

Company Number: 5184164  
Charity Number: 1107350

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**  
**FOR**  
**AUTISTICA**  
**(FORMERLY AUTISM SPEAKS)**

# AUTISTICA

## CONTENTS OF THE REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Page
Reference and Administrative Information	1 - 2
Trustees' Report	3 - 8
Chair's Report	9 - 10
Chief Executive Officer's Report	11-16
Independent Auditor's Report	17-18
 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
Statement of Financial Activities	19
Balance Sheet	20
Cash Flow Statement	21
Notes to the Financial Statements	22-30

## AUTISTICA

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### CHARITY NAME:

Autistica (name changed from Autism Speaks on 21 December 2009)

#### OFFICERS and TRUSTEES:

##### TRUSTEE DIRECTORS:

Winston Fletcher (Chair)  
Peter Johns <sup>1</sup>  
Dame Bridget Ogilvie  
Dr. Ann Olivarius <sup>1</sup>  
Dr. Ian Ragan  
Gordon Smillie <sup>1</sup>  
Clare Thompson (Treasurer)

##### ADVISER TO THE BOARD ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER:

Dr Danny Beath

##### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Winston Fletcher, Chair  
Christine, Lady Bett (resigned during year)  
Josephine, Lady Bonfield  
Mrs Elizabeth Corob (resigned during year)<sup>1</sup>  
Ken Giles<sup>1</sup>  
Helene Kydd  
Hugh Merrill CVO  
Gordon Smillie (transferred to Trustee Board on 1.12.2009) <sup>1</sup>  
Elizabeth, The Lady Vallance

The committee was dissolved at the end of 2009 and its members offered a new role as vice presidents of the charity with effect from 1 January 2010. Vice presidents are now the following:

##### VICE PRESIDENTS

Jane Asher  
Elizabeth, Lady Astor<sup>1</sup>  
Sir Christopher Ball<sup>1</sup>  
Angie Barrow<sup>1</sup>  
Christine, Lady Bett  
Josephine, Lady Bonfield  
Ken Giles<sup>1</sup>  
Hugh Merrill CVO  
Elizabeth, The Lady Vallance  
Dr Zenobia Sharma<sup>1</sup>

##### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Hilary Gilfoy

<sup>1</sup> indicates family link with autism spectrum disorders

**AUTISTICA**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**REGISTERED OFFICE and  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Rotherfield House  
7 Fairmile  
Henley-on-Thames  
Oxfordshire  
RG9 2JR

**COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER:**

5184164 (England and Wales)

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER:**

1107350

**AUDITORS:**

Frank Hirth & Co LLP  
1st Floor  
236 Gray's Inn Road  
London WC1X 8HL

**SOLICITORS:**

Withers LLP  
16 Old Bailey  
London EC4M 7EG

**COMMERCIAL SOLICITORS**

Watson Burton LLP  
Floor 29, 30 St Mary Axe  
London  
EC3A 8BF

**BANKERS:**

National Westminster Bank plc  
18 Market Place  
Henley-on-Thames  
RG9 2AP

## **AUTISTICA**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 December 2009. The Reference and Administrative information set out on pages 1 and 2 forms part of this report. The trustees' report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2003 and Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities revised 2005.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT**

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and it was incorporated on 20 July 2004, becoming a registered charity on 20 December 2004. Its governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The members of the charity are its directors from time to time. The members are prohibited from sharing in the assets or profits of the charity.

#### **OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The objects of the charity are twofold:

- To promote, facilitate and support research into the causes, treatment and prevention of autism
- To disseminate, exchange and develop information and ideas on the causes, treatment and prevention of autism.

For these purposes autism includes autistic disorder, pervasive developmental disorder (not otherwise specified), Asperger's Syndrome and related developmental disabilities.

In order to fulfil its objects the charity raises funds for autism research, makes grants to accredited autism researchers and disseminates information about autism and the findings of autism research. The research funded by Autistica has the potential over time to significantly reduce the impact of autism on those with autism spectrum disorders, and through the amelioration of symptoms on their families and carers. In the long term through reducing the large economic and social burden that results from the high level of care needed by those with autism spectrum disorders the value of the work funded by Autistica may ultimately be felt by society as a whole. Since autism does not discriminate by race or social class the benefits of autism research are available to all irrespective of income.

Autistica is committed to facilitating research that will uncover the causes of autism, improve diagnosis and accelerate more effective interventions and treatments. Our aim is to ensure that increased understanding and new scientific knowledge will improve the quality of life for all those living with autism. We are committed to researching all biomedical aspects of autism and we invite researchers to submit grant proposals covering a wide range of ideas. All grant applications are subjected to external peer review and only those that meet our stringent criteria for quality, robustness and innovation are funded. The charity's scientific priorities are set out in its science strategy, published in September 2009.

## AUTISTICA

### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

The charity has complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

#### TRUSTEES

All trustees are also directors of the charitable company and throughout this report and the accompanying financial statements the term trustee refers to a trustee/director of the company. This report represents the directors' report required by S417 of The Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acting during the year were:

Winston Fletcher, Chair	Appointed 1.1.2009
Ken Giles	Resigned 15.9.2009
Peter Johns	Appointed 1.12.2009
Prof Walter Muir	Died 1.9.2009
Dame Bridget Ogilvie	
Dr Ann Olivarius	Reappointed 29.10.2009
Dr Ian Ragan	Reappointed 29.10.2009
Gordon Smillie	Appointed 1.12.2009
Clare Thompson, Treasurer	Reappointed 29.10.2009
Rt Hon Baroness Uddin	Resigned 3.7.2009

It is with deep regret that the trustees report the sudden death of Professor Walter Muir on 1 September 2009, during the first year of his second term of appointment as trustee. His deep knowledge of autism, illuminated by both research and clinical practice, and his great compassion for those affected underpinned his highly valued contribution to the board. By contrast, it is with pleasure that the trustees report the appointments of Peter Johns, who previously served as a trustee of the charity between 2005 and 2006, and Gordon Smillie, who was previously a member of the charity's Development Committee, as new trustees on 1 December 2009.

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 i.e. new directors may be appointed by the members of the company. The trustees are the members of the charitable company.

The articles provide that trustees shall retire at the third Annual General Meeting following their appointment and may offer themselves for re-election for one further term of three years. Trustees Dr Ann Olivarius, Dr Ian Ragan and Clare Thompson were reappointed on this basis at the AGM held on 29 October 2009. No trustee shall be eligible for re-election after a second term unless at least one year shall have elapsed since their last term.

The charity has developed a trustee induction and training programme that will familiarise new and recently-recruited trustees with their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the decision-making processes, the business plan and recent performance of the charity. The charity is fortunate that most of its existing trustees have experience of trustee duties in other charities as well.

The charity purchased trustees' indemnity insurance cover at a premium of £2,489 (2008: £1,881).

## **AUTISTICA**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

#### **ORGANISATION AND DECISION MAKING**

The trustees meet formally four times per year to review progress, set the strategic direction and take strategic decisions. Individual trustees advise and are consulted on other matters during the year when appropriate according to their particular area of expertise. Day to day matters are dealt with by the charity's staff under the control of the chief executive officer, who is responsible for submitting a draft business plan and budget to the trustees each year that sets out how the strategic and financial objectives of the charity will be met, and for reporting quarterly to the board on progress against this.

During 2009 there was one active sub-committee of the board, the Development Committee. The Development Committee had formal terms of reference relating to the achievement of fundraising objectives and two trustees sat on the Development Committee and reported to the board on its progress. This committee was dissolved at the end of 2009 when both the committee itself and the trustee board concluded that its aims could be met more effectively through the appointment of a larger number of vice presidents to promote the interests and success of the charity.

#### **MAJOR RISKS**

The trustees formally consider the major risks faced by the charity as part of a risk management strategy that comprises:

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the review
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The charity has identified a number of key risks this year including those relating to the economic downturn and is taking steps to ensure that these are monitored closely and effective mitigating action taken.

#### **RESERVES AND INVESTMENT POLICIES**

In October 2007 the trustees approved the charity's first formal reserves policy. Given the further support to the charity's core costs ensured by the decision of the trustees of The Shirley Foundation to grant Autistica up to £1.5m over the five years to 2012, it was agreed that the charity would set aside as reserves each year sufficient funds to allow it to meet its core costs and outstanding obligations for some three months once support from The Shirley Foundation ends.

At the same time the trustees considered whether a formal investment policy was now necessary. It was agreed that until the charity had begun the process of building reserves and/or accumulating larger pools of restricted research funds such a policy was unnecessary. Both these policies were formally reviewed and reconfirmed during 2009, and the charity's funds therefore continue to be held in interest bearing current and deposit accounts.

## **AUTISTICA**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the charitable company during 2009 was raising funds to promote its objects and making grants for autism research. A detailed review of the activities for the period is given in the chief executive's report starting on page 11.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

The charity bases its activities on a three-year rolling business plan that is updated annually. The current plan covering the period 2010-12 advances the charity's overall purpose through a programme focused on:

- Raising awareness of autism and the need for research
- Fundraising for research
- Engaging those affected by autism in promoting and participating in research
- Influencing government policy on autism research
- Lobbying for better research funding from public and private sources
- Working with the UK research community to promote and implement Autistica's science strategy
- International collaboration and activities.

In order to ensure that it remains a highly strategic and tightly focused organisation, Autistica concentrates its energies on those activities that produce a high return on investment.

#### **RELATED PARTIES AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Dame Stephanie Shirley, the charity's president and previous founder chair (retired 2008), is the chair of trustees of The Shirley Foundation, a charitable company. The Foundation made grants of £300,000 to Autistica in 2009 and has committed an additional sum of up to £900,000 to Autistica over the period to 2012 to support its core costs and autism research.

All trustees make an annual declaration of interests. None has declared any conflict of interest.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The financial statements on pages 19 to 30 reflect the financial status of the charity at 31 December 2009 and of its results for the year. Monetary donations and Gifts in Kind, including money raised through fundraising activities amounted to £844,748 (compared with £1,287,720 in the year to 31 December 2008). The cost of raising voluntary income was £262,859 (2008 = £333,066). Of the money raised £937,845 (2008 = £458,304) was spent on charitable activities as detailed in note 11 to the financial statements. The net outgoing resources for the year were £408,195 (2008 net incoming resources = £452,537) which gives overall funds carried forward of £155,239 (2008 = £563,434). The general reserve of unrestricted and undesignated funds at the year-end stands at £61,367 (2008 = £490,434). There were no significant post balance sheet events. Whilst unrestricted voluntary income was lower in 2009 than in 2008, the trustees do not attribute this to the effect of the recession. The 2008 figures were significantly influenced by two large 'one-off' contributions amounting to more than £300,000. Income from fundraising activities remained broadly similar in the two years on a

## **AUTISTICA**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

like-for-like basis.

At the end of 2008 the trustees reported that the charity had accumulated substantial volumes of both restricted and unrestricted funds during the year. It reported that the former were destined for research projects and programmes that either began or grew beyond previous levels of expenditure during 2009, and that the latter would be used to fund research at the trustees' discretion. Both forecasts proved accurate, with expenditure on autism research more than doubling in 2009 over 2008. Overall the charity committed nearly £1m to its charitable activities during 2009. In July 2009 Autistica issued its first open call for proposals (the first ever such call by an autism charity in the UK) for pilot projects in autism research. Particular aims of the call were firstly to encourage young researchers to put forward their own novel ideas, and secondly to tempt experienced researchers from other fields to turn their attention to autism. Both aims were achieved, with a total of 19 full proposals being received and the decision made to fund 4 of these at a total value of £279,501.

Having now effectively committed all previously raised funds the charity must now begin again the process of accumulating unrestricted funds to support future calls, alongside our continuing activities to raise restricted funds for identified projects that take forward the charity's science strategy.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its surplus or deficit for the period then ended. In preparing those 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;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in being.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with relevant legislation. They 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.

**AUTISTICA**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO AUDITORS**

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the trustees have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

**APPROVAL**

The Trustees' Report and Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees on 1 April 2010.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

  
Clare E Thompson

## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

#### **A Year of Change**

Last year I wrote my Report within weeks of taking over as chair from Dame Stephanie Shirley, our founder. At that time I knew little about autism, still less about the charity itself. Nonetheless my initial impressions of the charity were exceptionally positive. In that Report I wrote:

'On arrival I found a top-notch and highly motivated professional team, extremely well organised and focussed on its objectives. They are keen as mustard, and will be a joy to work with'.

During 2009 I have learned a fair amount about autism, and of course a lot about this charity. Happily, my initial impressions have been convincingly confirmed. Despite the fact that 2009 was a terrible recessionary year for the economy, as our financial data shows we stayed pretty well on course. In a climate when most organisations in the country – commercial and charitable alike – suffered sizeable setbacks, overall we came through on an even keel, and even managed to double our contributions to autism research. This highly creditable performance is entirely due to the abilities and efforts of our 'top-notch and highly motivated professional team'. They have indeed proved themselves keen as mustard, and have indeed been a joy to work with.

At the same time as we have grappled, like everyone else, with the tough economic situation, we have taken four major initiatives which we believe will put us in a strong position to move forward again when things begin to recover.

First and foremost, in the first half of 2009 we agreed with our American partners Autism Speaks to sever our formal agreement as of December 31 2009, though we will continue to collaborate with them whenever possible. Hilary Gilfoy provides the background to this decision in her Chief Executive's Report (page 11). For us this was a major strategic change. It meant setting up our own high-quality scientific peer review panel, it involved a great deal of time-consuming legal work, and it absorbed even more time re-branding ourselves. In this we were greatly aided by some of the UK's leading branding consultants, who generously gave their services without charge. However to achieve a complete re-branding in a few months - from a standing start - for everything from our envelopes to our website, was no mean achievement. All those involved in all aspects of the transition are to be hugely congratulated, and thanked. We are immodestly pleased with our new name and logo design, and especially pleased with our new strapline 'Science in the Service of Autism' – which very clearly defines the charity's mission, and brings me to our second key initiative last year.

Coming to autism from the outside I was literally bewildered by all the strands of biomedical research in progress, in the UK and throughout the world: I was utterly unable to see the wood for the trees. So the development of our Science Strategy, published in September 2009, has been a huge help to me personally in defining exactly how science can serve autism. But much more importantly the Science Strategy has helped the charity, and will continue to help the charity, explain to funders and to the public precisely what our aims and objectives are. Once again the development of this new strategy took up a great deal of time, but it has indisputably been worth it. As the Strategy clearly states:

The key scientific questions which Autistica believes must be addressed over the five years of this current strategy are:

What causes autism and how can we use that knowledge to ease the burden for families?

## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

What are the specific characteristics of autism that are amenable and relevant to treatment?

How can we improve early screening and diagnosis, and our understanding of how autism changes over time, in order to achieve timely and appropriate intervention?

Focusing tightly on these questions will, we are confident, help scientists make great strides forward, to the benefit of the entire autism community, in Britain and throughout the world.

This brings me to our third major initiative last year. In July 2009 we issued our first open call for proposals for pilot projects in autism research (the first ever such call by an autism charity). The aim was both to encourage young researchers to put forward their own innovative ideas, and to tempt experienced researchers from other fields to turn their attention to autism. Both aims were handsomely achieved, and we received a total of 19 full proposals. After peer review we selected 4 of these to fund, at a total value of £279,501. These important projects, together with other scientific researches we are now funding, have effectively committed all previously raised reserves. We must therefore now begin again the process of accumulating unrestricted funds to support future calls, alongside restricted funds for the identified projects that take forward our Science Strategy.

Our fourth important initiative was to set up a new body of 'Vice Presidents', who will act as ambassadors for Autistica and, naturally, help us in our fundraising activities. Most, but not all, of the Vice Presidents were previously members of our Development Committee, which did not seem to be making as much progress as had originally been hoped. Having explored the situation, we came to the conclusion that the Vice Presidents, acting individually, were likely to be more effective than they had been as a Committee. This change also took effect on January 1 2010, and so it is too early to assess its outcome – but it has been unequivocally welcomed by everyone involved.

Thus 2009 was an extremely busy – and I believe successful – year of change. But inevitably not everything ran smoothly. Regrettably, in a matter of a few months, the Trustee Board lost three of its members – Professor Walter Muir, Baroness Uddin and Ken Giles – all for different reasons. I am delighted to say that Ken Giles has remained with us as a VP, but the sudden death of Professor Muir has left the Board with an aching gap which will be immensely difficult to fill. Professor Muir, who was an inspirational supporter of the charity, was one of the world's outstanding autism scientists. Such remarkable people are all but impossible to replace. We plan to set up a memorial project in his honour.

To lose three Trustees so swiftly once again put strains on the organisation, but we have been exceptionally fortunate in being able to welcome to the Board two new Trustees who know the charity and have proved their ability to help us make progress. Peter Johns and Gordon Smillie joined us on December 1 2009, and are already making a real contribution to our work.

It only remains for me to thank wholeheartedly all the Trustees, Hilary Gilfoy and our top-notch team, together with our many supporters and volunteers, who have put in such an immense amount of work during the year. I am confident they will ensure Autistica continues to go from strength to strength in the support of autism research. I shall be proud to continue to help them.

**Winston Fletcher**



## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

#### **2009 – A YEAR OF CHANGE**

**2009 was a year of great change for Autistica, culminating most visibly in our change of name and mission at the end of the year – almost exactly on the fifth anniversary of our creation.**

For these first five years the charity was entirely focused on raising funds for and funding high quality, peer reviewed research into the causes and biological basis of autism. Originally linked to the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) in the United States, we then shared our name with American charity Autism Speaks after it merged with NAAR in 2006. These links were of particular value to us in our early years as it allowed us to draw upon the well-established peer review system of our US colleagues and to build upon an existing commitment to sponsor autism research in the UK.

However in line with our status as an independent organisation, it was always anticipated that as we grew we would need to develop these important capabilities ourselves, and this point was reached during 2009 when we issued our first open call for proposals and published our first five-year science strategy. It is also the case that an increasingly important role for Autism Speaks in the United States has been autism advocacy at both local and national level: a role already long-held by other autism charities in the UK. It was therefore agreed during 2009 that the time had come to end our formal Memorandum of Understanding and replace it with informal collaboration. We remain deeply grateful to our former partners for giving us this strong underpinning during our formative years.

The other factor driving change has been the accelerating pace of discovery in autism research. Five years ago it was indeed the case that we knew little about the causes of autism, how it emerged in the young child, and what impact it had on the developing brain. Today we know much more about all of these, opening up the exciting prospect that this knowledge can be translated into improved therapies and a better quality of life for all those affected. It has become possible, as our new mission states, to put 'Science in the Service of Autism'.

But there is still much to do. Autism is a lifelong disorder affecting how around 1 in 100 people – more than half a million individuals in the UK – understand, communicate and interact with those around them. Its disabling effects cost the UK £28bn a year, but as a nation we spend less than 0.02% of this sum on research. This under funding must be addressed if we are to understand and treat autism responsibly and effectively. Autistica has done and will continue to do all in its power to drive forward UK autism research. We are helped enormously in this task by The Shirley Foundation's ongoing support - until 2012 - for our core costs, allowing us to direct our fundraising proceeds directly to this vital task.

#### **AUTISTICA'S SCIENCE STRATEGY**

**Our first 5-year science strategy was published in September 2009 and was the result of a considerable process of analysis, review and consultation. Our aim in developing the strategy was to establish the particular strengths of UK autism research and to consider how Autistica, working in partnership with other key funders, could build upon these strengths to ensure that the UK continues to make a world-class contribution to autism research.**

## AUTISTICA

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

The strategy is based on the three key scientific questions, set out in Chair's Report above, which Autistica believes must be addressed over the next five years and identifies ways in which we believe we can help to answer these questions as follows:

- By developing a sustainable research infrastructure
- By utilising existing and developing new research capacity
- By adding to existing successful research collaborations
- By building on the UK's strengths in neuro- and cognitive science; and
- By consulting with the autism community on the direction of research.

These are all important tasks and our day-to-day activities are now focused on advancing them.

#### AUTISTICA'S RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

**Autistica supports research in scientific areas considered vital to understanding what autism is and how it develops; these include autism genetics, tracking the development of babies at risk for autism, understanding through neuroimaging how the brain differs structurally and functionally in people with autism, and analysing brain chemistry. Increased understanding in these areas is already opening up avenues towards better targeted and more effective interventions.**

Once again funds were made available to the International Autism Genome Project led by Professor Tony Monaco at the University of Oxford. The second phase of this international search for the genes that confer susceptibility to autism was completed during 2009 and there are exciting prospects for future work that will support the diagnosis and treatment of autism. We intend, subject to the availability of funds, to continue to support this important work.

The British Autism Study of Infant Siblings (BASIS) led by Professor Mark Johnson at Birkbeck College London has gone from strength to strength during 2009, and is now supporting a number of new studies as well as the core project. The BASIS network is spread across a number of UK universities and involves studying the 'at risk' baby siblings of children already diagnosed with autism, to look for early markers of the condition with a view to developing more effective early intervention. BASIS is affiliated to the North American Baby Siblings Research Consortium to ensure that knowledge gleaned by both groups is shared as rapidly and effectively as possible. We are pleased to report that the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust joined the BASIS funding consortium established by Autistica during 2009.

Professor Sue Leekam took up her post as the first chair of autism research at Cardiff University in April 2009 and has made considerable progress over the last few months in recruiting the students and fellows she needs to establish the Wales Autism Research Centre, which comes into being on 2 April 2010 - World Autism Awareness Day. The studentships are funded from a range of sources other than Autistica, proving that our funding of core positions does then attract funds from a much wider base than was the case in autism research before.

## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

The Brain Bank for Autism and Related Developmental Research, funded by Autistica, is now formally established at the University of Oxford under the leadership of Professor Margaret Esiri, and has already exceeded the number of new donations expected in its first year. Brain tissue is a most precious resource and allows scientists to study autism at the molecular and cellular level in a way that is not possible in living individuals. We are therefore deeply grateful to those who have made donations after the death of a loved one, and those who have signed up as potential donors themselves. During the year we were also pleased to provide additional funds to the Brain Bank to carry out in depth imaging studies that are revealing astonishing new details about the structure of the brain.

A new project being supported with funds raised during the year from the Garfield Weston Foundation and Swire Charitable Trust amongst others is a detailed analysis of DNA samples taken from participants in the Autism Imaging Multicentre Study funded by the Medical Research Council. It is hoped that this may help us to link particular features of autism to underlying genetic differences.

We also continued our support for the ongoing study of twins with autism at the Institute of Psychiatry in London and a study of hypersensitivity in children with autism at the Autism Research Centre in Cambridge.

At the end of the year a new international partnership was formed with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Prince Salman Center for Disability Research in Saudi Arabia to establish mentored fellowships in the UK, funded by the Center and managed by Autistica, for young Saudi autism researchers.

### **AUTISTICA'S FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

In July 2009 we issued the first ever open call for research proposals – for pilot projects - by an autism charity in the UK, and received a tremendous response. Forty eight outline proposals were received from researchers in twenty four different universities right across the UK and we invited nineteen researchers to submit full proposals. After a full peer review process led by our Director of Research, Dr Jenny Longmore, which necessitated establishing our own extensive international network of reviewers and own Scientific Advisory Panel, four projects have been selected for funding at a total value of just under £300,000.

The purpose of pilot projects is to explore promising ideas that either address new research questions or accelerate the research process on a small, test scale, before larger resources are committed. For us a key selection criterion is how well these drive towards answers which will directly benefit people with autism, and we have chosen projects that we believe have the potential to do this.

Each is different:

- Dr Jeremy Parr at the University of Newcastle is piloting an Autism Research Register to underpin UK-wide autism research
- Dr Janine Lamb at the University of Manchester is exploring whether variations in microRNAs – small molecules that regulate gene function including in brain development – might have a role to play in increasing risk for autism
- Dr Joseph McCleery at the University of Birmingham will explore whether toddlers at risk for autism (those with a diagnosed older sibling) respond differently from other children to speech and non-speech sounds

## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

- And Professor Peter Kind at the University of Edinburgh will extend his work on the single gene disorder Fragile X syndrome, which produces autism-like symptoms, to explore the point in brain development when loss of this key gene has greatest impact.

We hope that when these pilot studies are completed in two years time they will each in their own way contribute to the better understanding of autism that we believe must go hand in hand with improved services if our vision of improved outcomes for people with autism is to be achieved.

### **AUTISTICA'S FUNDRAISING**

**Our task is to raise funds for autism research as quickly and cost-efficiently as we can. With a strong and stable fundraising team in place we maintained our fundraising performance across a range of activities during some of the most difficult economic circumstances for many years.**

Under Head of Events Lynn Hart we ran a full programme of fundraising events in 2009, concentrating our efforts on those we know to be popular with our existing supporters. The single exception was our family-oriented Walk for Autism Research which we concluded was best postponed until 2010.

To compensate for this we further built up our now extensive programme of runs and marathons, including a team of 100 runners in the very popular Royal Parks Half-Marathon and participation in other key running events such as the Reading Half-Marathon, Adidas Women's Challenge and Great North Run. In addition to these team-based events, a number of individuals continued to support us through individual and ingenious challenges and endeavours.

We once again repeated our popular clay pigeon shoot at the Royal Berkshire Shooting School and lunch at Cliveden Hotel in Buckinghamshire, securing on this occasion Sir John Major as our after-lunch speaker. We were sorry to say goodbye to our most loyal corporate sponsor Nikken at the end of their three-year programme of support, but are pleased that NBC Universal have agreed to sponsor our clay pigeon shoot during 2010.

Trust and Foundation Fundraiser Jane Westley had another successful year, adding further new names to the list of grant-giving trusts providing financial support to Autistica during 2009 and securing repeated grants from a number of others. Trusts and foundations have been a vital source of support during this year of recession, recognising that fundraising from the public and private individuals is much more challenging in difficult economic times.

### **AUTISTICA'S LOBBYING**

**Making the case for autism research to government and demonstrating the importance of basing policy for people with autism on a clear understanding of the condition is a key task.**

## AUTISTICA

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

The chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Autism, Janet Dean MP, once again kindly hosted our annual House of Commons reception in May, bringing together a lively mix of families, researchers, funders, and ministers, members of the Houses of Parliament and government officials to exchange views and learn from each other.

We are privileged to be members of the Advisory Group to the APPGA, an active and effective group of parliamentarians, many of them with family links to autism. The group continued to be highly active in 2009 completing its first-ever formal inquiry into the transition from childhood to adulthood for people with autism and finding many of the shortcomings in service provision it revealed repeated in the highly influential report on autism published by the National Audit Office in June 2009 and subsequently supported by the Public Accounts Committee.

Autistica was pleased to be a member of the coalition of autism charities led by the National Autistic Society that supported the 2009 Autism Bill, which achieved the very rare distinction for a private member's bill of actually becoming law after it won government support. The Autism Act 2009 places a legal obligation on local authorities and the NHS to identify and plan services for adults with autism, and is the first ever condition-specific legislation. Eileen Hopkins of Autistica led one of the working groups advising the Department of Health on the ensuing strategy for adults with autism, and we were also part of the steering group for a research project sponsored by the Department for Children, Schools and Families which explored why rates of special educational need, and specifically those associated with autism, vary widely across local authorities.

Other ways in which we are seeking to influence public sector attitudes to and support for autism research are through our continuing programme of meetings with key public sector figures including ministers, parliamentarians and civil servants. We have had regular meetings with policy advisers at Number 10 throughout 2009 and were invited to the seminar on autism hosted by Sarah Brown, wife of Prime Minister Gordon Brown, in December 2009. Mrs Brown also showed her support for the autism community by taking part in a broadcast to mark the second World Autism Awareness Day on 2 April 2009.

### AUTISTICA - RAISING AWARENESS

**It is vital, if we are to succeed in our task of accelerating the funding of autism research and bringing forward the development of effective interventions, that we raise awareness of autism itself and why research is so important, as well as of our own work.**

Under the leadership of Philippa Stannard, our Head of Fundraising Development, we have continued to extend and consolidate our links to those affected by or interested in autism and to raise general awareness of autism and Autistica. As our Chair says in his own report, creating a new name and identity whilst continuing business as usual is no mean challenge and Philippa also led the work on creating the new website and new materials which underpin our change of name. Once again Design Directions of Twyford came up trumps, creating our new brochures and leaflets featuring the varied faces of autism, kindly contributed by our supporters, entirely free of charge.

## **AUTISTICA**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

Our volunteer Director of Communications Paul Burden has continued to create opportunities for us to talk directly to the media about our work, including contributing to an encouraging panel event at the Science Media Centre in January 2009 on the importance of post-mortem brain studies which was then widely reported.

We hope also that our new cohort of Vice Presidents will have a key role to play in spreading awareness of our work to a wider audience.

#### **SAYING THANK YOU AND LOOKING FORWARD**

Once again in 2009 we owe an enormous debt to those who support, sponsor, nurture and fund us, from the individuals who have toiled through marathons, to the major trusts and foundations who have found value in our work, to the private givers – large and small – and the dedicated researchers all of whom have trusted us to take forward their own ambitions for a better future for people with autism.

New opportunities to increase our understanding are opening up even as I write, with plans for at least two new UK autism research centres under development, and potential new funding sources being explored. There is a commitment to people with autism on the part of government that we have not seen before and we will do all we can to ensure that a proper evidence base becomes an essential future element of policy planning and service delivery.

  
**Hilary Gilfooy**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUTISTICA**

We have audited the financial statements of Autistica for the year ended 31 December 2009 on page 19 to 30. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Autistica for the purpose of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all of the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report, and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland), issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularities or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUTISTICA  
(CONTINUED)**

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements.

*Nicky Jones*

Nicola Jones, Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Frank Hirth & Co. LLP

Statutory Auditors

1 April 2010

**AUTISTICA**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2009 £	Restricted Funds 2009 £	Total Funds 2009 £	2008 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary income	4	509,935	200,571	710,506	1,136,248
Activities for generating funds	5	134,242	-	134,242	151,472
Investment income					
- Interest on bank deposits		1,714	-	1,714	7,473
		<u>645,891</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>846,462</u>	<u>1,295,193</u>
Other Incoming Resources	6	3,344	-	3,344	8,164
Total Incoming Resources		<u>649,235</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>849,806</u>	<u>1,303,357</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Costs of Generating Funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income					
- activities for generating funds	7	52,126	1,000	53,126	50,349
- other costs of raising voluntary income	8	209,733	-	209,733	282,717
Charitable Activities	11	759,146	178,699	937,845	458,304
Governance Costs	12	57,297	-	57,297	59,450
Total Resources Expended		<u>1,078,302</u>	<u>179,699</u>	<u>1,258,001</u>	<u>850,820</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR</b>		(429,067)	20,872	(408,195)	452,537
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>(429,067)</u>	<u>20,872</u>	<u>(408,195)</u>	<u>452,537</u>
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>490,434</u>	<u>73,000</u>	<u>563,434</u>	<u>110,897</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	20	<u>61,367</u>	<u>93,872</u>	<u>155,239</u>	<u>563,434</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing operations.

**AUTISTICA**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009**

		2009		2008	
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	15		3,649		8,077
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors - due within one year	16	137,645		317,417	
Accrued donations - due after one year	17	60,000		110,000	
Cash at bank		749,363		548,554	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		947,008		975,971	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	18	(478,984)		(310,614)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			468,024		665,357
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			471,673		673,434
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	19		(316,434)		(110,000)
<b>NET ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES</b>			155,239		563,434
<b>RESERVES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds - general	14		61,367		490,434
Restricted Funds	14		93,872		73,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>20</b>		155,239		563,434

Approved by the board of trustees on 1 April 2010  
and signed on behalf of the board

  
Clare E Thompson - Trustee

**Company Registration Number: 5184164**  
**Charity Registration Number: 1107350**

**AUTISTICA**

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>			
- Voluntary income		866,893	916,826
- Income from activities for generating funds		134,242	151,472
- Other incoming resources		6,789	4,719
- Costs of fundraising activities		(43,346)	(42,688)
- Cost of generating voluntary income		(187,025)	(256,860)
- Charitable activities		(530,193)	(461,055)
- Governance costs		(47,321)	(42,915)
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>200,039</b>	<b>269,499</b>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>			
- Interest received	<b>22</b>	1,714	7,473
<b>Capital expenditure</b>			
- Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(944)	-
- Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	437
<b>Net cash inflow in the year</b>		<b>200,809</b>	<b>277,409</b>
<b>Movement in net cash in the year</b>			
Cash and short term deposits at 1 January 2009		548,554	271,145
(Decrease)/ increase in short-term deposits		-	(105,392)
Increase in cash		200,809	382,801
<b>Cash and short term deposits at 31 December 2009</b>		<b>749,363</b>	<b>548,554</b>

## AUTISTICA

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### GENERAL

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 the Charities Act 1993, applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005).

They have been prepared under the historical cost convention on a going concern basis.

##### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Donations are accounted for at the earlier of the date received or when the donor has expressed entitlement in writing.

Gifts in kind and donated services are included at the estimated open market value of the goods or services provided.

Grants made are accounted for when the grant amount and beneficiary has been approved by the trustees.

Support costs are allocated to the relevant activity cost category. The method of allocation is explained in the relevant notes.

Other incoming resources and resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS and DEPRECIATION

Fixed assets are included on the balance sheet at cost.

Provision for depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off their cost, less estimated residual value, over the expected life.

- Computer equipment	33%
- Other equipment and fittings	25%

##### FUNDS STRUCTURE

Autistica has a number of restricted funds to account for situations where a donor requires a donation to be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose.

These are detailed in note 14.

All other funds are unrestricted income funds.

#### 2 INFORMATION REGARDING TRUSTEES and EMPLOYEES

As explained in the Trustees' Report, all trustees are directors of the company.

No trustees were paid during the period. Trustees received no reimbursement for travelling expenses and sundry costs during 2009 (2008: £118).

The charity has four (2008: 3) full-time and four (2008: 5) part-time employees and also contracts the services of external consultants to assist in the work of the charity.

**AUTISTICA**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

<b>3 NET OPERATING INCOME / (EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Operating expenditure / income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation on owned assets	5,371	5,316
Auditor's remuneration	8,625	8,625
Non audit services (included in gifts in kind)	<u>3,150</u>	<u>12,428</u>
<b>4 VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
UNRESTRICTED VOLUNTARY INCOME		
General donations	436,710	754,298
Gifts in kind	<u>73,225</u>	<u>54,950</u>
	<u>509,935</u>	<u>809,248</u>
RESTRICTED VOLUNTARY INCOME		
Autism Speaks US	56,071	-
British Autism Study of Infant Siblings	101,500	65,250
Research Fellowships	-	6,000
Other voluntary income:	-	5,750
Brain Bank for Autism, Oxford University	500	-
Analysis of DNA Samples	37,500	-
Chair of Autism Research, Cardiff University	<u>5,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
	<u>200,571</u>	<u>327,000</u>
<b>5 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Sponsorship events	81,126	27,593
Other events	<u>53,116</u>	<u>123,879</u>
	<u>134,242</u>	<u>151,472</u>

The above activities were organised by the charity. Income from activities organised by individuals and donated to the charity are included in voluntary income

AUTISTICA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**5 ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

Incoming resources include the following donations greater than £5,000:

The Shirley Foundation	300,000
The Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust (over 2 years)*	100,000
Autism Speaks US*	56,071
Private Donation	50,000
Garfield Weston*	20,000
Argus Media	12,000
The Swire Charitable Trust*	10,000
Nikken Europe	7,036
Robert Gavron Charitable Trust*	5,000
Research Autism*	5,000

\* Restricted donations

**6 OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Reimbursed expenses	3,344	8,164
	<u>3,344</u>	<u>8,164</u>

**7 COST OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME  
FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Personal Sponsorship Events costs (includes £1,300 Gift in Kind)	21,722	15,575
Other event costs (includes £2,505 Gift in Kind)	17,701	23,167
Allocation of administrative support costs (Note 9)	13,703	11,607
	<u>53,126</u>	<u>50,349</u>

AUTISTICA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

<b>8 COST OF GENERATING OTHER VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Website, database, literature and PR costs	8,635	34,592
Staff costs (per note 10)	128,794	131,044
Consultants fees	11,794	13,967
Printing, copying, stationery and postage	2,967	27,401
Travelling and other expenses	2,287	5,874
Other	3,184	25,734
Allocation of administrative support costs (Note 9)	52,072	44,105
	<u>209,733</u>	<u>282,717</u>

**9 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS**

The following administrative support costs are allocated between other categories of resources expanded as detailed below. Costs are attributed directly where possible, the balance is allocated based on time spent by trustees, staff and consultants.

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration and book-keeping fees	17,875	13,666
Telephone	903	842
Internet support	6,443	6,147
Stationery, copying, postage and other office expenses	10,185	9,818
Staff costs (note 10)	47,148	54,801
Accountancy (Gift in Kind)	3,150	13,503
Design Costs (Gifts in Kind)	34,150	-
Staff recruitment & professional development	3,307	390
Rent (includes £6,120 Gift in Kind)	6,693	5,679
Depreciation	5,371	5,316
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	111
Other	1,806	5,793
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT COSTS</b>	<u>137,031</u>	<u>116,066</u>

These are divided:

Fundraising activities 10% (Note 7) (2008: 10%)	13,703	11,607
Generating Voluntary Income 38% (Note 8) (2008: 38%)	52,072	44,105
Charitable Activities 42% (Note 11) (2008: 42%)	57,553	48,747
Corporate Governance 10% (Note 12) (2008: 10%)	13,703	11,607
	<u>137,031</u>	<u>116,066</u>

AUTISTICA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**10 STAFF COSTS**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	306,132	251,979
Social security costs	31,369	26,615
	<u>337,501</u>	<u>278,594</u>
These are allocated:		
Generating Voluntary Income (Note 8)	128,794	131,044
Corporate Governance (Note 12)	13,725	14,554
Charitable Activities (Note 11) (of which from restricted funds £56,071)	147,834	78,195
Administration - support costs (Note 9)	47,148	54,801
	<u>337,501</u>	<u>278,594</u>

The charity employed 4 full-time and 4 part-time staff during 2009 (2008: 3 full-time and 5 part-time). The above balances also include remuneration for contracted personnel. Staff costs are allocated between the various activities according to time spent.

The amounts disclosed above include the following amount paid to the highest paid employee:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
£80,000 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**11 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Disseminating information on autism and autism research:	<u>13,986</u>	<u>17,315</u>
Grants for biomedical research into autism:		
Chair of Autism Research, Cardiff University *	-	250,000
Autism Research Fellowship, Cardiff University*	-	25,000
Neuro-imaging pilot project	-	30,000
Analysis of DNA Samples*	37,500	-
Pilot Projects	279,501	-
British Autism Study of Infant Siblings*	85,128	-
Brain Bank for Autism, Oxford University (2009 costs + 3 year commitment)	246,779	-
Brain Scanning	15,100	-
	<u>664,008</u>	<u>305,000</u>
Promoting and enabling research (includes £22,000 Gift in Kind)	54,464	9,047
Administration support costs (Note 9)	57,553	48,747
Staff costs (Note 10)	147,834	78,195
	<u>937,845</u>	<u>458,304</u>

\*Outgoing resources associated with restricted donations

AUTISTICA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

**12 GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff costs (Note 10)	13,725	14,554
External audit	8,625	8,625
Preparation of statutory accounts	1,757	11,412
Trustees' liability insurance	2,489	1,882
Legal fees	12,357	-
Consultancy fees – new chair for the charity	-	6,423
Trustees' & other expenses (includes £4,000 Gift in Kind)	4,641	4,947
Allocation of administrative support costs (Note 9)	13,703	11,607
	<u>57,297</u>	<u>59,450</u>

**13 TAXATION**

Autistica is a registered charity and no provision for taxation is considered necessary.

**14 FUND MOVEMENTS**

	Balances b/f	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balances c/f
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
Autism Speaks US	-	56,071	56,071	-
Chair of Autism Research, Cardiff University	-	5,000	-	5,000
British Autism Study of Infant Siblings	65,250	101,500	85,128	81,622
Analysis of DNA Samples	-	37,500	37,500	-
Other	5,750	500	1,000	5,250
Research Fellowships	2,000	-	-	2,000
Total restricted funds	<u>73,000</u>	<u>200,571</u>	<u>179,699</u>	<u>93,872</u>
General unrestricted funds	490,434	649,235	1,078,302	61,367
	<u>563,434</u>	<u>849,806</u>	<u>1,258,001</u>	<u>155,239</u>

AUTISTICA

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009**

<b>15 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	Computer Equipment	Other equipment and fittings	Total
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
COST			
At 1 January 2009	16,835	1,129	17,964
Additions	559	385	944
As at 31 December 2009	<u>17,394</u>	<u>1,514</u>	<u>18,908</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2009	8,839	1,048	9,887
Charge for the year	5,287	85	5,372
As at 31 December 2009	<u>14,126</u>	<u>1,133</u>	<u>15,259</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2009	<u>3,268</u>	<u>381</u>	<u>3,649</u>
Net book value at 31 December 2008	<u>7,996</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>8,077</u>
<b>16 DEBTORS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Other debtors	32,811	93,368	
Accrued donations	100,000	222,500	
Prepayments and accrued interest	4,834	1,549	
	<u>137,645</u>	<u>317,417</u>	
<b>17 ACCRUED DONATIONS DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Chair of Autism Research, Cardiff University	60,000	110,000	
	<u>60,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	
<b>18 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Trade creditors	36,239	20,264	
Accruals and deferred income	8,625	10,350	
Grant commitments	434,120	280,000	
	<u>478,984</u>	<u>310,614</u>	

AUTISTICA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

**19 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grant commitments	<u>316,434</u>	<u>110,000</u>

**20 RESERVES AND TOTAL FUNDS**

	<b>General</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fixed assets	3,649	-	3,649	8,077
Debtors	7,645	190,000	197,645	427,417
Cash at bank	94,937	654,426	749,363	548,554
Liabilities	<u>(44,864)</u>	<u>(750,554)</u>	<u>(795,418)</u>	<u>(420,614)</u>
	<u>61,367</u>	<u>93,872</u>	<u>155,239</u>	<u>563,434</u>

**21 CASHFLOW NOTES**

**Reconciliation of net (outgoing)/incoming resources to net cash inflows from operating activities**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources per SOFA (page 19)	(408,195)	452,537
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	229,772	(168,286)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	374,804	(12,706)
Less: Interest receivable	(1,714)	(7,473)
Add: Depreciation	5,372	5,316
Add: loss on disposal of fixed asset	-	111
<b>Net Cash inflows from Operating Activities</b>	<u>200,039</u>	<u>269,499</u>

**22 CASHFLOW NOTES CONTINUED**

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Returns on Investments</b>		
Bank deposit interest	1,714	7,473
Adjustment for accrued interest receivable	-	-
	<u>1,714</u>	<u>7,473</u>

## AUTISTICA

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 23 GUARANTEE

Autistica is a company limited by guarantee. Its Memorandum of Association prohibits any income or property of the company being paid or transferred to the members. Members of the company undertake to contribute a maximum of £1.00 to cover its liabilities.

#### 24 RELATED PARTIES

Dame Stephanie Shirley, the charity's president and previous founder chair (retired 2008), is the chair of trustees of The Shirley Foundation, a charitable company. The Foundation made grants of £300,000 (2008: £300,000) to Autistica in 2009 and has committed an additional sum of up to £900,000 to Autistica over the period to 2012 to support its core costs and autism research. During 2009 The Shirley Foundation and Autistica shared office premises provided by Dame Stephanie. An estimated value of £6,120 (2008: £5,100) relating to these costs has been included within gifts in kind.