



down's syndrome oxford

Newsletter | Autumn 2019

From the Chair



Hello everybody. I would like to begin with a **personal thank you to Marion Simon for her dedication and stewardship of DSO over the last four years and to**

Emma Smith and the other DSO officers (page 4). You've done a phenomenal job and the new team of officers feel privileged to be continuing your great work.

Welcome to another bumper issue of our DSO newsletter. So much has happened across our organisation that this publication is again bursting with news of many events and community activities. I wanted to take a moment to recognise some of the hard work behind the stories:

Elsa Gill has been the inspiration and driving force behind our wonderful DSO choir (page 6). Elsa has also organised our new DSO Gazebo. As a result DSO has had a visible presence at many more public events - Stoke Row Steam Rally (page 10), Bunkfest (page 21) and lots of DSO choir performances (page 6). Thank you for all your efforts Elsa.

We would like to attend more local public events to raise awareness, connect with our wider communities and raise all-important funds. Is there a large public event in your area we might attend? Do tell us about it at via fundraising@dsoxford.org.uk.

Thanks to Netty Lings, who has organised the EDGs so well for so long and has helped our little ones have a great start pre-

school. We are looking for somebody to take on this rewarding role. Please let me know if you or somebody you know, can help.

Since joining DSO, I've been inspired by the energy, enthusiasm and compassion amongst our members. Your support and participation will help us do even more in the future. **We have over 330 members and DSO continues to grow** - welcoming ten new members since our last newsletter.

Finally, but importantly, we are starting to explore support opportunities for our older members and their families. Are you the parent/guardian/carer for, or somebody with, DS in Oxfordshire aged 16+? Can you give a little time to share your experiences and help explore the opportunities with us? We'd love to hear from you at chair@dsoxford.org.uk

Have a great Autumn and if we haven't yet met, I hope we do soon.

Jos Smith, Chair

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AGM

The AGM was held on Monday 23 June 2019. Oxford Brookes University hosted us, kindly offering a function room free of charge.

We took time to **analyse our financial situation**, reviewing the year's income and expenditure, and enjoyed reflecting on the key activities and highlights of the year. We all agreed that the creation of the **DSO choir has been a wonderful achievement** and benefitted so many families. See pages 6-7 for more information on the DSO choir and all their performances.

We also spent a significant amount of time discussing **how we can better support families who have adults with Down's syndrome**, and those who are transitioning from teens to adults. Katharine Horrocks has put forward some suggestions for how DSO can improve the way we capture and share knowledge for our 'teens and beyond' members. More on this coming soon!



Update on DSO Officers and roles

At the AGM two of our long-serving officers stepped down. Marion Simon, as Chairperson, and Emma Smith as Secretary. We would like to thank them both for the magnificent job that they have done over recent years to help guide DSO from strength to strength. They both step down at a time when our organisation has an active and ever-growing membership and is in its strongest financial position for some years. This is a great achievement and thank you both for all your hard work.

Jos Smith was voted in as the new Chair of DSO and Roberta Celeste voted in as the new Secretary.

We are pleased to say that Sarah Fonge remains as our Treasurer and will continue with the great job that she's been doing to ensure the robust financial affairs of our organisation.

After many years as New Parent Co-ordinator, Jolene Crawford has stepped down from the role. We'd like to thank Jolene for the countless hours she has spent supporting new parents at one of the most challenging times in their lives. Her compassion and empathy is limitless and she set the DSO tone for many of our newer members. Thank you Jolene.

We are pleased to announce that Emily Higgins has started as our New Parent Co-ordinator.

Introducing the New Officers

Jos Smith, Chair



I feel honoured to have been nominated to take over from Marion as Chair of DSO and I'm looking forward to meeting you all in the months ahead.

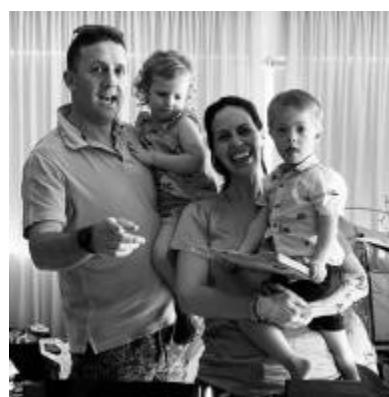
I had the privilege of first meeting two DSO members at Rowena Pearce's Baby Club at the John Radcliffe Hospital. I was 27 weeks pregnant and we had just received an ante-natal diagnosis that Samuel had T21. Samuel will be four in November and DSO has been with us every step of the way.

As a little background, Samuel, Jason and I live in Bucknell in the North of Oxfordshire.

Before Samuel's arrival I ran a digital communications consultancy, and prior to that spent more years than I care to admit working for Cadbury plc, latterly as their Head of Digital. I suspect the only qualification this really gives me is a heightened level of "healthy paranoia" for our children in today's digital world. Joking aside, I do hope that my professional experience can be of some use to DSO.

Relative to many of you, our family's time in the Down's syndrome community is relatively short, but we are a quick study and DSO has become our extended family. Like any strong family, there is always somebody to ask, somebody who'll listen, somebody willing to share and nobody judging as we all try to pick our way through this daunting, yet inspiring world. That's what makes DSO such a wonderful and supportive organisation. We are proud to be a part of DSO and I look forward to working with you all.

Roberta Celeste, Secretary



It is a real honour to have been trusted with the secretary role. I know how much Emma has put into it and I will do my best to continue that work and support DSO with everything I can.

Stefan and I received the confirmation that Thomas had Down's syndrome when I was around 15 weeks pregnant. We soon met Rowena Pearce and connected with DSO. I still remember how little Thomas was when we joined our first DSO summer party - a tiny ten-week old baby - and suddenly he is five! He will start school in September and will join the Primary Development Groups.

We live in Deddington as a family of four, with little Isabella - or five if you count our dog Whisky. I commute regularly to London where I work in Education Publishing in Human Resources.

Alongside this I'm also trying to build up a Coaching Practice. I guess defining myself as a 'people person' wouldn't be far off, though some may disagree!

Apart from Stefan's dad in Wales all of our immediate family is either in Brazil or Australia so we feel really fortunate to have the DSO family much closer. Also like Jos, I'm really excited to get to know more members of our great community soon.

Emily Higgins, New Parent Contact



I live in Wallingford with my husband Ben and our two sons, Edward (Teddy) and William (Bill). I work 3 days a week as Senior Sales Manager for Bloomsbury Publishing as well as helping out with Ben's building company so life is busy!

Bill was born on New Years Eve 2017 and had a post-natal diagnosis of Downs Syndrome. When we received his diagnosis it was a bit of a shock and there were lots of mixed emotions and tears in those first few weeks. We loved our beautiful little boy unconditionally but not knowing much about Down's syndrome we felt confused, unprepared, and scared for the future. It was a whirlwind of emotions and a very daunting time.

Fast forward 18 months and although there have been a few bumps in the road Bill is doing amazingly! He had a bit of a rocky first winter with a few extended hospital admissions for bronchiolitis and had a feeding tube for 8 months as he struggled to coordinate feeding and breathing. During these challenging times we've been overwhelmed with the support Bill and us as a family have received from both medical professionals and our friends at DSO.

Bill is now a cheeky little toddler and we could not imagine our lives without him! He is an absolute superstar and charms everyone he meets. Through DSO we have made lots of new friends and have a huge support network of parents who share our journey and offer advice along the way. I'm delighted to be taking on the role of New Parent Contact and giving new families the warm welcome I received.

Whilst we have yet to meet many of you, we hope to have the opportunity to do so over the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions for any of us, please do get in touch - the email addresses remain the same as for our predecessors:

- chair@dsoxford.org.uk
- secretary@dsoxford.org.uk
- newparent@dsoxford.org.uk

We look forward to working with everybody across the DSO family as we all do our best to try and continue taking this wonderful organisation from strength to strength.



Your DSO Officers (left to right):

- Roberta Celeste —Secretary
- Jos Smith—Chair
- Sarah Fonge—Treasurer

A big thank you!

On behalf of all our members I would like to say an enormous thank you to Marion for her four years as Chairman of DSO. She managed the competing demands on her time with a calm manner and always with a smile on her face. As well as being Chairman, Marion has also been instrumental in starting the Primary



Development Groups, ensuring that children starting at school continue to get support and interventions from DSO.

Over the past four years DSO has seen a fantastic increase in local awareness and fundraising, and there is now a hugely enthusiastic and committed group of people ready to take the charity into another phase. Marion's style has always been fully inclusive – working hard to ensure that the different groups of people within DSO have a say and are considered when making decisions.

Marion, we are so grateful to you for all your hard work, and we hope that you will continue to be part of the DSO family which means so much to us all.

Katharine Horrocks

World Down's Syndrome Day

For World Down's Syndrome Day this year DSO tried out some new ways to make it easier for us all to celebrate the day in our children's schools and local communities by creating a **WDSD Awareness and Fundraising Pack**. The packs included A4 posters, A5 leaflets for desk and bag drops in class or at work, folding cardboard collection boxes, and a fundraising ideas sheet.

As a result, seven schools held fundraising events and raised a total of **£1257.05** for DSO.

We also had several requests to give talks on 21 March at Oxfordshire schools to raise awareness. **Jos Smith gave a talk to Year 7 pupils at Cooper School in Bicester**. The talk went down so well that the Head of Year has asked her to come back and do the same again next year. Well done Jos!



Mongewell Park Nursery celebrated WDSD by doing 'Lots of Socks' and holding a bake sale, with all proceeds going to DSO. Here, the school SENCO is handing over a cheque for **£208.45** to Emily, Bill, Jos and Samuel.



The DSO Choir

In the last edition of the newsletter we introduced the new DSO choir. Since then it's gone from strength to strength. We've had new members join, our super smart t-shirts arrived courtesy of our generous sponsors—*the Owl Centre for Children's Independent Therapy*—and we've participated in lots of very successful public performances.

Trish Clempson's fundraising event, Thame

Our first performance was in April at St Joseph's Church in Thame as part of Trish Clempson's fundraising event. Trish had organized the event to raise money for the DSA as part of her London Marathon fundraising. The event was a huge success, with Trish exceeding her target so very generously donated £500 to DSO. A huge thank you Trish (and well done on completing the marathon!).

Woolgate Centre, Witney

Our second performance took place the next day at the Woolgate Centre in Witney, where we did a spot of busking! We looked and sounded great and very quickly passers-by started to gather, and it wasn't long before a large crowd had formed. Whilst the performance wasn't intended to be a fundraising activity, we were thrilled to have collected a whopping £402 in the collection buckets. Not bad for an hour's work!

Stoke Row Steam Rally

In June we performed at Stoke Row Steam Rally. DSO was nominated as their charity of the year so was involved in a range of fundraising activities over the two-day event (you can read more about this on page 10).

The choir performed on the Saturday afternoon, and once again did a great job of entertaining the crowds.

DSO Summer Party

The weather wasn't on our side for this year's summer party but that didn't stop the choir performing. For the DSO members who'd not yet seen the choir perform, this was an opportunity to see what it was all about and to hopefully inspire new members to join. We even got the opportunity to do some extra singing and signing when the DJ played lots of songs from our repertoire later in the evening!

Relay for Life

In June, the Crawford and Fonge families, who are stalwart members of the choir, were taking part in *Relay for Life*, a 24hr sponsored walk, arranged for the DSO choir to perform at the event as part of the entertainment for the walkers. This time the weather was on our side but it turned out to be one of the hottest day of the year! The choir did a great job of performing in the sweltering heat. The event organisers have asked us to perform again next year!

Thame Music Festival

On Saturday 10 July we were thrilled to take part in the Thame Town Music Festival. We were the first act to perform at the Masonic Hall and we certainly attracted a crowd. People were queuing to get in and soon the hall was full to bursting. We've received wonderful feedback from one of the organisers to say that out of all the performances that went on at the weekend, the DSO choir was the most special! He witnessed tears of happiness being shed during our magnificent performance and he would love to have us all back next year!

Thank you Annie and Elsa

It's been a wonderful few months and none of this could have been possible without the dedication of Annie Hawkings, our fantastic choir leader, who gives up her time so generously to lead the choir, and Elsa Gill who makes it all happen, scheduling the rehearsals and organizing all our public performances.

A big thank you to you both from everyone in the choir. You are amazing and we are extremely grateful!

Oxfordshire Community Foundation Grant

Great news! In July we were thrilled to find out that the DSO Choir was awarded a grant of £1191 from the Oxfordshire Community Foundation Grant. This will pay for room hire for next year and for the Makaton collection which will help us find the signs for new songs. Well done to Elsa for applying for the grant!



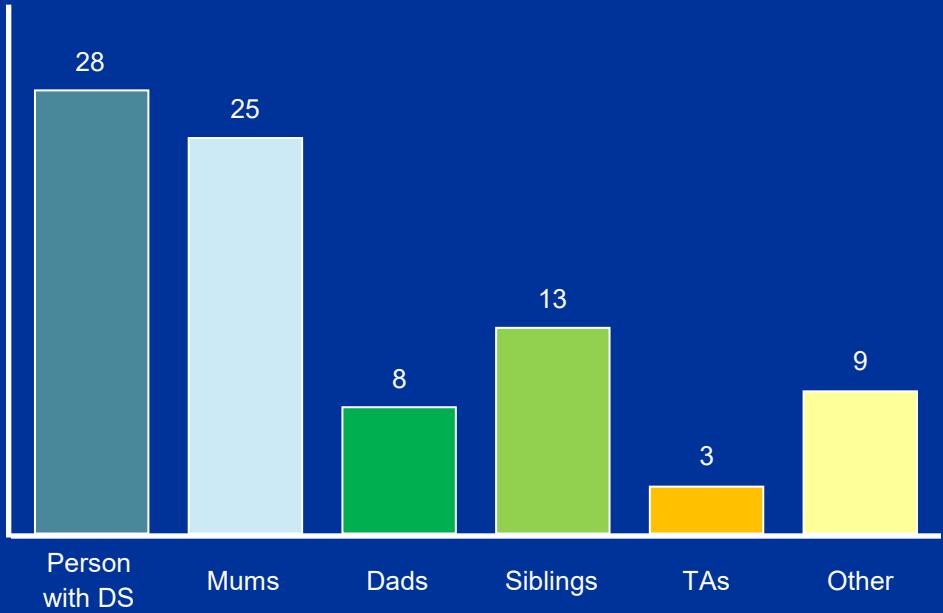
Interesting choir facts!

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The number of people who have participated in the choir since it started in February.



Our choir participants include not only children with DS and their siblings but mums, dads, grandparents, TAs, friends and more...



Age of person with DS	Number of participants
Key Stage 1	2
Key Stage 2	4
Key Stage 3	13
Key stage 4	4
Post-16	4
Adult	1

The choir has proved to be very popular with teenagers, however the age of the participants with DS range from KS1 through to adults. We'd love to see more adults join the choir!

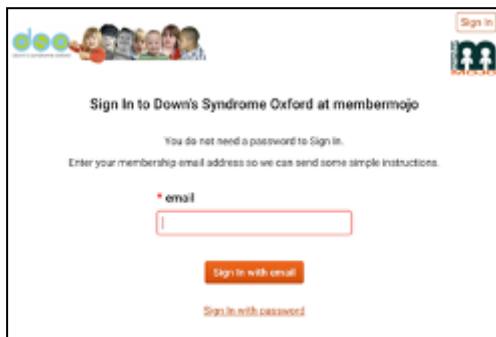
Are you still receiving the correct emails from DSO? Has your child moved from pre-school to primary, and you want to receive the Primary Club emails now instead? Have you moved house, changed contact details and need to update us?

DSO uses a simple system from MemberMojo to store and manage all of your membership information. You can amend any of your information at any time in a few simple steps.

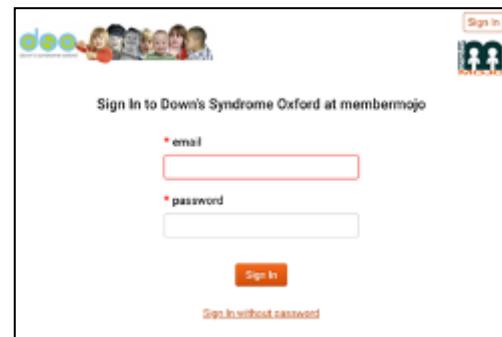
Step 1: Sign In to the DSO membership site.

Go to <https://membermojo.co.uk/dsoxford/signin>, or follow the About You,

Your Contact Details menu on the DSO website, <http://dsoxford.org.uk>.



or

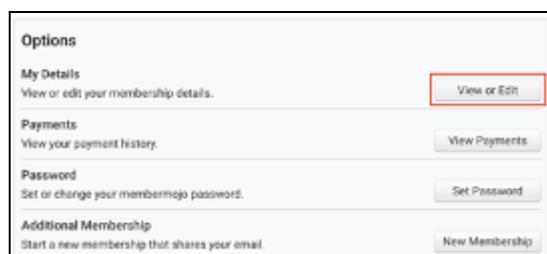


Once signed in, it's beneficial (but not essential) to set yourself a password for ease in the future:



Step 2: Update your information.

Click on View or Edit next to My Details:



Click Edit in the bottom right corner or the main Membership box, and enter any changes that you wish to make. Your email preferences are under Sign-up to our Clubs:

Remember to click Save in the bottom right corner when you are finished.

Sign-up to our Clubs

to receive events and news relevant to your child's age

- Pre School Club
- Primary Club
- 10+ Club
- 18+ Club

You can now sign out using the menu in the top-right corner, or just close your browser.

Stoke Row Steam Rally

Kelly Stacey writes:

Every year a steam rally is held at Stoke Row in Oxfordshire. I've been friends with Amanda Wood for over 30 years and her husband, Dan Wood, is on the Stoke Row committee. Dan does the marketing and promotions for the event and when they were looking for a local charity to support, he proposed DSO. **We were thrilled to find out that his nomination was successful and DSO was to be the charity of the event.** This would be a great opportunity to raise awareness of and funds for the charity.

The rally was held over the weekend of the 8th and 9th June. Jos Smith did a great job of getting together a team of DSO volunteers to help out. This event was an opportunity to use our brand new DSO gazebo. It looked fantastic and we were certainly easy to spot with the bright blue and green colour scheme.

We had an **information stall** in the gazebo running over both days and on the Sunday we also ran a **very successful 'water or wine' stall** which made around £100 alone.



On both days there were **tractor rides** and as the nominated charity DSO manned these rides. **The rides were free but most people kindly put a donation in our buckets.**

Katie, Rebecca, and Hannah had a great time riding the tractor and collecting donations.

We also had volunteers manning the gates with collection buckets as people left the event.

On the Saturday afternoon the DSO singing and signing choir performed a 30-minute set on the vintage stage. Once again, they gave a brilliant performance and a large crowd gathered to watch. During their performance we had volunteers walking around the crowd with collection buckets.

It was a hugely successful event. In total we raised a magnificent £1448.

DSO have been invited back next year as a stall holder and are planning to run the 'water or wine' stall both days. This means we'll need approximately 100 full bottles of wine so watch out for our pleas nearer the time!

The choir has also been invited to perform at the event once again.

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered and got involved in the event. It raised far more money than we expected.



Well done Katie!



Katie Stacey received a well-deserved **charities brownie badge** for the great work she did helping to raise money at the Stoke Row Steam Rally.



Abbaphonics at the Royal Albert Hall

During May half term around 90 DSO members had a fabulous trip to the Royal Albert Hall to see Abbaphonic. This was part of the Royal Albert Hall's "Friendship" matinee programme, where they offer heavily discounted tickets to charities and other voluntary groups. The RAH also very generously contributed to our travel costs.

The show was performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with some amazing singers, and as our group all seem to love Abba and their songs it was a treat and enjoyed by everyone. A perfect way to spend a wet day and we'll keep our eyes open for other suitable Friendship Matinee performances.

Katharine Horrocks

Alexander Horrocks writes:

Thank you everyone for coming to Abbaphonic 2019. Everyone really enjoyed it. The bus trip was fine. We all got up and danced to some Abba songs. On the way back it was fine, we were a bit late because of traffic in London. We all had fun.



Summer Party

This year saw a change of venue for the summer party. We were grateful to be able to use Wheatley Rugby Club, Holton Playing Fields, the venue where we held the Walkathon last year. And due to the good old British summer weather, we were very thankful that we had use of the clubhouse. Unfortunately the rain that day meant that we had to hold most of the activities indoors, but it didn't stop everybody having fun. Sarah Fonge did a great job of organising a full programme of events that lasted well into the evening.

The entertainment started with a wonderful performance by the DSO choir. It was a great opportunity for many of our members to see the choir perform for the first time.

Colonel Custard once again did a fantastic job of entertaining us with his circus skills workshop and magic show. As always, he got audience members involved with his tricks and delivered an engaging and amusing show that appealed to all ages.

Ellie Walpole (mum to Thomas), who organises a 'Cook & Chat Club' for secondary school age children with DS, had the great idea of running the club at the summer party. They used the new DSO gazebo to prepare the food before cooking in the clubhouse kitchen. We were treated to chilli with nachos and salsa and it was absolutely delicious with many people going back for seconds! The party carried on into the evening with a disco in the clubhouse.



Stay and Play



We continue to run the Stay and Play session every Wednesday during term time from 9.30am - 12.00pm at the Abingdon Carousal Centre, the same venue as the Early Development Groups.

This session is open to all and siblings are welcome. We'd love to see you there!



Pre-school Club



Farmer Gows

In April the Pre-school and Primary Clubs enjoyed a day out at Farmer Gows, near Faringdon. Over 20 people came along, which was around 10 families.

The children got to hold the chickens, meet and feed the pigs, lambs, goats. We had a tractor ride around the farm as well as playing in the haystacks and playing inside with the dolls houses, trains and bikes.

Natalie Rowe, Pre-School Club Co-ordinator



Primary Club



Millets Farm Circus

In the May half term, the Primary Club had a great visit to the circus at Millets Farm. There was a great turnout with thirty-five members attending. They all enjoyed the acrobatic and juggling displays not forgetting the fantastic clown. Kaylah was thrilled to meet one of the circus performers!

Kelly Stacey, Primary Club Co-ordinator

Partyman

In July, the Primary and 10+ Clubs celebrated the end of the school year with a joint visit to Partyman. As always we had exclusive use of the venue and the kids thoroughly enjoyed burning off energy on all the play equipment! The slides and the ball pit were a definite favourite.

Lucy Sanderson, 10+ Club Co-ordinator





10+ Club



In March, the 10+ Club members enjoyed another disco at Risinghurst Community Centre. This time the theme was 'A night at the movies'. The children had great fun dancing along to their favourite songs from the world of film, and many dressed up as their favourite film characters—Sophie and Donna from *Mamma Mia*, Sandy from *Grease*, *The Greatest Showman*, and *Little Red Riding Hood* to name a few!

Lucy Sanderson, 10+ Club Co-ordinator



Free Spirits Dance Class

For young people with mixed abilities

Looking for new members!

Age 10 to 18 years old

St Luke's Church, Canning Crescent,
Oxford OX1 4XB

Thursdays during term times

4.10pm—5.30pm

For more information contact Gemma:

gemma.peramiquel@gmail.com

Term 1: Dance & Music

Term 2: Dance & Drama

Term 3: Dance & Costume

Term 4: Dance & Video

Term 5: Dance & Performance

Term 6: Dance & Revision



DSO nominated as Oxford North Rotary Club Charity of the Year 2019/20



We are thrilled that Paul Murray, President of the Oxford North Rotary Club, has nominated DSO as one of his

President's Charities for the year 2019/20.

We look forward to partnering with our friends at Oxford North Rotary Club and we thank them for supporting our activities in the coming year.

<https://www.oxfordnorthrotary.org.uk/president-s-charity>



Save the Date

DSO Christmas Party

Sunday 8 December

2.00pm—5.00pm

Exeter Hall, Kidlington

More information coming soon!



Are you a parent, guardian, or carer of an adult with DS in Oxfordshire?

If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We're keen to explore how we can share the expertise of those supporting adults with Down's syndrome and would welcome your insights and ideas.

If you can spare an hour to tell us your thoughts and experiences over a cuppa, please contact Jos Smith at chair@dsoxford.org.uk

Our Kids

Seren's new bike

Seren Kingdon (aged 9) was thrilled to get a Tomcat bike from a lovely charity in Didcot, called Changing Lives. Cycling has always been difficult for Seren but now her new bike means she can be just like her friends.



Festival Fun

Bill Higgins had a fabulous time at Glastonbury festival, celebrating his 18 months and flying the DSO flag proudly!



Kareem's love of cricket

Kareem has been thoroughly enjoying cricket lessons at St Nicholas School. His teacher, Mr Cosford, has been fantastic, always encouraging Kareem and including him in everything. Kareem enjoys cricket so much that he's been practicing in the park with his brother.



Superhero Lucy completes Triathlon

Spiderman (aka Lucy Robinson) followed by her 'sidekicks', finishing the final leg of the Superheroes Tri. Superheroes is the UK's only mass-participation, fully inclusive, and accessible triathlon. This event gets bigger and bigger every year, and you can take part. For more information, go to:

<http://superheroseries.co.uk/>.



Understanding Dual Diagnosis of Down's Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Condition

Date: Thursday 24th Oct 2019
9.30am –4pm (register/coffee from 9.15am)

Venue: Kassam Stadium, Conference Centre
Grenoble Road, Oxford OX4 4XP

Cost: £40-Parents, £70-Professionals (includes lunch)

Trainer: Geraldine White, DSA

Workshop Programme

This workshop for teachers, TA's and parents will cover...

- DS and ASC...what do we know?
- Approaches to diagnosis
- What happens after diagnosis?
- Support strategies for children with DS and ASC, including how to support communication, sensory differences and behaviour
- Case studies and discussion

To book please email Elsa, elsagill99@gmail.com



Fundraising and Donations

DSO is extremely grateful to have been given the following money from 1st April to 30 August 2019, either through some amazing fundraising efforts or through donations.

Fundraising Events:

Batts Primary School (WDSD) ...	£141.51
Farmhouse Preschool (WDSD) ..	£120.59
Magdalen College / Headington Girls School (WDSD).....	£576.00
Carswell Community Primary School (WDSD)	£158.50
Frilford School (WDSD)	£52.00
Mongewell Park Nursery (WDSD)	£208.45
Waitrose Abingdon green token Fundraising scheme	£334.00
Raffle prize unclaimed from Walkathon.....	£150.00
Latimer House cake sale Headington Girls School	£126.50
Stoke Row Steam Rally event ..	£1448.00
Coventry Building Society, Cowley Branch	£162.86
Wing family children's change jars.....	£44.00
Amazon Smile	£36.64
PayPal Giving Fund	£513.00

Donations:

European Instruments Employee nomination	£250.00
Fred Scott—donation towards cost of DSO gazebo.....	£100.00
Wallingford Vehicle Rally and Parade	£300.00
Wallingford & Didcot Rotary Charitable Foundation.....	£500.00

Income from Just Giving Pages:

Magdalen College School L4th Sponsored walk 2019	£2345.00
Mohga Kamal-Yanni's retirement donation	£609.00

The **DSO Lottery** continues to bring in funds of **£144.00 per month**.

With Many thanks to Elsa Gill, DSO has secured a **grant of £1191.00 from the Oxford Community Foundation** which is restricted to be used by the DSO Singing and Signing Choir. The grant will be to cover the Choir venue Hire cost and Makaton Materials.

Also a huge thank you to all those that give regularly to DSO via a **monthly standing order** donation.

If you are making a donation via our justgiving page please email
treasurer@dsoxford.org.uk
so I can look out for it and make sure we can show our appreciation.

Sarah Fonge, Treasurer

Magdalen College School

A massive thank you to the boys from **Magdalen College School** who raised a staggering £2345 for DSO. In June Tahmid Reza, brother to Tahsin who has Down's syndrome, and his Lower 4th classmates, did a **15-mile sponsored walk** along the Thames path. Well done boys for completing the challenge and for raising such a huge amount for DSO. We're very grateful that you chose to support our charity.

Wallingford Vehicle Rally

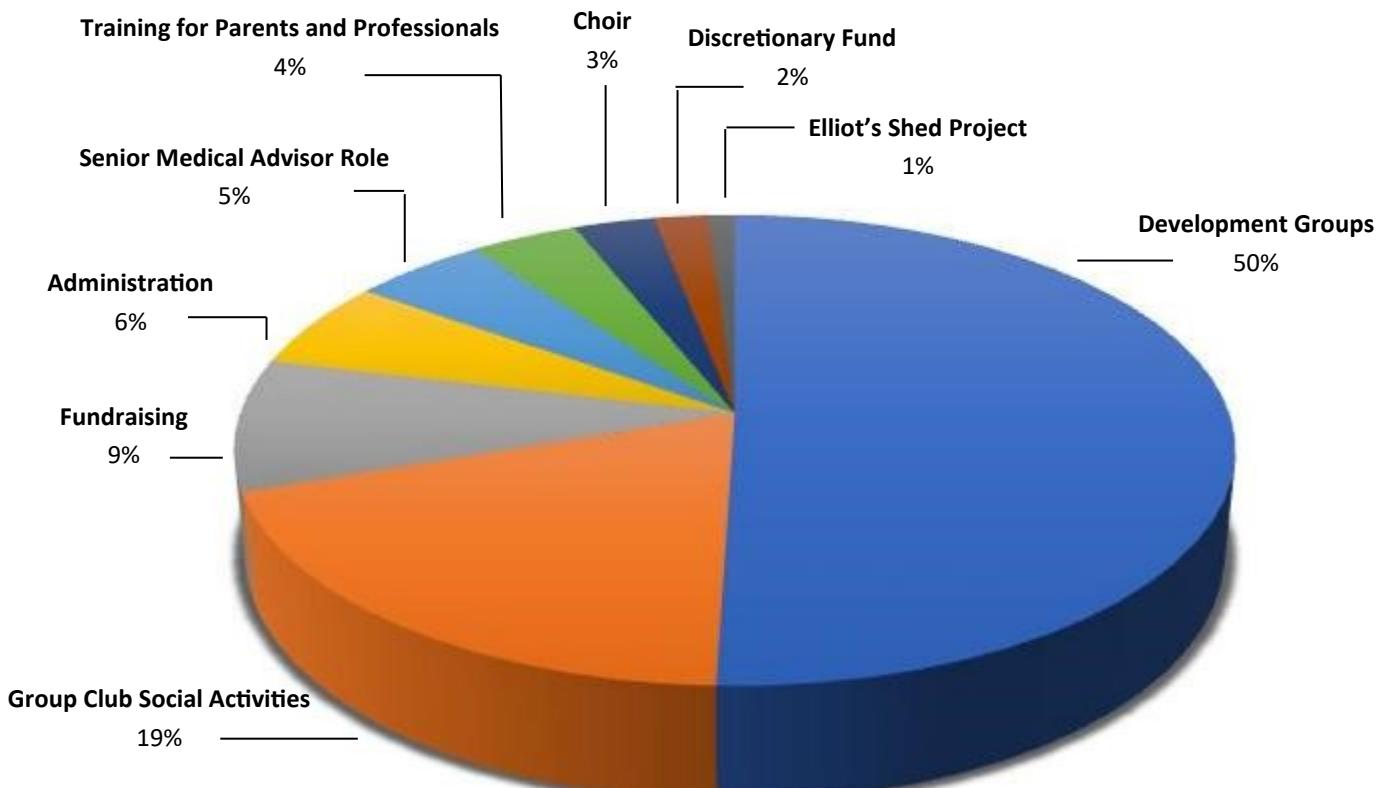


A big thank you to the **Wallingford Vehicle Rally and Parade** who generously donated £300. Nik Field collected the cheque on behalf of DSO and gave a short speech about how the money might be spent.



Expenditure Breakdown 2018/19

The visual below shows a breakdown of how our money was spent during the last financial year.



Lottery Results



Recent Winners:

April 2019

1st prize - £47.00	Shaun Goddard
2nd prize - £28.20	Katharine Horrocks
3rd prize - £18.80	C & J Dilnot

May 2019

1st prize - £47.00	C & J Dilnot
2nd prize - £28.20	Mary Robinson
3rd prize - £18.80	Andrew Partner

June 2019

1st prize - £48.00	Miss W Parker
2nd prize - £28.80	Netty Lings
3rd prize - £19.20	Ella Terblanche

July 2019

1st prize - £48.00	Emily & Matt Robinson
2nd prize - £28.80	Rachel & Gary Lane
3rd prize - £19.20	C & J Dilnot

August 2019

1st prize - £48.00	Jo Colehan
2nd prize - £28.80	Nigel Orman
3rd prize - £19.20	Emily & Matt Robinson

September 2019

1st prize - £48.00	Ella Terblanche
2nd prize - £28.80	Carolyn Walker
3rd prize - £19.20	Andrew Partner

A big thank-you to all those who take part for your continued support.

We now raise **£144** per month for DSO!

Want to join the DSO lottery?

Each ticket is £5 per month

All you need to do is:

- 1 Set up a regular monthly payment to our lottery account
→ **Account number 29786768 / Sort code 30-80-45**
- 2 Send an email to Amanda Foulds at
→ **lottery@dsoxford.org.uk**
- 3 We'll allocate you a number, email you back to tell you your number, and let you know when you win!



Gift Aid Declaration

Please tick appropriate response:

- I would like DSO to reclaim the tax on all donations I've made since April 2000 and all my future donations until further notice. I understand that I must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax DSO reclaims on my donation(s).
- I am not a UK tax payer

I enclose my gift of £ _____ (Cheque/PO payable to Down's Syndrome Oxford)

Or

A regular gift of £ _____ per month/quarter/year (please delete as appropriate)

Commencing on the _____ (day) _____ (month) _____ (year)

Name of bank: _____

Address of bank: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Account No.: _____ Sort Code: ____ - ____ - ____

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Bank Ref:

(Completed by DSO)

Bank Instructions: please pay the above amount on the same day every month/quarter/year (as indicated) thereafter to Lloyds Bank (30-94-04) for the account of Down's Syndrome Oxford (a/c 01154094).

Please return this form to **Down's Syndrome Oxford**, not your bank, c/o Treasurer, Manor Farm, Waterperry, Oxfordshire, OX33 1LB

We will not share your information with any other organisations:

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