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### HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE (Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31ST MARCH 1998

**INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND NO: 1964878** 



### **COUNCIL AND OFFICERS AT 31ST MARCH 1998**

Lt Col Sir John Johnston GCVO, MC Sir Peter Baldwin KCB Lady Wright MBE Sir Paul Wright KCMG OBE A D R Hilbery B Vet Med, MRCVS Dr B Fogle DVM, MRCVS A G Blunt R J Collier ACIB Mrs C Baldwin	- - - -	President Vice President Vice President Vice President Chairman Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer
R J Collier ACIB	-	Treasurer

### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

Training Centre, London Road (A40), Lewknor, Oxford, OX9 5RY

### **SOLICITORS**

**GH** Willett

Manches & Co, 3 Worcester Street, Oxford

### **AUDITORS**

Edmund Gibbs, 46 St Giles', Oxford, OX1 3LT

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#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Members of Council present their twelfth Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 1998.

# REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The aim of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is to supply fully trained dogs to act as the ears of profoundly deaf and hard of hearing people. The dogs are taught to respond to everyday sounds enabling their owners to have a more independent and fulfilled life.

A full review of the activities for the year and of future developments is contained in the Chairman's Report which accompanies these financial statements.

### CHARITABLE STATUS

Hearing Dogs For Deaf People is a registered charity, No. 293358.

#### **DIRECTORS**

### **Members of Council**

The following have served as Members of the Council throughout the year unless otherwise stated:-

Lt Col Sir John Johnston GCVO, MC
Sir Peter Baldwin KCB
Lady Wright MBE
Sir Paul Wright KCMG OBE
A D R Hilbery B Vet Med, MRCVS
- President
- Vice President
- Vice President
- Chairman
- Vice Chairman

R J Collier ACIB Mrs C Baldwin Mrs A Conway

Mrs S Cooper

B C Johnston OBE, FPMI

T Turner B Vet Med, MRCVS - Resigned 9th December 1997

G H Willett

#### Other Director

A G Blunt

- Director General and Secretary

- Treasurer

In accordance with the Articles of Association Lt Col Sir John Johnston GCVO, MC, Mr A D R Hilbery B Vet Med, MRCVS, Mrs S Cooper and Mr G H Willett retire from the Council and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

# HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE (Limited by Guarantee) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity 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 Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Directors are required to:-

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting for Charities" and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity 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 Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 and the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

Acquisitions and disposals of Fixed Assets are shown in Note 8 to the Financial Statements on page 11. The Market Value of the Charity's interest in freehold property cannot be ascertained without obtaining professional valuations. These valuations would be expensive and the Council are of the opinion that although they would in total show an excess over the book value, such excess would not be significant in the context of the Charity's character and work.

### **AUDITORS**

Messrs Edmund Gibbs, Chartered Certified Accountants, are willing to be re-appointed in accordance with Section 385(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and a resolution to this effect will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

#### BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

..... A G BLUNT - SECRETARY

### AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE (Limited by Guarantee)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

### Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 2 the Directors of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

### Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 as to whether 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 31st March 1998 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.

EDMUND GIBBS

Chartered Certified Accountants

Registered Auditors

46 St Giles' OXFORD OX1 3LT

16th July 1998

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

	<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u>	31 March	Totals 31 March <u>1997</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES Donations and Gifts Legacies Investment Income Sponsors Net Profit of Trading Subsidiary		604,873 1,118,362 110,820 1,834,055 10,085	233,448 - - 340,541 573,989	10,085	604,849 383,306 75,687 194,969 1,258,811
Deposited Covenants Received (Less) Deferred Income  TOTAL INCOMING RESOUR	<u>CES</u>	100 (463) 1,843,777	573,989	100 (463) 2,417,766	(437) 1,258,374
RESOURCES EXPENDED  Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity Management and Administration of the Charity Net Loss of Trading Subsidiary	3 4 5	362,393 263,679 142,741	350,013 9,182 57,544	712,406 272,861 200,285	647,549 236,778 194,719 3,623
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	6	768,813	416,739	1,185,552	1,082,669
Net Incoming Resources Gains on Investment Assets: Unrealised Realised	9	1,074,964 401,248 11,653	157,250	1,232,214 401,248 11,653	
<u>NET MOVEMENT OF RESO</u> IN THE YEAR	URCES	1,487,865	157,250	1,645,115	253,981
FUND BALANCES brought for at 1st April	rward 1997	2,987,593	152,766	3,140,359	2,886,378
FUND BALANCES carried fo at 31st Ma	orward arch 1998	£4,475,458	£310,016	£4,785,474	4 £3,140,359 = ======

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

### SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

	Note	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Total Income of Continuing Operations		2,408,044	1,258,811
Add Income from Trading Subsidiary		10,085	-
Total Expenditure of Continuing Operations	6	(1,185,552)	(1,082,669)
		****	
Net Income before Investment Asset Disposa	ls	1,232,577	176,142
Realised Gain Investment Assets		11,653	18,112
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		£1,244,230	£194,254

- Total income in 1998 comprises £1,844,140 for unrestricted funds and £573,989 for restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4.
- Turnover of non-charitable trading activities in 1998 amounted to £151,848. A detailed analysis of the trading results is shown in Note 2.
- A detailed analysis of the expenditure is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and Note 6.
- The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 4 which, together with the notes to the financial statements on pages 7 to 13, provides full information on the movements during the year on all the funds of the group.

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

### **BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 1998**

<u>Note</u>	<u>1998</u>	3	<u>1997</u>
8	, ,		1,495,660
9	1,698,446	Ó	1,169,720
10	•	•	
	<u> </u>		
	1,614,400	547,868	
11	(77,949)	(72,889)	)
	1,536,45	1	474,979
	£4,785,47	_ 4 =	£3,140,359
	4,478,99	9	2,995,814
12	45	0	813
13	310,01	6	152,766
	(3,99	71)	(9,034)
		<del></del>	
14	£4,785,47	74 ==	£3,140,359
	8 9 10 11 12 13	8 1,550,577 9 1,698,446  10 196,646 1,417,754	8 1,550,577 1,698,446  10 196,646 219,346 1,417,754 328,522 1,614,400 547,868  11 (77,949) (72,889)

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small Companies.

Signed on behalf of the Directors on 16th July 1998

A D R Hilbery - Chairman )

) Directors

R J Collier - Treasurer

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP).

- a. The assets and liabilities of voluntary fund raising branches are not included in these financial statements. These branches operate under their own separate constitutions.
- b. Income derived from voluntary branches, lifetime donations, legacies etc. is accounted for on a cash-received basis.
- c. Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the Charity, and is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- d. Depreciation has been provided on the straight line basis at 25% on Motor Vehicles; other fixed assets, excluding Freehold Land and Buildings, are depreciated at rates between 10% and 25%.
  - Freehold Land and Buildings are not depreciated. It is the Charity's policy to keep all buildings in a good state of repair. The estimated useful life of the buildings is not less than 50 years and the estimated residual value is likely to be not less than the amount at which the property is carried in the balance sheet. Any depreciation charge would therefore be immaterial and is not charged.
- e. The Charity's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restriction on the use of the funds.
- f. Voluntary income from branches has been accounted for as follows:
  - (i) Restricted income is credited to the restricted fund in the balance sheet on receipt. It is transferred to income when expenditure fulfilling the restrictions imposed on it is incurred.
  - (ii) Cash in transit is not included in income until it has been received at headquarters.
  - (iii) Donations under deeds of covenant together with the associated income tax recovery are recognised as income when the donation is received.
- g. Investments are stated at market value. Realised and unrealised gains on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Investment income plus associated tax recoverable is credited to income on an accruals basis, using dates of payment for dividends, and a daily accrual for interest.
- h. The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption in the Financial Reporting Standard No.1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

### 2. <u>NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY</u>

The Charity has a wholly-owned subsidiary which is incorporated in the UK, Hearing Dogs For Deaf People (Trading) Limited, which sells promotional and other goods on behalf of the Charity. The Company covenants half of the profits before taxation to Hearing Dogs For Deaf People and pays interest on a loan from the Charity. A summary of the trading results is shown below. Audited financial statements have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Profit and Loss Account		
Turnover Cost of Sales	151,848 (79,353)	103,993 (53,414)
Gross Profit	72,495	50,579
Distribution Costs Administration Interest Payable - Note 15	(31,303) (18,999) (12,108)	(24,898) (18,070) (11,234)
	(62,410)	(54,202)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the Year	£10,085	£(3,623)

### **HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE**

### (Limited by Guarantee)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

### 3. <u>DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</u>

	Staff Costs Vehicle and Travelling Expenses Premises Costs Telephone and Postages Depreciation Dog Expenses Recipient Support Costs Miscellaneous	Unrestricted Funds 169,282 79,655 18,494 2,145 78,764 - 6,593 7,460 362,393	Restricted Funds 282,308 56 8,904 9 4,108 54,006 - 622	Total 1998 451,590 79,711 27,398 2,154 82,872 54,006 6,593 8,082	Total 1997 382,089 80,395 28,362 2,004 79,684 63,863 2,914 8,238
4.	FUND RAISING AND PUBLIC	TTV			
4.	Staff Costs	78,289	-	78,289	42,899
	Vehicle and Travelling Expenses	12,895	-	12,895	14,651
	Advertising, Show Costs etc.	29,466	-	29,466	29,959
	Promotional Material	71,145	982	72,127	66,587
	Premises Costs	9,246	4,452	13,698	14,180
	Telephone and Postages	36,451	152	36,603	34,066
	Voluntary Branch Expenses	18,190	-	18,190	19,390
	Leasing Costs	4,063	88	4,151	2,137
	Miscellaneous	3,934	-	3,934	7,004
	Lottery Expenses	-	3,508	3,508	5,905
		263,679	9,182	272,861	236,778
	,				
5.	MANAGEMENT AND ADMIN			01 462	120 164
	Staff Costs	81,463	- 0.004	81,463	129,164 28,362
	Premises Costs	18,494	8,904	27,398 4,306	4,008
	Telephone and Postages	4,288	18	56,743	17,207
	Legal and Professional	8,209	48,534	9,576	5,522
	Audit and Accountancy	9,576 4,042	<u>-</u>	4,042	2,949
	Bank Charges	4,042	88	4,152	2,138
	Leasing Costs Miscellaneous	12,605	-	12,605	5,369
		142,741	57,544	200,285	194,719

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

	Staff Costs	PENDED Other	<u>Dep'n</u>	1998 <u>Total</u>	1997 <u>Total</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity	451,590 78,289	177,944 194,572	82,872	712,406 272,861	647,549 236,778
Management and Administration of the Charity Net Loss of Trading Subsidiary	81,463	118,822	-	200,285	194,719 3,623
	611,342	491,338	82,872 	1,185,552	1,082,669
Staff Costs:				<u>1998</u>	<u>199</u>
Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Pension Scheme				540,692 48,777 21,873	490,29 44,72 19,13
				£611,342	£554,15
One employee received emolumer analysed by function, was:-	nts in excess	of £40,000.	The avera		
One employee received emolumer analysed by function, was:-	nts in excess		The avera		
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure	nts in excess		33		of employe 1997 28
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity	nts in excess		1998		 of employe 1997
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure	nts in excess		33 7		28 4
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity	nts in excess		33 7		28 4
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity Management and Administration	nts in excess		33 7 7		28 4 11
analysed by function, was:-  Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity		<u>1</u> ited after cha	33 7 7 — 47 —	age number o	28 4 11
Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity Management and Administration  SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR The surplus of income over expen	nditure is sta	ited after cha	33 7 7 — 47 — arging/(cree	age number of	28 4 11 43
Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity Management and Administration  SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR The surplus of income over exper  Depreciation of Tangible Fixed A Profit on Disposal of Motor Vehi	nditure is sta	ited after cha	33 7 7 47 —— 47 —— 47 1998 7,157 1,285)	age number of	1997 28 4 11 43 = 1997 34,190 (4,507)
Direct Charitable Expenditure Fundraising and Publicity Management and Administration  SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR The surplus of income over expendence of Tangible Fixed A	nditure is sta	ated after cha	33 7 7 47 ==	age number of	28 4 11 43 = 1997

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

8.	<b>TANGIBLE</b>	FIXED	<b>ASSETS</b>

Freehold Property	Exterior Fittings to Kennel Blocks	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>	Furniture and <u>Equipme</u>	
1 0 ( 1 1 1 7	50.074	141 500	205.075	1 756 704
•	•		•	156,214
31,807	4,908		42,201	(36,050)
		(30,030)		
1,312,984	63,982	162,656	337,336	1,876,958
		<u></u>	·	
-	31,221	,	178,840	261,134
-	-	•	-	(21,910)
-	6,135	39,581	41,441	87,157
-	37,356	68,744	220,281	326,381
_	£26,626	£93,912	£117,055	£1,550,577
========				
<u>T</u> £1,261,117	£27,853	£90,455	£116,235	£1,495,660
			<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
997,		1		1,111,707
			•	98,280
		ı	` , ,	(100,431)
nt Gains			401,248	60,164
h 1998				£1,169,720
	Property  1,261,117 51,867  -  1,312,984  -  -  -  £1,312,984  T	Freehold Property Blocks  1,261,117 59,074 51,867 4,908	Fittings to Kennel Property Blocks  1,261,117 59,074 141,528 51,867 4,908 57,178 - (36,050)  1,312,984 63,982 162,656  - 31,221 51,073 - (21,910) - 6,135 39,581  - 37,356 68,744  T £1,312,984 £26,626 £93,912  T £1,261,117 £27,853 £90,455	Freehold to Kennel Motor and Equipme  1,261,117 59,074 141,528 295,075 51,867 4,908 57,178 42,261 - (36,050) -  1,312,984 63,982 162,656 337,336  - 31,221 51,073 178,840 - (21,910) 6,135 39,581 41,441  - 37,356 68,744 220,281  T £1,312,984 £26,626 £93,912 £117,055  T £1,261,117 £27,853 £90,455 £116,235  - 1998  997, 1,169,720 365,379 (237,901) 401,248

The historical cost at 31st March 1998 was £1,144,260 (1997: £1,016,785).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

10.	<b>DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</b>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Prepayments	28,712	30,818
	Income Tax Recoverable	25,768	17,059
	Branch Current Accounts	13,212	11,688
	Loan to Subsidiary Company (Note 15)	112,469	135,469
	Subsidiary Company Deficit	(3,991)	(9,034)
	Other Debtors	20,476	33,346
			<del></del>
		£196,646	£219,346

Total debtors includes £112,469 receivable in more than one year (1997: £135,469).

11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Accrued Charges	13,370	13,192
	Taxation and Social Security	15,445	14,884
	Other Creditors	49,134	44,813
		£77,949	£72,889
	·		

### 12. **DEPOSITED COVENANTS**

The yearly covenanted amount plus the associated income tax recovery is £600, recognised as income on the due date for payment under the deed of covenant, and the amount carried forward at 31st March 1998 is £450.

13.	RESTRICTED FUNDS Restricted Sponsorship Fund	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Balance Brought Forward, Funds Collected:-	152,766	-
	Dog Sponsors	331,746	228,309
	Other Sponsors	8,795	1,660
	Funds Utilised	(345,109)	(77,203)
		<del></del>	
	Balance Carried Forward	£148,198	£152,766
	Funds Raised for Development of Grange Farm		<del></del>
	Funds Collected	233,448	-
	Funds Utilised	(71,630)	-
			<u></u>
	Balance Carried Forward	£161,818	£ -

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1998 (CONTINUED)

#### 14. TOTAL RESERVES

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Opening Reserves at 1st April 1997 Movement in Year	3,140,359 1,645,115	2,886,378 253,981
Closing Reserves at 31st March 1998	£4,785,474	£3,140,359

#### 15. LOAN TO SUBSIDIARY

The loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the subsidiary, with interest charged at 2% over the Barclays Bank PLC base rate, annually in arrears.

#### 16. **PENSION SCHEME**

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all participating employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The contributions paid by the Charity to the fund in the year amounted to £21,873 (1997: £19,137).

#### 17. **LEGACIES**

At the Balance Sheet date the Charity had received notification of a number of legacies due. It is not possible to quantify these accurately or to estimate the date on which the Charity will receive them. The estimated value of the legacies notified at 31st March 1998 amounts to approximately £108,000.

#### 18. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31st March 1998 the Charity had authorised capital expenditure amounting to £1,033,000 (1997: £60,000) of which £87,000 had been contracted (1997: £nil). No provisions for these amounts have been included within the financial statements.

### 19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity had no contingent liabilities outstanding at the year end (1997: £nil).

### 20. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the Charity purchased goods in the normal course of business from Car Care Services for £57,178 and sold goods to them for £18,425. Each individual transaction was carried out at normal market price. Car Care Services is a business owned by the son of one of the Directors.