



Lothian Children's Deaf Club

(LCDC)

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

2025- 1st March 2026

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Trustees' Report

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

All of the club's trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our annual general meeting which will be held in February each year. We are looking to appoint a treasurer at the AGM.

Governing Document

The Lothian Children's Deaf Club was established in 2024 and was registered as a charity on 30th July 2024. The club is a charitable unincorporated association and the purposes and administration arrangements are set out in our constitution.

Charitable Purpose

The organisation's purposes are

- To provide and organise recreational activities to meet the psychological needs of Deaf children and their families.
- To relieve those in need through providing peer support, BSL learning opportunities and collaboration with other Deaf professionals.

In furtherance of the purposes above the organisation will:

- Run a social club to provide interpreted activities, provide parents and carers opportunity to chat and gain peer to peer support and for Deaf children to build relationships with peers through social events and celebrations.
- Collaborate with other professionals to provide families with information in terms of family support, educational support and health support.

Activities & Achievements

Since becoming a charity, we have had the opportunity to apply for funding so we can provide the access needs required for our community. Our fundraising throughout 2025 was successful in raising funds for monthly club sessions and BSL resources pilot project. Our pilot project for 2025 was funding BSL resources for 6 local schools, and the posters and flashcards were well received. We have been asked for more of this and for further support for BSL in schools. There has been a positive response from our members in meeting monthly and during this period, the club has achieved:

- We held our monthly Monday club sessions at St John's and Kings Park church hall until August 2025 then relocated to One Dalkeith in November 2025 so we could reach more families and have a more flexible space. The average attendance at these is between 15-20 children plus family members.
- Soft Play sessions- in September and October we held our sessions at House of Fun soft play in Dalkeith. This worked well for gathering both babies/toddlers and primary school aged children.
- We held a Halloween party at the Bubbling Toad and a Christmas party at One Dalkeith, both of which were well attended and enjoyed. We offered free tickets to The Great Grumpy Gaboon, a show by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and tickets for Dynamic Earth's Deaf Science Day. We also have upcoming Forest School Sessions and a family Zoo trip, as well as funding BSL lessons for families and BSL resources for schools.
- We have been invited to join the NHS Lothian Paediatric Audiology steering group, with other professionals in the deaf community. This is a great opportunity

to ensure family engagement with audiology. We have been working with NDCS and Paediatric Audiology on a resource for newly diagnosed families.


- We have regularly posted on our Facebook page how to access events, support and information for areas around Deafness.
- The website has been created through the support of The Scottish Tech Army and is in progress.
- Continue to provide online support to parents through social networking. Ensuring the Facebook community remains a safe & secure place, specifically for parents of Deaf Children and members of the club.

Reserves

As a result of the income of £34,827.49, the club held unrestricted funds of £14,791.60 and restricted funds of £20,035.89 at the period end.

The Committee consider the general fund of £14,791.60 will enable them to fund activities to meet the charitable objectives of the organisation over the course of the next financial year, including Social club sessions, staff and trustee expenses, events, BSL, SCVO costs for HR and Payroll, and information dissemination. We propose budgeting £5,000 to run a holiday club during the summer holidays, with funding for staffing, resources, activities, interpreters, venue and expenses. They do not have a policy for the level of the reserves they should hold.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf;

Name . Kirsten Abioye 

Position. .Co-chairperson.....

Date .26/03/2026.....