



dyscover
specialist aphasia support

Dyscover Limited ANNUAL REPORT & Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st March 2023

Company No: 04814618 | Registered Charity No: 1099432

The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service



Long-term support and opportunities for people with aphasia



TRUSTEES' REPORT (including Directors' Report)

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st March 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Objectives and Strategies

We work to inform, support and empower people with aphasia and their families to manage their communication disability and to re-engage with life.

We create an aphasia-friendly community in which people feel included, valued and have a sense of purpose.

Our three main objectives are to grow our core services, extend our outreach and continue to develop as a centre of expertise.

Our Main Services

Our programmes are led by specialist Speech and Language Therapists (SLT) alongside collaboration with people with aphasia to respond to their changing needs. We deliver short- and long-term group programmes, provide support for families and run short conversation partner training courses for couples. We offer both in-person and online support.

The majority of our beneficiaries have acquired aphasia following stroke.

We also offer individualised support and therapy for people and families living with Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA), a rare dementia in which communication difficulties are the first symptom.

Foundation Programme Focussing on fostering support, learning about aphasia, the nature of recovery and developing effective communication strategies. This may include small group communication partner work, which enables families to manage aphasia more successfully.

Extend and Explore Programme Helping people to share successful communication and coping strategies to increase confidence and participation.

Sustain Programme Providing the security of a long-term community of support whilst continuing to maximise participation in conversation. Members often give back as much as they receive through actively supporting new members and sharing their experience of long-term recovery to other groups and beyond Dyscover.

Challenge Programme Providing opportunities to engage in creative or physical activities, delivered in an aphasia accessible way through building relationships with external expert partners.

Online Programme Delivering online access to our full range of groups and adapted challenge options to enable access to people with aphasia from a wider geographical area, who would otherwise be unable to access our group support.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, and in planning future activities.

WHAT IS APHASIA?

Aphasia affects a person's ability to find words and to understand language, both spoken and written.

Aphasia ranges from mild to severe and can be a long-term condition which impacts whole families.

It is isolating, frustrating and is usually acquired without warning, most often through stroke but can be a result of a brain injury or rare dementia called Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA).

100,000 strokes happen each year.

1 in 3 strokes results in aphasia.

More than 350,000 people in the UK live with aphasia as a long-term condition.

(Source: STROKE ASSOCIATION)

Achievements and Performance

Since its inception nearly 30 years ago, Dyscover has been at the forefront in developing strategies and exploring innovations to assist people with aphasia to reach their full potential. The recently published National Clinical Guidelines for Stroke 2023 reinforce the importance of Dyscover's models, our programmes and services. The main features are detailed below.



Supported conversation groups, led by specialist Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs), remain the core of our work, both in-person and online. Dyscover's support is long-term and members continue to make gains for many years.

Communication aids are a key part of group work, whether it be drawing and gestures or using iPads. We are working with academic partners to explore and develop the possibilities of digital technologies for people with aphasia.

The groups promote **peer support**, an important part of recovery. Members benefit greatly from feeling understood and included. The encouragement of others helps in expanding their horizons and capabilities.

Family Support Groups and Communication Partner Training, led by an SLT, the sessions help relatives to understand aphasia and how best they can help.

Our popular **Challenge programme** takes members out into the wider world, where activities on offer include specially adapted golf lessons, gymnastics, swimming and art.

Other significant achievements this year

- A new Principal SLT role leading a dedicated service for people with Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA), with a defined pathway of services.
- Successfully completed a 6-month development phase, helping us shape our online expansion plan and deliver the next phases.
- Growth within in-person groups, with the introduction of a new Foundation Group.
- Continued growth of the Aphasia Ambassadors Group, providing more varied volunteering opportunities for people with aphasia.
- Provided diversified visitors' sessions to meet the needs of different referrers.
- Navigated our way through 'post covid' funding challenges.
- Collaborated with the Irish Heart Foundation, providing Foundation Courses to cohorts of their members.

Members can go on making progress for many years

Nial joined Dyscover in 2014, a year after his stroke, which affected talking, reading and writing. He was encouraged to take part in small group conversations using written key words, drawing, the iPad and photographs.

By 2017 he was ready to join in a research project to develop an online virtual community for people with aphasia.

Nial became an Aphasia Ambassador in 2019 and now helps to raise awareness and run online training sessions.

A former post-production film editor for the BBC, Nial has recently been doing some freelance computer effects work from home. "It is difficult, exciting and amazing," he says.



To find out more about Dyscover

Please visit our website dyscover.org.uk where you will find details about all of our services, including how to volunteer and sign up to training. Why not request our termly Newsletters?

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Services: Performance and Impact

Online Expansion

The online groups, we started during the pandemic, have now become an integral part of our programme. After gaining funding, we launched a six-month development project to explore opportunities for expanding our online service. A small in-house team was at the helm.

We were able to establish the need for such a service by mapping what is currently available within the NHS, private and voluntary sectors. Surveys and conversations enabled us to see where referrers felt there were gaps.

We shared information about Dyscover's unique SLT-led services, which increased interest in our planned online expansion. Our first step has been to introduce a new online group for members referred to us following our UK-wide development phase of the project. It will be run under our newly defined online model, while we shape a project plan to expand these services significantly.



Our development project showed that there is a great demand for an online service.

“It’s difficult on my own...but here with friends...it’s family.”

In-Person Groups

The weekly in-person groups continue to attract and retain members, with **68%** of them choosing to attend our Leatherhead or Kingston centres.

The new Foundation Group, which started in May 2022, has doubled in size to 10, with members having had their strokes within the last two years. They are actively involved in shaping the group programme and planning social media posts and have been generous in sharing their experiences.

Ambassadors from other groups have described their inspiring and encouraging attitudes to recovery. These are the cornerstones on which the confidence and optimism, felt through Dyscover, is built.

Aphasia Forums

Dyscover collaborated with Greater Manchester-based, Speakeasy, to organise a series of innovative online Aphasia Forums, when the pandemic put paid to a 2020 conference. All sessions focussed on practical implications of living with aphasia, allowing participants to meet and share in a safe and sensitive environment, with a mix of aphasia-friendly presentations and supported discussions.

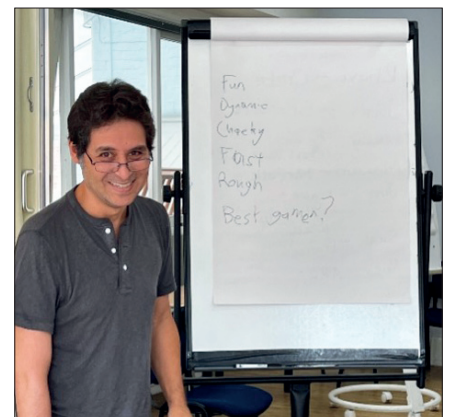
Over the past year, we have delivered two of the four online sessions: Moving On, Reading and Aphasia.

There remains great enthusiasm for another in-person conference and a provisional date in 2024 has been set.

Reading Groups

A member-led online Reading Group has run for two years. The five participants have grown in confidence, insight and reading fluency. At the Aphasia Forum, members explained how the group runs and what benefits they have gained. We hope to continue to offer this opportunity in the future.

“When I’m at Dyscover, I laugh, laugh, laugh!”



Foundation Group members are gaining in confidence.

Services: Performance and Impact

Challenge Programme

Members responded enthusiastically to the Challenge programme, which offers the chance to get out into the wider world through a range of indoor and outdoor accessible sporting, recreational and social activities. The programme also operates during the Easter and Summer holiday breaks.

During the current year 70 members participated in term-time activities, including swimming, golf, Zoom Pilates and air rifle shooting. Almost 30 members took part in both holiday programmes, among them, art, companion cycling, horse-riding and a new addition, gymnastics.

After providing accessible swimming via Dorking Leisure Centre for seven years, we were thrilled that more than 10 members, past and present, have continued swimming independently, and, in the process, formed a highly supportive and motivated social group.



Gymnastics proved a popular addition to our Challenge programme.

“The additional activities are excellent for my relative and have offered me the opportunity to meet other Dyscover members and relatives.”

Digital Progression

Our use of digital technology in groups goes back well over a decade, when we introduced iPad courses and tech clinics. Today mobile phones are also a useful and convenient communication aid.

During the past eight months, much effort has gone into a total redesign of our website, to make it user-friendly and succinct. The new site will be launched in the coming year.

Social media is playing an increasingly important role in raising awareness.

We already have a good presence on Facebook and Twitter and during the 2023 Aphasia Awareness Month we shall launch Dyscover's Instagram page.



Dyscover groups have always embraced new technology.

“Since 2005, I have been so very, very grateful for Dyscover being around, as I would have been lost without it.”

Awareness Raising and Training

VISITOR SESSIONS

In the second half of the year, attendance at our online information sessions for professionals doubled, largely due to Dyscover's raised profile as a result of the research for our Online Expansion Project. Our Aphasia Ambassadors supported these meetings.

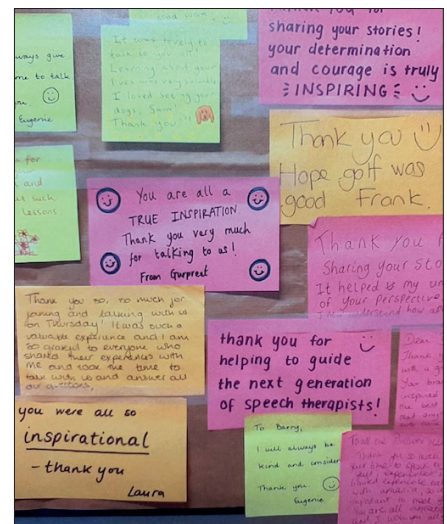
We are confident that an understanding of what makes our specialist support effective has increased the success rates from enquiry to Dyscover membership; rising to **42%** in 2022, from **33%** in 2019.

APHASIA AMBASSADORS

Our ambassadors work in a hybrid capacity too, raising awareness to interested groups and organisations by sharing the impact aphasia has had on their lives. More members have joined the growing team, including people with PPA (36 in total).

No fewer than 18 Ambassadors helped our staff to lead an online session for SLT students at Reading University. We received very positive feedback in an unusual format – individually written post-it notes. The most frequently used word was ‘inspirational’.

Experienced Ambassadors also visit Dyscover groups, both in person and on Zoom, to describe their aphasia journey. This offers inspiration to newer members about what they might achieve.



Thank you notes from Reading University students filled a whole noticeboard.

Services: Performance and Impact

PPA

Primary Progressive Aphasia (PPA) is a rare dementia. Awareness of the condition was boosted in 2022 when actor Bruce Willis shared his diagnosis, but specialist support in the UK remains limited.

Dyscover has been developing a PPA service since 2015. This year 38 people living with the condition received 1:1 support, assessments, information, advice and therapy interventions from our specialist PPA Speech and Language Therapist, Rosemary Townsend.

To ensure more health professionals working in dementia know about Dyscover, we are running regular online PPA visitor sessions.

Since 2021 Rosemary has co-led a UK wide professional network for SLTs working with PPA. Membership has grown to over 100 therapists.

Professional Links and Research

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION

More participants have benefitted from further Foundation Course Support, following our partnership with the Irish Heart Foundation (IHF). The focus was around having enjoyable conversations. Another key goal was to encourage members to try something new. Course members will continue to receive support and conversation opportunity from the Foundation. We look forward to repeating the Course in the Autumn, to a new group of people, that the IHF feel would benefit from our expertise and support in learning to live with aphasia.

“I’m seeing how far we’ve all come ... I’m smiling.”

RESEARCH

In the coming year we shall embark on a long-term collaboration with King’s College London, looking at developing technology to improve successful access to the media for people with aphasia.

Some of our expert Ambassadors, all former teachers and lecturers themselves, will help shape change for SLT students learning about aphasia, through a project with University College London. They will be acting in a Public Patient Inclusion (PPI) capacity.

Measuring our Impact

When asked to rate their opinion of Dyscover on a scale of 1 to 5, we scored a 4.75 average rating from members and 4.45 from relatives.

When asked how Dyscover helped members this year;

86% of respondents said that it had helped their communication.

84% believed it had helped their confidence.

80% said that it made them feel part of a community which understands aphasia.

Members were given a choice of 10 words to describe their experience of attending a regular Dyscover group. The three most popular responses were;

Friendship **65%**

Laughter **61%**

Confidence building **42%**

“For me, it’s practice, practice, practice on my speech. It’s not a quick fix.”



Partners learn tactics and strategies to support better conversations.

Support for Families

Dyscover’s expertise in providing specialist aphasia support has national and international recognition.

Family members play a vital role in the recovery of people with aphasia, but they face their own challenges and often benefit from help as well. We host family support sessions every term for each group, that meets in-person.

This year we were keen to find out if our relatives felt we could support them in different ways and we sent out a survey. From the results we were able to establish that relatives prefer in-person meetings but online sessions can also be convenient ways to receive support and meet others.

Dyscover’s SLTs are always able to offer individual assistance to relatives and carers.



Supporting people with aphasia is a family affair.

People

Trustees

The Board continues to have a good mix of skills, including a retired Speech and Language Therapist (SLT), a member with aphasia and the partner of a person with aphasia. We have recruited two Trustees who are contributing new skills to the Board and are actively looking for some more expertise in marketing and fundraising.

Our Board continues to respond to the ever-increasing statutory requirements and recommendations from the Charity Commission regarding policies and procedures.

Our main focus over the past year, has been driving the development of the online project expansion plans, in line with our strategic aims to reach more people with aphasia.

Management Team

Since September, Senior SLT Rhona Palmer has done a tremendous job at stepping up to manage our main services, following Rosemary Townsend's transition from Director of Service to leading our specialist PPA service.



Lead SLT Rhona did a marvellous job of temporarily leading our core services.

Alice Owen, our Director of Business, with the support of the Trustee Board, has successfully navigated Dyscover through 'post covid' funding challenges. A new role of Service Manager and Lead SLT has also been created, following developments in our service. We are delighted that this position has been filled and the new Manager will join mid-way through our Autumn term 2023

Staff

Our cohesive team of 11 part-time staff equates to less than 4.5 full-time employees. They have ably worked through staff changes, management transition, our online development project, revised internal processes and new services.

We have updated our safeguarding understanding and procedures, in-line with local authority policy changes. We are reviewing our equality, diversity and inclusion procedures and understanding. During the Autumn Term, the team look forward to welcoming a new Service Manager and Lead SLT.

Future Plans

This year we are pleased to have progressed through the exciting development phase of our online expansion plans. Digital connectivity has been thrust forward and our new website is well on its way to completion.

Next steps:

To develop a financially sustainable online service project plan that continues to support people with aphasia over the long-term, significantly increasing beneficiary numbers from across the UK, where support is limited.

To seek multi-year funding to steadily deliver this expansion across three years.

Volunteers

Our volunteers bring both dedication and unstinting support to members and Dyscover as a whole. To meet the needs of our hybrid service and expanding PPA work, we are increasingly looking to recruit online volunteers as well as in-person. Volunteers who work remotely, as well as those working with PPA, have different support and training needs. Our improved digital connectivity has enabled us to establish new ways of supporting this important section of our team.

We continue to support SLT student volunteers in gaining experience.

The Volunteer Survey produced some very encouraging results:

94% were very satisfied with training and support received.

94% were very satisfied with how we have communicated.

88% feel highly valued.



Long-standing member Chris joined in thanking volunteer Christine (right) for her 16 years of service to Dyscover.

Financial Review

The financial statements distinguish between Restricted and Unrestricted funds and indicate the amounts expended during the year in each category. This distinction is more fully explained in note 1 to the financial statements.

The financial year to 31st March 2023 has been a success for Dyscover and the Trustees are pleased to report that the overall result for the year was a small deficit of £439 – this is a small improvement on the deficit reported last year of £1,443 and a significant improvement on our original budget for the year. This improvement reflects the considerable effort and hard work that has been put in by all of the Dyscover team.

Last year we received £20k to fund the development stage of our expansion project and we received a further £20k this year to complete the funding. During the year we have successfully completed all the work in the development stage of the project and now plan to run a “soft start” pilot programme during 2023 for which funding has already been received. If further multiyear funding can now be found, a full project launch could be made next year. In addition, we have continued our work on upgrading our IT systems and made significant progress on improving our website, which will also now be completed this year.

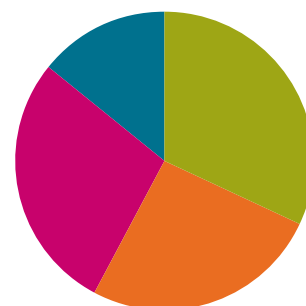
Our total income for the year increased from £222k last year to £242k, which is broken down into the different income streams in the chart opposite. Whilst the level of income from our donations and community fundraising events has broadly stayed the same, there has been a significant increase in the level of attendance fee income. With the disruption caused by covid behind us, we were able to run a full programme of in-person group meetings in parallel with our online sessions, together with an increased range of activities in the Easter and Summer breaks. Total grants received fell by £4k in the year mainly due to a reduction in project grants. However, the level of grants received for our ongoing service delivery operations increased this year by 21% from £47k to £57k, which is another positive feature of the year.

Our total expenditure amounted to £243k compared with £223k last year, which, again is analysed in the chart opposite. Staff costs represent almost 70% of our total costs which highlights the fixed nature of our overall cost base. Additional hours were worked by several of our staff on the expansion project and there has been a small increase in staff numbers. Tight control was exercised on all expenditure and the level of fundraising and ongoing service delivery costs was broadly the same as last year once the expenditure on the expansion project is excluded.

The small deficit for the year of £439 is made up of a surplus of £12,981 on our unrestricted funds offset by a deficit of £13,420 on restricted funds – the latter arises because several of the restricted grants were received last year but have been fully utilised this year. The increase in unrestricted funds this year means that our reserves carried forward into the next financial year have increased to £111k. This represents six months cover against our future forecast expenditure – and ensures our reserves remain within the minimum level of our prudent policy on reserves cover. This level of cover, underpinned by our cash resources, provides a solid and stable base for Dyscover from which we can move forward into the next stage of our development.

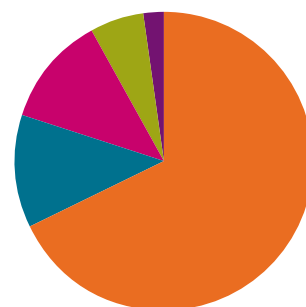
As a charity, Dyscover is dependent on the kind help given by a range of charitable trusts and funds, the generosity of individual donors and support “in kind”, for which we are very grateful. Trusts and other organisations supporting us are listed below and we are especially grateful to our major donors.

Analysis of Income



TOTAL INCOME	£242k
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Analysis of Expenditure



TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£243k
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The Tavistock Trust for Aphasia	Garfield & Weston Foundation	The Pierrepont Trust	Violet M Richards Charity
St. James' Place Foundation	TNL - Awards for All	The Clothmakers Foundation	Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey
The Childwick Trust	The Helen Hamlyn Trust		

Mole Valley Lottery	Active Surrey – Together Fund	Epsom Rotary	London Catalyst	Rogers Legal
EasyFundraising	Masonic Charitable Foundation	Cash4Coins	Woodroffe Benton Foundation	WJC
Amazon Smile	West Croydon Chapter 5688	Brothers in Law Luncheon Club	DM Charitable Trust	Safe Space
Catchphrase ITV	Elmbridge Chapter 5838	Epsom Women's Fellowship	Magic Little Grants	HJP Chartered Accountants
Banstead Rotary	Ditton Chapter 4143	Stoneleigh Stitchers	Arnold Clark Community Fund	Positive Images
D&G Choir	Azor Chapter 9202	Kingswood, Walton & Tadworth Horticultural Society	The Shanly Foundation	The Ivy – Cobham
Bookham Bees WI	Moreford Chapter 7097	Ladies Afternoon Club	The Hospital Saturday Fund	Dorking Halls
Leatherhead Lions	Dorking Chapter 1149	Ukelele Society	Flamingo Cards Paperie	Painshill Park
Ashted Rotary	Surrey Provincial Charity Fund	Masonic Charitable Foundation ~ Relief Chest	Fidelity International	Silent Pool Distillery
Eastwick WI	Surrey CC – Carer Support Fund	Waverton Investment Management	L'Ultimo Restaurant – Leatherhead	Experiencedays.co.uk
Epsom Golf Club Senior Section	Mole Valley District Council		Fine and Able	Pearmain Pubs (The Old Plough Effingham)
Ashted Train Station	recycle4charity			Elizabeth's Home Cooking
	Squires – Cobham			

Local Fundraising

Our sincere thanks to all those who have supported our Community Fundraising events and initiatives over the past year, including our valued individual donors, those who have chosen to dedicate In Memory contributions and all our regular givers.

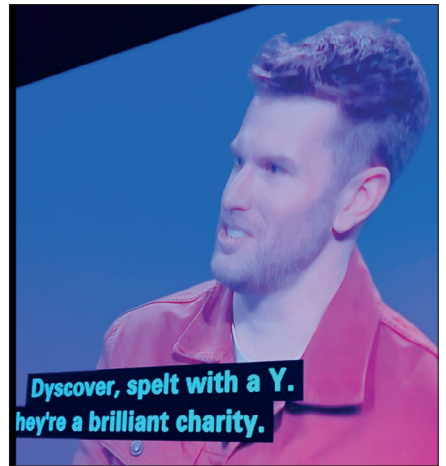
It was such a relief to run a full and varied fundraising diary this year, alongside all our regular fundraising initiatives such as our Lotteries (Top Draw Club and Mole Valley Community Lottery), recycling (ink and coins), Book Share at Ashted Station and Flamingo Paperie card sales.

Events

The year started with the opportunity for local performers to raise money at the Epsom Rotary Showcase evening at Epsom Playhouse. This was closely followed by the Banstead Rotary Sponsored Walk. Late Summer, committed gardening volunteer, Sue, opened her delightful garden and Dyscover held a very successful Race Night at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club. Next came a fantastic Halloween Quiz hosted by Simon Edmands at L'Ultimo Italian Restaurant in Leatherhead. Mid November finally saw us hold our previously postponed Bridge Master Class. December saw our usual flurry of events: Banstead Rotary Santa run, Christmas Hamper raffle and other local events all of which raised funds for Dyscover (D&G Choir, Ukulele society, Leatherhead Lions & Bookham Bees) contributing to a net total of £13k raised in the year.

Sponsored Events

We have had some phenomenal contributions from individuals taking on epic challenges this year including Theresa's year of challenges and Joe's London Marathon.



TV personality Joel Dommett chose Dyscover as his charity when he appeared on Celebrity Catchphrase. As well as raising £4.8k for us, he also generated valuable publicity.

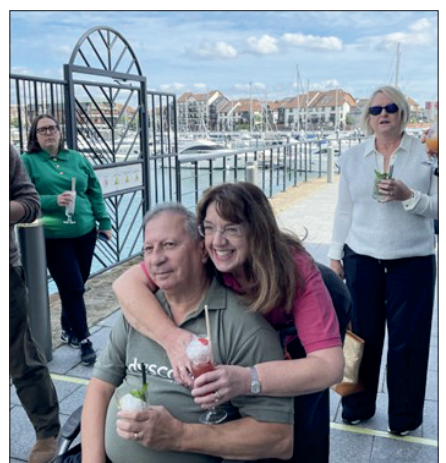


Dyscover was well represented at the Banstead Rotary Walk.



The cycling challenge of riding from London to Edinburgh and back is only held once every four years. Stuart (left) and Jon (right) both completed the event.

Two of the biggest highlights have been, Nick's 100m walk which raised a phenomenal £6K and the gruelling cycle event from London to Edinburgh and back again (in 5 days) was taken on by two Dyscover heroes, both with personal connections, raising a combined £7k.



Member Nick triumphed when he challenged himself to walk 100 metres.

Looking Ahead

Two of our principal aims are to form good, lasting corporate relationships with local businesses and, through our improved digital media presence, to reach larger fundraising audiences.

Structure, Governance and Management

Dyscover is a Company Limited by Guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles dated 14th June 2003. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. In the event of a winding up, if necessary, every member of the charity undertakes to contribute up to £10 for payment of the charity's debts and liabilities.

Risk Management and Internal Control

Our Trustee Board continues to comprise members with the broad base of skills necessary for the good governance of Dyscover.

The Trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which Dyscover is exposed. The Board are satisfied that Dyscover has established review systems that under normal circumstances, should allow these risks to be managed and mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

The Board maintains and monitors an established system of financial controls appropriate to the size and nature of the organisation, including budgetary control and reviewing the annual budget. Particular attention is paid to the balance between income and expenditure and the amount necessary to be retained in reserves.

The Board has a regular review schedule of Dyscover's policies and procedures including: health and safety, equalities and diversity, recruitment and selection, as well as the services provided by Dyscover, with a view to mitigating any associated risks.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees (who are also directors of Dyscover Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees 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 2006.

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.

Reference and administration details

Please refer to the information on the outside back page of the Annual Report.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the Trustees on 12th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Woollatt
Chairman & Trustee

Dated: 12th September 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

Dyscover Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

(Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

Year to 31.03.22

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations, Grants, Legacies and Subscriptions	6	92,305	48,851	141,156	143,252
Other Trading Activities*		35,292	0	35,292	31,406
Income from Charitable Activities:					
Fees from Members	6	50,001	15,009	65,010	46,760
Income from Investments:					
Interest Received		887	0	887	515
Total Income		178,485	63,860	242,345	221,933
EXPENDITURE					
Expenditure on Raising Funds:					
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	4	12,385	0	12,385	16,174
Cost of Fundraising Events	4	3,730	0	3,730	1,381
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	4	149,389	77,280	226,669	205,821
Total Expenditure		165,504	77,280	242,784	223,376
Net Income/(Expenditure)		12,981	(13,420)	(439)	(1,443)
Total Funds brought forward	6	98,451	27,297	125,748	127,191
Total Funds carried forward	6	111,432	13,877	125,309	125,748

*Income from fundraising events.

All gains and losses arising in the period are included in the Statement of Financial Activities and arise from continuing activities.

The Notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these Financial Statements.

Balance Sheet

Dyscover Limited (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) (Company No: 04814618).

Balance Sheet at 31st March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	5	0	0
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		64,415	61,663
Cash on Deposit		90,069	89,021
Debtors and Payments in Advance		639	805
		155,123	151,489
Liabilities			
Accruals: Amounts falling due within 1 year	7	29,814	25,741
NET CURRENT ASSETS		125,309	125,748
TOTAL NET ASSETS		125,309	125,748
The Funds of the Charity:			
Unrestricted Funds	6	111,432	98,451
Restricted Funds	6	13,877	27,297
		125,309	125,748

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with s476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the Trustees on 12th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Woollatt
Chairman & Trustee



Stuart Knee
Treasurer & Trustee

The Notes on pages 13 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with:

The Statement of Recommended Practice; Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP (FRS 102) preparing financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with The Companies Act 2006.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees were not required to make any judgements that would have a material effect on the numbers reported.

Going Concern

The Trustees have prepared updated forecasts for the period ending 30th September 2024 incorporating assumptions relating to the continuation of the online service and all the group meetings together with the continuing support of donors. These forecasts indicate that the Company has sufficient cash reserves to meet its obligations as they fall due for the period of 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Accordingly, the Trustees have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Depreciation Policy

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the Charity is made at annual rates calculated to spread the cost (less anticipated residual disposal value) of each asset evenly over its expected life. The depreciation rate currently in use for Furniture and Fittings is 20% on cost.

Funds Accounting

Restricted Funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors. Any expenditure incurred on a specific project in excess of restricted funds available will be treated as expenditure sourced from Unrestricted Funds.

Unrestricted Funds are Accumulated Funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in

furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

Income

Income, including any related Gift Aid, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either, the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these financial statements.

Expenditure and Allocation of Costs

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, including any irrecoverable VAT, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the fees of the Independent Examiner and costs linked to

the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on the basis of actual costs incurred on a particular activity, thereby reflecting the use of the resource.

Public Benefit

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Pensions

Employees of the charity are entitled to join a defined contribution 'money purchase' scheme. The charity contribution is restricted to the contributions disclosed in note 9. There were no outstanding contributions at the year-end. The costs of the defined contribution scheme are included with the associated staff costs and allocated therefore to raising funds, charitable activities, support and governance costs and charged to the restricted / unrestricted funds of the charity

Operating Leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

2. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration, directly or indirectly out of funds of the Charity, was paid or payable for the period to any Trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses have been reimbursed to any Trustee (2022 £Nil).

The Charity has put in place Trustee Indemnity insurance as part of its overall indemnity insurance provision, with an annual premium of approximately £100.

3. Taxation

As a registered charity, Dyscover Limited is exempt from tax on its charitable activities. No tax charges have arisen in the current or previous year.

4. Analysis of Expenditure

Year to 31.03.22

	Generating Funds £	Charitable Activities		Total £	Total £
		Unrestricted £	Restricted £		
Cost of Fundraising Events	3,730	0	0	3,730	1,381
Personnel Costs	11,600	103,333	61,580	176,513	148,166
Premises Costs	0	28,088	0	28,088	27,147
Staff and Volunteer Training	0	282	0	282	0
Staff and Volunteer Expenses	0	994	14	1,008	643
Outings and Other Activities	0	0	4,060	4,060	4,114
Stationery, Postage etc.	0	2,894	1,500	4,394	3,412
Telephone	0	1,527	0	1,527	3,215
Refreshments	0	68	0	68	120
Publicity	0	0	3,600	3,600	0
Depreciation (see Note 1)	0	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees	0	882	0	882	317
Insurance	0	700	0	700	970
Information Technology Expenses	0	6,920	5,303	12,223	24,401
Professional Fees	785	1,634	400	2,819	5,467
Independent Examiner's Fee	0	2,000	0	2,000	1,850
Office & Recruitment Expenses	0	67	823	890	2,173
TOTAL	16,115	149,389	77,280	*242,784	*223,376

*Governance Costs of £5,263 (YE2022: £4,014) are included within Total Resources Expended

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furnishings & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Gross Book Value			
At 01.04.2022	32,958	37,237	70,195
Additions in Year	0	0	0
At 31.03.2023	32,958	37,237	70,195
Depreciation			
At 01.04.2022	32,958	37,237	70,195
Charge for the Year	0	0	0
At 31.03.2023	32,958	37,237	70,195
Net Book Value			
At 31.03.2023	0	0	0
At 31.03.2022	0	0	0

6. Fund Movements Reports ~ Current Reporting Period

Balance 01.04.2022 £	Fund	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.2023 £
Unrestricted Funds					
98,451	General	193,494	165,504	(15,009)	111,432
98,451	Totals for Unrestricted Funds	193,494	165,504	(15,009)	111,432
Restricted Funds					
3,358	Primary Progressive Aphasia	8,500	10,379	4,575	6,054
20	Garden Project	0	0	0	20
3,919	Website Upgrade	0	3,115	0	804
15,000	Development – Childwick Trust	0	15,000	0	0
5,000	Development – Helen Hamlyn Trust	0	5,000	0	0
0	Development – Tavistock Trust	20,000	20,000	0	0
0	Kingston Support – London Catalyst	3,000	3,000	0	0
0	Members Activities	950	4,075	5,016	1,891
0	Irish Heart Foundation	0	5,231	5,684	453
0	Programme Support – Woodroffe Benton	1,000	1,000	0	0
0	Volunteer Support – Awards for All	9,961	8,608	0	1,353
0	Member Support – Skerritts	800	0	(266)	534
0	Programme Support – Active Surrey	4,640	1,872	0	2,768
27,297	Totals for Restricted Funds	48,851	77,280	15,009	13,877
125,748	TOTALS FOR ALL FUNDS	242,345	242,784	0	125,309

All restricted fund income is from grants. Net unrestricted income is £178,485 after transfers of £15,009 of members fees to restricted fund activity and includes £28,250 from grants, the remainder being from donations, fundraising events, and fees & interest.

Previous Reporting Period

Balance 01.04.2021 £	Fund	Income £	Expenses £	Transfers £	Balance 31.03.2022 £
Unrestricted Funds					
119,827	General	162,563	179,286	(4,653)	98,451
119,827	Totals for Unrestricted Funds	162,563	179,286	(4,653)	98,451
Restricted Funds					
4,647	Primary Progressive Aphasia	0	1,789	500	3,358
530	Conversation Partners	0	730	200	0
1,660	Learning to Live with Aphasia	0	1,660	0	0
0	Kingston Support – City Bridge	5,400	5,400	0	0
114	Milton Keynes Group	0	114	0	0
113	Cranleigh Group	0	113	0	0
35	Garden	0	15	0	20
0	Members Activities	620	2,084	1,464	0
265	Talk	0	265	0	0
0	Remote Group	2,228	2,468	240	0
0	Awards for All	9,625	9,625	0	0
0	Programme Support	5,148	7,397	2,249	0
0	St James Place Foundation (SLTs)	2,430	2,430	0	0
0	Website Upgrade	3,919	0	0	3,919
0	IT Upgrade – Anton Jurgens	3,000	3,000	0	0
0	IT Upgrade – Clothworkers	7,000	7,000	0	0
0	Development – Childwick	15,000	0	0	15,000
0	Development – Helen Hamlyn	5,000	0	0	5,000
7,364	Totals for Restricted Funds	59,370	44,090	4,653	27,297
127,191	TOTALS FOR ALL FUNDS	221,933	223,376	0	125,748

All restricted fund income is from grants. Net unrestricted income is £157,910 after transfers of £4,653 of members fees to restricted fund activity, and includes £21,275 from grants, the remainder being from donations, fundraising events, and fees & interest.

7. Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and Deferred Income	29,814	25,741

8. Commitments

At 31st March 2023 the company had a total rent commitment under a non-cancellable operating lease of £10,800 on the premises at Leatherhead Court (YE2022: £10,800).

9. Analysis of Employed Staff Costs

Included within Personnel Costs are employed staff costs as follows:	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and Wages	163,349	134,453
Social Security Costs	6,270	4,818
Pension Costs (defined contribution)	3,054	2,473
TOTAL EMPLOYED STAFF COSTS	172,673	141,744

The average headcount of staff employed during the year was 11. (YE2022 Average: 9). All staff are employed on a part time basis. No staff were paid a salary of £60,000 or more per annum. (YE2022 : Nil).

10. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year. (YE2022 : Nil).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dyscover Limited 'the Company'

I report on the accounts of the Company for the Year Ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 15.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Edward Moynihan

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Date:	19th September 2023

Reference and Administration Details

Dyscover is an independent Registered Charity (Number 1099432) originally established in 1995 as a Charitable Trust. The Charity was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 30th June 2003. Registered Company number 04814618.

The names of the Trustees are as follows:

John Woollatt	Chair
Stuart Knee FCA	Treasurer
Achim Vogt	Company Secretary
Wendela Elsen	(Resigned 03.11.2022)
Mike McCartney	(Resigned 03.11.2022)
Rosa Dennis MRCSLT	
Simone Page	
Barry McIlroy	(Appointed 28.11.2022)
Roger Young	(Appointed 07.02.2023)
John Flower	(Appointed 07.02.2023)

No Trustee has any beneficial interest in the Company. All Trustees are Directors of the Company and guarantee to contribute £10 each in the event of winding up. In accordance with the Articles of Association one third of all Directors will retire at every Annual General Meeting by rotation according to length of service. They are deemed to be Trustees of the Charity in accordance with the Articles of Association.

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- Become a volunteer
- Make a donation
- Become a Dyscover Champion and support core costs through regular giving
- Organise an event or sponsored challenge
- Join our Top Draw Club
- Nominate us as Charity of the Year to your employer, club or society
- Leave us a gift in your Will

Making a donation to Dyscover

Please go to the Charities Aid Foundation secure site to make an online donation using your credit or debit card. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/552> If you are a UK tax payer you may wish to use Gift Aid to help us gain the most from your donation.

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As a recipient of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, Dyscover placed flowers in memory of Her Majesty in Green Park.

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