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# **AUTISMCONNECT**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER, 2006**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

DIRECTORS	J R Kinder Ms E Hopkins Dr M Smith
SECRETARY	J R Kinder
REGISTERED OFFICE	23 Woodville Gardens Ealing, London W5 2LL
REGISTERED NUMBER	4061039
CHARITY REGISTERED NO	1084254
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT	David Lowe FCA Prior's Court School Hermitage, Thatcham Berkshire RG18 9NU



## **AUTISMCONNECT**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006**

#### **Objects of the Charity**

The object of the charity is to provide an international information resource focused on autism in the form of a website known as autismconnect

#### **Governing Document**

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee which was incorporated on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2000. The Registered Number of the company is 4061039. The company was registered as a charity with the Charity Commissioners on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2000 and its Charity Number is 1084254.

The Trustees of the charity and the directors of the company are one and the same. Throughout this report they are referred to as the Trustees.

#### **Achievements and activities during the year**

On 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2000 the charity took over the website called autismconnect from The Shirley Foundation. The site had been developed since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2000 by The Shirley Foundation in partnership with The National Autistic Society and software company RMR plc with funds provided by The Shirley Foundation. During this period considerable amounts of content had been identified, checked and loaded onto the site. On 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2000 the charity commenced to trade by launching the website to the public using the internet address [www.autismconnect.org](http://www.autismconnect.org). The National Autistic Society and RMR plc provided services to autismconnect and the charity was funded by The Shirley Foundation.

During the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2004 the charity operated the website with increasing success. Numbers of visitors to the site have continued to increase and now exceed 20,000 per month.

The regular synopsis of press items relating to autism from around the world has continued to be popular as has Adam's Week - a personal contribution by the editor, Adam Feinstein.

Facilities on the site include a database of links to websites concerned with all aspects of autism. These sites are manually linked to a hierarchy of keywords which allow quick and easy access by the user to relevant information relating to autism throughout the web. Other facilities include a database of support agencies throughout the world, a database of events, and an assembly of news items from the world's press.



Under a two year agreement, which ended on 31st December, 2005 Autism Cymru (a sister charity involved with autism) provided the day-to-day management of the autismconnect website and also funded all hosting charges. Under the agreement autismconnect provided grant aid to Autism Cymru to meet the costs of these services.

#### Organisational Structure

The direction, funding and expenses of the charity are decided upon by the Trustees at regular Trustees' meetings.

#### Reserves Policy

The Trustees have decided that autismconnect should carry reserves of £30,000 in order to provide an adequate cushion for normal cash fluctuations.

#### Major Risks

The major risk to the charity is that it fails to acquire sufficient funding from Grant-making Trusts before sufficient income is generated from other sources.

#### Directors and Trustees

J R Kinder MA FCA – chair  
Eileen Hopkins  
Mark Smith PhD BSc Hons

#### Registered Office

23 Woodville Gardens, Ealing, London W5 2LL

#### Offices

The charity does not have any offices since all the Trustees work from home. Enquiries should be made by e-mail to – [autismconnect@bopenworld.com](mailto:autismconnect@bopenworld.com)

#### Approval

The Trustees' report and the financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

J R Kinder

Eileen Hopkins

Dr Mark Smith



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS  
For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

**INCORPORATION**

The company was incorporated on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2000 and commenced trading on the same date

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of a charity. The Charity Registered Number is 1084254. The Company is limited by Guarantee. The objects of the charity are detailed in the Trustees' Report.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors during the period under review were -

J R Kinder	appointed 29 8 2000
Eileen Hopkins	appointed 29 8 2000
Dr Mark Smith	appointed 29 8 2000

All the directors being eligible, offer themselves for election at the forthcoming sixth Annual General Meeting.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the income and expenditure of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements the directors 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 a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ON BEHALF OF THE  
BOARD



J R Kinder - DIRECTOR

Dated

5.7.07

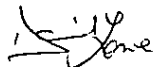


REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
AUTISMCONNECT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 43 of the Charities Act 1993 I have examined the income and expenditure and the balance sheet of autismconnect set out on pages 3 to 10 relating to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006. This examination did not extend to a comprehensive audit of such accounts and balance sheet. I confirm that the accounts and balance sheet accord with the accounting records of the Trust and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Act. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Going Concern

In March 2007 the company implemented strategies, which the directors considered to be appropriate, to ensure its ongoing activities and existence.



David Lowe FCA  
Prior's Court School  
Hermitage, Thatcham,  
Berkshire, RG18 9NU

Dated 5 July 2007



# AUTISMCONNECT

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

	Notes	Year to 31/10/2006	Year to 31/10/2005
		£	£
<b>INCOME</b>			
Operating income		0	163
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative and operating expenses		9,671	8,503
<i>Operating (Deficit)/Surplus</i>	2	<u>(9,671)</u>	<u>(8,339)</u>
Interest receivable and similar income		184	406
 (Deficit)/Surplus on ordinary activities before tax		 (9,487)	 (7,934)
Tax on (deficit)/surplus on ordinary activities	5		-
 (Loss)/Surplus for the year after Taxation		 (9,487)	 (7,934)
(Deficit)/Surplus carried forward		<u>(9,486 79)</u>	<u>(7,934)</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Year to 31/10/2005 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations received		0	-	0	138
Income resources from operating activities of the Charity		0	-	0	25
Bank Deposit Interest		184	-	184	406
Total Incoming Resources		184	-	184	569
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Charity Expenditure Activities in furtherance of the Charity's objects	3	9,210	-	9,210	8,419
Management and administration of the Charity	3	461	-	461	84
Total Resources expended		9,671	-	9,671	8,503
Net Expended Resources		(9,487)	0	(9,487)	(7,934)
Total Funds brought forward		12,710	2,950	15,660	23,594
Total Funds carried forward		3,223	2,950	6,173	15,660

The notes form part of these financial statements



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## BALANCE SHEET 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2003

	Notes	2006 £	2,005 £
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors		349	276
Cash at bank	6	<u>5,792</u>	<u>15,384</u>
		6,141	15,660
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(32)	-
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>6,173</u>	<u>15,660</u>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<u>6,173</u>	<u>15,660</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Restricted Fund		2,950	2,950
Profit and loss account		<u>3,223</u>	<u>12,710</u>
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u>6,173</u>	<u>15,660</u>

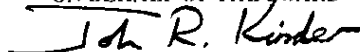
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard of Smaller Entities (effective March 2000)

The directors have taken advantage of the Companies Act 1985 in not having these accounts audited under Section 249A(1) (total exemption)

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2003 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249a(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249b(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for -

- I) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 and
- II) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far applicable to the company

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



J R Kinder - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 5.7.07



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000), the Companies Act 1985, and follow the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (2005)

### 2 OPERATING LOSS

	2006	2005
	£	£
The operating loss is stated after charging -		
Auditor's remuneration	-	-
Independent accountant's remuneration	-	-
Directors' emoluments and other benefits	-	-

### 3 ACTIVITIES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

Website maintenance and development	9,240	8,419
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### 4 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHARITY

Sundry expenses	431	84
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### 5 TAXATION

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the period. The directors do not consider that the company will be subject to corporation tax due to its charitable status.

### 6 DEBTORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Tax Reclaimable	320	202
Trade Debtors	29	238
Total	<u>349</u>	<u>440</u>

### 7 CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Trade Creditors	(32)	42
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### 8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year there were no related party transactions.

### 9 GUARANTEE

The liability of the members is limited by guarantee. Each member undertakes to pay an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee ceases one year after he or she ceases to be a member.



**AUTISMCONNECT**  
**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
For the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2006

	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Income</b>		
Other Income		
Donations received	0	138
Deposit Account Interest	184	406
Commission on sale of books	0	25
	<hr/> 184	<hr/> 569
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Grants to another Charity for the operation of the autismconnect website	9,138	8,004
Website operations and development	73	415
Sundry Expenses	431	84
Auditor's Remuneration	0	-
Accountancy	0	-
	<hr/> 9,641	<hr/> 8,503
Operating(Deficit)/Surplus	<hr/> (9,457)	<hr/> (7,934)
<b>Finance Costs</b>		
Bank Charges	30	
Net (Deficit)/Surplus	<hr/> (9,487)	<hr/> (7,934)

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements