were purchased at a total cost of £376.

#### 4. Restricted Funds

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

The balance of £557 was used to cover the cost of printing the book “History of Partially Hearing Schools in Glasgow” which was launched in March 2024.

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

The balance of £3,373 was used to pay towards the cost of acquisition of the Donaldson’s Collection.

#### 5. Total Funds at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
Dedicated funds	4,430	3,508
Restricted funds	0	3,930
General funds	5,065	3,883
PayPal Account	987	716
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>10,482</b>	<b>12,037</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 2024 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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