

SCOTTISH DYSLLEXIA ASSOCIATION

**Annual Accounts to
6th January 1998**

Chairman's Report



Scottish Dyslexia Association

Balance Sheet As At 6th January 1998

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash In Hand	£26
Cash At Bank	£3,648

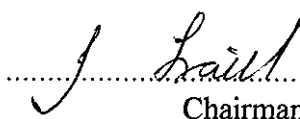
	£3,675

GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	£18,454
Deficit For Year	£14,779

	£3,675

- i. For the year ended 6th January 1998 the company was entitled to the exemption under sub-section (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985.
- ii. No notice from members requiring an audit, has been deposited under section 249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- iii.. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:-
 - a) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221, and;
 - b) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.
- iv. In preparing these accounts the directors have relied upon the exemptions of individual accounts provided by section 246 and they have done so on the grounds that the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.


Chairman

Date		Description		Amount	
1911	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	
1912	Jan 1	Balance		100.00	
	Feb 1	Interest		5.00	
	Mar 1	Interest		5.00	
	Apr 1	Interest		5.00	
	May 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jun 1	Interest		5.00	
	Jul 1	Interest		5.00	
	Aug 1	Interest		5.00	
	Sep 1	Interest		5.00	
	Oct 1	Interest		5.00	
	Nov 1	Interest		5.00	
	Dec 1	Interest		5.00	

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My first year as Chairman of the Scottish Dyslexia Association has passed very quickly. Throughout the year there has been a steady increase in the work of the Association and this has been dealt with by our efficient and dedicated staff and volunteers and I would like to pay tribute to all those involved. There is a tremendous team spirit in the Office with everyone helping each other when necessary.

Local Branches

Until last month there were 14 branches but unfortunately due to the retirement of Mrs Gill Thomson and other circumstances the Edinburgh and South East Branch has had to close. It is hoped that a new branch will be formed very quickly. The good news is that a new branch has been established in Fort William and a new support group has been formed in Stranraer.

I have been impressed by the great work carried out by the local branches. Through the work of our full time efficient Office Administrator - Sharon Duncan and the other staff members we have tried to support these branches. We continue to produce and distribute a wide variety of information leaflets, disseminate any new information and sell books at discounted prices. We promote the membership of branches and Sharon produces a twice yearly magazine for the members. Our Resource Centre is available to every member and we have offered, if we can, to take the resources from the Centre to wherever there is a need.

Occasionally some of the branches have cash flow problems and we have looked favourably at requests for financial support.

Friends Of S.D.A.

We have introduced a new type of membership this year. It is specifically for those people who are interested in the work of our Association but who do not wish to or are not able to become full members of a local branch.

Raising Public Awareness and Teaching

This year, along with her many other duties, our Development Officer, Janice McGregor, successfully organised a week long tour with the Readiscovery Book Bus which took us from Peterhead to Oban with stops at Macduff, Elgin, Grantown on Spey and Fort William. Following the tour, there was a marked increase in the number of phone calls to the Office by people looking for further advice. There was also an increase in book orders. Janice is already planning another tour for this year taking us to seven centres.

Throughout the year, our industrious Field Officer, Jan McGregor, has been able to promote awareness of dyslexia by speaking at a variety of conferences and events which involved the prison workers in Perth, adult education workers, nursery school students, further education units, adult basic education tutors, parents' groups etc. She attended conferences in Edinburgh and Glasgow where she was able to display books, information etc.

Jan's work also involved teaching students at Bell College. These students were following a Study Skills type course over a 6 week period and this will continue with new students in the future.

At the end of this month we are visiting Mid Argyll and Kintyre with our resources on a 3 day "Roadshow" event and this is being organised by Jan.

Last September I was invited to attend Radio Scotland's "Now You Are Talking" broadcast with Karen Clarke and spoke again on local radio in Fort William during our Book Bus tour.

Helping those who are dyslexic.

In her Annual Report last year, the Chairman, Sheila Airth, mentioned the increase in the number of adults who were seeking help. This trend has continued. We decided to embark on some Market Research to discover the number of adults who were seeking help and the kind of help they required. This work is on-going.

I have also taken initial steps and advice on the suitability of video conferencing as a means of tutoring adults who are seeking help but who are unable to access qualified tutors.

Screening tests for adults and children are now available in the Resource Centre.

Last month Richard Lamplugh, Chairman of the Aberdeen Dyslexia Association and I were invited to attend a meeting at the Home Office in London organised by the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. The topic being discussed was "Dyslexia and Exclusions from School resulting in Young Offenders."

When we were in London we took the opportunity to visit the Adult Dyslexia Organisation and met Donald Schloss and a psychologist, Melanie Jamieson who works closely with him. He is hoping to arrange a conference in Scotland in partnership with the S.D.A. for Dyslexic Adults.

I participated in the last meeting of the Scottish Dyslexia Forum. Following the discussion on local education authorities' policies or lack of policies on dyslexia, questionnaires were sent to all authorities and the results will be discussed at a meeting next week.

During the year I also met with some of the trustees of the Scottish Dyslexia Trust on 2 separate occasions to discuss current issues.

Financial Support

In order to increase our efficiency, a sub-committee was set up to deal with finance and fundraising.

We were fortunate and very grateful to be granted Scottish Office funding which was awarded for administration purposes. Once again we are also deeply indebted to all the others who donated money. Without their support we would not be able to continue with all of the above work.

At the office we have raised money with the production and sale of Christmas Cards and Calendars. I took part in a sponsored walk while Sheila Airth organised a ceilidh. Her innovative idea for last year's calendar won an award at the Institute of Fundraising Managers' Conference in Glasgow.

This year Jan is organising a Grand Ceilidh Ball at Stirling Castle in September. She is being helped by the other members of staff.

All of our finances are expertly handled by our capable treasurer, Bill Bannerman. Our thanks goes to him too.

A Final Word

My first year as Chairman has been busy, interesting and quite a new learning experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed myself. The official opening of our Resource Centre by Mr Brian Wilson, M.P. for Education and Industry in Scotland, today is a great step forward. I would like to acknowledge the vision which Sheila Airth had and the work she and all the others did in setting up this Centre. I do believe that with the very broad spectrum of books, teaching resources, etc the Centre must be unique in Scotland and a wonderful asset to all.



Mrs Jean Traill
Chairman
Scottish Dyslexia Association

9th May 1998