

CDASG Annual Report 2007—2008

During 2007—2008 CDASG held:

- 6th October 2007 Winter Conference – Understanding and supporting individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Education Village, Darlington.
- Speakers: Helen Geldard, Liz Ann Davidson, Lynne Moxon, Ian Geldard, Chris Mitchell.
- 137 people attended
- Feedback from the conference was good the only criticism was of the venue

•CDASG also held:

- Pool Parties at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.
- 28th April 2007
- 23th June 2007
- 29th September 2007
- 26th November 2007
- 26th January 2008
- Attendance at these pool parties was between 60 - 85 individuals
- Our Soft play evenings were a huge success. Sadly Mr Twisters closed in December and we will have to look for a new venue. Those we have contacted so far do not want to hire the venue exclusively to us.
- Soft play evenings Mr Twisters - Feb, March, May, June, July, Sept. Nov. and Jan.
- Halloween Party Mr Twisters
- Soft Play Christmas Party Mr Twisters
- Monthly Support Group Meetings at the Education Village in Darlington, CDC at Annfield Plain
- Diggerland Evening Sunday 1st July was attended by over 100 people and again was a great success.
- Attendance at our Hamsterley Forest Fun Day & Annual Sponsored Walk 2nd September was the least it had ever been with only four family turning up. However we still managed to raise £309.50
- Race Night 12th November was also very poorly attended. We still raised £288. CDASG would like to say thanks to Chris & Suzanna Thwaites who organised the night and to Debbie Gibson for her donation to the raffle.

•Other activities:

- Rock climbing – 11th April, 16th May, 13th June
- Soft Play at Darlington Dolphin Centre 18th June—this soft play night was fairly well attended but the next one attracted only two families and was cancelled.
- CDASG Blackpool Trip on Sunday 21st October—we took two buses picking up at

Durham, Spennymoor and Darlington. The day was enjoyed by all and for once it didn't rain in Blackpool!

Facts about CDASG:

- CDASG membership is 273 - March 2008
- Our phone line is 01388 819880
- We continue to provide ongoing training to all agencies
- We run a group Library for members
- Our web site is continually updated with all our activities. – www.cdasg.org.uk
- 98 members of CDASG now receive newsletters by e-mail
- All our application forms and group info can be downloaded thanks to Paul Geldard who runs our web site

Our Committee 2007 - 2008:

Beverley Harkin – Chair
Helen Geldard – Co-ordinator
Anne Boynton – Treasurer
Nick Boynton
Gill Robson
Paul Geldard
Debra Barley
Tina Nichol
Marsha Dolan
Angela Radigan
Chris Thwaites

Plans for 2008 – Family Events

- Monthly Soft Play evenings – venue TBA
- Pool Parties
- The Deep May 25th
- Diggerland 22nd June
- Annual Sponsored Walk & Fun Day
- And others TBA
- CDASG Winter Conference October 2008 - To be held in Durham County Hall – date to be finalised

Special Thanks

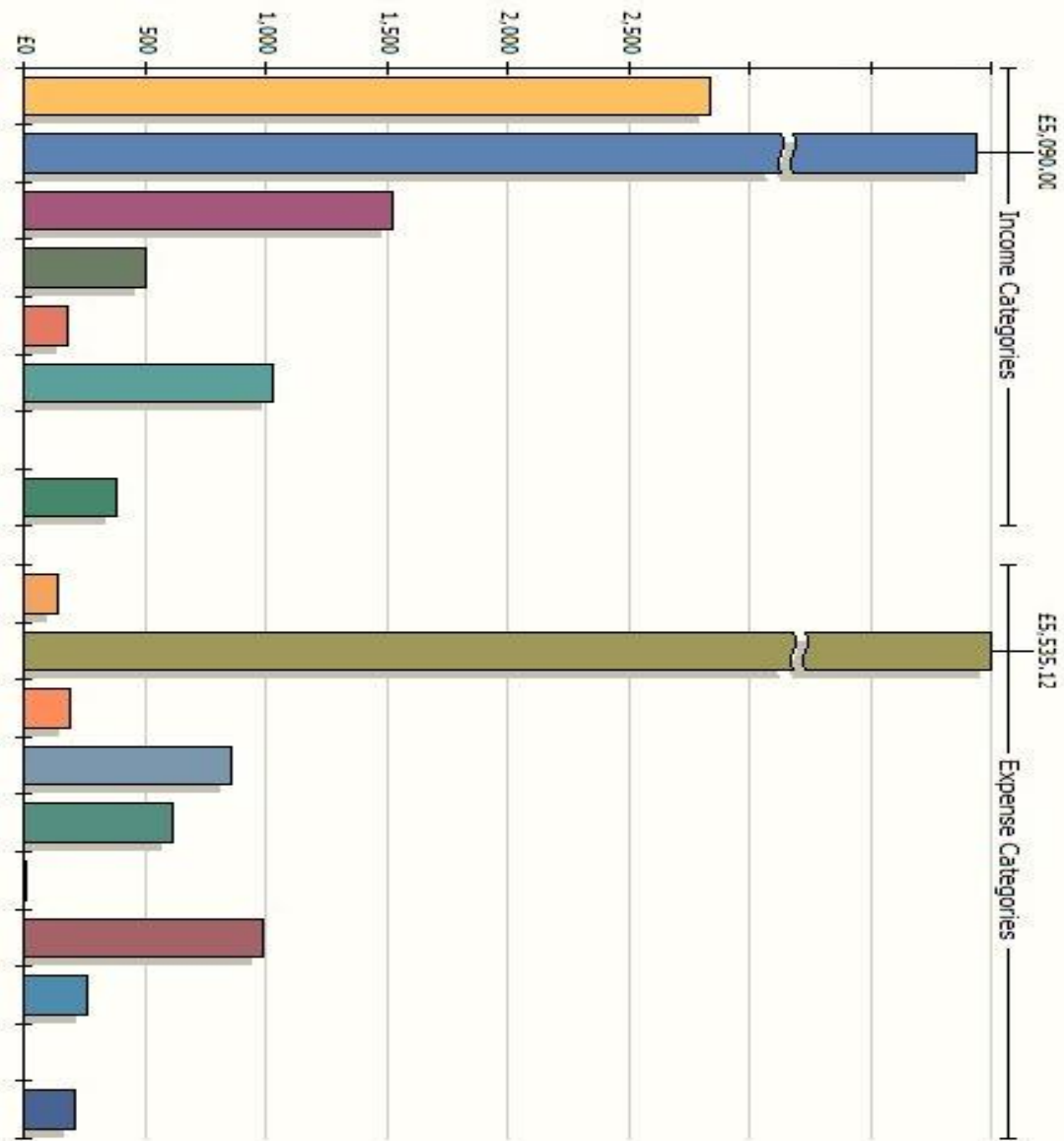
Our thanks also go out to:

- Kathryn Robinson for applying for funding for CDASG events through Glaxo. CDASG received a grant of £2000.
- Lynn Beddard for running the Great North Run and raising £122.

Thank you to all our members for their help and support.

Income and Spending

Between 01/03/2007 and 01/03/2008



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Category	Total
Income Categories	
Charitable Donations In	2,846.50
Conference fees	5,090.00
Family Event	1,534.00
Fund Raising	507.50
Investment Income	184.39
Membership Fees	1,040.00
Other Income	3.50
Pool Party Fees	384.00
Total Income Categories	11,589.89
Expense Categories	
Bills	146.77
Charitable aims	5,535.12
Insurance	195.00
Miscellaneous	863.78
Postage	619.06
Refund	15.00
Stationary	998.92
Training	267.24
Transport	7.90
Website	220.82
Total Expense Categories	8,869.61
Grand Total	2,720.28