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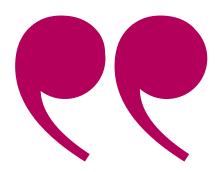
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Foreword

I'd like to begin by thanking our outgoing Chair of Trustees, Chris Booth-Mayblin for all the brilliant work she has done in this role. As I read through the last annual report, it struck me that whilst a lot has changed, many things remain the same. In that report, Chris talked about Covid in her Foreword. I wish I could write this by reflecting on Covid as something that had passed, celebrating the fact that we had returned to normality. However, we are now in a whirlwind of boosters and the next couple of months look quite uncertain. This, it appears, is our 'new normal'.

Nevertheless, over the last 12 months the world has kept on turning and so has Sheffield Mencap & Gateway.

Whilst many of our projects sprung back to life in person, we made many adjustments to provision. And this is what makes our organisation so wonderful; as other charities had to stop delivering services, scale back and at worse, close, we carried on in a Covid-secure way.

This was in no small way thanks to our amazing team and we owe a debt of gratitude to the senior managers and staff team to whom it is and always will be more than a job. Members are friends, and come rain or shine, with or without lockdown restrictions, provision has been delivered in whatever way possible.

I don't think I can communicate in words alone how proud this makes the Trustee Board.

This past year has not been without its achievements. As we marked 70 years of Sheffield Mencap & Gateway, we embarked on a year of reflection, fundraising and excitement to commemorate this outstanding organisation. From sponsored silences, running and walking miles, to creating a fabulous book of stories about our members.

We have become the 'go to' expert organisation for health projects centred around people with a learning disability and their families in the city, and we're seeing statutory health services keen to partner with us to pilot new initiatives. We expanded our healthy lifestyle work to include weight management for adults – the Live Lighter programme – and are looking to expand our sports offer over the next 12 months.

And, whilst recognising that making changes to our teams and services is unsettling for those involved, we have reorganised some of our children's and other services to meet demand and the needs of our funders, and to make them more sustainable.

This is all worthy of recognition in any given year. As many charities still face uncertain times and look to rebuild, we remain a thriving organisation. We have welcomed new trustees and again thank Chris and other members of the Board who depart, safe in the knowledge that our organisation remains a safe and reliable space for our members for now and years to come.

Many thanks to all that make this happen,

Natalie Cosgrove, Chair of Trustees



Celebrating 70 Years

In 1951, the parents of children with learning disabilities founded Sheffield Mencap & Gateway. At that time, their children had no services to go to, weren't even entitled to an education and had no chance or opportunity for a fair quality of life or to achieve the things they deserve. 70 years on and Sheffield Mencap & Gateway still exists to give people with learning disabilities a better life.

This year we have celebrated our 70th Anniversary, and in a year when large gatherings and events were not feasible due to the pandemic, we have found creative and fun ways to mark the occasion and to fundraise.

Fundraising

This includes our year-long 'Sponsor me for 70' challenge, which our members, their families, our staff, volunteers, and supporters have got involved in. Participants chose a '70 themed' challenge personal to them, ranging from telling a joke a day for 70 days, walking 70km in 7 days, and singing a 70-song medley live on Facebook. Sponsorship of their efforts has raised almost £10,000 to date, with more challenges due to take place in the new year. You can see some of the challengers on the next page, well done to everyone!

Our Jubilee Draw was launched this year and with 27 people signed up to the monthly lottery, we have raised £635 so far and we look forward to seeing this grow next year.

Ten Stories

To mark this important milestone, we didn't want to just write a history of Sheffield Mencap & Gateway. Instead, we have tried to capture 70 years in the words of our members and their families, in a dedicated book called 'Ten Stories'.

This features a collection of stories written from interviews with our members, their families, and carers, speaking about their memories and the impact that our charity has had on their lives over the years.



We hope that Ten Stories shows that with the right support, people of all ages with learning disabilities can achieve everything they deserve.















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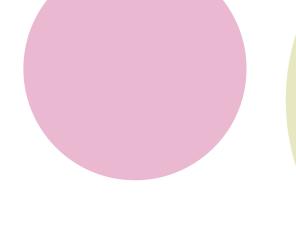
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SHEFFIELD MENCAP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Income from:	YEAR END 31 MAR 21 TOTAL £	YEAR END 31 MAR 20 TOTAL £
Donations, legacies & similar income	401,895	123,960
Charitable activities	702,766	762,804
Other trading activities	4,500	10,980
Investment income Total income	<u>4</u> 1,109,165	
Expenditure on:		
Fund-raising	15,681	46,822
Charitable activities: Social activities & projects Training & support projects Governance Total expenditure	210,207 655,214 11,226 892,328	193,475 641,303 13,468 895,068
Net income / (expenditure) for the year Transfer between funds	216,837 	2,676
Net movement in funds	216,837	2,676
Total funds brought forward Total funds carried forward	549,073 765,910	546,397 549,073



SHEFFIELD MENCAP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	31 MAR 21	31 MAR 20
	££	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	171,282	180,539
Investments	250	250
	171,532	180,789
Current Assets		
Stock	620	689
Debtors and prepayments	121,654	84,143
Cash at bank and in hand	512,906	328,126
	635,180	412,958
Creditors:		
Amounts falling due within one year	40,802	44,674
Net current assets	594,378	368,284
Net assets	765,910	549,073
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Total funds	<u>765,910</u>	549,073



Thank you...

...to our sponsors & funders. Every single one of the organisations listed enables us to continue with our work, providing crucial support to children and adults with learning disabilities in Sheffield, and their families.

The Blakemore Foundation

Middlesex Sports Foundation

Trelix Charitable Trust

H M Burdall Charity

Sir Jules Thorn Trust

The Steven Bloch Image of Disability Charitable Trust

Children in Need

Souter Charitable Trust

The Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust

The Evan Cornish Foundation

Barbara A Shuttleworth Memorial Trust

The Combined Cutlers Company Charitable Trust

The Housley Bequest Limited

The Dorothy Pamela Smith CIO

The South Yorkshire Community Foundation

The James Wise Charitable Trust

The Art's Council

Lloyds Foundation

Bernard Sunley Foundation

Marjorie Coote Old People's Charity

Awards for All- National Lottery

May Hearnshaw Charitable Trust

The Clothworkers Foundation

JG Graves Charitable Trust

Freshgate Trust Foundation

Barnabas Charitable Trust

Sheffield Town Trust

The Hedley Foundation

Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust

Queen Victoria and Johnson Memorial Trust

Trustees of Elsie Lawrence deceased

Coop Carriers for Causes

Swann-Morton Foundation

Beatrice Laing Trust-Laing Family Trusts

Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust





A word from our CEO...

As we celebrate 70 years of Sheffield Mencap & Gateway this year, we remember the founding families who wanted their children to have the best lives possible. We aspire to be true to their legacy in everything we do as an organisation. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone on our staff team who works tirelessly and with such dedication and commitment to help make this happen. You are truly a very special bunch. I would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers – without you, we wouldn't be able to do any of what we do.



We're also very grateful to everyone who has taken part in the 70th Anniversary challenges and/or joined our Jubilee Draw, raising money for our organisation along the way. Thanks too to each of our wonderful families who generously shared your stories with us and for telling us what Sheffield Mencap means to you. We've put your stories and gorgeous photos into a book called Ten Stories, which will be a really lovely memento of this very special anniversary year.





The next year will continue to be a challenge for us as cases of Covid remain high and new variants develop, but we will stay vigilant and try our very best to keep everyone safe.

Demand for our services is growing and so we will be offering some of them in the community, as well as at Norfolk Lodge. Our focus is always to continue to develop and expand our organisation to meet the needs of those families who use our services.

With this mind, we will be commissioning a 360-degree review of our organisation and will listen to what people say about us as we develop our new business plan next year.

We owe it to those founding families of 70 years ago to ensure that Sheffield Mencap & Gateway remains financially stable and able to respond to the needs of the families we support now, as well as all the families who will need us in the future. Please continue to support us now and in the years to come.

Thank you so much.

Janet Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer





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