TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

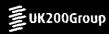
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004



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AFFORD ASTBURY BOND

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004

CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees F Rogers (Treasurer)

I Williamson V R Butler

C L Pickthall (Chair)

M Smith K Fox K Doeser P Searby

Secretary V R Butler

Address Central Office

Hartford Business Centre

Chester Road Hartford CW8 2AB

Registered Charity Number 1091744

Registered Company Number 04050994

Auditors Afford Astbury Bond

Chartered Accountants 31 Wellington Road

Nantwich Cheshire CW5 7ED

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004

The Trustees present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2004.

Principal activities and charitable objectives

The objects of the Charity are:-

The Federation is established to relieve people with disabilities by promoting an improvement in the quality of information collection, collation, transfer and dissemination to people with disabilities and to promote public awareness of the needs and requirements of disabled people in gaining greater independence, to be proactive in developing services and policies which promote and assist integration into the wider community.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:-

F Rogers
I Williamson
V R Butler
C L Pickthall
M Smith – co-opted
K Fox – co-opted
K Doeser – co-opted
P Searby – co-opted

Trustees' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the profit or loss of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- · 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 charity 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 charity. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Highlights of statement of financial activities

The surplus for the year was £55,754 (2003 - £56,746).

Financial position at the year end and availability of funds

We believe that our net assets and funds are adequate to meet all our obligations. The trustees have decided that reserves should be set aside to meet contracted obligations and to provide sufficient reserves to meet three months running costs. The amounts are shown as designated funds in note 9 to the financial statements.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004 (continued)

Auditors

A resolution for the re-appointment of Afford Astbury Bond as auditors of the association is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Trustees on 25 100 2004 and signed on their behalf by:

V R Butler Secretary

Afford Astbury Bond Chartered Accountants

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF

CHESHIRE DISABILITIES FEDERATION

Independent auditors report to the members of Cheshire Disabilities Federation

We have audited the financial statements of Cheshire Disabilities Federation for the year ended 31st March 2004 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 company and the company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities the trustees, who are also the directors of Cheshire Disabilities Federation for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

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 the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

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 accounts and statement. It also includes an assessment of the judgements made by the trustees in their preparation and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate, in the context of the applicable accounting requirements, to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and properly 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 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 affairs as at 31st March 2004 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.

Afford Astbury Bond
Chartered Accountants

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004

		Unrestricted	Restricted Total Funds 2004		Total 2003	
Incoming resources	<u>Note</u>	£	£ unus	£	£	
Local authority and public body grants Investment income Other income		5,251 8,454	382,553 - -	382,553 5,251 8,454	245,658 3,332 28,572	
Total incoming resources		13,705	382,553	396,258	277,562	
Resources expended						
Direct charitable expenditure: Fund raising and publicity	2	-	229,583 8,044	229,583 8,044	159,506 11,391	
Total direct charitable expenditure			237,627	237,627	170,897	
Other expenditure:						
Management and administration	3	-	102,877	102,877	49,919	
Total resources expended		-	340,504	340,504	220,816	
Net incoming resources before transfer		13,705	42,049	55,754	56,746	
Transfers between funds	4	42,049	(42,049)	-	-	
Net incoming resources		55,754	-	55,754	56,746	
Net movement in funds						
Fund balances brought forward		176,152	-	176,152	119,406	
Fund balances carried forward		231,906	-	231,906	176,152	

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2004

		2004			2003
	Note	£	$\overline{\mathbf{t}}$	$\underline{\mathbf{t}}$	$\overline{\mathbf{t}}$
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		4,108		3,701
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	6	8,619		39,093	
Cash at bank and in hand		256,413 ————		170,519	
		265,032		209,612	
Current liabilities					
Creditors	7	37,234		37,161	
Net current assets			227,798		172,451
Capital funds			231,906		176,152
Unrestricted Restricted	9		231,906		176,152
Restricted					
			231,906		176,152

Approved by the Trustees on 25 2004 and signed on their behalf by

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C Pickthall (Chair)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), the Companies Act 1985 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2000.

- a. All grants and voluntary income are accounted for gross when receivable, as long as they are capable of financial measurement.
- b. All expenditure is accounted for gross as and when incurred.
- c. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of the activities and depreciation on related assets.
- d. Fixed assets are included at cost or valuation; there are no uncapitalised fixed assets.
- e Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

Equipment - 25% straight line

f. Designated funds are amounts which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for a specific, but not legally binding, purpose.

2. Analysis of resources expended

	2004	2003
Direct Charitable Expenditure:	<u>£</u>	$\underline{\mathfrak{L}}$
Salaries, national insurance and pensions (see note 8)	189,268	142,436
Travel expenses	9,349	11,175
Other staff expenses	413	-
Publications and training	1,388	5,895
Subcontract and other direct costs	29,165	
	229,583	159,506

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004 (continued)

Management and administration	2004 <u>£</u>	2003 <u>£</u>
Office rent and services	21,767	18,052
Office improvements	37,764	· -
Telephone	5,992	6,686
Book keeping and administration services	2,800	3,261
Audit and accountancy	1,322	881
Payroll charges	•	343
Depreciation	3,739	5,436
Other administrative costs	29,493	15,260
	102,877	49,919
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None of the trustees receive any remuneration from the Trust. Trustees expenses were paid to F Rogers £592, C Pickthall £364, M Westcott £46 and V Butler £693 in respect of expenses incurred in furtherance of the Charities objectives.

4. Transfer between funds

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The trustees have been reviewing the position with regard to the restricted fund reserves. The charity has received grants and contracts to provide services to the community. In the opinion of the trustees these services have been provided as required and the charity's performance under these grants and contracts have been subject to audit by the funding providers. Surpluses made on the services provided are not recoverable by the funders and accordingly the trustees have authorised such surpluses including surpluses made in previous years, to be transferred to unrestricted reserves.

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment <u>£</u>
Cost	_
At 1st April 2003 Additions	13,888 4,146
At 31st March 2004	18,034
Depreciation	
At 1st April 2003 Charge for year	10,187 3,739
At 31st March 2004	13,926
Net book value	
At 31st March 2004	4,108
At 31st March 2003	3,701
	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004 (continued)

6.	Debtors	2004 <u>£</u>	2003 <u>£</u>
	Other debtors and prepayments	8,619	39,093
7.	Creditors due within one year		
	Taxation and social security Other creditors and accruals	4,772 32,462	3,115 34,046
		37,234	37,161
8.	Staff costs and numbers		
	Staff costs were as follows:-		
	Salaries, wages and pensions	174,293	132,717
	Social security costs	14,976	9,719
		189,269	142,436

No employee received emoluments of more than £50,000.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 12 (2003 - 10).

Also included within staff costs is £4,756 (2003 - £3,350) relating to contributions payable by the charitable company to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

9. Statement of funds

	At 1st April 2003	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31st March 2004
General reserves Designated funds	75,213	13,705	(19,061)	42,049	111,906
Running costs	100,939	-	19,061		120,000
Total unrestricted funds	176,152	13,705	-	42,049	231,906
Restricted funds		382,553	340,504	(42,049)	-

The general reserves represents the free funds of the charity which are not designated for particular purposes. The running cost has been designated by the trustees as a fund to meet the charity's running costs and contractual obligations should it lose a significant part of its income and thus have to scale down its activities.

Restricted funds

The charity engages in carrying out specific projects for local councils and health authorities. It is given money specific to each project. Built into such projects are intangible costs such as volunteer time. As a result the charity has over the years made surpluses on these projects. In the opinion of the trustees these surpluses are not recoverable from the charity and has accordingly authorised the transfer of these surpluses to unrestricted funds.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004 (continued)

10. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activies.

11. Control

The charitable company is controlled by its trustees.