(A company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1083231

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 4016295

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Status

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 16th June 2000 and registered as a charity on 8th November 2000.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. Under those articles, the Directors, who are trustees of the charity, are elected at the AGM to serve a period of 2 years, subject to ratification at each AGM. One third of the directors retire at each AGM.

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Directors and Trustees		
Directors and Trustees	Appointed	Resigned
Robert Cook David Coleman Peter Thomas Judith Sykes Edna Chapman Kenneth Cooke Elizabeth Nesbitt Sacha Bedding	7 th April 2004 7 th April 2004	9 th June 2005 9 th June 2005 10 th November 2005 9 th June 2005 9 th June 2005
Paul Kirton Derrick Brown	7 th April 2004	9 th June 2005
Geoffrey Harrison Moira Massey		9 th June 2005
Olive Milner Andrew Featherstone Marie Devine		29 th June 2005
Roy Parker Colin Leckonby	9 th June 2005 9 th June 2005	
Company Secretary		
Susan Johnson	2 nd November 2005	2 nd November 2005

Susan Johnson		2 nd November 2005
Carolynne Withers	2 nd November 2005	

Registered Office 27 Yarm Road Stockton on Tees TS18 3NJ

Auditors

S V Bye Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors New Garth House Upper Garth Gardens GUISBOROUGH **TS14 6HA**

Bankers

Bank of Scotland	
41 South Gyle Crescent	
Edinburgh	
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STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2005.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Objects of the Company

The company which is limited by guarantee is a registered charity (number 1083231) existing to provide support for other organisations with charitable objectives within the voluntary and community sector in Stockton on Tees to assist these organisations in their charitable work, and to promote and facilitate co-operation between voluntary sector organisations, statutory and public bodies.

Directors

The directors who are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the period and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up.

Review of the Business

The Statement of Financial Activities on page 8 of these financial statements details all incoming and outgoing resources during the year. This year has seen the charity reviewing its activities closely and a decision was taken for the charity to consolidate its activities and reduce the number of projects taken on. This has resulted in a reduction in incoming resources and in reserves. However forecasts show that in the next 12 months reserves will start to increase again as cost savings begin to show fruit. The directors are confident that the charity will continue to provide an invaluable service to the voluntary sector in Stockton.

Activities and achievements during the year

SVDA aims to 'provide a range of appropriate and effective services to local voluntary and community sector organisations that enable the sector to participate in the local economy of Stockton in a sustained and vibrant way'

SVDA aims to deliver this commitment by working across 4 core objectives:

- 1. Providing quality-volunteering opportunities for all through the Volunteer Centre service.
- 2. Sourcing and delivering good quality training, meeting the rich and diverse needs of the sector
- 3. Giving access to the most up to date and relevant **advice and information** about funding opportunities available to the sector and providing support on a range of governance issues. SVDA is committed to supporting organisations through the complete funding process up to submission of application.
- 4. Representing the sector in the strategic debates and initiatives that impact on the sector. SVDA will draw from a wide range of sources to ensure that representation will be reflective of many strands of opinion. It is committed to ensuring the most appropriate representative voice will speak for the sector in Stockton Borough and in Tees Valley debates that have an impact on Stockton.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

Activities and achievements during the year

Volunteer Centre Development

Volunteer Development forms a bedrock function within SVDA and is central to the ongoing development and sustainability of the Voluntary and Community sector. This area of work remains the one area in which SVDA is a commitment to working with groups and organisations to develop service provision opportunities.

SVDA signed up Volunteering England's national branding of volunteering infrastructure and became a 'Volunteer Centre' in March 2005. It was felt that the volunteering network needed to make it clear and easy for people to identify their local volunteer development agency, and make a link between this and other campaigns. SVDA will be re-launching the Volunteer Centre services under this new brand.

The Volunteer Centre supports the development of volunteering across the Borough of Stockton through the delivery of six core functions:

- 1. Brokerage
- 2. Marketing
- 3. Good practice development
- 4. Developing volunteering opportunities
- 5. Policy responses and campaigning
- 6. Strategic Development

The Volunteer Centre promotes a range of volunteering opportunities helping potential volunteers match their skills, interests and motivations with volunteering opportunities. It also offers a range of services designed to help and support everyone who works with or is involved with volunteers in any capacity. This includes offering training and information on a range of Best Practice options. This project is funded by The Northern Rock Foundation.

The Volunteer Centre also runs a Black and Minority Ethnic Volunteering Project in partnership with Stockton International Family Centre and funded through GONE, Active Communities Unit. This project ended in March 2005.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

Sector Support and Development

Community Empowerment

Over the last year Stockton Community Network has continued to embed itself acting as a tool to strengthen the voice of the voluntary and community network within the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The emphasis of the project has continued to ensure support for voluntary and community sector representation within the Local Strategic Partnership. This project is funded through GONE via its Community Empowerment Programme. The project was handed over to Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association in October 2004.

Community Development

The aim of this project currently funded by the Big Lottery is to strengthen and develop capacity within the voluntary and community sector in Stockton on Tees.

The community development team respond to a high level of requests for advice and support from Stockton's community and voluntary groups on a range of governance issues including:

- · Model documents and constitutions
- Providing Organisational Health Checks
- · Sourcing trust funders and posting weekly updates on the web site
- · Assisting with applications to funding bodies
- Supporting the start up of new groups
- Mapping the voluntary and community sector services
- Helping with applying for charitable status
- Supporting groups with new project ideas

This project is funded by The Big Lottery Fund (formerly the Community Fund)

Future Strategy

SVDA has a Business Plan for the next three years and has committed resources to developing new opportunities to expand opportunities to support the development and the empowerment of the voluntary sector in Stockton on Tees.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

Reserves Policy

The Board has agreed a reserves policy which would involve the charity's developing free reserves (i.e. reserves not tied up in fixed assets, designated or restricted funds) which equate to 6 months core operating costs. At 31st March 2005 the charity did not meet this target but forecasts indicate that the charity should be able to increase this amount during forthcoming periods.

Risk Review

The agency continues to recognise the risks to which it is exposed in terms of short term funding contracts and its implications for sustainable activity. The Business Plan contains an assessment of short term risks and the agency has recognised the importance of developing independent income generation through a sustainable recognition of its inherent assets.

Investment Policy

The Board has agreed an investment policy that identifies common investment funds which are appropriate to charities. Any short term surpluses of funds will be placed on deposit with a reputable financial institution.

Auditors

S V Bye were reappointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors (trustees) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors should follow best practice and:

- 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 assume that the company will continue on that basis.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 7th December 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

E A Nesbitt Director/Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

We have audited the financial statements of Stockton on Tees Voluntary Development Agency for the year ended 31st March 2005, 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 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 trustees and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the trustees (who are also the directors of Stockton on Tees Voluntary Development Agency for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the Directors' Report and the 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 Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charity has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the charity is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Directors' Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We 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 audit 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 significant estimates and judgements made by the directors 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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 2005 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.

S V Bye Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 7th December 2005 New Garth House Upper Garth Gardens Guisborough TS14 6HA

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

Not	·ae	Unrestricted Funds 2005 £	Restricted Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2005 £	Total Funds 2004 £
Incoming Resources	.63	<i></i>	~	••	~
Activities to further the charity	r's				
objects: Grants Received on behalf of other	2	34682	201843	236525	739822
organisations Activities to generate funds:			125693	125693	88041
Room hire, printing etc. Investment income & interest		29330 2342 –——	532 - 	29862 2342 ————	46873 2034
Total incoming resources		66354	328068	394422	876770
				<u> </u>	···········
Resources expended Charitable Expenditure Provision of services Management & administration Depreciation of fixed assets Expended in behalf of other		106306 8480 2137	248517 12902 11500 123989	354883 21382 13637 123989	743893 41620 36085 85739
organisations		-	123909	123909	00739
Total resources expended	3	116923	396908	513831	907337
Net movement in funds		(50569)	(68840)	(119409)	(30567)
Transfers	1(e)	(27339)	27339		
Net movement in funds after transfers		(77908)	(41501)	(119409)	(30567)
Total funds brought forward		88056	297824	385880	416447
Total funds carried forward		10148	256323	266471	385880

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the net incoming resources for the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

STOCKTON ON TEES VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

2005 £	2004 £
94422	876770
02331)	(895837)
 _	
07909)	(19067)

Detailed analyses of the expenditure are provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and Note 3.

The Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8 which together with the notes to the accounts provides full information on the movements during the year on all the funds in the company.

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

	Mari	•	2005		2004
Fixed Assets	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	8		221379		232081
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank & in hand	9	8702 80487		149991 52449	
Total current assets		89189		202440	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	ո ց 10	(44097)		(48641)	
Net current assets			45092		153799
Net assets			266471		385880
Unrestricted funds General funds	12		10148		88056
Restricted funds	12		256323		297824
Total funds	12		266471		385880

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

Approved by the Board of Directors on 7th December 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

E A Nesbitt

Trustee and Director

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), the Companies Act 1985 and follow the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Charities issued in October 2000.
- b) All incoming resources becoming available to the charity during the year are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are receivable.
- c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However certain of the overhead costs of the core activity cannot be directly attributed and are allocated on the basis of 95% to charitable activities and 5% to management and administration of the charity.
- e) Transfers between funds relate largely to management and other charges from unrestricted to restricted funds as well as transfers from unrestricted funds to mark the charity's contribution to projects deriving their external funding from restricted sources.
- f) Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset addition over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - core 33% per annum Computer equipment – projects 100% per annum Buildings 5% per annum

- f) Pension costs The company makes contributions to a defined contributions scheme. The pension costs charged represents contributions payable to the scheme.
- g) Unrestricted funds are incoming resources receivable or generated by the charity for its objects without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure
 meeting these criteria is charged to the fund along with a fair allocation of management
 costs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2005

2. Grants Receivable

Grants receivable have been received as follows:-

	s follows:-				
	Unrestricted £	Restric	cted £	2005 Total £	2004 Total £
Stockton Borough Council Basic Skills Agency	34682	17	174	112209	112209 201544
Community Empowerment Fund Learning and Skills Council	-	31	059	182057	182057 64792
Big Lottery Fund Time Limited Development Fund	-		438 250	73050 41100	73050 41100
Northern Rock Foundation Time Bank Development	-	30	422 500	21860 4500	21860 -
Children's Fund Single Regeneration Budget	-		- -	- -	21731 19100
Community Chest European Social Fund	-		-	-	2000 379
	34682	201	843	236525	739822
3. Total Resources Expended	Charitable Costs	Admin Costs	Deprec- iation	2005 £	2004 £
£	£	£	£	£	
		-	~	~	
Salaries, wages and pension Office costs SLA Contracts Premises costs Staff travel, training etc. Beneficiary training, consultancies Volunteer expenses Legal and professional Insurance Conference expenses Depreciation	206595 54650 34675 16507 12019 10983 3454 9345 3231 3364	10873 2876 1825 869 633 578 182 3376 170	13637	217468 57526 36500 17376 12652 11561 3636 12721 3401 3364 13637	472477 118960 55842 30733 19416 55604 12273 16356 3852 - 36085
Office costs SLA Contracts Premises costs Staff travel, training etc. Beneficiary training, consultancies Volunteer expenses Legal and professional Insurance Conference expenses	54650 34675 16507 12019 10983 3454 9345 3231	10873 2876 1825 869 633 578 182 3376	- - - - -	217468 57526 36500 17376 12652 11561 3636 12721 3401 3364	118960 55842 30733 19416 55604 12273 16356 3852
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4. Net incoming resources for the year This is stated after charging:	2005 £	2004 £
Depreciation	13637	36085
Trustee's remuneration Auditors' remuneration:- audit services Auditor's remuneration:- accountancy and other services	1880 711	1763 704
5. Staff costs	2005 £	2004 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	196006 18550 2912	419884 42099 10494
	217468	472477
No employee received emoluments of more than £50000.		
	2005	2004
The average number of employees was:		
Direct charitable activities Administration	7 2	19 2
	9	21
		

6. Taxation

No provision has been made in respect of taxation, as the charity, by nature of its activities, is deemed exempt.

7. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold	Computer	Total
	Property £	Equipment £	£
Cost At 1 st April 2004 Additions	253668	81231 2935	334899 2935
At 31 st March 2005	253668	84166	337834
Depreciation At 1 st April 2004 Charge for the year	23724 11500	79094 2137	102818 13637
At 31 st March 2005	35224	81231	116455
Net book value At 31 st March 2005	218444	2935	221379
At 31 st March 2004	229944	2137	232081
8. Debtors		2005 £	2004 £
Grants receivable Prepayments and other debtors		8702	144298 5693
		8702	149991
All debtors are receivable within one year.			

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2005 £	2004 £
Deferred income Accruals Social security and other taxes	25053 14546 4498	7287 31116 10238
		
	44097	48641

10. Guarantee

The company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The members of the company have each undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards any deficit arising in the event of the company being wound up. This guarantee applies during the period of membership and extends one year after membership ceases.

11. Analysis of net assets between funds	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets Net current assets	2198 6 (11838)	199393 56920	221379 45082
	10148	256313	266461

12. Movement in funds	At 1 st April 2004 £	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended £	Transfers	At 31 st March 2005 £
Restricted funds	~	~	~	~	~
Volunteer Development	(7059)	35422	(41063)	12700	_
Billingham Community Develo		17206	(16429)	(4146)	-
Community Development	13880	77438	(56779)	(2400)	32139
Community Empowerment	25121	31059	(86865)	30685	-
Quality Assurance	3386	-	· -	-	3386
Children's Fund	18959	-	-	-	18959
ACU	7968	41250	(47094)	(2124)	-
Link Up	-	-	(13189)	13189	-
Property	230014	.	(11500)	(22056)	196458
Other organisations	2186	125693	(123989)	1491	5381
					
	297824	328068	(396908)	27339	256323
Unrestricted funds					
General funds-core	88056	66354	(116923)	(27339)	10148
					
	385880	394422	(513831)	-	266471

13. Purpose of restricted funds

Volunteer Development

This project aims to recruit, support and develop volunteers.

Billingham Community Development

This project was a partnership with Billingham Forward to provide a multi-agency support base in Billingham but it has now ended.

Community Development

This project aims to promote, support and develop other organisations in the community.

Community Empowerment

This project manages the Community Empowerment Fund which is dedicated to supporting local groups and individuals in making an effective and positive contribution to the decision making processes within Stockton and the Local Strategic Partnership. The running of this project was transferred to another organisation as at 30th September 2004.

13. Purpose of restricted funds

Quality Assurance

This project is to develop support mechanisms which will enable organisations to move towards obtaining quality marks such as Investors in People.

Children's Fund

This project involves developing a partnership with the Children's Fund.

Link Up

This was an initiative funded through the Basic Skills Agency which seeks to recruit volunteers and basic skills learners to enhance the skills of individuals within the community. This running of this project was transferred to another organisation during the year.

Property

This fund represents the undepreciated amounts of restricted funds used to purchase and furnish the property at 27 Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees.

Other Organisations

During the year the Charity managed funds on behalf of other organisations by administering their payrolls on their behalf. This service is no longer provided.

14. Notes to the Summary Income and Expenditure Account

	2005 £	2004 £
Total resources expended per the SOFA	513831	907337
Less capital grants released re property	(11500)	(11500)
Gross expenditure for the year	502331	895837
Cross Superialitation and year		