INCORPORATING THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

AUGUST 2026

The Sequal News

55 years of funding communication aids



HENRY'S NEW EQUIPMENT FROM SEQUAL

"Words cannot describe"

Our cover photo shows Henry with his new iPad with the Proloquo2go app, supplied by Sequal last year. Henry's mum has said that the device is invaluable to him, and it allows him to communicate his daily wants and needs. It also enables him to understand and explain his emotions to others. The equipment has exceeded the family's expectations and has given Henry a voice, allowing him to have conversations in all aspects of his life.

> ***"The gift you have given to Henry is amazing, words cannot describe" - Leanne, Henry's Mum.***

Important News: this year's Sequal News will be the last we will automatically post. Future year's Sequal News will be available online on our website. If you would still like a copy through the post, please contact the office; contact details are below.
The date of the next AGM is October 15th 2026.

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Obituary:

Dorcas Munday MBE

It is with sad regret that we announce the death of Dorcas Munday MBE. As a long-standing former trustee and chair of The Sequal Trust, Dorcas Munday was a valuable member of the team. She has been writing books since the 1960's about disability issues, inspired by her experiences as someone with cerebral palsy. Dorcas was awarded an MBE at Buckingham Palace by Prince Charles for her work as the vice chair of Wellingborough CCL for the disabled.



Dorcas was born with Cerebral Palsy; she was unable to use her legs and was a wheelchair user. She used her mouth to write and then, later, after much practice, she used a stick, a typewriter, and then a computer. Dorcas was enthusiastic about promoting access to technology because she was dependent on it so much herself.

Among the many things Dorcas was involved in was the Phab (Physically Handicapped and Able-bodied). She acted as a tutor on courses and was co-leader of a Phab club, which she started in Kettering in 1975. Phab supports a national network of clubs and Phab Adventure. Its aim is to bring together disabled and non-disabled people of all ages in a spirit of togetherness and fun. Dorcas travelled extensively, visiting many countries, including America, Canada, and Europe, sometimes attending conferences for the disabled or for a holiday. Dorcas wrote many books about her life, experiences, adventures, and philosophy. All her books were typed by her, using a stick.

Despite having a physical disability, it didn't stop Dorcas from having a full and active life. Dorcas leaves a legacy of all that she achieved, and she will be very much missed by The Sequal Trust and all those who came into contact with her. Since her demise, we have been contacted by someone who met Dorcas through Phab in 2013 when he was still at school. He remembered her amazing passion and positivity and how she spoke about two things: in particular, making the most of life and The Sequal Trust. Dorcas was truly unforgettable. A donation of £5000 was made in Dorcas' name from an anonymous donor.

Trustees' Report and Review of the Year 2026

It has been another productive year for The Sequal Trust, with 58 cases supplied with communication equipment at a cost of £155,754. The equipment we provide our members with is wide and varied. Some people we help are non-verbal and need a voice to speak for them, some need special access devices to enable them to communicate, and some of the people we help have physical restrictions which we help them to overcome. There is a wide range of communication equipment on the market, and it is very important that each case is looked at individually and the best piece of equipment to suit each individual is chosen.

We have been given a massive financial boost this year thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of The Honeywood Trust. This charity for many years has provided grants for computers, information technology and communication aids to promote their education, independence and well-being. First registered in 1986, they have been awarding grants to fund many of our members over the years, and we have been very grateful for the help they have given. In 2025 their Trustees made the decision to wind up the charity, and we were thrilled when they approached us early in the year and advised us that they had agreed that The Sequal Trust should be the beneficiary of their financial investments when they close. The Trustees of The Honeywood Trust advised that a condition of our acceptance of these funds was that it should be treated as an expendable endowment, i.e. invested and the return on this investment to be used to contribute towards overheads, but with the proviso that if the funds were needed for other purposes this could be done if our Trustees authorised it. As you can see from our accounts, the impact of this generous legacy has meant that our investment income has doubled during the year, leaving more of the donations we receive from our generous benefactors available to use. The Trustees would like to thank The Honeywood Trust for thinking of us and promise that their generosity will mean we can fund more people who desperately need our help.

Thank you also to all our donors, some who have supported us for many years and new ones who have only recently heard of us. We conduct a general appeal each year and are very grateful for the donations we receive from this and the regular financial help from individuals. Other charities working in the same field as us are also generous donors and our staff have developed very good relationships with them.

Thank you so much to our wonderful staff. Everyone at Sequal does everything possible to ensure that members who we are helping get the vital equipment they need as soon as they possibly can and work hard to achieve this. In addition, our staff always do their best to help all our members with other concerns, and this continues after the equipment has been supplied.

A huge thanks to our amazing Trustees. During the year Pat Redfern, who took on the role of Trustee when her husband and former Chair of Sequal, John Redfern passed away, decided it was time to retire. We are, however, very pleased to have recruited Andrew Cheetham, my husband, as a new Trustee. He has done so much behind the scenes for many years, and it is wonderful to recognise this officially and welcome him aboard.

Thank you also to our President, Nigel Havers, and to our Patrons, HRH The Princess Michael of Kent, Roger Jefcoate, and Lee Ridley, AKA Lost Voice Guy. You are great ambassadors for The Sequal Trust, and we appreciate the time you invest in promoting our charity.

We look forward to another year of providing communication equipment to the many people who need this help and playing a part in improving their lives and following their dreams. We pledge to do whatever we can to ensure that everyone can have a 'voice', in one form or other, and reach their full potential.

Jackie Cheetham, Chair, on behalf of The Sequal Trust

THE SEQUAL TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2026

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 31.03.26 £	Total 31.03.25 £
Income resources from generated funds					
Donations and legacies	130,526	117,176	439,332	687,034	309,563
Investment income	2997	107	41,094	44,198	19,634
Total incoming resources	133,523	117,283	480,426	731,232	329,197
Resources expended Cost of generating funds					
Cost of generating donations and legacies	32,171	-	-	32,171	32,650
Charitable activities					
Charitable expenditure	46,445	155,754	-	202,199	209,259
Governance costs	1,368	-	-	1,368	1,255
Total resources expended	79,984	155,754	-	235,738	243,164
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources before transfers	53,539	(38,471)	480,426	495,494	86,033
Net transfers between funds	(61,061)	101,131	(40,070)	0	0
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources	(7,522)	62,660	440,356	495,494	86,033
Gains/(losses) on investment assets	-	-	118,179	118,179	(1,621)
Net movement in funds	(7,522)	62,660	558,535	613,673	84,412
Fund balances at 1 April 2025	39,491	113,237	487,698	640,426	556,014
Fund balances at 31 March 2026	31,969	175,897	1,046,233	1,254,099	640,426

OUR AGM THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15TH 2026 AT 11.30 AM AT THE DERWEN COLLEGE, GOBOWEN. IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 01691 624222 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

The financial information presented in these Trustees Annual Report and Accounts do not compromise the statutory financial statements of The Sequal Trust (Registered Charity No. 260119) for the year ended 31st March 2026, but represent extracts from them and therefore does not provide as full an understanding of the financial performance as the reading of the complete Annual Report and Accounts prepared under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. A copy of the complete Trustees' Annual Reports and Accounts, including the Independent Examiners' Report, can be obtained from The Sequal Trust offices or the offices of the Independent Examiners.

THE SEQUAL TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2026

Bankers
CAF Bank Ltd
25 Kings Hill Avenue
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West Malling
Kent
ME19 4JQ

Accountant
KV Ford FCA
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ST10 4BN

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No 1 Colmore Square
Birmingham
B4 6AA

Independent Examiners
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Chartered Accountants
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Oswestry
SY11 2NU

		31.03.26		31.03.25
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets		2,747		2,494
Investments		1,191,433		582,463
		1,194,180		584,957
Current assets				
Debtors	8,112		4,654	
Cash at bank and in hand	57,208		57,186	
	65,320		61,840	
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	(5,401)		(6,371)	
Net current assets		59,919		55,469
Total assets less current liabilities		1,254,099		640,426
Capital funds				
Endowment funds		1,046,233		487,698
Income funds				
Restricted funds		175,897		113,237
Unrestricted funds		31,969		39,491
		1,254,099		640,426

In the year to 31.03.26, £156k has been spent on providing equipment to 58 members. At the end of the financial year, we were holding £175,897 on behalf of members, pending completion of fundraising, trials, further assessments, or delivery of equipment. This will be used to fund the purchase of equipment in the coming year.

Member Spotlight: Celebrating Ben's Latest Venture



We love seeing our community create meaningful things, and Ben Kelly is a great example. A professional DJ and disability champion, he launched CelebrateAble in July in Bromsgrove—an inclusive event brand built on the belief that nobody should be left out of the party.

Ben has been part of The Sequal Trust since 1992, receiving laptops and other helpful equipment over the years. His DJ journey began at the National Star College, where he served as Entertainment Officer and organised party nights when students found it hard to get into town. In 2013, with support from The Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme, he began his DJ career. CelebrateAble, his newest venture, launched in July 2026.

CelebrateAble partners with venues, charities and corporate groups to create events where accessibility comes first—ensuring everyone can enjoy celebrations that are joyful, safe and welcoming.

Ben speaks openly about the loneliness many disabled people face when trying to socialise. He says, "I have spent many years feeling isolated and locked away from the world due to my health. I don't want anyone else to feel that way."

Learn more about CelebrateAble:
Website: www CelebrateAble.co.uk
Socials: @CelebrateAble

A Heartfelt Thank You to Pat Redfern!



The Sequal Trust would like to express its gratitude to Pat Redfern, Trustee, for all her hard work on behalf of the charity. Pat decided to step down from being a Trustee in 2025.

Pat and her late husband, John, have been great supporters of Sequal for many years. Her involvement began in the 1990s, when she accompanied John to committee meetings. They also visited new members and helped set up equipment. In 2005, Pat was asked to become a Trustee of the charity.

Pat was a bookkeeper when everything was written by hand into ledgers. With this background, we could always rely on her to check all the figures when our accounts were produced. There would always be a little something that Pat would spot.

Thank you for all you have contributed to The Sequal Trust.

WE ALWAYS LOVE HEARING WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING! IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE PART OF NEXT YEAR'S NEWSLETTER, EMAIL US AT INFO@THESEQUALTRUST.ORG.UK

Sequal Office News

The Sequal Office has been busy decorating the window to draw attention to and inform people about the work of the Sequal Trust. In December, we entered the Winter Festival competition, which had the theme of the Polar Express, and we won first place, and we get to keep the cup for the year.



Our Polar Express themed window



The cup for best Christmas window display



Our Easter Window with help from our local nursery

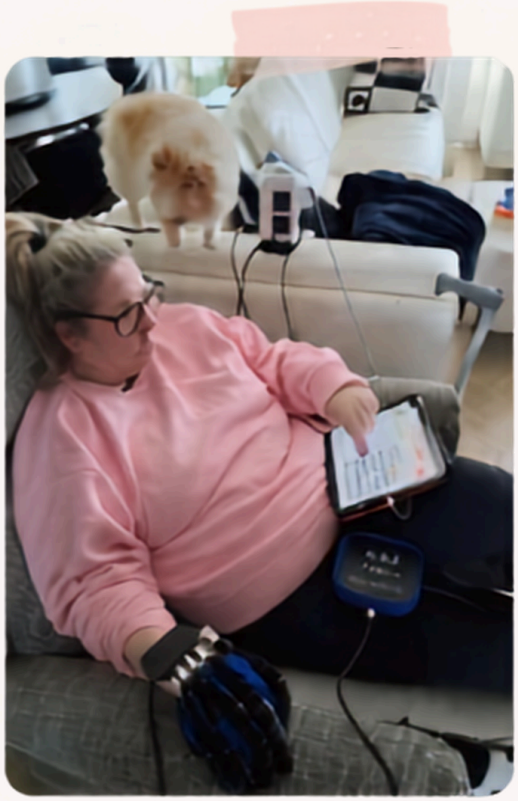


Another shop window competition celebrating VE Day



Our main window display explaining what we do

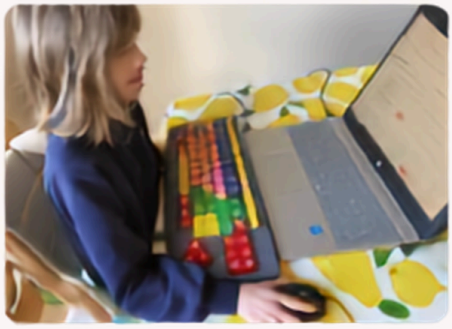
Stories of Impact



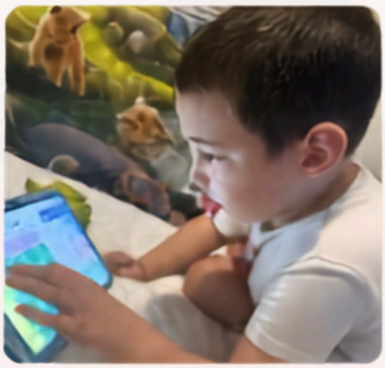
Victoria was provided with an iPad with the Claracom App. Her father wrote, “Many thanks for providing the iPad to Vicky…given more time, she will improve her skills in using it and will become a great tool for her communication between herself and all of us”.



Nayel was provided with the Proloquo2go app. His mum says “We’ve seen a really positive impact from it consistently. It’s made a big difference to his confidence and independence, and it helps him feel more in control of his day”.



Bella was provided with a laptop with a colour-coded keyboard and printer. Her mum said that the equipment has been really helpful for Bella, particularly in supporting her communication and access to activities at home…”.



Ben was given an iPad and Grid for iPad, and his mum has said that “We cannot express enough how grateful we are for this equipment. For us, it is much more than an iPad — it is a powerful tool that supports Ben’s communication development, and independence”.



Nazeem was provided with an iPad and Grid for iPad. His mum says, “He enjoys using it to communicate and make choices throughout the day. Once again, thank you so much, this was life-changing for him”.

Samuel was provided with an iPad and Grid for iPad, and his mum said that “He is making really good progress with it and enjoys using it. It has already made a positive impact on his life”.



CHEETHAMS WITH DREAMS

Hey everyone! We hope you are all well? This year has been a bit of a rollercoaster for us, so we have actually had a bit of time off. But here's a little sneak peak into what we have done this year! As always, thanks for your love.

You can find our adventures on all social media at @cheethamswithdreams



In March we had the incredible opportunity to be invited back to Universal Orlando! We stayed at Cabana Bay Beach Resort and got to check out the new park, Epic Universe. We were reviewing everything for accessibility and fun- so make sure you check out our socials to see just how much fun was had!









As ambassadors for the Destination Florida Children's Charity, we went to their Summer Ball and Hannah gave a speech on her Smartbox! It got lots of laughs and more importantly, helped raise lots of money.

This year, we found our love for running together. After fundraising, Hannah is now a proud owner of a Delta Run buggy, and we have already run two races (including the Manchester 10k with THE Carrie-Hope Fletcher). We are now training for the Manchester half in October... wish us luck! Getting out in the fresh air really is good for the soul x



Lastly, Becky recently trekked 100km across Montenegro for the charity CoppaFeel! with Giovanna Fletcher and 65 incredible women.
(This newsletter feels like we are now changed women.. But fear not, we are writing this from our sofa with a box of Maltesers!)



Meet the team



The Sequal Trust Trustees

Back row (left to right): Jeremy Sowter (trustee), Keith Ford (vice chair), Jackie Cheetham (chair)

Front row (left to right): Hannah Cheetham (media ambassador), Becky Cheetham (trustee) and Andrew Cheetham (trustee, not pictured)

The Office Staff

From left to right: Judy Ford (CEO), Meryl Parsons (manager), Clare Orr (charity fundraiser) and Jenny Edge (charity fundraiser)



CONGRATULATIONS

to our 100+ Club draw winners!

September Draw 2025

£100 Mr P Edge, Shropshire
£45 Mrs V J Patel, Cambridge
£20 Miss H Cheetham, Cheshire
£12 Mrs V Wright, Birmingham

March Draw 2026

£100 Mr A Cheetham, Cheshire
£40 Miss H Cheetham, Cheshire
£20 Miss K Edge, Shropshire
£15 Mrs J Edge, Shropshire

December Draw 2025

£100 Mr S Jones*, Shropshire
£40 Mr R Davies, Llandudno
£20 Mrs J Clayton, Shropshire
£15 Mr J E Rogers, Leeds

June Draw 2026

£100 Mr S Harvey, Altrincham
£35 Mr A Cheetham, Cheshire
£20 Miss K Edge, Shropshire
£15 Mr R Davies, Llandudno

*Donated to the Sequal Trust



The top prize in every 100+ draw is £100, and you could be in with a chance of winning this every quarter and at an annual fee of only £12! Please consider joining, as all proceeds support our general funds and help us buy more equipment!

Sequal's 100+ Club exists to raise funds towards our work. If anyone would like to join this club, which has 4 draws a year, or donate to Sequal, please complete this form and send it with your cheque to the office. If you prefer to pay by standing order, please call the office. Thank you!

I would like to join the 100+ club and enclose my cheque for £12 (by entering, you confirm that you are 18 or over) ☐

I would like to make a donation towards your work and enclose a cheque for the sum of £ ☐

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone No. .....

Email .....

To enable my subscription to go further, please treat my donation as Gift Aided, as I am a taxpayer

Signature .....

Date .....

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Meryl Parsons

Charity Fundraisers:
Jenny Edge
Clare Orr

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BARON DAVENPORT'S CHARITY
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BEATRICE LAING TRUST
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BRISTOL MASONS
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CHARITY OF EDGAR RALPH DRE
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CHIPPING SODBURY LIONS CLUB
CHRIMES FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST
CLARENCE HOUSE TRUST
DORCHESTER ROTARY CLUB
DOUGLAS ARTER FOUNDATION
EDITH MARY CLARKE FOUNDATION
EVESHAM RELIEF IN NEED
EXMOUTH ROTARY CLUB
FARNHAM ROUND TABLE
FRASER TRUST
FULMER CHARITABLE TRUST
GAIL TAYLOR TRUST
GEOFF HILL CHARITABLE TRUST
GIBBONS FAMILY TRUST
GLASTONBURY & STREET LIONS CLUB
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HARFORD CHARITABLE TRUST
HORSHAM LIONS CLUB
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W M & B W LLOYD CHARITY TRUST
WALWYN CHAPMAN CHARITABLE TRUST
WEDNESFIELD ROTARY CLUB

During the year, we are very proud to have provided 58 people with communication equipment costing £156k. Equipment that really has revolutionised their lives.

thank you!