HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE (FORMERLY HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF) (Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31ST MARCH 1997

INCORPORATED IN ENGLAND NO: 1964878



COUNCIL AND OFFICERS AT 31ST MARCH 1997

REGISTERED OFFICE

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

SOLICITORS

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AUDITORS

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

The Members of Council present their Eleventh Annual Report together with the Audited Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 1997.

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.

CHANGE OF NAME

On 6th December 1996 the name of the Charity was changed from Hearing Dogs For The Deaf to Hearing Dogs For Deaf People.

CHARITABLE STATUS

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

MEMBERS OF THE 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 Mrs L Scott Ordish - Deceased

27th March 1997

A D R Hilbery B Vet Med, MRCVS

Dr B Fogle DVM, MRCVS

A G Blunt

R J Collier ACIB

Mrs C Baldwin Mrs A Conway

Mrs S Cooper

B C Johnston OBE, FPMI

T Turner B Vet Med, MRCVS

GH Willett

- President

- Vice President

Vice President

- Vice President

Vice President

- Chairman

- Vice Chairman

- Secretary

Treasurer

In accordance with the Articles of Association Sir Peter Baldwin KCB, Lady Wright MBE, Sir Paul Wright KCMG OBE and Dr B Fogle DVM, MRCVS 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 COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the Council Members 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 Council Members 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 Council Members 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 7 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.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

...... A G BLUNT - SECRETARY

16th September 1997

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 following the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective Responsibilities of Council Members and Auditors

As described on page 2 the Charity's Council Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. 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 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 significant estimates and judgements made by the Council Members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity'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 irregularities or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st March 1997 and of the results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies and the Charities Act 1993.

EDMUND GIBBS

Chartered Certified Accountants

Registered Auditors

46 St Giles' OXFORD OX1 3LT

26th September 1997

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

	<u>Note</u>	Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u>	Totals 31 March <u>1997</u>	Totals 31 March <u>1996</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations and Gifts		597,349	7,500	604,849	669,212
Legacies		355,806	27,500	383,306	192,327
Investment Income		75,687	, _	75 ,687	87,176
Sponsors		-	194,969	194,969	230,982
Deposited Covenants Received		-	-	-	1,125
(Less) Deferred Income		(437)		(437)	(113)
TOTAL INCOMING RESOUR	CES	1,028,405	229,969	1,258,374	1,180,709
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	539,980	77,203	617,183	511,968
Fundraising and Publicity	4	186,395	, -	186,395	108,249
Management and Administration				,	, - · · ·
of the Charity	5	275,468	-	275,468	253,436
Net Loss of Trading Subsidiary	2	3,623	<u> </u>	3,623	7,596
TOTAL RESOURCES					
EXPENDED	6	1,005,466	<u>77,203</u>	1,082,669	881,249
Net Incoming Resources		22,939	152,766	175,705	299,460
Gains/(Losses) on Investment Asset	ets:	ŕ	,	,	,
Unrealised	8	60,164	-	60,164	108,848
Realised		<u>18,112</u>		18,112	(9,269)
NET MOVEMENT OF RESOU	RCES				
IN THE YEAR		101,215	152,766	253,981	399,039
FUND BALANCES brought forw	ard				
at 1st April 19	996	<u>2,886,378</u>		<u>2,886,378</u> 2	2,487,339
FUND BALANCES carried forw	vard			<u>, .,</u> =	
at 31st Marc	h 1997	£2,987,593	£152,766	£3,140,359 £2	2,886,378
					

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

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Gross Income of Continuing Operations		1,258,811	1,179,697
Total Expenditure of Continuing Operations	6	(1,082,669)	(881,249)
			
Net Income before Investment Asset Disposa	ls	176,142	298,448
Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Investments		18,112	(9,269)
			
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		£194,254	£289,179

- Total income in 1997 comprises £1,028,842 for unrestricted funds and £229,969 for restricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Turnover of non-charitable trading activities in 1997 amounted to £103,993. 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 1997

DIVEN ACCETS	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets Investments	7 8	1,495,660 1,169,720	1,071,181 1,111,707
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and Prepayments Cash at Bank and in Hand	9	219,346 328,522	179,833 569,775
CDEDITORS A CH		547,868	749,608
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(72,889)	(46,118)
		474,979	703,490
NET ASSETS		£3,140,359	£2,886,378
FINANCED BY:-			
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Income and Expenditure Account		2,995,814	2,890,539
Deposited Covenants	11	813	1,250
Special Funds	12	152,766	-
Non-charitable deficiency		(9,034)	(5,411)
		£3,140,359	£2,886,378
			

The Council has taken advantage in preparation of the financial statements of special exemptions applicable to small companies under Schedule 8 Part I of the Companies Act 1985. In the opinion of the Directors the Company qualifies as a small company and is entitled to make use of the special exemptions.

Signed on behalf of the Members of Council on 16th September 1997

A G Blunt - Sedretary

) Directors

R J Collier - Treasurer

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST MARCH 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

- a. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and drawn up in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting for Charities".
- b. The assets and liabilities of voluntary fund raising branches are not included in these financial statements. These branches operate under their own separate constitutions.
- c. Income derived from voluntary branches, lifetime donations, legacies etc. is accounted for on a cash-received basis.
- d. Expenditure is accounted for on the accruals basis. The cost of Value Added Tax is included with the item of expense to which it relates.
- e. Depreciation has been provided at 25% on Motor Vehicles; other fixed assets, excluding Freehold Land and Buildings, are depreciated at rates between 10% and 25%, on a straight line basis.

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 charged would therefore be immaterial and is not charged.

- f. The Charity's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restriction on the use of the funds.
- g. 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.
- h. Gains/losses on investments which the Charity intends to hold for the long term are recognised in these financial statements in the statement of financial activities on page 4.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST MARCH 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

i. Investment income comprises interest and dividends together with the associated tax credits, and these are credited to the income and expenditure account when received.

2. <u>NET LOSS FROM TRADING ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY</u>

The Charity has a wholly-owned subsidiary which is incorporated in the UK, Hearing Dogs For The Deaf Trading Company Limited, which sells promotional and other goods on behalf of the Charity. The company covenants its taxable profits 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>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Profit and Loss Account		
Turnover	103,993	110,106
Cost of Sales	53,414	54,134
Gross Profit	50,579	55,972

Distribution Costs	24,898	24,009
Administration	18,070	27,808
Interest Payable - Note 13	11,234	11,751
	(54,202)	(63,568)
Net Loss for the Year	£(3,623)	£(7,596)

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

(Limited by Guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

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

		Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	Restricted <u>Funds</u>	Total <u>1997</u>	Total <u>1996</u>
	Staff Costs	306,546	75,543	382,089	313,491
	Vehicle and Travelling Expenses	80,395	-	80,395	77,260
	Depreciation	79,684	-	79,684	57,739
	Dog Expenses	62,203	1,660	63,863	56,469
	Recipient Support Costs	2,914	-	2,914	-
	Miscellaneous	8,238	-	8,238	7,009
		539,980	77,203	617,183	511,968
4.	FUND RAISING AND PUBLIC	ITY			
	Staff Costs	42,899	-	42,899	19,957
	Vehicle and Travelling Expenses	14,651	-	14,651	
	Advertising, Show Costs etc.	29,959	-	29,959	27,222
	Promotional Material	66,587	_	66,587	33,997
	Voluntary Branch Expenses	19,390	-	19,390	16,244
	Miscellaneous	7,004	-	7,004	10,829
	Lottery Expenses	5,905	-	5,905	-
		186,395	-	186,395	108,249
5.	MANAGEMENT AND ADMIN	ISTRATION			
	Staff Costs	129,164	-	129,164	128,294
	Premises Costs	70,904	-	70,904	62,903
	Telephone and Postages	40,078	_	40,708	38,116
	Legal and Professional	17,207	-	17,207	6,127
	Audit and Accountancy	5,522	-	5,522	4,876
	Bank Charges	2,949	-	2,949	2,933
	Leasing Costs	4,275	-	4,275	4,205
	Miscellaneous	5,369	-	5,369	5,982
		275,468	-	275,468	253,436

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

6. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff Costs	<u>Other</u>	<u>Dep'n</u>	1997 <u>Total</u>	1996 <u>Total</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure	382,089	155,410	79,684	617,183	511,968
Fundraising and Publicity	42,899	143,496	-	186,395	108,249
Management and Administration of the Charity Net Loss of Trading Subsidiary	129,164 	146,304 3,623 £448,833	£79,684 £	275,468 3,623 	253,436 7,596 ——— £881,249
Staff Costs:				<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Pension Scheme				490,292 44,723 19,137 ——— £554,152	408,634 35,940 17,168 £461,742

No employee earned £40,000 per annum or more. The average number of employees, analysed by function, was:-

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure	28	30
Fundraising and Publicity	4	1
Management and Administration	11	11
	43	42

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Exterior Fittings		Furniture	
	Freehold	to Kennel	Motor	and	
	Property	Blocks	Vehicles	Equipment	<u>Total</u>
COST					
At 1st April 1996	863,543	59,074	108,952	239,056	1,270,625
Additions in Year	397,574	-	60,688	56,019	514,281
Disposals in Year	-	-	(28,112)	-	(28,112)
At 31st March 1997	1,261,117	59,074	141,528	295,075	1,756,794
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 1996	-	25,314	38,201	135,929	199,444
Depreciation on Disposals	-	-	(22,500)	-	(22,500)
Charge for the Year	-	5,907	35,372	42,911	84,190
<u>At 31st March 1997</u>	_	31,221	51,073	178,840	261,134
31ST MARCH 1997	£1,261,117	£27,853	£90,455	£116,235	£1,495,660
NET BOOK VALUE AT 31ST MARCH 1996	£ 863,543	£33,760	£70,751	£103,127	£1,071,181

<u>Note</u>

The addition of £397,574 to freehold property relates to the cost of acquiring Grange Farm, Saunderton, Bucks, in order to provide an additional training centre.

8. <u>INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Quoted Investments:		
Market Value 1st April 1996	1,111,707	716,149
Additions	98,280	322,288
Disposals	(100,431)	(35,578)
Net Unrealised Investment Gains/(Losses)	60,164	108,848
Market Value 31st March 1997	£1,169,720	£1,111,707

The historical cost at 31st March 1997 was £1,016,785 (1996: £1,018,247).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

9. <u>DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Prepayments	30,818	11,380
Income Tax Recoverable	17,059	17,479
Branch Current Accounts	11,688	6,026
Loan to Subsidiary Company (Note 13)	135,469	132,406
Subsidiary Company Deficit	(9,034)	(5,411)
Other Debtors	33,346	17,953
	£219,346	£179,833
		
10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Accrued Charges	13,192	22,863
Other Creditors	59,697	23,255
	£72,889	£46,118
		

Included within other creditors are taxation and social security costs amounting to £14,884 (1996: £12,609).

11. <u>DEPOSITED COVENANTS</u>

The yearly covenanted amount plus the associated income tax recovery is £575, recognised as income on the due date for payment under the deed of covenant, and the amount carried forward at 31st March 1997 is £813.

12. SPECIAL FUNDS

Restricted Sponsorship Fund	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Balance Brought Forward	-	13,000
Funds Collected:-		•
Dog Sponsors	228,309	230,982
Other Sponsors	1,660	50
Funds Utilised	(77,203)	(244,032)
Balance Carried Forward	£152,766	£ -

13. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

14. 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 £19,137 (1996: £17,168).

15. **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 1997 amounts to approximately £260,000.

16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

As at 31st March 1997 the Charity had authorised capital expenditure amounting to £60,000 (1996: £NIL) of which £NIL had been contracted (1996: £NIL). No provisions for these amounts have been included within the financial statements.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Charity had no contingent liabilities outstanding at the year end (1996: £NIL).

HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

(Limited by Guarantee) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
INCOME		
Donations	359,363	329,699
Special Fundraising Events	49,562	142,903
Voluntary Income from Branches	197,648	158,963
Sponsors	130,609	178,610
Legacies	383,306	192,327
Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid (Gross)	28,773	46,656
Sale of Donated Goods	11,633	9,606
Interest Receivable	29,751	49,346
Investment Income	45,936	37,830
Teddy Game	5,935	9,636
Accommodation	4,457	3,853
Raffle	11,838	20,268
Unrealised Gains on Investments	60,164	108,848
Realised Gain on Sale of Investments	18,112	
TOTAL INCOME - carried forward	1,337,087	1,288,545

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED)

	CONTINUE			
		<u> 1997</u>		<u>1996</u>
TOTAL INCOME brought formed		1 227 007		1.000.545
TOTAL INCOME - brought forward		1,337,087		1,288,545
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries, Wages and NIC	535,015		444,574	
Pension Scheme	19,137		17,168	
Travelling Expenses	72,596		59,768	
Vehicle Running Costs	22,450		•	
Dog Equipment	•		19,185	
	11,910		15,717	
Dog Food	16,975		12,437	
Veterinary Costs	25,085		19,429	
Puppy Walkers	9,893		8,886	
Rent	6,501		5,256	
Rates	5,726		4,489	
Heating and Lighting	12,072		10,273	
Repairs and Maintenance	24,309		23,114	
Insurance	10,413		9,814	
Cleaning	3,192		2,964	
Garden Maintenance and Pest Control	8,691	-	6,993	
Postages	19,635		19,085	
Telephone	20,443		19,031	
Advertising, Show Costs etc.	29,960		23,344	
Stationery and Promotional Material	67,267		33,997	
Computer Services	1,477		2,189	
Legal and Professional Charges	17,463		6,127	
Audit and Accountancy	5,522		4,876	
Bank Charges	2,949		2,933	
Depreciation	84,190		60,196	
Equipment Leasing	4,275		4,205	
Conference Expenses	941			
			9,843	
Sundry Staff Expenses	1,640		1,666	
Sundry Expenditure	5,958		2,609	
Lottery Expenses	5,905		1,700	
Voluntary Branch Expenses	19,390		16,244	
Profit on Disposal of Motor Vehicles	(4,507)		(2,457)	
Staff Training	3,863		3,963	
Subscriptions	3,144		3,046	
Badges	2,652		989	
Loss on sale of Investments			9,269	
Recipient Support Costs	2,914		-	
	(1,079,046)		(882,920)
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER				
EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		£258,041		£405,625