

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER 03389496 (England and Wales)  
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1065021

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2010  
for  
Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

Kinsella Clarke  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
61 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7BZ

THE  
TUESDAY



A27	*AIGY00YG*	09/11/2010	174
COMPANIES HOUSE			
A08	*AKGK60TH*	04/11/2010	72
COMPANIES HOUSE			

**Contents of the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

	Page
Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report	1 to 7
Report of the Independent Auditors	8 to 9
Statement of Financial Activities	10
Balance Sheet	11
Notes to the Financial Statements	12 to 18

## **Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

### **Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Merseyside Society for Deaf People (MSDP) is a company limited by guarantee (company registration number 03389496) and a registered charity in England and Wales (registered charity number 1065021)

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2010. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005

#### **Registered office**

Queens Drive  
West Derby  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L13 0DJ

#### **Directors and Trustees**

Mrs M Ainsworth  
B E Avison  
Mrs P Clein (Secretary)  
F Essery (Chairman)  
J J Frith  
Mrs M Green  
Mrs E Kemp  
G P Bullen  
Mrs S Roche

Appointed 24/06/09

Appointed 24/06/09

#### **Auditors**

Kinsella Clarke  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
61 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7BZ

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
394 Edge Lane  
Liverpool  
L7 9PX

#### **Investment Managers**

Rensburg Sheppards Investment Management Limited  
The Plaza  
100 Old Hall Street  
Liverpool  
L3 9AB

**Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

At every annual general meeting one third of the member trustees who are subject to retirement by rotation shall retire from office. The member trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment.

The retiring trustees shall if willing to act be deemed to have been reappointed if the vacancy is not filled unless a resolution for the reappointment for the member trustee is put to the meeting and lost.

New trustees are formally interviewed by a panel of the current board to assess their suitability against person specification.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

All new trustees are issued with a Trustees Handbook as part of the induction process.

New trustees are required to attend an orientation day to brief them on their legal obligations under charity company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making process, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

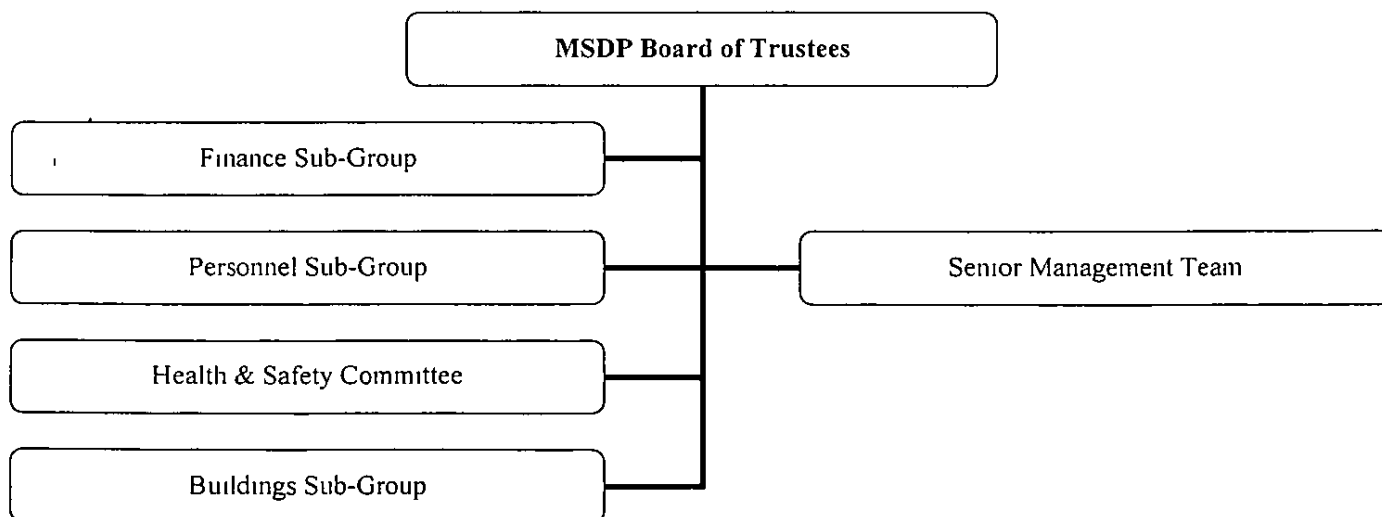
Individual support is offered to trustees to ensure they understand both the organisation and their responsibility.

**Governance structure**

The trustees meet at least four times a year in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

Between Board meetings, trustees attend focused sub-group meetings including Health & Safety, Personnel, Buildings and Finance. Sub-groups may also have representation from experienced experts from a particular specialist area as well as from the Senior Management Team, staff and community.

The Board of Trustees appoints the Chief Executive who reports to the Board for the day-to-day operations of the charity with the support of a senior management team.



**Risk & Quality Assurance Sub-Group**

In 2009 the trustees approved the creation of a new Sub-Group covering Risk & Quality Assurance. The Risk & Quality Assurance Sub-Group meets to review the progress in achieving accreditation of ISO9002. ISO9002 is a quality management system focused on the delivery of a controlled and consistent minimum standard level of service.

Supported by an external consultant the Quality Assurance Sub-Group has met on several occasions to move the agenda forward. A sub-group of this team is the Policy Review Group who have initiated the review all existing policies and procedures operated by the Society and also the creation and initial review of new policies.

## **Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

### **Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

#### **Finance Sub-Group**

The Finance Sub-Group meet to review the annual statutory accounts and budgets and to monitor the current operating position in terms of income and expenditure, debtors, creditors and cash flow. In addition the Finance Sub-Group review new projects, larger expenditure requests or new staffing commitments before recommending approval by the Board of Trustees.

In 2009 the Sub-Group reviewed a new financial risk analysis and recommended and approved new procedures and controls to further improve the security of the Charity's assets.

In this period of global economic uncertainty, the Finance Sub-Group has scheduled regular monthly meetings to monitor and maintain control of the Society's financial position.

Trustee membership from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 was as follows

F Essery, Chairman  
B E Avison, Treasurer

#### **Health & Safety Committee**

The Health & Safety Committee meet four times a year to monitor and review all issues surrounding the health and safety of staff, all visitors to the offices of MSDP and community members receiving and accessing the services that the Charity provides. The Committee make recommendations for review and approval by the senior management team or Board of Trustees.

During the financial year new policies have been implemented and many have been changed. These include changes to the main Health & Safety Policy, lone working policy, smoking policy, fire safety policy's, incident reporting, building and car park lighting and security, first aid procedures and the removal of several hazards through repairs around the buildings.

Trustee membership from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 was as follows

J J Frith, Trustee

#### **Personnel Sub-Group**

The Personnel Sub-Group meet as required to monitor and review recruitment procedures, new staffing requests, annual salary uplifts, changes to standard terms and conditions of employment, sickness statistics and policies contained within the Staff Handbook.

The Personnel Sub-Group will provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Senior Management Team.

During the financial year new policies have been implemented and many have been changed. These include the introduction of the Flexible Retirement Policy.

Trustee membership within the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 was as follows

Mrs E Kemp, Trustee  
Mrs M Green, Trustee  
F Essery, Chairman

#### **Buildings Sub-Group**

The Buildings Sub-Group was established to discuss and recommend proposals, to the Board of Trustees, specifically related to the redevelopment of the existing Head Office building and to consider the proposed purchase of other sites that could meet the Charity's accommodation needs.

In the current financial year the Buildings Sub-Group will continue to investigate and consider alternative accommodation options to progress the obtaining of improved premises that are safe to staff and visitors alike and best match the community, service delivery and administrative needs of the Charity.

## **Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

### **Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

Trustee membership within the period 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 was as follows

F Essery, Trustee (Chairman)  
B E Avison, Treasurer  
Mrs P Clein, Trustee

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error

To support the Trustees in their duty and to ensure appropriate controls are in place, the Charity has established a formal Risk and Quality Assurance Committee. The Committee will be responsible for reviewing controls and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees and the Senior Management Team to improve the quality of service delivery and to mitigate risks

The Trustees have approved that the operational management seek accreditation in both ISO9001 and Pquaso over the next two financial years. This will ensure appropriate day-to-day operating procedures are in place and formalise consultation and input from the Deaf community on how services can be improved and the types of services delivered

#### **Organisational structure**

The organisation consists of several departments, providing four principle services: social welfare, community, training and communication all for the benefit of the deaf community

#### **Wider network**

The Society hosts and facilitates a variety of community user groups. Each group has been established, by the community, to bring people together with common areas of interest

The Society acts as a delivery mechanism for statutory services on behalf of its local authority partners: Liverpool City Council, Sefton Borough Council and Wirral Borough Council

#### **Related parties**

There are no related parties. All trustees are required to declare any conflict of interest at each board meeting

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The charity operates to promote the charitable purposes for the benefit of the deaf community in Merseyside

It is the continuing aim of the trustees to ensure the Society provides suitable and appropriate accommodation for the provision of community and service activities

#### **Significant activities**

During the year there have been many successes. These include

Training and Development Department successfully completed the first British Sign Language NVQ level 3 courses with 100% success

The department also continued to deliver the unique Community Leadership Training Courses developed internally, aimed at expanding the skills of the community, to engage with service providers and to establish additional community focused services

The Supporting People Team delivered an expanded sensory programme in Sefton BC aimed at supporting both hearing and visually impaired service users

The Children and Young People Services started the delivery of a 5 year regional youth programme funded by The Big Lottery

As the programme Lead, MSDP are working very closely with St Helens, Manchester and Cheshire to improve the availability of regional services for young people

The Children and Young People Services also won a new contract for services delivered in Knowsley. The services further compliment the many other activities of the Society that include Social Work Services, Environmental Aids

Assessments/Installations, Interpreting, Deaf Community Information (inc Customised Information), Training and Development and Guide Communicators

**Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

**Volunteers**

Over the year volunteers have been used to provide additional support during peak times in the classrooms, the youth club, on reception and in many other areas. The majority of the community activities are organised solely by volunteers assisting other community members to and from activities by providing transport.

The trustees would like to put on record their appreciation for the enthusiasm and hard work provided by the numerous volunteers who are involved with the Society.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The trustees are pleased to report many achievements since their last report. These include:

Increase in the number of Deaf community focused forums held during the year expanding the community's access and knowledge of services available.

Extension of the Health Trainer service in Wirral to support the improvement of health within the community and to support the PCT and other health related service providers communicate with and meet the needs of the Deaf community.

Establishment of a new one year Level 1, 2 and 3 course aimed at unemployed people in Liverpool which is complimented by work experience.

Establishment of new offices in Sefton to deliver duty services within the supporting people service.

**Internal and external factors**

To advance the equality agenda and the quality of life agenda for deaf people by ensuring deafness is included within strategic doctrine.

The trustees regularly review and monitor the operations of the Society to ensure it is responsive to local, regional and national government policies and the agendas of both health and education.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to hold reserves in its unrestricted funds, in order to establish an appropriate level of working capital and to protect the future operations of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen and material variations in its income streams, as part of a policy of good financial management practice.

As at 31 March 2010, the level of unrestricted fund reserves represented the equivalent of 1.5 months operating cost (2009/2010 months).

In another very difficult economic year for the UK and the Society that will continue into 2011 the trustees seek to re-evaluate its reserves policies and to establish appropriate reserves suitable for maintaining the sustainability of the Society through this period and into the future.

**Principal funding sources**

Merseyside Society for Deaf People provides a range of services, which are funded from a variety of sources. It is therefore not dependent on any one source of funding for its continued operations.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

The Society however has several service level agreements with Local Authorities in the region and with the current Government agenda to significantly reduce spending, the trustees and senior management are closely monitoring existing agreements to ensure future funding is maximised and that the charity's assets are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations.

**Investment policy and objectives**

Investments have been acquired and disposed of in accordance with the powers available to the trustees and in line with the Society's Ethical Investment Policy.

**Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

Merseyside Society for Deaf People (MSDP) was established in 1864, to address the many barriers and inequalities experienced by Deaf people. MSDP seeks to ensure that Deaf people achieve a full, active and influencing role in mainstream society.

The work undertaken by the Society and its many partners to achieve improved citizenship for Deaf people has been significant. The organisation has been at the forefront of a number of unique developments encompassing

- Communication and information services,
- Education and training programmes,
- Youth and community development initiatives, and
- Improved services

The services offered by the Society are varied in nature and content but with clear sight of the reason why the Charity was first established and continues to function today. Some of the services include

- Through the supply of social work services the Society provides essential social support on behalf of Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral local authorities to ensure equality of customized social welfare access and service provision for Deaf residents of Merseyside.
- Through the introduction of a range of training, auditing and awareness raising programmes to equip staff with the necessary skills, knowledge and expertise to make services more accessible to Deaf people.
- Supplying services through Guide Communicator and Supporting People Programmes, the Society has been able to assist in supporting and empowering Deaf people in Liverpool, Wirral and Sefton to take an active role within the community and live independently.
- The development of the Environmental Aids Team has enabled the Society to improve and expand the provision of equipment to Deaf and hard of hearing people in Liverpool and Wirral.
- Through the introduction of youth and community support services for Deaf children and their families the Society has been able to establish a unique and much needed resource to address the previously un-met requirements of Deaf children and their families to develop communication skills, exchange experience, offer mutual support and develop a range of activities and



## Merseyside Society For Deaf People

### Directors' and Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

- events to extend and enrich the social and personal development programme The youth programme also involves young people in the planning and steering of activities addressing the barriers to participation and isolation that exist
- Through the establishment of a BSL NVQ level 3 training programme and the provision of BSL level 1, 2 and 3 courses the Society aims to address the significant skill shortage of qualified and experienced BSL communicators and interpreters to support Deaf people in their education/employment and thereby breaking down or removing barriers to education/employment Causes are either free or discounted by no less than 50% to Deaf people or to individuals who have Deaf family members
- Through the establishment of Deaf Community Information services the Society has expanded the volume and quality of customized information made available to the Sign Language community and increased the frequency and structure of engagement with the wider Deaf community
- Through the provision of free meeting rooms and facilities that support the wide variety of Deaf community interest groups
- The Society aim is to expand services and support for all Deaf people across all community and age group To ensure this the Society is actively engaging with BME and other minority communities to ensure everyone is aware of the services and support available and appropriate changes are implemented to improve access and support


#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information

#### AUDITORS

The auditors, Kinsella Clarke, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

  
Trustee **BARRY AVISON**

Date **4-10-10**

## **Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

We have audited the financial statements of Merseyside Society For Deaf People for the year ended 31 March 2010 on pages seven to fourteen. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

The trustees' responsibilities for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view are set out on page five and six.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Trustees is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read the Report of the Trustees and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of  
Merseyside Society For Deaf People**

**Opinion**

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and
- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is consistent with the financial statements

G J Clarke Bsc (Hons) FCA  
For and behalf of Kinsella Clarke  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
61 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7BZ



Date

22. 10 . 10

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 3 10 Total funds £	31 3 09 Total funds £
	Notes				
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>					
Voluntary income	2	1,797,450	764,027	2,561,477	2,580,151
Activities for generating funds	3	6,941	-	6,941	14,813
Other incoming resources		-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>1,804,391</b>	<b>764,027</b>	<b>2,568,418</b>	<b>2,594,964</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>					
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	1,913,627	764,027	2,677,654	2,626,257
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>(109,236)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(109,236)</b>	<b>(31,293)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Gains/(losses) on investment assets					
- Realised		(5,507)	-	(5,507)	(9,016)
- Unrealised		19,379	-	19,379	(12,027)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(95,364)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(95,364)</b>	<b>(52,336)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		992,500	-	992,500	1,044,836
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>897,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>897,136</b>	<b>992,500</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements


Merseyside Society For Deaf People

**Balance Sheet**  
**At 31 March 2010**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 3 10 Total funds £	31 3 09 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	6	439,901	-	439,901	473,685
Investments	7	<u>108,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>108,715</u>	<u>124,985</u>
		548,616	-	548,616	598,670
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		14,570	-	14,570	-
Debtors	8	398,928	-	398,928	432,508
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>238,329</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,329</u>	<u>169,805</u>
		651,827	-	651,827	602,313
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(303,307)	-	(303,307)	(208,483)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>348,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>348,520</u>	<u>393,830</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		897,136	-	897,136	992,500
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>897,136</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>897,136</u>	<u>992,500</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10				
Designated funds				555,392	555,392
Other charitable funds				<u>341,744</u>	<u>437,108</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>897,136</u>	<u>992,500</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on **4-10-10** and were signed on its behalf by

  
Trustee  
**BARRY AISON**

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities

**Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy

**Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Freehold property	2%	on cost
Fixtures and fittings	20%	on cost
Computer equipment	33.3%	on cost
Motor vehicle	25%	on cost

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term whichever is shorter

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activity on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31 3 10 £	31 3 09 £
Local Authority Grants	832,781	688,015	1,520,796	1,605,091
Less Deferred Income	-	(97,080)	(97,080)	(30,772)
Other Funding Grants & Income	823,234	117,660	940,894	924,977
Less Deferred Income	-	(7,611)	(7,611)	(9,598)
Environmental Aids	11,876	75,865	87,741	82,892
Less Deferred Income	-	(12,822)	(12,822)	(7,973)
Management Services	111,168	-	111,168	7,681
Legacies & Donations Received	18,391	-	18,391	7,853
Less Deferred Income	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,797,450</u>	<u>764,027</u>	<u>2,561,477</u>	<u>2,580,151</u>

Included within Voluntary Income are the following amounts received during the year: Liverpool C C (Community Resource Unit) £57,049, Wirral Primary Care Trust (3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Innovation Fund) £13,885, Equality and Human Rights Commission £3,500, RNID I'Sign Project £5,180, Liverpool C C Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities £51,828, Knowsley B C After School Service £4,057, Knowsley B C (DCFS) Youth Service £12,136, Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service £2,000, Big Lottery 'Regional Deaf Youth Service' £49,328, Liverpool C C Carers Grant £37,835. All costs relating to restricted projects are included with restricted expenditure (see note 4).

3 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31 3 10 £	31 3 09 £
Dividends & Bank Interest	<u>6,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,941</u>	<u>14,813</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

4 COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31 3 10 £	31 3 09 £
Staff costs	1,283,598	571,716	1,855,314	1,963,607
Bought in Services	359,853	18,303	378,156	237,303
Exam Fees	7,791	6,320	14,111	12,277
Sundry Expenses	12,742	892	13,634	12,675
Volunteers and Student Allowances	22,128	6,161	28,289	22,128
Legal, Professional and Audit Fees	579	2,934	3,513	8,559
Membership Fees and Subscriptions	1,188	1,025	2,213	3,335
Rates and Insurance	16,429	37,395	53,824	57,156
Telephone	10,837	4,364	15,201	13,456
Health and Safety	9,776	5,202	14,978	13,333
Heat and Light	28,642	9,514	38,156	39,786
Staff Training and Travel Expenses	70,918	32,369	103,287	92,743
Postage, Stationery and Advertising	24,881	9,654	34,535	34,643
Environmental Aids Equipment	-	46,050	46,050	63,498
Equipment for Projects	3,411	4,510	7,921	10,686
Donations and Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	300
Bad Debts Written Off	(439)	-	(439)	(485)
Bank Charges	39	-	39	70
Computer Software and Maintenance	21,805	864	22,669	7,549
Depreciation	39,449	6,754	46,203	33,638
	<u>1,913,627</u>	<u>764,027</u>	<u>2,677,654</u>	<u>2,626,257</u>

5 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2010 nor for the year ended 31 March 2009

**Trustees' Expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2010 nor for the year ended 31 March 2009



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

## 6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery etc £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2009	413,907	240,390	654,297
Additions	-	13,762	13,762
Disposals	-	(1,610)	(1,610)
At 31 March 2010	<u>413,907</u>	<u>252,542</u>	<u>666,449</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2009	76,828	103,785	180,613
Charge for year	5,155	41,048	46,203
Eliminated on disposal	-	(268)	(268)
At 31 March 2010	<u>81,983</u>	<u>144,565</u>	<u>226,548</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2010	<u>331,924</u>	<u>107,977</u>	<u>439,901</u>
At 31 March 2009	<u>337,079</u>	<u>136,605</u>	<u>473,684</u>

## 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 April 2009	124,985
Additions	244
Disposals	(35,893)
Revaluations	<u>19,379</u>
At 31 March 2010	<u>108,715</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 March 2010	<u>108,715</u>
At 31 March 2009	<u>124,985</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

8 DEBTORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 3 10 £	31 3 09 £
Amount falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	238,662	413,711
Other debtors	1,097	1,681
Prepayments and accrued income	150,886	8,390
Inter company - Deafability	8,283	8,726
	<u>398,928</u>	<u>432,508</u>

9 CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31 3 10 £	31 3 09 £
Amount falling due within one year		
Bank loans and overdraft	-	19,334
Trade creditors	59,749	36,758
Social security and other taxes	61,743	64,480
Other creditors	451	451
Accruals	49,036	38,467
Deferred income		
Local Authority Grants	104,950	38,745
Other income	27,378	10,248
	<u>303,307</u>	<u>208,483</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

10 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Designated Funds

	Building Fund £	Sefton Fund £	Contingency Fund £	Asset Reserve £	Total £
At 1 April 2009	120,663	8,569	280,000	146,160	555,392
Transfer to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued interest & donations	-	-	-	-	-
Interest received	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2010	<u>120,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280,000</u>	<u>146,160</u>	<u>555,392</u>

The designated fund (the 'Building Fund') represents insurance proceeds plus accumulated interest following the destruction of part of the company's premises at West Derby, Liverpool. The fund is to be used on the capital construction costs of replacement facilities.

The Contingency fund was established to meet expected expenditure on possible property improvement commitments and contingencies relating to the Society's property assets.

Other Charitable Funds

	Total £
At 1 April 2009	437,108
Investment Assets	
Unrealised Gains	19,379
Realised Losses	(5,507)
Deficit For The Year	(109,236)
Transfers From/To Designated Funds	
At 31 March 2010	<u>341,744</u>

12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2010 or 31 March 2009.

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2010 or 31 March 2009.

14 PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS

The charity contributes to Merseyside Pension Fund which is a defined benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee administered funds. The scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme and the charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2010

**14 PENSION FUND OBLIGATIONS (continued)**

Accordingly, the charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS17 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contributions scheme

The current rate of contributions of pay employer rate is 22.5%. This rate will increase to 24.3% in 2010/11 in order to fund total scheme liabilities

It is anticipated that a actuarial valuation will be prepared by Merseyside Pension Fund in November 2010 at which point the charity expects to have to report an actuarial loss on pension scheme assets in the 2011 financial statements