



**MERSEYSIDE SOCIETY FOR  
DEAF PEOPLE**

(A Company Limited by Guarantee  
and not having a Share Capital)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2000

**Company No: 3389496**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Company registration number: 3389496

Charity registration number: 1065021

The company is limited by guarantee and permission has been obtained from the Registrar of Companies to dispense with the use of the word "Limited".

Registered Office: Merseyside Society for Deaf People  
Queens Drive  
West Derby  
Liverpool  
L13 0DJ

Trustees and directors: G Moffatt (Chairman)  
F Essery (Deputy Chairman)  
M J Gilbertson (Treasurer)  
L Moffatt (Secretary)  
D C McDonnell  
R Cooper  
W Lamont  
M Green  
W Wilson  
B Kirwan  
K Hare-Cockburn  
S Abenson (Appointed 7 April 1999)

Secretary: L Moffatt

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Bankers:

Barclays Bank plc  
394 Edge Lane  
Liverpool  
L7 9PX

Auditors:

Kinsella Clarke  
Registered Auditors  
Chartered Accountants  
61 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
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BWD Rensburg  
100 Old Hall Street  
Liverpool  
L3 9AB

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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The trustees present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

**Principal activities**

The Society operates to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of the deaf community in Merseyside and the Wirral.

**Organisation**

The organisation consists of three principal departments, providing social services, training and development, and community services for the benefit of the deaf community.

**Review of the year**

The trustees are encouraged that the charity has been able to increase charitable income to £1,077,271, the highest level of incoming resources in the charity's history. A substantial proportion of the charity's income is derived from Local Authority grants and project income from other funding bodies. The pressure from Local Authorities and other funders to fund specific project costs remains intense, and the charity remains dependent on its reserves, donations and legacy income to fund the balance of its operating expenses, supporting the two community centres which exist for the benefit of the deaf community on Merseyside and Wirral. Full details of the charity's activities for the year are contained in the Annual Report.

**Financial review**

The operating result for the year before the exceptional item of £84,472 was a surplus of £1,358 (1999: £908).

During the year part of the charity's operating premises in Liverpool was seriously fire damaged and subsequently demolished. Insurance proceeds (calculated on a cost of reinstatement basis) amounting to £94,862 have been received after the year end and included as a restricted fund in these financial statements. The apportioned cost value of the demolished premises was £10,390, giving rise to the exceptional item of £84,472.

The funds of the charity have been applied to promote the charitable purposes of the society.

At the Balance Sheet date the charity held net current assets amounting to £188,550 (1999: £79,695) and total net assets of £779,173 (1999: £697,866).

All the charity's assets are used for charitable purposes. At 31 March 2000 the charity had restricted funds of £94,862 (1999: Nil).

Investments held by the charity have been acquired and disposed of in accordance with the powers vested in the trustees.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association prohibit the payment of a dividend.

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**Investment powers and authority**

The Articles of Association place no restrictions on the amount or type of investments made by the company. However, Merseyside Society for Deaf People must comply with the restrictions placed upon it by law.

**Funding**

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.

Investments have been acquired and disposed of in accordance with the powers available to the trustees.

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

**Directors**

For the purposes of company law, the trustees listed on page 1 are the directors of the company.

All directors served throughout the year, unless as otherwise stated. Appointments and resignations of directors both during the year and subsequent to the date of this report, are detailed on page 1.

**Method of appointment or election of 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 of the member trustee is put to the meeting and lost.

**Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the financial activities of the charitable company during the year and of their financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees should follow best practice and:-

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue its operations.

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**Trustees responsibilities for the financial statements (continued)**

The charity's trustees are also responsible for:-

- keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Charities Act 1993 and regulations thereunder,
- safeguarding the assets of the charitable company,
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Disabled employees and employee involvement**

The company operates a policy of equal opportunities regardless of sex, sexual orientation, race, colour, nationality, religion, ethnic or national origins, disability or marital status, in respect of: the people to whom it provides a service, its salaried staff and voluntary workers, job applicants for both salaried and voluntary posts and members of its Council.

Merseyside Society for Deaf People is very much aware of the needs of disabled people and is constantly reviewing ways in which practical assistance can be given by alteration to work sites. Care is taken to ascertain from new disabled employees, or from employees who may develop disabilities, what assistance they may require to enable them to fulfil their duties.

Employees and members of Merseyside Society for Deaf People are encouraged to participate actively in the running of the charity via divisional and other special interest meetings. Information is made available to employees, and a regular newsletter is produced.

**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.

At 31 March 2000, the level of unrestricted fund reserves represented the equivalent of 3.25 months operating costs (1999: 3.5 months).

**Auditors**

Kinsella Clarke offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



G Moffatt  
Director

1 November 2000

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**MERSEYSIDE SOCIETY FOR DEAF PEOPLE**  
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We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 20 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 7 to 9.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described on pages 4 and 5, the trustees, who are also the company's directors, for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards 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 judgements made by the directors 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.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 March 2000, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**KINSELLA CLARKE**  
**REGISTERED AUDITORS**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
**LIVERPOOL**

19/12 2000





## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and follow the recommendations in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting by Charities (the SORP), issued in October 1995. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention except that investments are valued at market value.

The principal accounting policies of the charity are set out below and are consistent with the previous year.

### **Donations and gifts**

All monetary donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable, provided that there are no donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met.

Legacies to which the charity is entitled are included in the statement of financial activities unless they are incapable of measurement.

Gifts-in-kind are accounted for at the trustees' estimate of value to the charity or sale value, as follows:

- assets received for distribution by the charity are recognised only when distributed
- assets received for resale are recognised, where practicable, when receivable or otherwise when sold
- gifts of fixed assets for charity use or funds for acquiring fixed assets for charity use are accounted for (as restricted funds) immediately on receipt.

Intangible income is valued and included in income to the extent that it represents goods or services which would otherwise be purchased. An equivalent amount is charged as expenditure. Voluntary help is not included as income.

Cash collected to which the charity is legally entitled but which has not been received at the year end is included as income.

Donations under deed of covenant together with the associated income tax recoveries are credited as income when the donations are received.

### **Grants receivable**

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable. Depreciation on the fixed assets purchased with such grants is charged against the restricted fund.

## PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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### **Investment income**

Investment income, including associated income tax recoveries, is recognised when receivable.

### **Asset reserve**

The charity has received non-refundable grants which have been used in accordance with the conditions attaching to the grants.

### **Contributions to pension scheme**

#### **Defined contribution scheme**

The charity operates through the Merseyside Pension Fund a defined contribution pension scheme. The contributions by the employer to the scheme are fixed percentages of salary for all members which has the effect of defining the level of pension contribution without reference to actuarial assumptions. The pension costs charged in the period represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period. The fund is independent of The Merseyside Society for Deaf People.

### **Expenditure**

Expenditure, which is charged on an accruals basis, is allocated between:

- expenditure incurred directly to the fulfilment of the charity's objectives (direct charitable);
- expenditure incurred directly in the effort to raise voluntary contributions (fundraising and publicity); and
- expenditure incurred in the management and administration of the charity.

Items of expenditure involving more than one cost category are apportioned as follows:

Repairs and renewals	- Appropriated in proportion to unrestricted/restricted income.
Depreciation	- Appropriated in proportion to unrestricted/restricted income.

### **Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the trustees.

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**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets held for charity use other than freehold land and property by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives.

The rates applicable are:

Equipment (other than computers)	20% on cost
Computers	33.33% on cost

Depreciation is not provided on freehold properties. Provision is made annually for cyclical maintenance, as it is the policy to maintain the company's freehold properties in a sound state of repair.

**Investments**

Assets held for investment purposes are valued at market value at the Balance Sheet date.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2000 £	Total funds 1999 £
<b>Income and expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations, gifts and other income	1	48,408	545	48,953	55,482
Less: Deferred income		(13,912)	-	(13,912)	(14,753)
Legacies receivable		8,545	-	8,545	54,687
Grants receivable	2	142,067	831,807	973,874	908,046
Less: Deferred income		-	(19,747)	(19,747)	(45,270)
Lottery grant receivable	2	-	71,077	71,077	68,356
Less: Deferred income		-	(8,082)	(8,082)	(18,511)
Investment income	3	16,563	-	16,563	13,451
		<u>201,671</u>	<u>875,600</u>	<u>1,077,271</u>	<u>1,021,488</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>					
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>					
Operating activities of the charity	4	117,838	895,700	1,013,538	950,011
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
Fundraising and publicity		31,906	-	31,906	31,070
Management and administration	5	<u>3,151</u>	<u>29,691</u>	<u>32,842</u>	<u>35,728</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	6	<u>152,895</u>	<u>925,391</u>	<u>1,078,286</u>	<u>1,016,809</u>
<b>Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers</b>	16	48,776	(49,791)	(1,015)	4,679
Transfers between funds		(49,791)	49,791	-	-
<b>Net resources expended for the year and deficit of expenditure over income</b>		<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>4,679</u>
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>					
Exceptional item	10	(10,390)	94,862	84,472	-
Gains/(losses) on investment assets					
- Realised		2,373	-	2,373	(3,771)
- Unrealised	12	<u>(4,523)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,523)</u>	<u>3,505</u>
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		(13,555)	94,862	81,307	4,413
Fund balances brought forward at 1.4.1999	18	697,866	-	697,866	693,453
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31.3.2000</b>	18	<u>684,311</u>	<u>94,862</u>	<u>779,173</u>	<u>697,866</u>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2000 £</b>	<b>1999 £</b>
Total income		1,077,271	1,021,488
Total expenditure	6	(1,078,286)	(1,016,809)
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before investment asset disposals</b>		<u>(1,015)</u>	<u>4,679</u>
Exceptional item	10	84,472	-
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments		2,373	(3,771)
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<u><u>85,830</u></u>	<u><u>908</u></u>

Total income comprises £201,671 for unrestricted funds and £875,600 for restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities.

A detailed analysis of expenditure is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and at note 6.

Net expenditure before investment asset disposal for the year of £(1,015) comprises £48,776 net income of unrestricted funds less £49,791 net expenditure of restricted funds, as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The summary income and expenditure account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 10 and which, together with the notes on pages 13 to 20, provides full information on the movements during the year on all funds of the charity.

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2000**

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	11	390,290	403,228
Investments	12	<u>243,933</u>	<u>263,743</u>
		634,223	666,971
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	234,508	168,147
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>90,983</u>	<u>106,070</u>
		325,491	274,217
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>136,941</u>	<u>194,522</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>188,550</u>	<u>79,695</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		822,773	746,666
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	15	<u>(43,600)</u>	<u>(48,800)</u>
		<u>779,173</u>	<u>697,866</u>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Restricted funds	16	94,862	-
Unrestricted funds:			
Designated funds	17	331,099	315,245
Other charitable funds	18	<u>353,212</u>	<u>382,621</u>
		<u>779,173</u>	<u>697,866</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 1 November 2000, and signed on their behalf by:

  
G Moffatt  
Director

  
M J Gilbertson  
Director

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**1 DONATIONS AND GIFTS**

During the year the charity has not received any gifts in kind of a material value.

**2 GRANTS**

	2000 Restricted £	2000 Unrestricted £	2000 Total £
Grant income deferred at 1 April 1999	54,273	9,508	63,781
Grants receivable in the year	848,611	132,559	981,170
Credit for the year	(875,055)	(142,067)	(1,017,122)
Grant income deferred at 31 March 2000	<u>27,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,829</u>

Material grants receivable during the year were as follows:

Category	Source	2000 £	1999 £
Social Services	Local Authorities	514,642	475,640
Training and Development	Various funding bodies	459,232	432,406
Community Services	National Lottery	71,077	68,356
		<u>1,044,951</u>	<u>976,402</u>

Grant income deferred represents grants received which are subject to pre-conditions for use. Expenditure relating to grants subject to donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2000 were as follows:

	2000 £	1999 £
Expenditure on provision of services	512,534	474,263
Expenditure on training and development	440,237	388,513
Expenditure on community services	62,995	49,845
	<u>1,015,766</u>	<u>912,621</u>

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**3 INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2000 £	1999 £
Investment income comprises income from:		
Listed investments	12,347	8,645
Bank deposits	4,023	4,665
Other interest	193	141
	<u>16,563</u>	<u>13,451</u>

The amount receivable in the year under the transitional relief arrangements attaching to income tax recoverable was £655.

**4 DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2000 £	Total 1999 £
<b>Other direct expenditure</b>				
Provision of Social Services	1,782	579,914	581,696	520,832
Provision of Training and Development	116,056	252,700	368,756	379,091
Provision of Community Services	-	63,086	63,086	50,088
	<u>117,838</u>	<u>895,700</u>	<u>1,013,538</u>	<u>950,011</u>

**5 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2000 £	Total 1999 £
Management support to centre	-	27,085	27,085	25,923
Audit fee	2,750	-	2,750	2,914
Bank charges	2	58	60	823
Benevolent fund	399	-	399	530
Depreciation of fixed assets	-	2,548	2,548	5,538
	<u>3,151</u>	<u>29,691</u>	<u>32,842</u>	<u>35,728</u>



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**6 ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other £	Total 2000 £	Total 1999 £
<b>Direct charitable expenditure</b>					
Provision of services	695,667	-	317,871	1,013,538	950,011
<b>Other expenditure</b>					
Fundraising and publicity	24,168	-	7,738	31,906	31,070
Management and administration	27,085	2,548	3,209	32,842	35,728
	<u>746,920</u>	<u>2,548</u>	<u>328,818</u>	<u>1,078,286</u>	<u>1,016,809</u>

Total resources expended include:

	2000 £	1999 £
Auditors remuneration:		
Audit services	2,750	2,914
Depreciation of fixed assets	2,548	5,538
Pension costs	<u>33,025</u>	<u>18,439</u>

**7 EMPLOYEES**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2000 £	1999 £
Wages and salaries	664,758	627,873
Social security costs	49,137	48,249
Other pension costs	33,025	18,439
	<u>746,920</u>	<u>694,561</u>

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**EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)**

The average number of employees, excluding directors, during the year analysed by function was:

	2000 Number	1999 Number
Staff engaged on charitable activities	42	40
Fundraising and publicity	1	1
Management and administration of the charity	1	1
	<u>44</u>	<u>42</u>

In addition to performing their statutory responsibilities as directors, the directors contribute their time voluntarily at no cost to the charity and are involved in each of the above functions.

The annualised emoluments of higher-paid employees fell within the following ranges:

	2000 Number	1999 Number
£40,001 to £45,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**8 DIRECTORS**

During the year a director represented the Merseyside deaf community and the Society attending an International Conference in Australia. All costs were borne by external fund providers.

None of the directors received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses from the charity in the year.

**9 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS**

The spouse of a director is employed by the charity and receives remuneration consistent with the market rate for that position. The director was not involved in the recruitment decision.

No other trustee or person with a family or business connection with a trustee received remuneration in the year, directly or indirectly, from either the charity or an institution or company controlled by the charity.

**10 EXCEPTIONAL ITEM**

	2000 £	1999 £
Amount receivable from insurers arising from fire at West Derby premises	94,862	-
Less: apportioned cost of fire damaged property	(10,390)	-
	<u>84,472</u>	<u>-</u>

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**11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold land and buildings £</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Cost			
At 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000	397,037	19,646	416,683
Reduction in cost due to fire (note 10)	(10,390)	-	(10,390)
At 31 March 2000	<u>386,647</u>	<u>19,646</u>	<u>406,293</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 1999	-	13,455	13,455
Provided in the year	-	2,548	2,548
At 31 March 2000	<u>-</u>	<u>16,003</u>	<u>16,003</u>
Net book amount at 31 March 2000	<u>386,647</u>	<u>3,643</u>	<u>390,290</u>
Net book amount at 31 March 1999	<u>397,037</u>	<u>6,191</u>	<u>403,228</u>

Included in freehold land and buildings cost is a non-refundable grant from the Merseyside Task Force of £60,000 to assist with the purchase and improvement costs of the property at 15 Grange Road West, Birkenhead (note 17 refers).

All of the Society's tangible fixed assets are used for its charitable objectives.

**12 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

Total fixed asset investments comprise:

	<b>Listed investments £</b>
Valuation	
At 1 April 1999	263,743
Loss on revaluation: unrealised	(4,523)
Additions	71,786
Disposals	(87,073)
At 31 March 2000	<u>243,933</u>
Net book amount at 31 March 2000	<u>243,933</u>
Net book amount at 31 March 1999	<u>263,743</u>
Cost of investment at 31 March 2000	<u>193,511</u>

Listed investments are stated at their mid-market value as at the balance sheet date.

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**13 DEBTORS**

	2000	1999
	£	£
Operating debtors	93,880	123,644
Other debtors	43,385	44,503
Insurance proceeds	94,862	-
Prepayments	2,381	-
	<u>234,508</u>	<u>168,147</u>

Included in other debtors is an amount of £35,552 (1999: £34,540) which relates to an interest free loan to the Merseyside Society for Deaf People Members Club. The loan is unsecured and repayable on demand.

**14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank overdraft	2,549	26,571
Operating creditors	33,101	47,118
Social security and other taxes	17,129	15,876
Other creditors	27,812	16,919
Accruals	9,408	4,304
Deferred income:		
Local Authority grants	2,108	1,377
Lottery grants	8,082	18,511
European Social Funds	-	11,435
Other income	31,552	47,211
Loan (note 15)	5,200	5,200
	<u>136,941</u>	<u>194,522</u>

**15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2000	1999
	£	£
Loan	<u>43,600</u>	<u>48,800</u>

The loan is repayable from 1 April 1994 over a 15 year period, at fixed amounts of £5,200 per annum and is interest free. The loan is secured on certain freehold property owned by the company.

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**16 RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2000 £	1999 £
Net income for the year and at 31 March 2000	<u>94,862</u>	<u>-</u>

**17 DESIGNATED FUNDS**

	Childrens' fund £	Contingency fund £	Asset reserve £	Total £
At 1 April 1999	9,085	160,000	146,160	315,245
Transfer to contingency fund	-	15,000	-	15,000
Interest received	365	-	-	365
Donations received - Playscheme	489	-	-	489
At 31 March 2000	<u>9,939</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>146,160</u>	<u>331,099</u>

The Childrens fund is an amount donated to the Society which has been designated for the specific benefit of hearing impaired children and youths who reside in Wirral.

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

The asset reserve fund was established in 1992 by a non-refundable grant from the Merseyside Task Force under the Urban Programme Scheme. The conditions of the grant are that the funds were to assist with the costs of purchase and improvement of the freehold property at 15 Grange Road West, Birkenhead, and the Society has complied with those conditions. The property continues to be used for the Society's charitable objectives.

**18 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

	Designated funds £	General reserve fund £	Total £
At 1 April 1999	315,245	382,621	697,866
Exceptional item (note 10)	-	(10,390)	(10,390)
Investment assets:			
Unrealised loss	-	(4,523)	(4,523)
Realised gain	-	2,373	2,373
Fund transfers	15,000	(15,000)	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	854	(1,869)	(1,015)
At 31 March 2000	<u>331,099</u>	<u>353,212</u>	<u>684,311</u>

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**19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2000 or 31 March 1999.

**20 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2000 or 31 March 1999, other than the provision detailed at note 17.

**21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There were no material related party transactions in the accounting period.

**22 PENSION FUND**

**Defined Contribution Scheme**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The assets of the scheme are administered by Merseyside Pension Fund in a fund independent from those of the charity.