SUTTON VISION

England & Wales · Charity number 1092429

Details

Other names	SUTTON ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04388249
Registered	2002-06-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECT ("THE OBJECT") IS TO DO ALL THINGS THAT ARE CHARITABLE (WITHIN THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES) TO PROMOTE AND IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SUTTON.

Activities: To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SUTTON
- Sutton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£347,326	£268,897	-	-
2024-03-31	£218,735	£213,291	-	-
2023-03-31	£209,741	£227,792	-	-
2022-03-31	£227,997	£214,457	-	-
2021-03-31	£154,020	£150,502	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony David Richman		2019-11-26
Graham Andrew Randles		2017-03-21
Hilary Leacock		2024-01-25
Himanshu Ramanbhai Patel		2017-03-21
Juliet Milgate		2022-09-22
LOUISA JANE SYRETT		2017-03-21
MICHAEL DAVID PARSONS		2012-08-29
Susan Ann Christie		2014-01-22

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Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

SUTTON VISION
(formerly - Sutton Association for the blind)

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SUTTON VISION

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

This year has been one of consolidation, resilience and community connection for Sutton Vision. In a challenging environment for small charities, we have focused on strengthening our foundations and maintaining the high quality of support that people with sight loss in Sutton rely on. Our priority has been to ensure that every service we offer remains welcoming, person-centred and responsive to the needs of our community—thanks to the dedication of our staff, volunteers and partners.

Our social and peer-support activities continue to thrive, from our popular yoga and bowls sessions to new 'Community Cuppa' groups in Cheam and Wallington, which provide relaxed spaces for people to meet and share experiences. Volunteers remain at the heart of everything we do—offering time, energy and empathy that transform the lives of those we support. As one volunteer described it after helping on a recent outing, it felt like a family day out with laughter at every turn.' These moments capture what Sutton Vision means to so many: connection, belonging and mutual support.

Our Low Vision Clinic remains a cornerstone of our work, providing specialist assessments, equipment and advice for people adjusting to sight loss. We were pleased that our NHS commissioners confirmed continued funding through to 2026, recognising the clinic's quality and impact. We also continue to contribute to national learning through our involvement in the RNIB Eye Care Support Pathway pilot—helping to shape how emotional and practical support is embedded into eye care services across the country.

More than half our staff now have lived experience of sight loss, giving Sutton Vision an authenticity that runs through every conversation, group and service. This insight has strengthened our digital inclusion work, our befriending programmes and our partnerships with local health and social care teams.

Our impact is best seen through the stories of the people we support. Mr L, referred to Sutton Vision after a stroke left him with significant sight loss, received tailored help through our Low Vision Clinic, including aids to help him read again. He joined our Living with Sight Loss workshop and our Charles Bonnet Syndrome support group and now contributes to local digital-access testing—proof that with the right support, confidence and participation can be restored.

As we look ahead to our 60th anniversary in 2025, our focus remains on sustaining and safeguarding the services our community depends on, diversifying our income, and continuing to be a trusted, welcoming space where everyone with sight loss can thrive.

MICHAEL D. PARSONS
Chair of Trustees
27 November 2025

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

The Executive Committee presents its report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Sutton Vision is a registered charity (No. 1092429). It is a company limited by guarantee (No. 04388249) which does not have share capital.

The Members of the Executive Committee during the year to March 2025 were as follows:
S A Christie
M D Parsons
H R Patel
G A Randles
A D Richman
L J Syrett
J Milgate
H Leacock

Trustees may be appointed by a resolution of the Board. Trustees shall be appointed for a term of three years, and any Trustee who has completed their term must retire at the next Board Appointment Meeting. Subject to Article 8.5, a retiring Trustee who remains eligible may be re-appointed for a maximum of three consecutive terms of office, including their initial term.

Article 8.5 - If a Trustee's re-appointment would result in them serving more than nine years in office, they may only be re-appointed if the other Trustees consider the circumstances to be exceptional and the re-appointment is approved by a resolution of at least 75% of the other Trustees.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th March 2002. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such members at 31st March 2025 was eight. The members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are set out on page 2. The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. Day-to-day matters are delegated to the charity's General Operations Manager. The General Operations Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

In line with our Safeguarding policy, all staff, volunteers and Trustees have received training on their safeguarding responsibilities as they relate to Sutton Vision and those we serve. Training is renewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton. Core services are provided to ensure the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the London Borough of Sutton are met. These core services include:

- Information and advice
- Low Vision Clinic
- Social and educational activities
- Digital Inclusion and Assistive Technology service
- Access to equipment through our Technology Resource Hub
- Early intervention support at St Helier Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)
- Health and Wellbeing services including befriending, home visits and workshops.
- Peer support groups and network

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year 2024/25, we reached 159 new beneficiaries and overall, we helped 429 unique beneficiaries.

We further developed our impact measurement during the year continuing to use the Visually impaired Outcomes Stars but also adding newly developed tools to measure the impact on the health, wellbeing and independence of the people who use regularly use our services.

A narrative providing performance of 2024/25 is provided below:

1. Outreach and Community work

Our Outreach and community work enables us to increase awareness of our services and support across the whole community. Whilst the nature of many sight loss conditions mean that our service users are predominantly older people, we continue to broaden the demographic of our service users helping people of working age access support to maintain or gain employment and supporting people to claim the disability benefits they are entitled to – this has been particularly important as the cost of living crisis has continued to adversely affect people with sight loss.

Outreach events and activities included three living with sight loss workshops, three community events and two awareness talks.

We provided support to 117 individuals; either in people's own homes, over the telephone, or at our offices. During the year we carried out 241 one-to-one appointments, handling benefits, blue badge applications, technology support and general queries and signposting people to other relevant support and services. Over double the number of appointments from the previous year.

"The Outreach officer has helped me to sort out my Access to Work, from start to finish, he has been such a great help as I was unsure how to initiate the process, he helped me by filling in the form online for us to review together making sure all information correct. Without his help I doubt I would still have a job".

2. Social groups and Peer to Peer support

Our social groups and activities provide opportunities for people to connect with others, take up new interests and help reduce isolation and loneliness. As with all our services we design and deliver our activities with the involvement and participation of people living with sight loss. We have sought feedback and ideas for new activities through follow-up calls made by our volunteers and with a written survey circulated with Contact magazine.

We have continued to respond to the needs identified by people with sight loss by establishing a wider range of peer support opportunities including an audio book club, crossword group and have increased the sports and physical activity groups. This has included developing a partnership with a local bowls club to provide both indoor and outdoor bowls sessions and approaching a Zumba teacher to set up specially designed audio described exercise classes for people with visual impairment. We have also established our new "community cuppas" - local peer support groups run on a drop-in basis at cafes in different parts of the borough, increasing accessibility for people who struggle with travelling to our centre and who want to meet other people with sight loss informally.

This year we have again offered a series of supported group trips and excursions including transport and sight guided visits to Hampton Court Palace, Kew Gardens, Paws on the Wharf and Epsom Playhouse.

In total, we organised 322 separate group sessions and outings, compared to 242 the previous year, covering over 2,000 attendances. This registers a significant 21% increase in group sessions.

"Just to say that I am always amazed at the huge range of activities that SV undertakes - and the detailed Newsletter this morning will give everyone something to look forward to in the New Year".

3. Digital Inclusion, Assistive Technology and Resource Hub

People who are blind or partially sighted are twice as likely to be digitally excluded than members of the general population, meaning that they are less likely to be able to find the best money saving deals, choose the cheapest options or access online sources of information and support. The increasing digitalisation of services, information and support continues to isolate many people with sight loss who are less likely to have the skills and knowledge to get online and stay online.

Our Assistive Technology Co-Ordinator helps people get set up on, and use smartphones, tablets, and computers by accessing helpful features such as voiceover, screen reading and magnification. This year, we carried out 113 one-to-one tech support sessions over the phone, in homes or in our Resource Hub (across 102 beneficiaries as often more than one session was required) and another 140 interventions for general advice.

Our Resource Hub enables people to test out laptops, mobile phones, and other smart devices specifically designed to improve day-to-day living. We hold regular demonstration days for our beneficiaries to come and test out the latest in technology and equipment.

4. Low Vision Clinic (LVC)

Our Low Vision Clinic (LVC) offers our beneficiaries an appointment with our optometrist who will assess sight capabilities and prescribe visual and reading aids as required. There is also an opportunity to meet with a Rehabilitation Officer from the Sensory Impairment Team to address any concerns and support with sight-related difficulties, including managing at home and mobility training.

The LVC service is self-referral (no GP referral required); however, individuals must be diagnosed with low vision by an optometrist and live within the London Borough of Sutton. Over the year we carried out 22 in-person clinics and we also supported 16 beneficiaries with domiciliary and remote appointments; in total we supported 119 beneficiaries including 68 new referrals. We issued 211 pieces of visual aid equipment, predominantly magnifiers.

5. Early intervention and Eye Clinic support at St Helier Hospital

Our Eye Clinic Liaison Officer works at both St Helier Hospital and at our Sutton Vision office and offers information, practical and emotional support to anyone attending the eye clinic. Over the year, they have provided support to 156 people diagnosed with a sight loss condition (of which 140 were in-person).

6. Befriending and Volunteer support

Using our team of dedicated volunteers, we kept in contact with our service users with weekly telephone calls, supporting people on our trips and outings, accompanying people on walks, and meeting for a coffee and chat.

We had 30 beneficiaries who received weekly or fortnightly befriending calls and visits during the year. Overall, we carried out 1,378 calls and visits, a 26% increase on the year 2023/24.

In the year, we managed to increase our volunteer support to 45 people who help to run our social and activity groups and providing administrative support. Around half of our volunteers have a visual impairment themselves and the peer support they offer is invaluable to our service users.

7. Fundraising

This year we received £66,308 of new one-off grants through Trust and Foundations.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Operating loss for the year was £5,948 (2024 - surplus £3,203). The Charity had a surplus for the year of £78,429 (2024 – surplus £5,444) after the Exceptional income.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity does not have a formal investment policy. It endeavours to obtain the best possible return on its investments and cash balances.

RESERVES POLICY

Introduction

This reserves policy outlines Sutton Vision's approach to managing and allocating reserves, including endowment funds, to ensure financial stability and sustainability in fulfilling our mission.

Purpose of the Reserves Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Define the types of reserves and funds held by the charity.
- Ensure that the charity has sufficient funds to meet its obligations and support ongoing operations.
- Provide transparency and accountability to stakeholders regarding the charity's financial management.

Types of Reserves

1. Unrestricted Reserves

- **Definition:** Funds that are freely available for use in the charity's operations.
- The charity aims to maintain a minimum of 6 months of unrestricted reserves to cover operational costs.
- These reserves are intended to protect against the uncertainty of fundraising from grants and foundations, from inflation and cost of living increases, from potential recruitment and redundancy costs, as well as some unforeseen overheads.

2. Restricted Reserves

- **Definition:** Funds designated for specific purposes by donors or grantors.
- These reserves will only be used for their intended purpose as specified by the donors.

3. Designated Reserves

- **Definition:** Funds set aside by the trustees for specific future projects or expenses that could not be met from future income.

These are currently put aside for the following specific purposes;

- To ensure continuity in funding for the Low Vision Clinic
- For estate matters such as site development or property relocation

- The board will review designated reserves annually to ensure alignment with the charity's strategic goals.

4. Endowment Funds

- **Definition:** Donations that are invested to generate income while preserving the principal amount.
- The income generated from endowment funds will be used for core services such as social groups, assistive technology, events and trips, while the principal remains intact.
- **Investment Strategy:** Endowment funds will be managed according to a conservative investment strategy to balance risk and return, ensuring long-term growth.

Reserves Strategy

- The charity will conduct an annual assessment of its financial position and reserves to ensure they meet operational and strategic needs.
- Unrestricted and designated reserves may be invested in low-risk financial instruments to generate additional income while preserving capital.

Spending Policy

- **Unrestricted Reserves:** The charity may draw on unrestricted reserves to cover operational shortfalls, with prior approval from the board.
- **Restricted Reserves:** Funds will be spent according to donor stipulations and will not be reallocated.
- **Designated Reserves:** Expenditure up to £10,000 in any one year from designated reserves can be approved by the finance sub-committee, expenditure above £10,000 in any one financial year must be approved by the Trustees. All spend must align with strategic priorities.
- **Endowment Funds:** The board will determine the appropriate income generated by endowment funds to be spent annually ensuring the sustainability of the fund.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Financial sustainability

We plan to invest in, and to continue the development of fundraising channels outside of Trusts and Foundations. To help achieve success and focus we have commissioned a report into the development of fundraising activities beyond 2025.

The report will focus on the areas that have been identified for development, include:

- Community and individual giving income streams;
- Legacy funding initiatives;
- Fundraising through third party events;
- Corporate partnerships primarily from those based in Sutton.

In addition to the above, we will continue to apply for grants with Trusts and Foundations, some of which are regular supporters of Sutton Vision and have provided multi-year grant support.

2. Activities

All our activities are led by the needs of our beneficiaries. We continually engage with them in the development of new activities and support services. Our Service User Advisory Group is a key mechanism to ensure lived experience is at the heart of all that we do. As part of our new strategy development our service users told us that our core services are critical in supporting and enabling their day-to-day living. We will therefore continue to develop and evolve our existing service offer.

To help address eye health education we ran our first information session this year to coincide with national eye health week. We undertook an evaluation of the day and plan to include further eye health education work in our activities based on the feedback we received.

We are developing more informal peer support opportunities rather than running formal "support groups" and the groups we are running (such as our glaucoma group) include information talks and relaxed opportunities for people to chat with one another afterwards.

We plan to extend our Living with Sight Loss workshops to reach more people newly diagnosed with sight loss and will be producing publicity materials and promoting these to newly diagnosed patients at the Eye Unit and to newly registered partially sighted and blind people through our Eye Clinic Liaison Officer and the Local Authority Sensory Impairment Team.

We have piloted 1:1 digital skills support through a volunteer with relevant IT teaching experience and this has formed part of our new project funded by the National Lottery starting in January 2025.

We have piloted additional physical activity groups (including bowls and Zumba) and are planning a walking group. We will continue to explore more opportunities for people to be physically active by developing new partnerships with sports and leisure providers in the borough and seek project funding to enable us to develop a full programme of activities.

Our future strategy will follow the Sutton Vision strategy of "Towards 2030". We will continue to develop core existing services but also identify potential areas of unmet need such as:

- Employability: Supporting visually impaired people (aged 18 – 40 years old) into or back into employment.
- Psychological support: Beyond well-being, additional mental health support services
- Children's service: Taking a life course approach to vision impairment in Sutton.
- Advocacy: Extend our existing advocacy to include prevention materials, support, and information.

1. Organisation Structure and Management

We identified the need to have a succession plan for Trustees and recruit more Trustees with lived experience. Despite engaging a professional recruiter in this area, we have not managed to find new Trustees, and therefore we plan to continue our efforts in the coming year and beyond.

We plan to use our sight advisory group and local contacts to help source potential Trustees with lived experience.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity and company law requires members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to: -

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for having proper accounting records kept, 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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement.

APPROVAL

The Report of the Executive Committee has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

The Report of the Executive Committee was approved by its members on 27 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

MICHAEL D. PARSONS
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Accountants' report to the charity trustees of SUTTON VISION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under the Charities Act 2011, s. 145 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in s. 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

David Wilkinson FCMA
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Endowment Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Big Lottery		-	-	93,225	-	93,225	100,932
City Bridge Trust Funding		-	-	19,200	-	19,200	9,800
Donations		-	-	-	6,110	6,110	4,596
Event donations		-	-	-	205	205	-
Golf Day Income		-	-	-	6,695	6,695	-
Low Vision Clinic - Funding		-	-	24,727	-	24,727	24,482
Monthly Giving		-	-	-	1,138	1,138	120
NHS Trust - ECLO - Funding		-	-	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Other Funding Awards		-	-	36,212	30,096	66,308	31,472
Other Revenue		-	-	-	813	813	220
Trust For London		-	-	19,833	-	19,833	15,833
Vision Foundation - Funding		-	-	14,695	-	14,695	2,439
Awards for all		-	-	-	-	-	9,992
Access to Work claim		-	-	-	-	-	3,120
Take on 250 Donations		-	-	-	-	-	3,487
						-	-
		-	-	217,892	45,057	262,949	216,494
Cost of sales				-	(4,584)	(4,584)	(1,509)
Gross Income		**-**	**-**	**217,892**	**40,473**	**258,365**	**214,985**
Administrative expenses	**2**			(213,994)	(50,319)	(264,313)	(211,782)
Operating Income (Loss)		**-**	**-**	**3,898**	**(9,846)**	**(5,948)**	**3,203**
Interest receivable		-	-	-	4,377	4,377	2,241
Exceptional income	**9**	80,000	-	-	-	80,000	-
Surplus for the financial year		**80,000**	**-**	**3,898**	**(5,469)**	**78,429**	**5,444**
Prior year adjustments							
Adjustment in reserves		-	15,000	-	25,000	40,000	-
		80,000	**15,000**	**3,898**	**19,531**	**118,429**	**5,444**
Fund balance at 1 April 2024		-	-	2,103	116,582	118,685	113,241
Fund balance at 31 March 2025		**80,000**	**15,000**	**6,001**	**136,113**	**237,114**	**118,685**

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets					
Computer Equipment	6		-		205
Current assets					
Debtors	7	13,782		8,220	
Cash at bank and in hand		289,226		243,556	
		303,008		251,776	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(65,894)		(133,296)	
Net current assets			237,114		118,480
Net assets			**237,114**		**118,685**
Capital and reserves					
Restricted Funds			6,001		2,103
Unrestricted Funds			136,113		116,582
Designated Reserves			15,000		-
Endowment Reserves			80,000		-
Shareholder's funds	10		**237,114**		**118,685**

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A D Richman
Director
Approved by the board
on 27 November 2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (revised September 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and with the Companies Act 2006.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund structure
Funds held by the charity are either:

• Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

• Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition
All incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt thereof and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

Fixed Asset Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

2 Resources expended

	2025 £ Restricted Funds	2025 £ Unrestricted Funds	2025 £ Total	2024 £ Total
Administrative Costs				
Advertising & Marketing	643	-	643	897
Audit & Accountancy fees	610	3,320	3,930	2,460
Bank Fees	92	179	270	240
Cleaning	-	97	97	195
Conference expenses	204	148	352	420
Consulting	-	3,149	3,149	2,854
DBS Charges	250	138	388	216
Employers National Insurance	5,940	2,793	8,733	7,539
Event Expenditure	3,377	549	3,926	2,317
Food & Drinks Office	-	863	863	849
General Expenses	-	47	47	106
Insurance	2,405	-	2,405	2,228
IT equipment for Staff	-	840	840	-
IT Software and Consumables	2,360	395	2,755	2,419
IT support	3,411	1,205	4,615	4,437
Legal Expenses	-	3,324	3,324	834
LVC - Visual Aid Equipment	8,313	-	8,313	7,912
LVC Optometrist Fees	4,132	-	4,132	4,199
Mobile Phone Charges	-	954	954	951
Newsletter Costs	2,244	-	2,244	4,918
Office & Kitchen Equipment	-	25	25	27
Payroll Fees	1,177	48	1,224	1,105
Pensions Costs	-	3,470	3,470	3,240
Postage, Freight & Courier	-	150	150	96
Premises Improvements	10,354	-	10,354	266
Printing & Stationery	2,966	-	2,966	2,124
Rent	16,695	1,455	18,150	9,950
Repairs & Maintenance	-	17	17	176
Salaries	138,972	20,804	159,777	145,517
Social Group Expenses	1,285	-	1,285	-
Staff Recruitment Fees	705	4,095	4,800	-
Subscriptions	351	310	661	564
Telephone & Internet	1,515	-	1,515	1,740
Travel - National	758	544	1,301	885
Visual Aid Equipment and Tools	5,177	1,400	6,577	54
Volunteer Expenses	60	-	60	45
	213,994	50,319	264,313	211,782

3 Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries	159,777	145,517
Pension contributions to money purchase scheme	3,470	3,240
Social Security costs	8,733	7,539
	171,980	156,296

	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	5	6.25

4 Executive Committee Remuneration and Expenses

No member of the Executive Committee, nor any person connected with them, has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds.

5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on all activities.

6 Fixed Assets

	Computer Equipment £	Office Equipment £	Total £
As at 31/3/2024	205	-	205
Disposed 18/2/25	(205)	-	(205)
Cost, 16/4/2024	-	106	106
Disposed 31/3/25		(106)	(106)
As at 31/3/2025	-	-	-

7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	201	605
Funding Income Accrual	2,500	2,500
Accounts receivable	6,232	-
Prepayments	4,850	5,115
	13,782	8,220

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	8,704	10,999
Deferred Income	45,665	81,396
Other creditors	11,524	40,901
	65,894	133,296

9 Exceptional income

The charity received £80,000 as an exceptional one off donation from Sutton Talking Newspaper, charity number 269628. Sutton Talking Newspaper has ceased operations, and Sutton Vision was one of two charities that received the remaining funds to be used for the purposes of the charity's objects.

10 Restricted funds

	Balance at 01-Apr-2024	Incoming resources	Resources Expensed	Balance at 31-Mar-2025
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
The National Lottery Community	628	-	-	628
Low Vision Clinic - Funding	-	24,727	(24,727)	-
NHS Trust - ECLO - Funding	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Other Funding Awards	-	36,212	(33,073)	3,139
Awards for all	975	-	-	975
Trust for London	-	19,833	(19,075)	758
Vision Foundation	500	14,695	(14,695)	500
Big Lottery	-	93,225	(93,225)	-
City Bridge Trust Funding	-	19,200	(19,200)	-
	2,103	217,892	(213,994)	6,001
Unrestricted funds				
General	116,582	74,434	(54,903)	136,113
Designated Reserves	-	15,000	-	15,000
Endowment Reserves	-	80,000	-	80,000
	118,685	387,326	(268,897)	237,114

10 Company limited by guarantee

Each member has a maximum potential liability of £10 in the event of the company being wound.

11 Controlling party

There is no controlling party.

12 Other information

SUTTON VISION is a private company limited by Guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
3 Robin Hood Lane Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2SW

SUTTON VISION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes		2025 £		2024 £
Fixed assets					
Computer Equipment	6		-		205
Current assets					
Debtors	7	13,782		8,220	
Cash at bank and in hand		289,226		243,556	
		303,008		251,776	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(65,894)		(133,296)	
Net current assets			237,114		118,480
Net assets			**237,114**		**118,685**
Capital and reserves					
Restricted Funds			6,001		2,103
Unrestricted Funds			136,113		116,582
Designated Reserves			15,000		-
Endowment Reserves			80,000		-
Shareholder's funds	10		**237,114**		**118,685**

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.
The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A D Richman
Director
Approved by the board
on 27 November 2025

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31 March 2024

SUTTON VISION

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SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

As we reflect on the past year, it is with immense pride that I present the Chair's report for Sutton Vision for the year ending 31st March 2024.

During the year we added another Trustee therefore, I am delighted to announce the appointment of Hilary Leacock as our new Trustee, alongside her Guide Dog Edie. Hilary has an impressive career background that brings valuable experience and perspective to our Board. Her dedication to community engagement in both Merton and Sutton will certainly enhance the effectiveness of our Board of Trustees and contribute positively to the mission of Sutton Vision.

Additionally, we are pleased to share that we have officially signed a five-year lease, on our present premises, with Sutton Council. This agreement provides Sutton Vision with greater certainty regarding our office location, which is essential to the success of our operations and initiatives. Furthermore, the five-year contract will give continuity to our service users who are living with a visual impairment.

One of the highlights of this year has been the tremendous work done to measure, track and report, more effectively, the impact of our services through our new Outcomes Framework. This framework is not just a tool for measuring success; it represents our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability. It provides Sutton Vision with a structured approach to evaluating the impact of our work and ensures that everything we do is aligned with our overall goal of supporting, empowering and enabling people living with ongoing sight loss or blindness in Sutton to live full and independent lives as far as practically possible. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in this fantastic piece of work.

I am also thrilled to report on the development and launch of our 'Towards 2030' strategy. This strategy takes a long-term approach to our work and reflects Sutton Vision's commitment to impact and inclusion. In the development of this strategy, we consulted widely and took on board feedback about what we do well, what we can do better and where there might be opportunities to do more. I encourage all to read this strategy, if you have not already; Sutton Vision has been serving the Sutton community since 1965 and we will be here until 2030 and beyond. While people are living and working with sight loss in Sutton, we will be here to support, empower and enable them to live independent and full lives.

A huge thank you to all our funders and individual supporters. Special mention to:

- National Lottery
- Vision Foundation
- Epsom & St Helier Hospital NHS trust
- NHS South West London ICB
- City Bridge Trust
- Will Charitable Trust
- Postcode Lottery
- Community Action Sutton
- Visionary

This year, we proudly continued our 'Take on 250' community fundraising initiative, with our staff and volunteer team setting an exemplary standard by collaborating with Anytime Fitness in Sutton. Together, the team accomplished a remarkable 250 minutes of exercise in the gym, successfully raising over £3,400.

As we continue to move forward, I am confident that with the continued contributions of our dedicated staff team and the support of our wonderful volunteers Sutton Vision is poised for a successful next year ahead.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to all the Board of Trustees for their dedication, support and hard work in helping to make this past year a wonderful success.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL D. PARSONS
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
3rd October 2024

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The Executive Committee presents its report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Sutton Vision is a registered charity (No. 1092429). It is a company limited by guarantee (No. 04388249) which does not have share capital.

The Members of the Executive Committee during the year to March 2024 were as follows:

S A Christie
I I Mkparu resigned 1 April 2023
M D Parsons
H R Patel
G A Randles
A D Richman
L J Syrett
J Milgate
H Leacock appointed 25 January 2024

All Members of the Executive Committee are also Members and Directors of the company and Trustees of the charity. The Members are elected by the full Executive Committee. One third of the Members retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-election.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th March 2002. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such members at 31st March 2024 was eight. The members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are set out on page 2. The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. Day-to-day matters are delegated to the charity's General Operations Manager. The General Operations Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee.

This year, we reviewed and updated our internal Safeguarding and Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion policy and in line with our process, all other policies and procedures are reviewed and updated every two years.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

In line with our Safeguarding policy, all staff, volunteers and Trustees have received training on their safeguarding responsibilities as they relate to Sutton Vision and those we serve. Training is renewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton. Core services are provided to ensure the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the London Borough of Sutton are met. These core services include:

- Information and advice
- Low Vision Clinic
- Social and educational activities
- Digital Inclusion and Assistive Technology service
- Access to equipment through our Technology Resource Hub
- Early intervention support at St Helier Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)
- Health and Wellbeing services including befriending, home visits and workshops.
- Peer support groups and network

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Demand for Sutton Vision's services has continued to grow during 2023/24 and we have reached 196 new beneficiaries during the year and overall, we helped 510 unique beneficiaries. We use the Visually impaired Outcomes Star to measure our impact on the lives on the health, wellbeing and independence of the people who use regularly use our services and were pleased that 93% of the people tracked, showed progress in one or more of the outcome areas. Further information about our outcomes work is outlined in the Plans for the Future section of this report.

This year we are delighted to announce the publication of our 'Toward 2023' strategic document and following plans from last year we launched our Service User Advisory Group; this group provides valuable lived experience guidance to the organisation in its development of services to the community.

A narrative providing performance against 2023/24 is provided below:

1. Outreach and Community work

Our Outreach and community work enables us to increase awareness of our services and support across the whole community. Whilst the nature of many sight loss conditions mean that our service users are predominantly older people, we continue to broaden the demographic of our service users helping people of working age access support to maintain or gain employment and supporting people to claim the disability benefits they are entitled to – this has been particularly important as the cost of living crisis has continued to adversely affect people with sight loss. Our Outreach worker has delivered awareness sessions to job coaches across Southwest London to help improve understanding and support for people with a visual impairment seeking work and developed links with the disability advisors at the Job Centre locally.

Outreach events and activities included over 13 talks and awareness raising activities with a range of partner voluntary organisations and community groups across the borough. We have again targeted our outreach work in those parts of the borough where we knew there was the greatest need alongside those areas with a more diverse population ensuring that our services reflect the diversity of the Sutton community.

We provide support in people's own homes, over the telephone, and at our offices. During the year we carried out 116 one-to-one appointments, handling benefits, blue badge applications, technology support and general queries and signposting people to other relevant support and services.

2. Social groups and Peer to Peer support

Our social groups and activities provide opportunities for people to connect with others, take up new interests and help reduce isolation and loneliness. As with all our services we design and deliver our activities with the involvement and participation of people living with sight loss. We have sought feedback and ideas for new activities through follow-up calls made by our volunteers and with a written survey circulated with Contact magazine.

- People told us they wanted to be more physically active and in response we have started a weekly chair-based yoga session delivered by a qualified instructor who has experience of working with people with sight loss and who provides clear audio description.
- Men responded to our survey highlighted that they felt a group for them was missing and in response we launched our 'Men in Shades' group, a new lunchtime pub social for men.
- People requested more accessible creative opportunities, so we started our 'Creative Corner' group and 'Knit and Natter' social.

We were also delighted to organise an afternoon tea for all our service users and volunteers to celebrate the King's Coronation.

We host Macular Society group meetings, coordinate a quarterly Glaucoma meeting, run a regular Charles Bonnet support group, and deliver our own Living with Sight Loss workshops.

In total, we organised 242 separate group sessions and outings, compared to 141 the previous year covering 1,648 attendances, up from 1,174 attendances the previous year. A fantastic 71% increase in group sessions.

Our social groups and peer support are a very popular and active area for Sutton Vision and a key factor in the increased reach.

"Thank you for a super, smashing day out. Good times with very good people. I very rarely get out – such a treat"

Over 80% of people who attended our Living with Sight loss workshops said they now knew more about the benefits, services and support available to them. 100% of attendees would recommend a day to other people with sight loss.

3. Cost of living support

Due to the continued high inflation, we continued to support our staff with a quarterly cost of living salary increase. We have used our Contact magazine (circulated to approximately 750 visually impaired people across the borough) to provide practical information and help, including energy-saving advice and help with transport costs.

We once again worked with the local NHS to offer Autumn and Spring pop up Flu and COVID vaccination clinic for our most vulnerable service users.

4. Digital Inclusion, Assistive Technology and Resource Hub

People who are blind or partially sighted are twice as likely to be digitally excluded than members of the general population, meaning that they are less likely to be able to find the best money saving deals, choose the cheapest options or access online sources of information and support. The increasing digitalisation of services, information and support continues to isolate many people with sight loss who are less likely to have the skills and knowledge to get online and stay online.

Our Assistive Technology Co-Ordinator helps people get set up on, and use smartphones, tablets, and computers by accessing helpful features such as voiceover, screen reading and magnification. This year, we carried out 186 one-to-one tech support sessions over the phone, in homes or in our Resource Hub (across 104 beneficiaries as often more than one session was required).

Our Resource Hub enables people to test out laptops, mobile phones, and other smart devices specifically designed to improve day-to-day living. We held a quarterly demonstration day for our beneficiaries to come and test out the latest in technology and equipment. This year we ran sessions on navigation and helped people download and use apps such as Uber Assist, Good Food Talks, Laundry Lens, VoiceVista and Easy Reader.

"A very welcoming, relaxed and professionally run centre that provides vital guidance and care to those of us who need this security and support through difficult life challenges. Thank you"

5. Low Vision Clinic (LVC)

Our Low Vision Clinic (LVC) offers our beneficiaries an appointment with our optometrist who will assess sight capabilities and prescribe visual and reading aids as required. There is also an opportunity to meet with a Rehabilitation Officer from the Sensory Impairment Team to address any concerns and support with sight-related difficulties, including managing at home and mobility training.

The LVC service is self-referral (no GP referral required); however, individuals must be diagnosed with low vision by an optometrist and live within the London Borough of Sutton. Over the year we carried out 22 in-person clinics and we also supported 15 beneficiaries with domiciliary and remote appointments; in total we supported 127 beneficiaries. We delivered advice across 186 separate calls and appointments during the year, providing valuable support, referrals, signposting, and advice. We issued 201 pieces of visual aid equipment, predominantly magnifiers.

We carried out our annual patient survey which showed high levels of user satisfaction and revealed that 94% of respondents were more confident about shopping, reading labels or medication instructions and 82% were now able to read for pleasure, watch TV or take up new hobbies.

We also undertook an audit of the service using the quality standards developed by the RNIB and were pleased to meet or exceed all requirements.

6. Early intervention and Eye Clinic support at St Helier Hospital

Our Eye Clinic Liaison Officer works at both St Helier Hospital and at our Sutton Vision office and offers information, practical and emotional support to anyone attending the eye clinic. Over the year, she has provided support to 227 people diagnosed with a sight loss condition (of which 187 were in-person).

7. Befriending and Volunteer support

Using our team of dedicated volunteers, we kept in contact with our service users with weekly telephone calls, supporting people on our trips and outings, accompanying people on walks, and meeting for a coffee and chat.

We had 28 beneficiaries who received weekly, fortnightly, or monthly befriending calls and visits during the year. Overall, we carried out 1,092 calls and visits.

In the year, 30 volunteers gave over 1000 hours of support including helping to run our social and activity groups and providing administrative support. Around half of our volunteers have a visual impairment themselves and the peer support they offer is invaluable to our service users.

"Volunteering has given me so much confidence. I've had a lot of help from Sutton Vision myself and it has been good to give something back. Seeing people enjoying themselves and having a laugh. It makes it so worthwhile"

8. Brand, communications, and marketing

This year, we introduced a new website design for Sutton Vision with updated clearer branding and streamlined interaction, making our information and services clearer for people to access and use, and with an easy-to-use events guide. This website update was a result of pro-bono communications support.

We continue to promote our services through our website, radio advertising, Sutton Talking Newspaper, Community Action Sutton ebulletin, Visionary network, community noticeboards, supermarkets, libraries, and GP practices.

In addition to Contact magazine (which is available in print or via email) we now provide more time-sensitive information through our e-bulletin for those people wanting to receive information digitally.

We have continued our presence on social media and used this medium to promote our activities and events.

Overall, our Facebook reach was up on last year, with 782 new likes, 1,000 followers and 938 content interactions. We continue to also use Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn as alternate ways to promote and communicate to different audiences (like potential funders or professional networks), but Facebook remains our primary social media engagement tool with service users.

9. Fundraising

This year we received £69,537 of new one-off grants through Trust and Foundations.
In January we joined the broader sight loss sector 'Take on 250' fundraising campaign for the second year running. Initiated by Vision Foundation, it aims to raise awareness that every day in the UK, 250 people lose their sight. 'Take on 250' encouraged individuals to raise money for a UK sight loss charity (in our case Sutton Vision) by doing something 250 times (either per day or throughout the month). This year, the Sutton Vision staff team and volunteers organised a range of fundraising activities during January including a partnership event with a local gym, Anytime Fitness; a pitch to Sutton Soup, and a pub quiz. Collectively £3,500 was raised for Sutton Vision.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity had a surplus for the year of £5,444 (2023 – deficit £18,051).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity does not have a formal investment policy. It endeavours to obtain the best possible return on its investments and cash balances.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain both restricted and unrestricted funds. The restricted funds are as a result of funding having been secured with limitations on its use, such as specific grant applications. These reserves will vary from year to year according to the success of individual grant applications.

The unrestricted funds are free reserves that have been built up over time to cover future expenditure on projects and to meet future running costs.

It is considered that the minimum total of the restricted and unrestricted reserve to be held at any one time should equate to at least six months running costs.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Sutton Vision Executive Committee has consulted with members, staff, volunteers, and key stakeholders to develop the priorities for the next financial year and we will use our 'Towards 2030' strategy to consider the longer term:

1. Financial sustainability

To maintain our financial position and reduce reliance on grant providers, we are developing new income generation streams to attract direct income. To ensure these initiatives are successful we are moving from a fundraising contractor, and plan instead, to recruit a permanent fundraiser role.

We intend to secure the financial sustainability by developing the following funding streams:

- To maintain our Trust and Foundation records and develop community and individual giving income streams, we invested in the 'Donorfy' CRM platform last year.
- We launched our legacy funding initiative partnering with 'Bequeathed' for free wills, and we have plans to develop a more integrated legacy campaign.
- We have been successful using community events to fundraise over the last few years. We have plans to continue this development, undertaking specific events to raise our own unrestricted funds such as golf days and challenge activities. We will also utilise national fundraising opportunities such as RNIB's 'Take on 250' which have been very successful for us in recent years.
- We are working to increase financial support from commercial entities either based in Sutton or where there are connections to Trustees.
- We will continue to apply for grants with Trusts and Foundations, some of which are regular supporters of Sutton Vision and have provided multi-year grant support.

2. Activities

All our activities are led by the needs of our beneficiaries. We continually engage with them in the development of new activities and support services. Our Service User Advisory Group is a key mechanism to ensure lived experience is at the heart of all that we do. As part of our new strategy development our service users told us that our core services are critical in supporting and enabling their day-to-day living. We will therefore continue to develop and evolve our existing service offer.

During the year we have we have been working on ways to measure, track and report, more effectively, the impact of our services. We have developed a theory of change and outcomes framework which we will use to track our progress and impact. All our services work towards at least one of our four global outcomes which are:

- Improved mental and emotional wellbeing
- Improved resilience and ability to manage daily life
- Increased confidence and independence
- Increased social connection and meaningful engagement.

Following our consultations, we have also identified some potentially unmet need amongst our service users; however, any growth in services would be dependent on achieving sustainable funding for them. Our priority for the next year is to explore expanding our services or partnerships around:

- Employability: Supporting visually impaired people (aged 18 – 40 years old) into or back into employment.
- Psychological support: Beyond well-being, additional mental health support services • Children's service: Taking a life course approach to vision impairment in Sutton.
- Advocacy: Extend our existing advocacy to include prevention materials, support, and information.

3. Organisation Structure and Management

Our board of non-executive trustees maintains a high standard of governance. There are currently eight trustees, drawn from diverse backgrounds with a broad range of experience, a make-up that reflects the Sutton community and lived experience of sight loss. Recognising we currently have a good number of Trustees for the size of our organisation, we are also mindful that retirement may be on the horizon and so, building a diverse pool of potential Trustees with lived experience remains a priority.

We recognise now is the time to further invest in Fundraising and we will look to recruit a part-time permanent Fundraise role to continue our relationships with Trusts and Foundations but with a priority on diversifying our income streams (community, individual giving and legacy).

4. Sutton Vision premises

We are pleased to have secured a long-term lease with Sutton Council for our operating premises until 2029 at 3 Robin Hood Lane. The premises provide security for the charity and are in a good location and accessible.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity and company law requires members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to: -

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for having proper accounting records kept, 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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

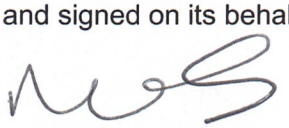
PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement.

APPROVAL

The Report of the Executive Committee has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The Report of the Executive Committee was approved by its members on 3rd October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



M D PARSONS
Chair

SUTTON VISION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Accountants' report to the charity trustees of SUTTON VISION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:
• accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
• the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
• the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
• the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

David Wilkinson
Associates House
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Herts
EN4 8RE
1 October 2024

SUTTON VISION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Income					
Big Lottery		100,932	-	100,932	98,779
Low Vision Clinic - Funding		24,482	-	24,482	-
Trust For London		15,270	563	15,833	-
NHS Trust - ECLO - Funding		10,000	-	10,000	-
Awards for all		9,992	-	9,992	-
Vision Foundation		2,439	-	2,439	25,000
Other funding Awards		-	31,472	31,472	36,900
City Bridge Trust Funding		-	9,800	9,800	-
Donations		-	4,596	4,596	2,356
Access to Work claim		-	3,120	3,120	4,074
Take on 250 Donations		-	3,487	3,487	7,982
Monthly Giving		-	120	120	110
Other Revenue		-	220	220	82
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust		-	-	-	10,000
NHS South West London ICB		-	-	-	24,240
Event Donations		-	-	-	219
		163,115	53,379	216,494	209,741
Cost of sales		-	(1,509)	(1,509)	(5,903)
Gross Income		**163,115**	**51,870**	**214,985**	**203,838**
Administrative expenses	**2**	(166,757)	(45,025)	**(211,782)**	**(221,840)**
Operating Income		**(3,642)**	**6,845**	**3,203**	**(18,002)**
Interest receivable		-	2,241	2,241	82
Unrealised gain (losses) on revaluation of investments		-	-	-	(131)
Income before taxation		**(3,642)**	**9,086**	**5,444**	**(18,051)**
Tax on Income		-	-	-	-
Surplus for the financial year		**(3,642)**	**9,086**	**5,444**	**(18,051)**
Fund balance at 1 April 2023		5,745	107,496	113,241	131,292
Fund balance at 31 March 2024		**2,103**	**116,582**	**118,685**	**113,241**

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2024

	Notes		2024 £		2023 £
Fixed assets					
Computer Equipment	6		205		-
Current assets					
Debtors	7	8,220		14,715	
Cash at bank and in hand		243,556		200,790	
		251,776		215,505	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(133,296)		(102,264)	
Net current assets			118,480		113,241
Net assets			**118,685**		**113,241**
Capital and reserves					
Restricted Funds			2,103		5,745
Unrestricted Funds			116,582		107,496
Shareholder's funds	9		**118,685**		**113,241**

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A D Richman
Director
Approved by the board
on 3rd October 2024

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes.
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (revised September 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and with the Companies Act 2006.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund structure
Funds held by the charity are either:

• Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

• Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition
All incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt thereof and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)

Fixed Asset Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.
The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)

2 Resources expended

	2024 £ Restricted Funds	2024 £ Unrestricted Funds	2024 £ Total	2023 £ Total
Charitable Activities				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	107,376	38,141	145,517	142,722
Pensions	2,177	1,063	3,240	3,043
Employer's NI	7,539	-	7,539	7,473
Staff training and welfare	-	-	-	594
Travel and subsistence	434	452	885	49
Client / Volunteer events	-	45	45	1,567
Low Vision Clinic - fees, aids	7,912	54	7,967	7,574
LVC Optometrist Fees	4,199	-	4,199	3,888
Events and Conference expenses	1,825	912	2,737	-
	131,461	40,668	172,130	166,910
Premises costs:				
Rent	19,490	(9,540)	9,950	9,950
Cleaning	-	195	195	38
Premises improvements	121	145	266	-
	19,611	(9,200)	10,411	9,988
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and internet	1,415	1,276	2,690	2,498
Postage	-	96	96	-
Stationery and printing	1,405	719	2,124	2,651
Newsletter Costs	3,207	1,712	4,918	1,434
Subscriptions	495	69	564	617
Bank charges	-	240	240	372
Insurance	923	1,305	2,228	2,151
Equipment expensed	-	27	27	360
IT Support & Software	5,041	1,816	6,857	8,555
Repairs and maintenance	-	176	176	92
Sundry expenses	-	106	106	780
	12,485	7,542	20,027	19,508
Legal and professional costs:				
Payroll fees	500	605	1,105	1,064
DBS Charges	-	216	216	220
Accountancy fees	747	1,713	2,460	2,820
Solicitors' fees	500	334	834	1,573
Consultancy fees	-	2,854	2,854	12,554
Promotional costs / Advertising	897	-	897	7,043
Entertainment-100% business	556	293	849	161
	3,200	6,014	9,214	25,434
	166,757	45,025	211,782	221,840

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3 Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries	145,517	142,722
Pension contributions to money purchase scheme	3,240	3,043
Social Security costs	7,539	7,473
	156,296	153,238

	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	6.25	6.25

4 Executive Committee Remuneration and Expenses

No member of the Executive Committee, nor any person connected with them, has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds.

5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on all activities.

6 Investments

Other Investments	2024 £	2023 £
Market value		
At 1 April 2023	-	1,180
Acquisition Costs	-	-
Disposal	-	(1,180)
At 31 March 2024	-	-
Historical cost	-	-

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)

7 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	-	500
Other debtors	605	842
Funding Income Accrual	2,500	8,560
Prepayments	5,115	4,813
	8,220	14,715

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	10,999	14,693
Deferred Income	81,396	56,479
Other creditors	40,902	31,091
	133,296	102,264

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 01-Apr-23	Incoming resources	Resources Expensed	Balance at 31-Mar-24
Restricted funds	£	£	£	£
The National Lottery Community	5,745	100,932	(106,049)	628
Low Vision Clinic - Funding	-	24,482	(24,482)	-
NHS Trust - ECLO - Funding	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Awards for all		9,992	(9,017)	975
Trust for London		15,270	(15,270)	-
Vision Foundation		2,439	(1,939)	500
	5,745	163,115	(166,757)	2,103
Unrestricted funds				
General	107,496	55,620	(46,534)	116,582
	113,241	218,735	(213,291)	118,685

Each of the restricted funds have a specific requirement on how the funds need to be spent.

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 (Continued)

10 Company limited by guarantee

Each member has a maximum potential liability of £10 in the event of the company being wound.

11 Controlling party

There is no controlling party.

12 Other information

SUTTON VISION is a private company limited by Guarantee and incorporated in England.
Its registered office is:
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SUTTON VISION

England & Wales - Charity number 1092429

Accounts

Registered number
04388249

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Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

SUTTON VISION
(formerly - Sutton Association for the blind)

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

In the Chair's report, for year ending March 2022, I expressed how it had been a positive 12 months for Sutton Vision. I am delighted with all that Sutton Vision has continued to achieve in the 2022/23 financial year.

Sutton Vision has embraced being back to face-to-face working with service users and supporters; we held our first Glaucoma peer support group in partnership with the national charity, Glaucoma UK alongside hosting Macular Society group meetings, regular Charles Bonnet support group meetings and delivering our own Living with Sight Loss workshops which gave people new to sight loss the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation.

Personally, I know our Open Day BBQ, Queen's Jubilee afternoon tea and Christmas party were a highlight for many along with our weekly Bridge Club and a monthly crossword group all of which have grown in popularity.

We ran several group trips, taking services users to the theatre to see the 'King and I' at New Wimbledon Theatre, as well as Nonsuch Gardens and a Christmas Shopping trip to the Sutton High Street.

Alongside our Low Vision Clinic and ECLO (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer) services, we were also able to offer two 'pop-up' COVID vaccination clinics which were well attended in the Autumn 2022 and Spring 2023.

It has been a difficult year for many of our service users with the increased energy prices, higher than expected inflation which has resulted in a cost-of-living crisis, which as we know, often impact people living with sight loss disproportionately. Recognising the challenges in the community and in partnership with Sutton Council, Sutton Vision opened as a warm bank during the winter and through our Outreach services we were also able to offer advice on benefits and specialist advice talks at our Resource Hub. The Citizen's Advice Bureau delivered an energy talk with advice on sources of support available and how to save money on bills. Trading standards ran a session on how to guard against scams and fraud (both online and doorstep) and Sutton and East Surrey Water gave a talk and individual support on reducing water bills.

We continue to provide technology assistance to service users and work hard to keep our Resource Hub up-to-date with the latest technology for people to 'try before they buy'.

A huge thank you to all our funders and individual supporters. Special mention to:

- National Lottery
- Vision Foundation
- Epsom & St Helier Hospital NHS trust
- NHS South West London ICB
- Shanly Foundation
- Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
- Spectacle Makers
- Blakemore Foundation
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Edward Gostling Foundation
- Croydon Health Services NHS Trust
- Visionary
- Tesco

This was the year that we also started an individual giving campaign with the launch of 'Take on 250' in January. With major support from the Trustees and our General Operations Manager, we raised £10,000 and hope to increase this next year encouraging services users and their families to get involved.

We also welcomed several new Trusts and Foundations, many of whom will be multiyear funders, including Trust for London (which will start in August 2023) and whilst we were unable to close the funding gap, we do feel confident we will turn the tables in 2023/24, with news of a number of successful grants proposals already received.

I would like take this opportunity to thank our staff and our group of dedicated volunteers, who together have made this year a massive success. I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees, who, using their respective skill and talents, have ensured we have continued to govern and grow the charity for the benefit of our wonderful community.

Finally, I would like to formally welcome Juliet Milgate to the Executive Committee. Juliet joins us with a wealth of experience after more than ten years in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office alongside her technical expertise in disability inclusion, health systems and international development policy with her current role as Director of Policy and Global Advocacy at Sightsavers.

I am sad to confirm that Ikwi Mparu stepped down as a Trustee from the Board of Trustees of Sutton Vision at the end of March, to emigrate with her family to the USA. We owe Ikwi many thanks for the years of service she gave to the Sutton Vision. The Trustees, members of staff and volunteers wish her the very best wishes for her future.

M D Parsons
Chair
5 October 2023

SUTTON VISION

Registered Number: 04388249

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

The Executive Committee presents its report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Sutton Vision is a registered charity (No. 1092429). It is a company limited by guarantee (No. 04388249) which does not have share capital.

The Members of the Executive Committee during the year to 31 March 2023 were as follows:

S A Christie
I I Mkparu
M D Parsons
H R Patel
G A Randles
A D Richman
L J Syrett
J Milgate appointed 15 March 2023

All Members of the Executive Committee are also Members and Directors of the company and Trustees of the charity. The Members are elected by the full Executive Committee. One third of the Members retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-election.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th March 2002. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such members at 31st March 2023 was eight (2022 — seven). The members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are set out on page 2. The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. Day-to-day matters are delegated to the charity's General Operations Manager. The General Operations Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

In line with our Safeguarding policy, all staff, volunteers and Trustees have received training on their safeguarding responsibilities as they relate to Sutton Vision and those we serve. Training is renewed annually.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton. Core services are provided to ensure the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the London Borough of Sutton are met. These core services include:

- Information and advice
- Low Vision Clinic
- Social and educational activities
- Assistive Technology service
- Access to equipment through our Technology Resource Hub
- Early intervention support at St Helier Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)
- Health and Wellbeing services including befriending, home visits and workshops.
- Peer support groups and network

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Through increased outreach and engagement, 2022/23 year has been seen the organisation attract a very high number of new beneficiaries (244), whilst also increasing diversity; specifically, a 60% increase in BAME beneficiaries since 2020/21.

We proved ourselves to be very agile in the year, reacting quickly to the cost-of-living crisis providing support and advice. We also reverted quickly to in-person activities after 2021. This helped us tackle at home isolation and improve social connection between beneficiaries. We focused on events and outings, getting our beneficiaries out and about in the Sutton community and beyond. Overall, we helped 510 unique beneficiaries.

We launched our fresh new branding, providing increased accessibility to our stakeholders, and supported by refreshes to Contact magazine and our other marketing and engagement tools.

A narrative providing performance against 2022/23 is provided below:

1. Outreach and Community work

One of our key objectives for the year was to increase awareness of our services and support across the whole community. Whilst the nature of many sight loss conditions will mean that our service users are predominantly older people, we have extended our reach and broadened the demographic of our service users embracing and reflecting the diversity of the Sutton community.

Outreach events and activities included over 15 talks and awareness raising activities with a range of partner voluntary organisations, community groups and schools across the borough and included having presence on Sutton High Street during Eye Health Week (19 – 25 September). We targeted our outreach work in those parts of the borough where we knew there was the greatest need alongside those areas with a more diverse population.

Whilst we encourage people to make use of our community hub, we also know that many blind and partially sighted people have difficulty in travelling around the borough or have other health conditions that make it difficult for them to leave their home. Our Outreach service ensures that we can offer support to people in a way that best meets their needs. As a result, we provided support in people's own homes and over the telephone as well as at our offices. During the year we carried out 119 one-to-one appointments, handling benefits, blue badge applications, technology support and general queries and signposting people to other relevant support and services.

2. Social groups and Peer to Peer support

Our social groups and activities provide opportunities for people to connect with others, take up new interests and help reduce isolation and loneliness. As with all our services we design and deliver our activities with the involvement and participation of people living with sight loss. Following input from service users we increased opportunities for people to get out and about offering trips to the cinema, theatre, and heritage locations.

Our Christmas party and Open Day BBQ were a particular highlight. Several new social groups were started in 2022-23 including a weekly Bridge Club and a monthly crossword group. We have continued to expand and develop our activities for people of working age with a regular monthly evening social and have joined with sight loss charities in adjacent boroughs to extend the range of social opportunities.

Facilitating opportunities for peer support is an important part of Sutton Vision's work and we have continued to host Macular Society group meetings, run a regular Charles Bonnet support group, and deliver our own Living with Sight Loss workshops which give people new to sight loss the opportunity to meet others in a similar situation. We held our first Glaucoma peer support group in partnership with the national charity, Glaucoma UK and have been able to offer a combination of information talks and professional advice with the chance for people to meet and offer one another support.

In total we organised 141 separate group sessions and outings, compared to 94 the previous year covering 1,174 attendances, double the previous year.

3. Cost of living support

Rapid rises in the cost of living are having a bigger impact on blind and partially sighted people. People with sight loss already face additional, unavoidable costs like taxi journeys, assistive technology and support in the home and so increases in energy prices and high inflation have made 2022/23 a challenging year for many Sutton Vision beneficiaries.

In response to the emerging challenges, Sutton Vision launched support for people through the crisis by offering advice on benefit checks and organising specialist advice talks at our Resource Hub. The Citizen's Advice Bureau delivered an energy talk with advice on sources of support available and how to save money on bills. Trading standards ran a session on how to guard against scams and fraud (both online and doorstep) and Sutton and East Surrey Water gave a talk and individual support on reducing water bills.

In partnership with Sutton Council, we opened our building as a warm hub between December and March to provide a warm space, with hot drinks, refreshments, and volunteers on hand to offer information about local sources of support. We also teamed up with the local NHS to offer a "Keeping Well this Winter" talk on how to stay warm and well over the winter months and ran pop up Flu and COVID vaccination clinics for our most vulnerable service users.

We have provided regular articles and features in our Contact magazine (circulation to approximately 750 visually impaired people across the borough) to help with the financial challenges the past year has presented. These have included articles as wide ranging as coping with rising energy bills, accessing cheaper broadband deals, help with transport costs, applying for non-means tested benefits and eating on a budget.

4. Assistive Technology and Resource Hub

People who are blind or partially sighted are twice as likely to be digitally excluded than members of the general population meaning that they are less likely to be able to find the best money saving deals, choose the cheapest options or access online sources of information and support. The coronavirus pandemic has sped up the number of services which are delivered digitally. Although beneficial for many, this has further isolated many people with sight loss who are less likely to have the skills and knowledge to get online and stay online.

Our Assistive Technology service and Resource Hub therefore remain crucial areas of support for our beneficiaries. Our Assistive Technology Co-Ordinator can help people get set up on and use smartphones, tablets, and computers by accessing helpful features such as voice over, screen reading and magnification. This year, we carried out 151 one-to-one tech support sessions over the phone, in homes or in our Resource Hub (across 93 beneficiaries as often more than one session was required).

Our fully equipped Resource Hub continues to enable people to "try before they buy" laptops, mobile phones, and other smart devices to improve day-to-day living. We continue to have demonstration equipment (like Alexa) for the home and have run 5 demonstration days for people to come and test out the latest in technology and equipment for everyday living.

5. Low Vision Clinic (LVC)

Our Low Vision Clinic (LVC) offers our beneficiaries an appointment with our optometrist who will assess sight capabilities and prescribe visual and reading aids as required. There is also an opportunity to meet with a Rehabilitation Officer from the Sensory Impairment Team to address any concerns and support with sight-related difficulties, including managing at home and mobility training.

The LVC service is self-referral (no GP referral required); however, individuals must be diagnosed with low vision by an optometrist and live within the London Borough of Sutton. Our commitment this year was to provide appointments within three working days and this target was met. Over the year we carried out 22 in-person clinics; we also supported 13 beneficiaries with domiciliary and remote appointments, and in total we supported 146 beneficiaries. We delivered advice across 244 separate calls and appointments during the year, providing valuable support, referrals, signposting, and advice. We issued 197 pieces of visual aid equipment, predominantly magnifiers.

Our annual patient survey showed high levels of satisfaction with the service and the prescribed low vision aids with 94% of people feeling more confident shopping, reading labels and instructions and 82% now able to read for pleasure, watch TV or take up new hobbies.

Quotes form our beneficiaries who received magnifiers as part of a Low Vision Clinic appointment.

"It has made a lot of difference to reading labels and letters".

"I've been able to start new hobbies as I can see better - gardening, painting".

"Thank you for your help and for running such a brilliant service for the community".

6. Early intervention support at St Helier Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)

Our ECLO works at both St Helier Hospital and at our Sutton Vision office and offers information, practical and emotional support to anyone attending the eye clinic. Over the year, she has provided support to 279 people diagnosed with a sight loss condition (of which 215 were in-person).

One social worker emailed the office with the following:

"Mrs. S only received her Certificate of Visual Impairment in January thanks to Ann's intervention. She probably should have had one years ago. Mrs. S was singing her praises and is quite delighted with all the information she has provided."

7. Befriending and Volunteer support

Sutton Vision has a team of dedicated volunteers who support our service users in a variety of ways including weekly telephone calls, supporting people on our trips and outings, accompanying people on walks, or meeting for a coffee and chat.

We had 27 beneficiaries who received weekly, fortnightly, or monthly befriending calls and visits during the year. Overall, we carried out 1,118 calls and visits.

In the year, 27 volunteers gave over 2,500 hours of support including helping to run our social groups and warm hub and providing administrative support. Around half of our volunteers have a visual impairment themselves and the peer support they offer is invaluable to our service users.

8. Engagement and marketing

Through some generous pro-bono support from a graphic designer, we were able refresh the Sutton Vision brand and visual identity. The entire project was accessibility led, and included:

- A large print leaflet which is sent to everyone in the borough who is registered with a sight impairment.
- Signage in the office and signage that can be taken to events in the borough.
- Updated letterhead and business cards.
- An updated and rebranded website was developed. A group of service users checked its accessibility and useability for people with a visual impairment). The group all had a visual impairment themselves, testing screen reading, magnification, useability, and other accessible features.

We continue to promote our services through radio advertising, hospital appointment cards, Sutton Talking Newspaper, community noticeboards, supermarkets, libraries, and GP practices.

In addition to Contact magazine (which is available in print or via email) we launched a new e-bulletin to provide more time-sensitive information for those people wanting to receive information digitally.

We have continued our presence on social media and used this medium to promote our activities and events. Our Open Day and BBQ had 1800 views on Facebook and 1,000 likes on X (formally Twitter).

Overall, our Facebook reach was 10,579, significantly up on last year, with 141 new likes and followers and 719 page visits. We continue to also use Instagram and Twitter as alternate ways to promote and communicate, but Facebook remains our primary social media engagement tool.

9. Fundraising

Our aim for fundraising for 2022-23 was to continue to build a solid base of Trusts and Foundations relationships, both one-off and multi-year alongside initiating an individual giving income stream.

We received £41,900 of new one-off grants through Trust and Foundations. We were also awarded a multi-year funding grant from Trust for London in the year which will be implemented in August 2023. We continue to pursue Trust and Foundation opportunities, employing a fundraising consultant on short-term basis, so applications are submitted consistently throughout the year.

In January we joined the broader sight loss sector "Take on 250" fundraising campaign. The campaign initiated by Vision Foundation is because every day in the UK, 250 people lose their sight. 'Take on 250' encouraged individuals to raise money for a UK sight loss charity (in our case Sutton Vision) by doing something 250 times (either per day or throughout the month). The Sutton Vision Executive Committee led the way with Trustees doing a combination of activities which included walking 250km in January; walking-up 250 stairs each day throughout the month; running a series of pro-bono fitness sessions for donations to Sutton Vision and collectively £10,000 was raised for Sutton Vision. It was Sutton Vision's first attempt at an individual giving campaign, and we were delighted with the result. We are looking to grow this campaign in January 2024 asking those who use Sutton Vision services and their families and friends to be involved.

At the same time, Sutton Vision integrated 'Donorfy' a customer relationship system which manages our online donations and fundraising relationships. We also launched a legacy service partnering with Bequeathed to provide inclusive and accessible 'Will' creation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity had a deficit for the year of £18,051 (2022 – surplus £13,540).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity does not have a formal investment policy. It endeavours to obtain the best possible return on its investments and cash balances.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain both restricted and unrestricted funds. The restricted funds are as a result of funding having been secured with limitations on its use, such as specific grant applications. These reserves will vary from year to year according to the success of individual grant applications.

The unrestricted funds are free reserves that have been built up over time to cover future expenditure on projects and to meet future running costs.

It is considered that the minimum total of the restricted and unrestricted reserve to be held at any one time should equate to at least six months running costs.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Sutton Vision Executive Committee has consulted with members, staff, volunteers, and key stakeholders to develop the priorities for the next financial year and also the longer term:

1. Financial sustainability:

Our primary aim is to develop sustainable funding for the charity for the long-term.

Alongside solidifying our Trust and Foundation incomes stream, in 2022/23 we launched an individual giving campaign and legacy giving. All three income streams will remain a priority in the future.

2. Activities

All our activities are led by the needs of our beneficiaries. We continually engage with them in the development of new activities and support services.

We plan to investigate further the needs of younger VI groups, with a view to develop services and activities dedicated to that age range. We also plan to investigate ways to support the emotional and psychological needs of our service users as this was specifically raised by one of VI groups.

Part of future plans include increasing our excursions, community, and advisory events to beneficiaries. We also plan to raise funding to update the equipment and awareness activity from our resource hub. We will also plan to create a "Digital inclusion" umbrella service which will include the existing Assistive technology activity, this is to distinguish between those with specific VI requirements and those that are digitally excluded and require basic assistance to get online.

3. Organisation Structure and Management

Trustee recruitment continues to be a priority. Our recruitment will focus on candidates with Vision Impairment lived experience as a priority, alongside a target age group of 40 – 60 years and those from a diversity of backgrounds which, best reflects the Sutton community.

In the year 2022-23 we started planning for the development of a Sight Advisory Group. The Sight Advisory Group will work closely with the Trustees to bring more lived experience to the strategy, direction, and operations of the charity. The group is due to be launched by December 2023.

4. Brand and Visual identity

Sutton Vision updated its brand and visual identity, along with a website refresh which is currently in development. The brand refresh has been rolled out across most of our collateral and the new website is due to be launched in May 2023.

5. Sutton Vision premises

We continue to operate from 3 Robin Hood Lane in Sutton. The premises are in a good location and accessible.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity and company law requires members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to:

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for having proper accounting records kept, 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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement.

APPROVAL

The Report of the Executive Committee has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The Report of the Executive Committee was approved by its members on 5th October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

M D Parsons
Chair

SUTTON VISION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Accountants' report to the charity trustees of SUTTON VISION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view

which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

David Wilkinson
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5 October 2023

SUTTON VISION

Income and expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income					
National Lottery Community Fund		98,779	-	98,779	81,920
Vision Foundation		-	25,000	25,000	24,500
Community Action Sutton		-	-	-	10,000
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust		10,000	-	10,000	10,000
NHS South West London ICB		24,240	-	24,240	24,000
Other funding Awards		11,800	25,100	36,900	68,230
Donations		-	2,356	2,356	1,657
Event Donations		-	219	219	295
Monthly Giving		-	110	110	192
Other Revenue		-	82	82	96
Access to Work claim		-	4,074	4,074	4,181
Furlough payments (CJRS)		-	-	-	2,840
Take on 250 Donations		-	7,982	7,982	-
		144,819	64,922	209,741	227,911
Cost of sales		-	(5,903)	(5,903)	(4,181)
Gross Income		**144,819**	**59,019**	**203,838**	**223,730**
Administrative expenses	**2**	(147,360)	(74,480)	**(221,840)**	**(210,276)**
Operating Income		**(2,541)**	**(15,461)**	**(18,002)**	**13,454**
Interest receivable		-	82	82	86
Unrealised gain (losses) on revaluation of investments		-	(131)	(131)	-
Income before taxation		**(2,541)**	**(15,510)**	**(18,051)**	**13,540**
Tax on Income				-	
Surplus for the financial year		**(2,541)**	**(15,510)**	**(18,051)**	**13,540**
Fund balance at 1 April 2022		8,286	123,006	131,292	117,752
Fund balance at 31 March 2023		**5,745**	**107,496**	**113,241**	**131,292**

SUTTON VISION

Registered number: 04388249

Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

	Notes		2023		2022
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		-		1,180
Current assets					
Debtors	7	14,715		13,034	
Cash at bank and in hand		200,790		229,158	
		215,505		242,192	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(102,264)		(112,080)	
Net current assets			113,241		130,112
Net assets			**113,241**		**131,292**
Capital and reserves					
Restricted Funds			5,745		8,286
Unrestricted Funds			107,496		123,006
Shareholder's funds			**113,241**		**131,292**

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A D Richman
Director
Approved by the board on
5 October 2023

SUTTON VISION
Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (revised September 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and with the Companies Act 2006.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund structure
Funds held by the charity are either:

• Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

• Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition
All incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt thereof and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.
The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

2 Resources expended

	2023 £ Restricted Funds	2023 £ Unrestricted Funds	2023 £ Total	2022 £ Total
Charitable Activities				
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	103,349	39,373	142,722	132,438
Pensions	3,043	-	3,043	2,533
Employer's NI	2,846	4,627	7,473	6,422
Temporary staff and recruitment	-	-	-	9,483
Staff training and welfare	594	-	594	2,420
Travel and subsistence	49	-	49	707
Client / Volunteer events	699	868	1,567	1,164
Low Vision Clinic - fees, aids	7,546	27	7,574	10,756
LVC Optometrist Fees	3,888	-	3,888	3,260
	122,015	44,895	166,910	169,183
Premises costs:				
Rent	9,950	-	9,950	9,950
Cleaning	-	38	38	274
	9,950	38	9,988	10,224
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and internet	826	1,671	2,498	2,431
Postage	-	-	-	169
Stationery and printing	1,182	1,469	2,651	4,674
Newsletter Costs	-	1,434	1,434	4,691
Subscriptions	-	617	617	189
Bank charges	-	372	372	211
Insurance	825	1,326	2,151	2,087
Equipment expensed	360	-	360	4,117
IT Support & Software	7,432	1,122	8,555	5,164
Repairs and maintenance	-	92	92	1,176
Sundry expenses	191	589	780	84
	10,816	8,693	19,508	24,993
Legal and professional costs:				
Payroll fees	368	695	1,064	1,116
DBS Charges	-	220	220	526
Accountancy fees	698	2,123	2,820	930
Solicitors fees	1,573	-	1,573	1,746
Consultancy fees	-	12,554	12,554	1,202
Promotional costs / Advertising	1,941	5,102	7,043	356
Entertainment-100% business	-	161	161	-
	4,580	20,854	25,434	5,876
	147,360	74,480	221,840	210,276

3 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries	142,722	132,438
Pension contributions to money purchase scheme	3,043	2,533
Social Security costs	7,473	6,422
	153,238	141,393

	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	6.25	6

4 Executive Committee Remuneration and Expenses

No member of the Executive Committee, nor any person connected with them, has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds.

5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on all activities.

6 Investments

Other Investments	2023	2022
	£	£
Market value		
At 1 April 2022	1,180	1,180
Acquisition Costs	-	-
Disposal	(1,180)	-
At 31 March 2023	-	1,180

Historical cost	1,668

7 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	500	8,500
Other debtors	842	380
Funding Income Accrual	8,560	-
Prepayments	4,813	4,154
	14,715	13,034

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	14,693	10,438
Deferred Income	56,479	80,640
Other creditors	31,091	21,002
	102,264	112,080

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 01-Apr-22	Incoming resources	Resources Expensed	Balance at 31-Mar-23
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
The National Lottery Community	5,405	98,779	(98,439)	5,745
London Borough of Sutton	2,881	-	(2,881)	-
Low Vision Clinic - Funding	-	24,240	(24,240)	-
NHS Trust - ECLO - Funding	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Other Funding Awards	-	11,800	(11,800)	-
	8,286	144,819	(147,360)	5,745
Unrestricted funds				
General	123,006	65,004	(80,514)	107,497
	131,292	209,823	(227,874)	113,241

Each of the restricted funds have a specific requirement on how the funds need to be spent.

10 Company limited by guarantee

Each member has a maximum potential liability of £10 in the event of the company being wound.

11 Controlling party

There is no controlling party.

12 Other information

SUTTON VISION is a private company limited by Guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:

3 Robin Hood Lane Sutton

Surrey

SM1 2SW

SUTTON VISION

England & Wales - Charity number 1092429

Accounts

Registered number
04388249

SUTTON VISION

Report and Accounts

31 March 2022

SUTTON VISION
(formerly - Sutton Association for the blind)
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SUTTON VISION
REPORT OF THE CHAIR
for the year ended 31 March 2022

The 2021/22 financial year has been positive for Sutton Vision. It marked the launch of our flagship project with Big Lottery in June 2021 and the appointment in January 2022 of our General Operations Manager, Denise Crone. We also successfully raised funds to close our funding gap and generated a small surplus.

We wish to thank all of our funders including: The National Lottery Community Fund, Community Action Sutton, London Borough of Sutton and Vision Foundation as well as Magic Little Grants, Albert Hunt, Greater London Authority and Arnold Clark for their ongoing support and for giving us the ability to deliver our critical services to our residents.
However, further funding is still vital to Sutton Vision to keep our core services running. Due to the ongoing challenge in securing unrestricted and multi-year funding, we continue to need grants to close our funding gap as demand for services continues to increase.

Despite continued COVID-19 restrictions in much of 2021, we have taken opportunities, where possible, to restart face to face services, such as social groups and the Low Vision Clinic.
With the Lottery project, our team grew in August 2021 with the appointment of our full-time Outreach Officer who is increasing our reach and awareness in the community. Alongside this, we continue to see growth in the number of people accessing our Assistive Technology services. This service has had a significant impact for our beneficiaries and is supported by our new Tech Social group.

I would like to thank our staff and our group of dedicated volunteers, who together have made this year a massive success. I would also like to thank the Board of Trustees, who have ensured we have continued to govern and grow the charity for the benefit of our wonderful community.

Finally, Michael Pettit retired as a valued Trustee and Treasurer from Sutton Vision after a long tenure. We owe Mike a huge debt of gratitude for his dedication and hard work. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

M D Parsons
Chair
29 September 2022

SUTTON VISION
Company Information

Directors
M D Parsons - Chairman
S A Christie
I I Mkparu
H R Patel
G A Randles
A D Richman
L J Syrett
M J Pettit (Resigned 27 May 2021)

Secretary
A D Richman (Appointed 27 May 2021)
M J Pettit (Resigned 27 May 2021)

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Charity Number
1092429

Registered number
04388249

SUTTON VISION
Registered number: 04388249
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Executive Committee presents its report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
Sutton Vision is a registered charity (No. 1092429). It is a company limited by guarantee (No. 04388249) which does not have share capital.

Directors
The following persons served as directors during the year:

M D Parsons - Chairman
S A Christie
I I Mkparu
H R Patel
G A Randles
A D Richman
L J Syrett
M J Pettit (Resigned 27 May 2021)

All Members of the Executive Committee are also Members and Directors of the company and Trustees of the charity. The Members are elected by the full Executive Committee. One third of the Members retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-election.

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CHIEF OFFICER	Tegan Jones (to 16.11.21)
GENERAL OPERATIONS MANAGER	Denise Crone (from 04.01.22)
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc 43 High Street, Sutton, SM1 1DR
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	David Wilkinson Associates House, 118A East Barnet Road Barnet, Herts. EN4 8RE

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6" March 2002. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such members at 31st March 2022 was seven (2021 — eight). The members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are set out on page 2. The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. Day-to-day matters are delegated to the charity's Chief Officer/General Operations Manager. The Chief Officer/General Operations Manager is not a member of the Executive Committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the year ended 31 March 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton. Core services are provided to ensure the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the London Borough of Sutton are met. These core services include:

- Information and support through our Low Vision Clinic
- Social and educational groups
- Assistive Technology support and access to equipment through our Technology Resource Hub
- Early intervention support at the Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)
- Providing general information, signposting to local providers and support
- Wellbeing including befriending, home visits and workshops
- Maintaining a strong peer support network

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The 2021/22 year has been a year of growth and expansion for Sutton Vision. As COVID restrictions came to an end across England, Sutton Vision remained cognisant that those both using our services and many of our volunteers remained vulnerable to COVID. The challenge for us (as it was for many in a similar situation) was how to adapt in a more permanent fashion to this environment. Our response has been to offer many of our services in a hybrid format. People can attend in-person, or switch to a virtual appointment, should they need to. Sutton Vision, as a community hub, continues to provide unique services which include the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) based at St Helier Hospital and the Low Vision Clinic which provides up to one hour specialist consultations which are not currently provided by the NHS. Sutton Vision provides critical services for the health and wellbeing of the Sutton community that are not otherwise available through other channels.

The performance reports for the financial year ended 31st March 2022 show the following, as compared with the results for the year ended 31st March 2021 and the year ended 31st March 2020.

Financial Year	Activity (*)	Unique Beneficiaries	New Beneficiaries
2019/20	1,093	546	159
2020/21	1,613	500	155
2021/22	2,942	578	215

(*Activity is defined as events and appointments relating to our services including: Low Vision Clinic, Eye Clinic Liaison work, Assistive Technology, Social Groups and Befriending)

A narrative providing performance against 2021/22 is provided below:

A major achievement was the successful fundraising application, implementation phase and launch of our Big Lottery funded Community Horizons project. Our funding began in June 2021 with a 6-month implementation phase where we recruited staff, established our project plan and updated the equipment and physical space in the Technology Resource Hub. We began full project delivery from 1st December 2021 and were fortunate to be able to make the most of a short relaxation in COVID restrictions to hold an official launch by the Mayor of Sutton in December 2021.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Outreach & Community work

One of our key objectives is to extend our reach and broaden the demographic of our service users. Whilst the nature of many sight loss conditions will mean that our service users are predominantly older people, we are taking steps to ensure we embrace the diversity of the Sutton community and reflect it within our audience.
We have developed relationships with local community groups and are members of Community Voices an established group which feeds into the new Integrated Care Board. This has given us links into work with St. Mungo's (who support homeless people) and People Arise (who work with ex-offenders and families of offenders).
We have organised and attended community events located in areas of the borough with greater ethnic diversity and where there are higher levels of socio-economic need, such as Wallington and the northern wards.
We have built referral partnerships with Age UK Sutton (and have established links with the new Community Connect project also funded through the Big Lottery) and with Sutton Carers Centre and we are an official referral organisation used by the Citizens Advice Bureau who are managing the London Borough of Sutton SPA (single point of access service).
We were involved in community events including an Asian Sports and Cultural event at Hill House, Morden and an older people's day at Trinity Church.

2. Social groups and Peer to Peer services

We restarted our social activities and face to face support after Christmas as COVID restrictions eased. To ensure that people remained safe we limited numbers attending. Naturally, people have been cautious about returning to group activities and so we have established new groups slowly, building up numbers gradually and introducing groups on a monthly rather than weekly basis.
As in previous years, we have run a programme of social activities throughout the week including coffee mornings, Scrabble, arts and crafts, drop-in technology clinics and quizzes and this year was no exception. In 2021/22, our new groups included a Charles Bonnet support group, a Macular Disease support group (run in partnership with the local Macular Disease Society), Working Age Social and VI Able (a group for young people aged 18 – 30). We also partnered with other organisations who provide sport and fitness groups. In total we organised 94 separate group sessions in the year with 520 people attending.

3. Assistive Technology and Resource Centre

Our expert Assistive Technology Co-ordinator helps our beneficiaries get more from their smartphones, tablets or computers by accessing helpful features such as controlling your device by voice, screen reading to read text aloud and magnifying text, making it easier to read.
With thanks to the Lottery, we now have a fully equipped resource hub where people can "try before they buy" laptops, mobile phones and other smart devices to improve day-to-day living. We also have demonstration equipment (like Alexa) for the home, such as lighting, telephones and kitchen devices that will help with reading, cooking and other daily tasks.
This year, we offered 244 beneficiaries 1:1 tech support either over the phone, in their own home or in our Technology Resource Hub (often more than one session was required so this number does include repeat visits for some individuals).

4. Low Vision Clinic (LVC)

Emerging from COVID restrictions has enabled us to offer a hybrid approach to our LVC appointments which include a free assessment to support people with visual impairments either face to face or over the phone. During the appointment, our optometrist will assess sight capabilities and prescribe visual and reading aids as required. There is also a private consultation to address any concerns and support with sight-related difficulties, including managing at home.
The service is self-referral, that doesn't need a GP's letter, but the person must be diagnosed with low vision by an optometrist and live within the London Borough of Sutton. Our commitment this year was to provide appointments within three working days and this target was met. Over the year we carried out 20 in-person clinics; we also supported 26 beneficiaries with domiciliary and remote appointments, and in total we supported 180 beneficiaries. We delivered advice across 452 separate calls and appointments during the year, providing valuable support, referrals, signposting and advice.
Impact reporting shows that the issue of free magnifiers, UV shields and other visual aid equipment improves reading, watching television, shopping, navigating public transport and protection from glare for our beneficiaries.

5. Early intervention support at the Hospital (Eye Clinic Liaison Officer – ECLO)

Our ECLO works at both St Helier Hospital and at our Sutton Vision office and is available for appointments and telephone calls to discuss treatment and requirements. Over the year, our dedicated ECLO has provided emotional and practical support for 338 people diagnosed with a sight loss condition (244 in-person and 94 remotely).

6. Wellbeing and Befriending

Being told you have sight loss can be a worrying and confusing time for individuals, as well as for their friends and family. At Sutton Vision, we provide a range of information and advice about services, support and benefits available.
We also have a team of volunteer befrienders and walking buddies who provide support in a variety of ways which include weekly befriending calls, in-home help with reading the post or simply going for a walk, coffee and chat. We also run peer support groups which meet at our office on a regular basis.
We had 40 beneficiaries who received weekly, fortnightly or monthly befriending calls and visits during the year. We carried out 1,604 of these activities during the year.

7. Impact measurement

The whole Sutton Vision team has taken part in training to use the Outcomes Star™(VIP Star™). This is a nationally recognised outcomes tool which enables us to measure the impact of our work. We implemented the VIP Star as part of our lottery funded project as it has been specially developed to measure outcomes for people with a visual impairment. Each Star is completed in partnership with the individual beneficiary and involves action planning as well as reflection and feedback. This not only provides data for us on the impact of our work but also helps individuals to reflect on their own goals and achievements.

8. Engagement and marketing

Sutton Vision continues to operate online profiles on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Our aim has been to use different social media platforms to grow our reach to new, younger and more diverse audiences. The year has been about establishing a presence and building an audience.

Platform	Page / Profile visits	Reach	New Likes / Followers
Facebook	234	1,200	59
Instagram	222	921	30
	Retweets	Likes	Replies
Twitter	122	143	9

We are looking forward to growing our engagement from this baseline.
We now publish our 'CONTACT' magazine quarterly and are looking at a monthly e-newsletter to increase our communication with the Sutton Vision community. The content for CONTACT is developed from beneficiary and voluntary submissions and feedback, staff content and activities and it is edited by a Trustee. We publish CONTACT via the Sutton Talking News, posted in print and via email (both with and without pictures).

9. Fundraising

Since February 2020, we have developed some good relationships with Trusts and Foundations, as well as receiving a 3-year grant from The National Lottery, Community Fund.
In November 2021, our Chief Officer (and lead fundraiser) left Sutton Vision. This resulted in the transfer of responsibility for fundraising back to the Trustees. Two applications were submitted between November and March, with both being successful; however, the Trustees know that fundraising and developing a financially sustainable Sutton Vision must be a priority for the next year and beyond.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity made a surplus for the year of £13,540 (2021 - £3,814).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity does not have a formal investment policy. It endeavours to obtain the best possible return on its investments and cash balances.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain both restricted and unrestricted funds. The restricted funds are as a result of funding having been secured with limitations on its use, such as specific grant applications. These reserves will vary from year to year according to the success of individual grant applications.

The unrestricted funds are free reserves that have been built up over time to cover future expenditure on projects and to meet future running costs.

It is considered that the minimum total of the restricted and unrestricted reserve to be held at any one time should equate to at least six months running costs.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the year ended 31 March 2022

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Sutton Vision Board of Trustees has consulted with members, staff, volunteers and key stakeholders to develop the priorities for the next financial year and also the longer term:

1. Financial sustainability:

Our primary aim is to develop sustainable funding for the charity for the long-term.
Over the next few years, we plan to develop new funding streams, including individual giving and legacies, and to build multi-year funding grants from Trusts and Foundations, as well as to develop funding and sponsorship from local corporates active in the Sutton community.
Meanwhile we will continue to ensure we maximise cost effectiveness and continue to develop our volunteering base.

2. Activities

Sutton has a population of about 200,000, of whom about 5,940 residents are living with a visual impairment. This is predicted to grow by about 25% over the next 10 years due to a range of factors, including an ageing population and the greater susceptibility of older people to eye conditions like cataract, presbyopia, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration. The actual figure could be as much as three times higher due to people experiencing sight loss who don't register with the local authority.
We will continue to put the beneficiaries at the heart of our service delivery and to develop new services with their feedback and direction.
We are committed to increasing our reach, growing the diversity of our audience to reflect the diversity of the Sutton community.
We are currently exploring the expansion of our service delivery by including a 'Care for Your Eyes' prevention campaign and to operate as a 'warm bank' for our beneficiaries that are heavily impacted by the cost of living and energy crisis over the 2022/23 winter.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity and company law requires members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to:-

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for having proper accounting records kept, 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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

SUTTON VISION
Registered number: 04388249
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
for the year ended 31 March 2022

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement.

APPROVAL

The Report of the Executive Committee has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 29 September 2022 and signed on its behalf.

M D Parsons
Chair

SUTTON VISION
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Accountants' report to the charity trustees of
SUTTON VISION

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

David Wilkinson
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31 October 2022

SUTTON VISION
Income and expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Income					
National Lottery Community Fund		81,920	-	81,920	-
Vision Foundation		-	24,500	24,500	35,600
Community Action Sutton		10,000	-	10,000	-
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust		10,000	-	10,000	10,000
NHS South West London ICB		24,000	-	24,000	24,000
Department for Culture, Media & Sport		-	-	-	9,500
Other funding Awards		20,000	48,230	68,230	-
Donations		-	1,657	1,657	-
Event Donations		-	295	295	-
Legacies		-	-	-	1,338
Monthly Giving		-	192	192	-
Other Revenue		-	96	96	68,524
Access to Work claim		-	4,181	4,181	-
Furlough payments (CJRS)		-	2,840	2,840	4,765
		145,920	81,991	227,911	153,727
Cost of sales			(4,181)	(4,181)	-
Gross Income		145,920	77,810	223,730	153,727
Administrative expenses	2	(144,402)	(65,874)	(210,276)	(150,502)
Operating Income		1,518	11,936	13,454	3,225
Interest receivable			86	86	293
Unrealised gain (losses) on revaluation of investments				-	296
Income before taxation		1,518	12,022	13,540	3,814
Tax on Income				-	-
Surplus for the financial year		1,518	12,022	13,540	3,814
Fund balance at 1 April 2021		6,768	110,984	117,752	113,938
Fund balance at 31 March 2022		8,286	123,006	131,292	117,752

SUTTON VISION
Registered number: 04388249
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2022

	Notes		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		1,180		1,180
Current assets					
Debtors	7	13,034		16,703	
Cash at bank and in hand		229,158		200,248	
		242,192		216,951	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(112,080)		(100,379)	
Net current assets			130,112		116,572
Net assets			131,292		117,752
Capital and reserves					
Restricted Funds			8,286		6,768
Unrestricted Funds			123,006		110,984
Shareholder's funds			131,292		117,752

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

A D Richman
Director
Approved by the board on 29 September 2022

SUTTON VISION
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation
The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (revised September 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and with the Companies Act 2006.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund structure
Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

- Restricted funds - these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition
All incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt thereof and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Pensions
Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

Fixed Asset Investments
Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions.

Debtors
Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors
Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price).

SUTTON VISION
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

2 Resources expended

Charitable Activities	**2022** £ Restricted Funds	**2022** £ Unrestricted Funds	**2022** £ Total	**2021** £
Employee costs:				
Wages and salaries	95,471	36,967	132,438	103,302
Pensions	704	1,829	2,533	1,075
Employer's NI	3,722	2,700	6,422	3,993
Temporary staff and recruitment	5,088	4,395	9,483	-
Staff training and welfare	-	2,420	2,420	3,552
Travel and subsistence	366	341	707	10
Client / Volunteer events	-	1,164	1,164	505
Low Vision Clinic - fees, aids	10,756	-	10,756	9,311
LVC Optometrist Fees	3,260	-	3,260	-
	119,367	49,816	169,183	121,748
Premises costs:				
Rent	9,950	-	9,950	9,950
Cleaning	274	-	274	-
	10,224	-	10,224	9,950
General administrative expenses:				
Telephone and internet	682	1,749	2,431	2,641
Postage	-	169	169	282
Stationery and printing	974	3,700	4,674	1,340
Newsletter Costs	4,691	-	4,691	3,377
Subscriptions	-	189	189	-
Bank charges	-	211	211	182
Insurance	297	1,790	2,087	1,816
Equipment expensed	2,384	1,733	4,117	2,621
IT Support & Software	4,964	200	5,164	4,660
Repairs and maintenance	-	1,176	1,176	-
Sundry expenses	-	84	84	777
	13,992	11,001	24,993	17,696
Legal and professional costs:				
Payroll fees	-	1,116	1,116	898
DBS Charges	139	387	526	-
Accountancy fees	420	510	930	-
Solicitors fees	-	1,746	1,746	-
Consultancy fees	132	1,070	1,202	-
Promotional costs / Advertising	128	228	356	197
Other legal and professional	-	-	-	13
	819	5,057	5,876	1,108
	144,402	65,874	210,276	150,502

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

3 Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries	132,438	103,302
Pension contributions to money purchase scheme	2,533	1,075
Social Security costs	6,422	3,993
	141,393	108,370

	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	6	5

4 Executive Committee Remuneration and Expenses

No member of the Executive Committee, nor any person connected with them, has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds.

5 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on all activities.

6 Investments

	Other investments
	£
Market value	
At 1 April 2021	1,180
At 31 March 2022	1,180
Historical cost	
At 1 April 2021	1,668
At 31 March 2022	1,668

7 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	8,500	-
Other debtors	4,534	16,703
	13,034	16,703

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,438	-
Deferred Income	80,640	-
Other creditors	21,002	100,379
	112,080	100,379

9 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expensed £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Department for Culture, Media & Sport	6,768	-	6,768	-
The National Lottery Community Fund for Outreach and Well being	-	81,920	76,515	5,405
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust for Eye Clinic Support Service	-	10,000	10,000	-
London Borough of Sutton for Assistive Technology	-	20,000	17,119	2,881
Community Action Sutton for Volunteer Co-ordination	-	10,000	10,000	-
NHS South West London Integrated Care Board for Low Vision Clinic	-	24,000	24,000	-
	6,768	145,920	144,402	8,286

Each of the restricted funds have a specific requirement on how the funds need to be spent.

10 Company limited by guarantee

Each member has a maximum potential liability of £10 in the event of the company being wound

11 Controlling party

There is no controlling party.

12 Other information

SUTTON VISION is a private company limited by Guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
3 Robin Hood Lane
Sutton
Surrey
SM1 2SW

SUTTON VISION

England & Wales - Charity number 1092429

Accounts

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

SUTTON VISION

(formerly – Sutton Association for the Blind)

COMPANY INFORMATION

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (who are also directors of the Company)	M D Parsons - Chairman S A Christie I I Mkparu H R Patel G A Randles A D Richman L J Syrett
REGISTERED OFFICE	3 Robin Hood Lane Sutton Surrey SM1 2SW
REGISTERED NUMBER	04388249
CHARITY NUMBER	1092429

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SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

During the 2020/21 financial year, Sutton Vision, like all charities, worked hard to continue to operate as well as we could practicably, given the COVID-19 context within which we were all living. Sutton Vision's primary audience were those most likely to be shielding and all of our operations to date, had been face-to-face. Without knowing when and how things would open up, we needed to find a new path forward so we could continue to offer the vital services we offer, to a predominately elderly and vulnerable group of people.

Our first action while in lockdown was to call our beneficiaries to ensure they had ways to access food deliveries and were not left entirely isolated. As the lockdown continued, the staff started to think how we could safely pivot our services; digital engagement seemed to be the answer, and so began our 'remote' Low Vision Clinic and social groups via Zoom which we have operated on and off as and when required during periods of lockdown over the last year. Over the Summer, we began the 'new normal' and were able to welcome back beneficiaries and volunteers to our Sutton Vision office in Robin Hood Lane. As a result, despite a difficult year, we are in a positive position – we continue to build on existing and new funding relationships, we have successfully pivoted our services and can offer services both remotely and in-person – overall, I feel despite the pandemic context, Sutton Vision has grown this year.

I want to congratulate both our chief officer, Tegan Jones, and the staff team for their resilience, continued cheer and dedication to our beneficiaries and volunteers. Whilst we were able to continue to offer most of our services remotely there were periods during the pandemic that we were not at full operational capacity and took advantage of the government furlough scheme by placing two members of staff on part time furlough.

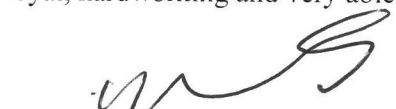
In April, we received a closing grant from Vision Foundation (formally known as the Greater London Fund for the Blind) who have amended their operating model and will now offer an open grants process to organisations that deliver front-line services which address barriers to affecting people with sight-loss across London. We look forward to finding opportunities to continue our long-standing relationship with Vision Foundation.

With Tegan's expertise and focus, Sutton Vision has sourced COVID relief grants, expanded relationships with existing funders and developed opportunities with new funders. Some of these funders include, the London Borough of Sutton Council, City Bridge Trust, London Community Response, Thomas Pocklington Trust, Community Action Sutton, National Lottery Community Fund, Steele Charitable Trust and Tesco.

We continue to see demand grow, with an increasing and aging population that desperately needs support. Despite navigating the pandemic successfully and being in a robust financial position for the year, in order to continue to meet our existing and future demands, we will be need to actively seek new funding.

In June, sadly Eric Kennedy (former Chairman) and Joan Giddings (Minutes Secretary) made the difficult decision to resign from the Board of Trustees. We acknowledge and thank them both, for their many years, in fact decades of hard work, loyalty, experience and unwavering service to Sutton Vision. A huge thank you to them both.

Much credit and thanks must go to our staff for communicating closely and supporting each other and to our ever supportive group of volunteers – this year would not have been as successful without this can-do approach. And of course, my thanks to the Board of Trustees, who have ensured we have continued to provide effective and valued support and advice for those in our Sutton Vision community. I have absolute confidence in our loyal, hardworking and very able staff team, volunteers and Board of Trustees.



CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES

23rd September 2021

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

The Executive Committee presents its report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Sutton Vision is a registered charity (No. 1092429). It is a company limited by guarantee (No. 04388249) which does not have a share capital.

The Members of the Executive Committee during the year were as follows:-

J Bridge	(resigned 30.6.2020)
S A Christie	
E W Kennedy	(resigned 30.6.2020)
I I Mkparu	
M D Parsons	
H R Patel	
M J Pettit	
G A Randles	
A D Richman	
L J Syrett	

M J Pettit resigned as a Member of the Executive Committee on 27th May 2021.

All Members of the Executive Committee are also members and directors of the company and trustees of the charity. The Members are elected by the full Executive Committee. One third of the Members retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting. They are eligible for re-election.

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SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Association is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 6th March 2002.

Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such members at 31st March 2021 was eight (2020 – ten).

The members of the Executive Committee who served during the year are set out on page 2. The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for running the charity. Day-to-day matters are dealt with by the charity's Development Manager/Chief Officer. The Development Manager/Chief Officer is not a member of the Executive Committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The members of the Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

To promote and improve the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons resident in the administrative area of the London Borough of Sutton.

Core services are provided to ensure the needs of blind and partially sighted people in the London Borough of Sutton are met. These core services include:

- Information and support through our Low Vision Clinic
- Access to equipment through our Resource Room
- Early intervention support at the Hospital
- Assistive Technology support
- Providing general information, signposting to local providers and support
- Befriending and home visits by trained volunteers
- Maintaining a strong peer support network

Our services are regularly reviewed and we actively seek feedback from members to ensure services are carried out to a quality standard.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The COVID-19 pandemic meant that during the 2020/21 financial year we needed to adapt and pivot our services so that we were able to continue to assist our beneficiaries and offer services both in person and remotely.

Sutton Vision as a community hub provides unique services which include the Eye Clinic Liaison Officer based at St Helier Hospital and the Low Vision Clinic which provides up to one hour specialist consultations which are not currently provided by the NHS. Sutton Vision fulfills a critical need to the health and wellbeing of the community that is not available through other channels.

With support from a willing staff team, we were able to offer a hybrid model of both in person and remote appointments throughout the last year. These services have provided much needed support and advice to people living with sight loss during a very difficult year.

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (*continued*)

The performance reports for the financial year ended 31st March 2021 show the following as compared with the results for the year ended 31st March 2020.

Financial Year	Activity*	Unique Beneficiaries
2019/2020	1,093	546
2020/2021	1,613	500

(*Activity is defined Low Vision Clinic, Eye Clinic Liaison work, Assistive Technology, social groups and befriending)

Lockdown and government restrictions, a consequence of the pandemic, impacted our levels of activity, particularly during the first lockdown where we were unable to offer any services other than befriending and some Zoom run social groups.

The inability for beneficiaries to attend in person due to the pandemic meant that we were unable to serve as many unique beneficiaries as the previous year; however, our total activity was up due to increased service offerings such as expanding our remote services. To respond to this challenge, we recruited a new Assistive Technology Coordinator in February 2021 who has hit the ground running. Like for like activity is up 700% on the same time in 2020 and we are looking to continue to grow this aspect of Sutton Vision.

A narrative providing performance against 2020/21 objectives is provided below:

1. Sutton Vision premises

   We continue to operate from 3 Robin Hood Lane. We are in the process of agreeing new lease terms with the Council. For the foreseeable future, we will remain at 3 Robin Hood Lane.

2. Establish action plan to continue to adapt and pivot existing service delivery models as we enter the next phase(s) of the Covid-19 pandemic.

   Sutton Vision were able to respond quickly to the COVID-19 pandemic. We adapted our existing model by offering Low Vision Clinic appointments remotely and we established a way for people to join social activities and support groups which we ran on online platforms like Zoom. As a result of these changes, we were able to assist a similar number of beneficiaries as in the previous 12 months but increased our interaction and activity with each beneficiary.

   We were also able to establish an Assistive Technology function to assist our beneficiaries with their technology needs. They have been able to train individuals in the use of appropriate assistive technology and how to adapt their learning strategies to make optimal use of technology consulting with service users regarding the accessibility of websites, hardware, and software systems.

3. Funding sustainability: Sutton Vision needs to continue to be mindful of finding sustainable/larger funding, identify other funding options including corporate fundraising and other revenue generating activity and steward existing funding relationships to enable multi-year donations.

   Sutton Vision had a successful fundraising year securing over £100,000 of new fundraising revenue. This has enabled Sutton Vision to diversify its service delivery options whilst responding to growing demands and changing needs during the pandemic.

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021
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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE *(continued)*

We diversified funding sources and attracted new support one-off and multi-year grants from small, medium and large Trusts and Foundations. As a result, this has seen our profile in the sight-loss sector grow too and have managed to deliver our services without the use of reserves.

4. Social media engagement

   Sutton Vision continues to operate online profiles on Facebook, Twitter and in 2021, we added an Instagram account. Our aim by engaging in different forms of social media is to grow our reach to a new, younger and more diverse audience. One example of this is a new technology talk group that was established for younger people as a result of our social media presence on Instagram
   We continue to offer six editions of our 'CONTACT' magazine annually. CONTACT content is developed from beneficiary and voluntary feedback, staff input and it is edited by a Trustee. We publish CONTACT via the Sutton Talking News, posted in print and via email.
   The Trustees are confident that stakeholders continue to be able to identify Sutton Vision as a trusted service for support people with sight loss.

5. Stakeholder management and partnership working: Sutton Vision wants to support more people in the Sutton community, and we will look to continue to develop partnership working opportunities.

   We continued to monitor service delivery industry trends and delivery development through the Chief Officer's monthly attendance at the Southeast Region Visionary CEO forum. During this time, the Chief Officer also attended interactive and informative support sessions which addressed the issues and barriers organisations like Sutton Vision are likely to face in the future.
   As a result of this engagement, Sutton Vision has secured closer links within Sutton with both Community Action Sutton and the London Borough of Sutton Council.

6. Review of organisational development: Sutton Vision wants to ensure that it is equipped to support all visually impaired residents of Sutton.

   Sutton Vision has conducted an in-depth organisational review and drafted a new 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan (a summary of which can be found at: https://www.suttonvision.org.uk/strategic-plan).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity made a surplus for the year of £3,814 (2020 - £46,660 deficit).

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity does not have a formal investment policy. It endeavours to obtain the best possible return on its investments and cash balances.

RESERVES POLICY

It is the policy of the charity to maintain both restricted and unrestricted funds. The restricted funds are as a result of funding having been secured with limitations on its use such as specific grant applications. These reserves will vary from year to year according to the success of any individual grant application.

The unrestricted funds are free reserves that have been built up over time to cover future expenditure on projects and meet future running costs.

It is considered that the minimum reserve to be held at any one time should equate to at least six months running costs.

SUTTON VISION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Sutton Vision Board of Trustees has consulted with members, staff, volunteers and key stakeholders to develop the priorities for the next financial year:

The following are the key recommendations that we will be taking forward:

- We believe there are more people we could be supporting;
- Sutton Vision needs to continue look at flexing upwards its existing income streams and seeking funding from new sources;
- Efficiencies can be gained, and we can reduce costs to ensure long term financial sustainability;
- Sutton Vision needs to be an agile organisation; one that has the operational effectiveness to make decisions quickly for the benefit of all beneficiaries;
- The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us to think differently about how we can, and should, deliver our existing services, and what new services we should be offering;
- Volunteering – we need to continue creating a solid volunteer base for the social groups and befriending services by increasing and improving our volunteer recruitment activity to build resources for our other services existing and new;
- We need to continue to develop, and then grow our Assistive Technology skillset and service offering;
- The Low Vision Clinic needs to continue to evolve and expand offering both face to face and remote services;
- To reach more beneficiaries, widen our demographic and deliver more services virtually or at home, we need more investment and activity in outreach work;
- Sutton Vision will develop more remote or presentational social activities;
- We will develop our Resource room services to be delivered remotely or at home;
- We need to increase our marketing activity in the community both physically and digitally;
- We must continue to seek new opportunities to partner with like-minded organisations in the sector.

All these priorities and actions are in place with the view of supporting more visually impaired people in a sustainable and appropriate manner. Staff and Board are determined to continue the progress made over the last 12 months.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity and company law requires members of the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the year.

In preparing those financial statements, the members of the Executive Committee are required to:-

(a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
(b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
(c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020
(continued)

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE *(continued)*

The members of the Executive Committee are responsible for having proper accounting records kept, 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 the Companies Act 2006. 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.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission concerning the public benefit requirement.

APPROVAL

The Report of the Executive Committee has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The Report of the Executive Committee was approved by its members on 23rd September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:-

M D PARSONS
Chairman

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's financial statements as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Richard J Burgess
54 Manor Road
Cheam
Surrey
23rd September 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Notes	Restricted Funds (Note 8) £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Incoming Resources					
Grants					
Vision Foundation		-	35,600	35,600	22,829
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust		10,000	-	10,000	10,000
NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group		24,000	-	24,000	21,000
Department for Culture, Media & Sport		9,500	-	9,500	-
Miscellaneous		2,400	66,124	68,524	5,000
Donations/Legacies		-	1,338	1,338	9,903
Income tax recovered Gift Aid donations		-	-	-	218
Client charges		-	-	-	72
Government grants Furlough payments		-	4,765	4,765	-
		45,900	107,827	153,727	69,022
Investment income - bank interest/dividends		-	293	293	1,924
Total Incoming Resources		45,900	108,120	154,020	70,946
Resources Expended					
Charitable activities	2	39,132	111,370	150,502	116,766
Total Resources Expended		39,132	111,370	150,502	116,766
Net Incoming (Outgoing) Resources		6,768	(3,250)	3,518	(45,820)
Unrealised gains (losses) on revaluation of investments	6	-	296	296	(840)
		6,768	(2,954)	3,814	(46,660)
Fund Balances at 1.4.2020		-	113,938	113,938	160,598
Fund Balances at 31.3.2021	7	6,768	110,984	117,752	113,938

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

31st MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	6		1,180		884
CURRENT ASSETS					
Sundry debtors and prepayments		16,703		10,456	
Cash at bank		200,248		116,141	
		216,951		126,597	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Sundry creditors and accruals		(100,379)		(13,543)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			116,572		113,054
NET ASSETS			117,752		113,938
			======		======
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Accumulated funds	7				
Restricted			6,768		-
Unrestricted			110,984		113,938
			117,752		113,938
			======		======

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

For the year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of the Executive Committee:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The Executive Committee acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 23rd September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:-

M D Parsons - Chairman

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (effective January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard 102 applicable in the UK and Ireland (revised September 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and with the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund structure

Funds held by the charity are either:

- *Unrestricted general funds* – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.
- *Restricted funds* – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Income recognition

All incoming resources are recognised in the year in which the charity is entitled to receipt thereof and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Pension contributions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Fixed asset investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The charity does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions.

Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable Activities

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Staff costs	21,082	87,288	108,370	71,058
Recruitment and training	-	3,552	3,552	5,504
Travel and out of pocket expenses	-	10	10	426
IT support	-	4,660	4,660	6,295
Equipment	2,400	221	2,621	-
Client/volunteer events	-	505	505	448
Low Vision Clinic				
- fees, aids	9,311	-	9,311	8,829
Rent/service charge	1,200	8,750	9,950	9,950
Insurance	-	1,816	1,816	1,737
Telephone and internet	-	2,641	2,641	1,597
Stationery	-	1,340	1,340	2,071
Postage	-	282	282	343
Promotion costs/advertising	-	197	197	1,948
Newsletter	-	3,377	3,377	3,500
Payroll fees	-	898	898	780
Legal fees	-	13	13	937
Bank charges	-	182	182	216
Miscellaneous	-	777	777	1,127
	33,993	116,509	150,502	116,766
Overhead expenditure – reallocated	5,139	(5,139)	-	-
	39,132	111,370	150,502	116,766

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021
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3. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries	103,302	68,648
Pension contributions to money purchase scheme	1,075	911
Social Security costs	3,993	1,499
	108,370	71,058

The charity had six employees during the year (2020 - five).

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No member of the Executive Committee, nor any person connected with them, has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year, directly or indirectly, from the Charity's funds. Neither did any member receive reimbursement of expenses incurred by them on the Charity's behalf.

5. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on all activities.

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Market value - 1.4.2020	884	1,724
Gain (loss) on revaluation	296	(840)
Market value - 31.3.2021	1,180	884
Cost	1,668	1,668

7. ACCUMULATED FUNDS

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	TOTAL £
Fund balances at 31.3.2021 are represented by			
Tangible fixed assets - Investments	-	1,180	1,180
Current assets	6,768	210,183	216,951
Current liabilities	-	(100,379)	(100,379)
	6,768	110,984	117,752

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021
(continued)

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1.4.2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31.3.2021 £
NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group - Low Vision Clinic	-	24,000	24,000	-
Epsom & St Helier University Hospital NHS Trust - Eye Clinic Support Service	-	10,000	10,000	-
Department for Culture, Media & Sport	-	9,500	2,732	6,768
City Bridge Trust	-	2,400	2,400	-
	-	45,900	39,132	6,768

The Low Vision Clinic provides one to one specialist consultations with optometrists and local authority rehabilitation offices.

The Eye Clinic Support Service provides support and information at the point of diagnosis or shortly afterwards for patients suffering with serious eye conditions.

The grant received from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport is to be used to promote the use of 'assistive technology'.

The grant received from City Bridge Trust is to be used for the purchase of specialist equipment.

9. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Each member has a maximum potential liability of £10 in the event of the company being wound up.