



Annual Report & Accounts
March 2018 - March 2019

Advocacy Alliance

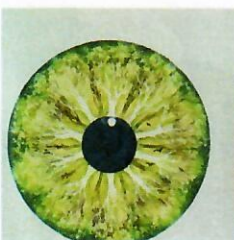
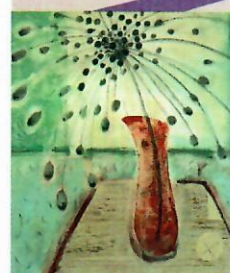
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REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2019

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Report of the Trustees

for the year ending 31st March 2019

The Charity was formed on the 1st October 2015 and started trading on the 1st April 2016 by inheriting the assets of the old charity (No:256085). This new charity is registered with the charity commission and was also formerly known as Advocacy Alliance.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

The objects of Advocacy Alliance are to promote, assist and develop the representation of all people in need of such help by virtue of their age, mental health, physical or learning disability in Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale, and Filey (hereinafter referred to as the area of benefit); to help them overcome any disadvantage that flows from their personal circumstances, by the provision of a service designed to:-

- i) assist the above people to obtain their rights and privileges as a citizen
- ii) provide friendship and support; and
- iii) provide support on a one to one basis to the above people in the area of benefit, whether living in residential care or residing independently in their own home or with relatives.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served during the year were:-

ANN TAYLOR	Chair
MICHAEL GOODE	Vice Chair
STEVE ARNOTT	Treasurer
CAROL STOCKILL	
HELEN FORTNUM	
WENDY JAMES	
BEN SELLERS	(Appointed 1st April 2018)
ANGELA McKEOWN	(Appointed 5th September 2018)
ELAINE HILTON WEST	(Resigned 2nd May 2018)
MIKE DALTON	(Resigned 8th June 2018)

The Trustees are not paid but Travel Expenses were claimed.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

By providing a free, independent and confidential advocacy service to vulnerable individuals over the age of 18 living in Scarborough, Whitby, Ryedale and Filey.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Activities

The activities of the charity are summarised in the Statement of Financial Activities (page 5) which shows an overall surplus during the year of £10,938. However, this includes the net receipts for money to be spent on restricted projects during 2019/20 and would therefore show a true surplus on unrestricted funds of £2,448. The amount of freely available funds for future expenditure of the Charity now stands at £13,542 with a further £58,170 set aside to cover projects already commissioned but not completed.

The further £60,000 of designated funds for the provision of any possible future closure costs etc, remains unchanged in the year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees consider that the cash reserves of the charity should be at least equivalent to the total of six months operating expenses and redundancies costs to allow for downturns in the grant and revenue income. The current situation as at 31st March 2019 is in excess of this figure.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) for the year ending 31st March 2019

TRUSTEES' REPORT for 2018/19.

The financial year 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 saw Advocacy Alliance's Trustee Board building on the work that the organisation had completed in the previous financial year. The organisation was successful in getting further Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Funding to deliver the SToP Safeguarding training for vulnerable people across North Yorkshire. This was an excellent opportunity for the organisation to raise awareness of the need for vulnerable people to have access to information about how to safeguard themselves. Over the course of the financial year over 500 people attended the training - which was delivered across North Yorkshire including York, Scarborough, Harrogate, Selby and Skipton.

An exciting new development for the organisation was a Silent Art Auction that was held at Woodend on 6th December 2018. A silent auction is an opportunity for people to bid what they can afford on art that has been donated. As Advocacy Alliance is committed to equality between people it was agreed that donations would be sought from professional artists, advocates, clients and anyone else who wanted to support the organisation. We eventually received over 100 donations of art for the Auction. On the day we had excellent support and guidance from our patron Shirley Vauvelle to enable us to display the art works to the best effect. Many new people who had previously not heard of Advocacy Alliance attended the event and we received many positive comments about how well the works were set up and complimenting us on the range of art available.

The Trustee Board had decided that this year was a year for raising awareness of Advocacy Alliance, so they commissioned a video to be produced by Andy Hylton - a film maker with close ties to the area. The filming of the video took place at the end of August and involved staff, trustees and clients driving on an open top bus through Scarborough and Ryedale. A fun day out was had by all, although there were some complaints about the cold. Unfortunately, due to technical issues the video is still in production and will be launched in 2019/20.

Another way in which we have raised our profile is through offering student placements through Scarborough 6th Form and Coventry University. These have been an excellent opportunity for us to raise awareness of the organisation, as we have had students from social care courses who are then able to tell their friends and colleagues about the excellent placement they have had with us. The students also leave the placement with a better understanding of what advocacy is and how it can help.

In November we were successful in getting "iwill" funding for a volunteer co-ordinator to help develop policies and procedures that would enable us to recruit younger volunteers. The co-ordinator has also developed new volunteering opportunities rather than simply just being a volunteer advocate or trustee board member. The new policies and procedures will be presented to the Board for their approval in the financial year 2019/20.

Again building on the theme of raising the organisation's profile, we have been successful in gaining funding from the Tesco Bags for Help scheme to run a number of Advocacy Café's in Filey. These began in February and will continue throughout the year.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees 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 the going concern basis unless it is in-appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees.



ANN TAYLOR
Chair

Dated : 4th October 2019.

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Receipts & Payments for the year ending 31st March 2019

	31st March 2019	31st March 2018
	£	£
TURNOVER	158,945	135,921
Net losses from disposals of fixed assets	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	158,945	135,921
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(148,076)	(145,657)
OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIENCY	10,869	(9,736)
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Receivable	69	36
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	£ 10,938	£ (9,700)

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2019

	notes	Designated Reserve Fund	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total £	2018 Total £
Incoming Receipts						
Statutory Agencies - NYCC & CCG		0	63,000	0	63,000	51,000
Grants	2	0	91,257	0	91,257	84,371
Donations & Collections		0	0	4,051	4,051	550
Fundraising		0	0	324	324	0
Interest	3	0	69	0	69	36
Other	4	0	0	313	313	0
Total Incoming Receipts		0	154,326	4,688	159,014	135,957
Resource Payments						
Cost of Generating Voluntary Income	5	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable Expenditure	6	0	144,050	2,240	146,290	144,877
Governance Costs	7	0	1,786	0	1,786	780
Total Payments		0	145,836	2,240	148,076	145,657
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		0	8,490	2,448	10,938	(9,700)
Net movement in funds		0	8,490	2,448	10,938	(9,700)
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward		60,000	49,680	11,094	120,774	130,474
Total funds at 31st March 2019	8	60,000	58,170	13,542	131,712	120,774

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Assets as at 31st March 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank & in Hand		131,712	120,774
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>131,712</u>	<u>120,774</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	10	13,542	11,094
Restricted funds	10	58,170	49,680
Designated Reserve fund	10	60,000	60,000
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>131,712</u>	<u>120,774</u>

Ann Taylor
 ANN TAYLOR
 Chair

Date *14th October 2019.*

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Notes to the financial statements
for the year ending 31st March 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities".

Fund accounting

Separate restricted funds are maintained for receipts and payments and also designated funds for specific projects as specified by the source of the funds. The General Fund is maintained to account for all monies received which are not restricted and this fund is used at the discretion of the trustees.

Resources expended

Payments are recognised as they are paid by the charity and the expenditure includes the VAT that cannot be recovered. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of the charitable trading.

All of the Charity's operations are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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	Restricted funds	During 2019 Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2019	Restricted funds	During 2018 Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2018
	£	£	£			£
2. Grants						
Tesco	2,000	-	2,000	-	1,000	1,000
PCC	19,206	-	19,206	13,380	-	13,380
Lottery	60,194	-	60,194	59,601	-	59,601
Awards for All	-	-	0	9,890	-	9,890
I WILL	9,857	-	9,857	-	-	0
YCH	-	-	0	-	500	500
	91,257	0	91,257	82,871	1,500	84,371
3. Investment income						
Bank interest receivable	69	0	69	0	36	36
4. Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Sales of goods/services as part of direct charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Costs of generating voluntary income						
Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Costs of charitable activities by fund type						
Support costs	144,050	2,240	146,290	145,614	43	145,657
	144,050	2,240	146,290	145,614	43	145,657
7. Governance costs						
Accountancy Examination	460	-	460	-	450	450
General Administration	1,326	-	1,326	-	330	330
	1,786	0	1,786	0	780	780
8. Other resources expended						
Total staff costs were as follows:						
Gross			109,839			108,743
Employers Nat. Ins.			4,942			4,966
Pension			1,403			564
			116,184			114,273
The average number of part-time employees during the year, were as follows:-						
Number of support staff			7			6
Number of trustees			8			9
			15			15

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9. Analysis of Funds 2019

Designated funds	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Closing balances £
*	60,000	-	-	-	60,000

* The Trustees have this year decided to allocate an amount to be reserved for at least six month running costs and to pay for a managed closure of the operation , should this ever need to happen in the future. It will then cover the costs of disposing of assets, the safe and secure destruction of case documents and any staff redundancy settlements.

	Opening balances	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Closing balances
Restricted funds					
I WILL	-	9,926	(2,136)	-	7,790
Tesco	-	2,000	0	-	2,000
Total Advocacy	16,857	63,000	(60,374)	-	19,483
Lottery	25,690	60,194	(56,987)	-	28,897
Awards for All	7,133	-	(7,133)	-	-
PCC	-	19,206	(19,206)	-	-
	49,680	154,326	(145,836)	-	58,170
Unrestricted funds	11,094	4,688	(2,240)	-	13,542
Total Funds 2019	120,774	159,014	(148,076)	-	131,712

Analysis of Funds 2018

	Opening balances	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Closing balances
Designated funds	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Restricted funds					
Total Advocacy	30,913	51,000	(65,056)	-	16,857
Lottery	28,040	59,601	(61,951)	-	25,690
Awards for All	2,470	9,890	(5,227)	-	7,133
PCC	-	13,380	(13,380)	-	-
	61,423	133,871	(145,614)	-	49,680
Unrestricted funds	9,051	2,086	(43)	-	11,094
Total Funds 2018	130,474	135,957	(145,657)	-	120,774

10. Analysis of cash between funds

	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Fund £	2019 Total Funds £	2018 Total Funds £
Current Assets	60,000	58,170	13,542	131,712	120,774
	60,000	58,170	13,542	131,712	120,774

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I report on the accounts of: **Advocacy Alliance**
for the year ending 31st March 2019 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements;
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Barrie Tuck

Date : 9th October 2019

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