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BURY SOCIETY FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

BURY SOCIETY FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

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BURY SOCIETY FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objective is to promote the wellbeing of blind and partially sighted people in Bury, Lancashire and surrounding areas. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to develop, arrange, promote, support and fund projects to ensure appropriate high quality care and support is available for people living with sight loss including families and carers.

Aim: To enable local blind and partially sighted adults to live full and active lives in their community.

This can take the form of:

- Specialist training
- Benefit advice
- Support groups
- Social and leisure facilities
- Information, guidance and counselling as appropriate

There has been no significant change in these during the year.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

At the close of the previous financial year, the accounts provided a good, sound financial platform to pursue the expansion of support, addressing emerging needs, staff succession and provide appropriate infrastructure to underpin the strategic priorities outlined in our Business Plan 2024-27.

Our priorities were based on three key areas:

- 1. Our People:** people with sight loss of all ages are supported to live a full and active life. We will help people to help themselves through offering practical skills and equipment, emotional support, and training.
- 2. Our Organisation:** at the heart of our organisation's work is promoting the wellbeing and independence of people with sight loss so they can live the life they want to lead.
- 3. Our Impact:** demonstrate the impact our services are having on people with sight loss and their families. We can only do this through effective communication, engagement and quality improvement.

With funding carried forward from 2023/24, we were able to recruit a development worker for a 12-month period, enabling the organisation to continue to provide its regular programme, whilst providing additional opportunities for engagement. These were all based on improving health and well-being, self-esteem, combatting loneliness and isolation, digital inclusion and physical well-being whilst addressing new needs.

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The charity is proud to be the commissioned Sensory Service for Visually Impaired on behalf of Bury MBC, providing Early Intervention and Rehabilitation to any resident living in the borough with a non-corrective eye condition. Complemented by the services and activities provided by the charity, a full, person centred, package is available for the client, providing a seamless pathway of care. These services include:

Comprehensive Assessment: assessment for adaptations, information on eye conditions and assessment for equipment and service beneficial to meet the needs of the individual. Clients are given the option of in person, video link or telephone assessment.

Eye Talk Support Programme: a three-week flexible course for both newly diagnosed and long-term clients plus family members/carers. Modules cover emotional and practical support, advice on financial support, transport, specialist equipment and a daily living workshop giving hands-on demonstrations of methods to keep safe but independent.

Condition Specific Support Groups: monthly sessions for Macular Degeneration and Glaucoma. These groups have a positive impact on mental well-being, and combatting isolation whilst information sharing.

Rehabilitation support: providing practical support such as mobility training, lighting assessments, kitchen and daily living skills. Re-building confidence with mobility training as clients reconnect with the outside world was a major area of rehabilitation support this year. The combination of the early intervention assessment and rehabilitation continues to be a great advantage, ensuring a seamless service is available for clients at every step of their journey.

Hospital Information Service: hospital liaison workers provide reassurance at a critical time of diagnosis. The 'Next Step' Information packs provide essential information on the way forward, signposting to a wide range of support available from various agencies. For Bury residents, this provides a clear pathway to our services.

Information Service: a regular weekly bulletin and quarterly newsletter is distributed to over 1,400 clients, families and other stakeholders in a range of accessible formats. Together with our website, these provide updates on news, research, other agencies and activities in the area.

Social Media Platforms: utilising WhatsApp, virtual meetings, Facebook, text and LinkedIn, amongst others, as alternative methods for communication are used to provide a range of links between clients, families, friends and other stakeholders.

Emotional and Practical Support: provided by staff and volunteers both in the Centre, and via telephone, to offer help, guidance and support on a range of issues including, but not limited to, access to services, shopping, medication, financial concerns and emotional support. Complementing this area, we have expanded the first model of our Eye Talk Programme to include greater emphasis on mental wellbeing.

Social Activities: our Support Centre is open throughout the week including monthly Saturday sessions providing a variety of activities. These include a daily 'Drop In' session, weekly lunch club, tea & chat, music session, craft workshops, healthy living, sight guiding sessions and specialist support groups, all helping to combat isolation. In addition, external activities have been promoted including meals out, quiz nights, trips to a local orchard, the RHS Bridgewater Gardens, Blind Drive Experience, annual bowling tournament plus the regular weekly 10 Pin Bowling sessions, weekly walking sessions and the annual musical evening at the Met Theatre. The recruitment of a development worker has enabled a review of group activities and looking at new areas. These included developing and trialing cricket sessions, a Christmas drama group and self defence sessions during this year.

Low Vision Aid Clinic based at the Support Centre: the Community Eye Service continue to provide a weekly clinic based at the Society. This partnership provides an easy access pathway for low vision aids for clients.

Digital Inclusion Clinic: fortnightly working with Henshaw's Blind Society, resulting from a home assessment by our Early Intervention Team, referral to a one-to-one digital appointment with a specialist at the Centre. The informal 'Tech Talk' group continues to evolve with clients sharing ideas and issues.

Foot Clinic: a weekly foot clinic provided by a qualified practitioner is available for clients and families to access in the safe environment of our Support Centre.

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Benefit Support: assistance and information on a variety of areas of support via our own Benefits Team or the monthly Citizens Advice Clinic based in our Support Centre.

The benefits to our clients from the above programme of support are:

- Improved health and mental well being
- Social inclusion
- Enhanced self-esteem.
- Practical skills to manage day-to-day living.
- Combating loneliness and isolation.
- Digital inclusion
- Physical well being

Volunteers

This year, reviewing roles and opportunities was a focus of the development worker role, ensuring still fit for purpose. The support provided by the Society would not be possible without volunteer input. With such a small staff team, volunteers are a vital element.

We have maintained a core of 80 active volunteers. As many of our volunteers have been with the organisation for over ten years, we have experienced the retirement of several long-serving supporters. However, with ongoing promotion either by enquiry, volunteer recruitment events or working with Bury VCFA (Voluntary, Community, Faith Alliance) we continue to maintain our core of approximately 80 active volunteers. All volunteers undertake a comprehensive induction, irrespective of their role, including visual awareness training to ensure the best quality of service is provided for our clients. All volunteers are supported through individual, peer supervision, and are invited and encouraged to attend training, when possible, that is relevant to their role. A Volunteers Coffee Morning is held every two months, providing a platform to discuss and air any issues experienced and to meet other volunteers and staff.

The benefits of our work with volunteers are:

- Increased skills, self-confidence and self-esteem for people who volunteer.
- Increased awareness and understanding of visual impairment.
- Time from volunteers to support the work of the Society.

Within the Support Centre, we have benefitted from over 6,000 volunteer hours provided by our regular bank of volunteers.

During this year, within the constraints of our current database, a system to record additional hours provided by volunteers on outside activities such as fundraising events, presentations and collections has been implemented. Whilst this was not complete at the end of the financial year, it provided a snapshot of the impact of our volunteers' time in supporting the Society.

Our Phone Friends service support 8 clients identified as isolated and/or living alone and volunteers have provided over 250 hours of telephone support.

Networking, collaboration and partnership

The relationship with our Local Authority and its partners continues to develop both through our commissioned service and our charity support. During this year, Bury Council has been working in collaboration with relevant organisations to develop and produce the Council's Sensory Strategy. Both our clients and our organisation have been instrumental in providing input and feedback in this development. We have also provided a feasibility study reviewing the accessibility of certain areas within the Borough.

In February, Bury Adult Care underwent a Peer Review of their services. We were invited, in our capacity as the local charity supporting visually impaired, to meet the Reviewing Panel.

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We hold User Forums at the Centre every two months providing us with the opportunity to hear directly from clients about issues and concerns they have, both internal and external. As a result of this, during this year the following organisations have engaged with our Forums:

- Healthwatch
- Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse Support
- Public Health
- Community Safety Partnership and GM Police
- BMBC Licensing re: taxis
- Font Communications- regarding regeneration plans in local areas
- Bruntwood - regarding regeneration plan for local shopping centre
- Transport for Greater Manchester - The Bee Network
- The Carers Partnership
- Dementia Support
- The Staying Well Team

In addition, we have been involved in collaborative work with external agencies including:

- Cancer Research
- Bury Hospice
- Alzheimer's UK
- The Met Theatre
- Bury Youth Service
- Bury Children's Service for Visually Impaired

We have been actively inviting other professionals to attend our team meetings, sharing good practice and exchanging knowledge on our respective areas. Networking and partnerships have enabled a more comprehensive catalogue of assistance to be available to clients. Our monthly programme of Awareness Training has been attended by fellow professionals including health partners e.g. Occupational Therapists, Carers, Physiotherapist as well as volunteers, clients and their families.

During this year we have worked with many agencies across Greater Manchester, some specific to visual impairment, others not, including: Bury Community Eye Service, Visionary, Henshaws, Bury Council, Northern Care Alliance - Eye Clinic, Fairfield, Local Opticians, Age UK Bury, Bury Lions, The Masons, Ramsbottom Rotary, Radcliffe Rotary, Bury VCFA, The Met Theatre, GM Police and GM Fire Department, ADAB, CAB, The Fed, Bury Hearing Hub, Bury Audiology, Speak Easy, Stroke Team, Staying Well Team, Live Well Team, Bury Athletics, The Macular Society, RNIB, Guide Dogs, Ramsbottom Civic Hall, Incredible Edibles, Bury Grammar School, Bury College, Ingeus, DWP Job Centre, The Jinnah Centre.

Businesses including Tesco, The Co-Operative Society, Morrisons, Asda, Bury Market, The Millgate Shopping Centre, Woodcocks Solicitors, Barlow Andrews, HSBC, Carriages, Phoenix Foot Care, Hollywood Bowling, Nationwide, The PA Academy.

In addition, we have maintained and developed contacts with many community groups, all working to support the local community. BBS are members of:

- Greater Manchester VI Consortium: working collaboratively with Henshaw's and Walthew House, Stockport to develop a consistent pathway of care for visually impaired throughout Greater Manchester.
- Sensory Pathway Forum: Community Eye Service, Bury Hearing Hub, Bury Council Audiology Rehab, NCA Audiology.
- Visionary.
- Bury Voluntary, Community Faith Alliance (BVCFA).
- Local Eye Health Network.
- Bury VCSE Leadership Group.

Performance and achievements are monitored and reviewed internally at the Board Meetings. Project performance is reviewed on a regular basis, as a minimum, in line with the dictates of the relevant funding body. Statistics provided are both qualitative and quantitative, showing the number of registration assessments conducted, progression and impact of the early intervention project plus other services provided for blind and partially sighted clients. Statistics are also collated, reviewed and retained, setting out the numbers of blind and partially sighted people who are engaging in activities and accessing support. Evidence of well-being is obtained on a regular basis and evaluated for progression.

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Activities undertaken in the year

During this year we have been running a range of pilot projects with a view to future funding via The National Lottery. These included developing a social media group, a cricket group taster, Walk, run or cycle Group, self defence sessions, healthy mind, healthy living, working age support drop-in at Ingeus and BBS on Tour group performing at local venues.

We recruited an intern to our staff team following funding obtained in 2023/24 via the Thomas Pocklington Internship Programme for visually impaired. In addition, we provided a six-month placement for a trainee teacher and weekly work experience sessions for two students from Bury Grammar. Whilst we said farewell to several of our older volunteers, we welcomed six new volunteers in a variety of roles including gardening, event planning, social media and group support and maintaining our core of 80 active volunteers.

We were able to embark on capital projects, utilising funding received in the last financial year to provide new flooring, lighting upgrades and decoration throughout the Centre and engaging a development worker for 12 months.

During this year we maintained our usual wide range of regular programme of activities including:

- Drop In Mornings
- Fun Music Afternoons
- Tech Talk Sessions
- Book Club
- Eye Matters - Working Age Support Group
- Healthy Mind, Healthy Life Sessions
- Thursday Tea & Chat Group
- Monthly Music Entertainment Social
- Breakfast Drop In
- Walk, Talk & Bike Group
- Luncheon Club
- Weekly Foot Clinic
- LVA Clinic
- Fortnightly Digital Tech Support Clinic
- Monthly CAB Sessions
- Monthly Eye Specific Support Groups
- Additional Macular Degeneration Support Group
- Bi-Monthly User Forums
- Bi-Monthly Volunteers Coffee Mornings

With many of the groups, guest speakers or other organisations are invited to join.

This year, because of our connection with Transport for Greater Manchester, we had a Q & A session at our Centre with The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. From this, a focus group continue to attend Planning meetings and have visited Stockport Bus Station to feedback on the upgraded buses.

In January, Local MP, James Frith paid a visit to the centre to meet clients and listen to their comments and understand their challenges.

All sessions have feedback monitoring forms which were analysed, evaluated and, if any comments requiring action, dealt with accordingly. Currently, feedback on the groups reports a consistent 98% satisfaction result.

In total, through support in the Centre and out in the Community, together with regular communications through newsletters, the Charity has engaged with approximately over 5,000 clients and families over the year. In addition, we have welcomed nearly 6,000 visitors to the Centre.

Our assessment and rehabilitation contract are recorded separately with figures for referrals exceeding 500 during this financial year.

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Financial review

Once again, the charity's core funding has met the level of expenditure needed to meet its objectives through sound financial planning and management and the support of staff and volunteers.

The Statement of Financial Activities shows a net deficit in funds for the year of £62,599 and our funds stand at £366,272 in total. The charity's assets are held for the objects of the charity.

It is the policy of the charity that it will aim to maintain free reserves (those unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use and are not tied up in tangible fixed assets) at a level equivalent to at least six months' normal expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. Free reserves at 31 March 2025 amounted to £125,585

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Traditionally, the Society has been funded through grants, donations and local fundraising. Funding from statutory contracts with Bury Council and Northern Care Alliance has become very important in recent years and complements the service that the Society provides. Such funding now constitutes approximately half the Society's income. With this in place, it is able to provide a comprehensive support pathway that includes the programme of early intervention and rehabilitation support, together with practical information and guidance, based at the charity's own Centre, the local hospital, Fairfield General and out in the community. The combined statutory and charity interventions aim to facilitate independence, enable timely support when sight loss might otherwise result in reduced mobility or loss of confidence to deal with aspects of everyday life.

Our Business Plan, updated last year for 2025, is a working document and progress is documented and reported at Board Meetings to ensure it remains fit for purpose. As reported last year, the key priorities come under three categories:

Our People:

- Greater emphasis on 'Starting Well' and 'Living Well'
- Provide proactive emotional support and confidence building
- Strengthen pathways and embrace new technology

Our Organisation:

- Sustainability and continuous development
- Positive organisational culture and valuing diversity
- Strengthen partnership working

Our Impact:

- Transform back-office systems and processes
- Continue to develop and deliver our communication and engagement strategy
- Continuous quality improvement

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 30 June 2003 and registered as a charity on 8 March 2004. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which defined the objectives and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, who were in office at the year end date are listed on page 1. Of these, the following trustee was appointed during the year:

Mr N Rana

(Appointed 1 April 2024)

Two additional trustees held office during the year, however are not listed on page 1 due to their resignation prior to the date of approval. These were:

Ms H Crozier

(Resigned 17 June 2025)

Mr J J Sweeney

(Resigned 1 June 2024)

Of the trustees listed on page 1, the following are visually impaired:

Mrs T Mamo

Mrs J Grimshaw

Mr N Rana

Ms D Webb

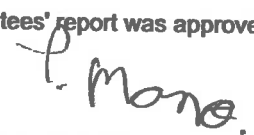
Mr M White

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

As a company limited by guarantee, the Memorandum and Articles of Association govern the charity's trustees. The charity has produced a 'Welcome Pack', which is used in conjunction with the Charity Commissioners Good Governance document, to help its trustees understand their responsibilities. The charity aims to recruit trustees with appropriate skills and abilities to ensure management is maintained. Potential trustees are approached through personal knowledge of their skills, by recommendation or by advertising in the press if necessary. The charity employs a full time Chief Executive Officer, who acts as line manager to the staff and is answerable to the Board. The Board meets formally, as a minimum, nine times per year, but meetings can and do take place at short notice should the need arise. The Board is made up of an Honorary President, the Mayor of Bury, who acts as President during their year of office, a Chairman, a Secretary and currently seven other Board members.

Five of the Board members are visually impaired themselves.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


Mrs T Mamo (Chair)
Trustee

10 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bury Society for Blind and Partially Sighted People for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BURY SOCIETY FOR BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED PEOPLE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bury Society for Blind and Partially Sighted People (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (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.

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- 4 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 Kay
Barlow Andrews LLP
Carlisle House
78 Chorley New Road
Bolton

Dated: 10 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	30,653	110,413	141,066	51,288	164,386	215,674
Charitable activities	4	16,922	-	16,922	17,830	-	17,830
Other trading activities	5	19,916	-	19,916	20,773	-	20,773
Investments		2,636	-	2,636	1,806	-	1,806
Total income		70,127	110,413	180,540	91,697	164,386	256,083
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	4,405	-	4,405	5,921	-	5,921
Charitable activities	7	88,111	150,623	238,734	59,642	136,185	195,827
Total expenditure		92,516	150,623	243,139	65,563	136,185	201,748
Net income/(expenditure)		(22,389)	(40,210)	(62,599)	26,134	28,201	54,335
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(4,482)	4,482	-
Net movement in funds	9	(22,389)	(40,210)	(62,599)	21,652	32,683	54,335
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		385,788	43,083	428,871	364,136	10,400	374,536
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		363,399	2,873	366,272	385,788	43,083	428,871

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		237,814		237,618
Current assets					
Debtors	16	21,775		16,597	
Cash at bank and in hand		123,960		186,374	
		<u>145,735</u>		<u>202,971</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(17,277)		(11,718)	
Net current assets			128,458		191,253
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>366,272</u>		<u>428,871</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	19		2,873		43,083
Unrestricted funds	20		363,399		385,788
			<u>366,272</u>		<u>428,871</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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

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.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10 October 2025


Mrs T Mamo (Chair)
Trustee

Company registration number 4815165 (England and Wales)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bury Society for Blind and Partially Sighted People is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Wolstenholme House, 4 Tenterden Street, Bury.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Grants are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected.

Income from trading activities is recognised once the sale of goods has been completed.

Income from fundraising activities is recognised once the event has taken place and monies have been collected.

Transfers between funds arise when expenditure is incurred in one fund which can be funded or part funded by income of another fund. In addition, transfers may be made from unrestricted funds to clear excess expenditure over income arising in restricted funds.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised on an accruals basis.

Costs of raising funds relate to activities undertaken to generate income.

Expenditure on charitable activities is costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis e.g. estimated usage.

Governance costs include all expenditure directly related to the administration of the charity including expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	Straight line over 40 years to a residual value of £200,000
Plant and equipment	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	25% straight line

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	30,653	-	30,653	51,288	15,000	66,288
Grants	-	110,413	110,413	-	149,386	149,386
	<u>30,653</u>	<u>110,413</u>	<u>141,066</u>	<u>51,288</u>	<u>164,386</u>	<u>215,674</u>
Grants						
Bury Social Services contract	-	84,291	84,291	-	85,119	85,119
Northern Care Alliance contract	-	7,220	7,220	-	7,079	7,079
Other small restricted grants	-	18,902	18,902	-	57,188	57,188
	<u>-</u>	<u>110,413</u>	<u>110,413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,386</u>	<u>149,386</u>

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Charitable activities		
Car parking	6,141	7,506
In house activities	4,913	3,798
Room hire	5,028	5,143
Sale of resources	840	1,383
	<u>16,922</u>	<u>17,830</u>

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	<u>19,916</u>	<u>20,773</u>

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6 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Staging fundraising events	3,896	5,381
Trading costs		
Purchase of resources	509	540
Total costs	4,405	5,921

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	156,743	132,040
Depreciation	1,624	1,396
Volunteers travel	1,334	1,351
Bad and doubtful debts	3,352	1,066
Volunteers kitchen costs	1,963	1,748
Staff training	1,323	231
Staff travel and subsistence	544	404
Rates, water and service charges	737	689
Insurance, light and heat	12,735	13,956
Outings and socials	2,843	1,495
Repairs, maintenance and refurbishment	6,426	7,159
Telephone and internet	1,463	2,997
Postage and stationery	1,891	3,382
General expenses	2,643	1,668
Software, consumables, support and equipment	14,674	14,201
Small restricted funds - other expenditure	23,663	8,316
Accountancy-non-governance costs	1,824	884
	<u>235,782</u>	<u>192,983</u>
Accountancy - governance costs (see note 8)	2,952	2,844
	<u>238,734</u>	<u>195,827</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	88,111	59,642
Restricted funds	150,623	136,185
	<u>238,734</u>	<u>195,827</u>

Included in expenditure on charitable activities are costs which support the charity's activities. The primary ones included in the figures above are premises and administration costs of £2,643 (2024: £1,668).

8 Governance costs

	2025 £	2024 £	Basis of allocation
Accountancy	2,952	2,844	Usage
	<u>2,952</u>	<u>2,844</u>	

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9	Net movement in funds	2025	2024
		£	£
	The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,952	2,844
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,624	1,396
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Management, admin and support	9	7
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Employment costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	144,330	124,169
Social security costs	6,538	5,328
Other pension costs	5,875	2,543
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	156,743	132,040
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more. The employment cost of key management personnel was £45,830 (2024: £43,683), including employer's pension costs and national insurance costs.

11 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	5,875	2,543
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

12 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Kelly Mamo, who is the daughter of trustee Tracey Mamo, works part time for the charity and earned a gross salary in the band £20,001 to £30,000 during the year (2024: £20,001 to £30,000).

13 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

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14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	240,826	1,584	6,888	-	249,298
Additions	-	-	-	1,820	1,820
Disposals	-	-	(6,888)	-	(6,888)
At 31 March 2025	240,826	1,584	-	1,820	244,230
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 April 2024	4,000	792	6,888	-	11,680
Depreciation charged in the year	1,000	396	-	228	1,624
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(6,888)	-	(6,888)
At 31 March 2025	5,000	1,188	-	228	6,416
Carrying amount					
At 31 March 2025	235,826	396	-	1,592	237,814
At 31 March 2024	236,826	792	-	-	237,618

15 Financial instruments

	2025 £	2024 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	139,777	197,807
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	14,455	9,418

16 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	11,069	11,433
Prepayments and accrued income	10,706	5,164
	21,775	16,597

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	2,822	2,300
Trade creditors	10,783	2,837
Other creditors	720	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,952	6,581
	<u>17,277</u>	<u>11,718</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:			
Tangible assets	237,814	-	237,814
Current assets/(liabilities)	125,585	2,873	128,458
	<u>363,399</u>	<u>2,873</u>	<u>366,272</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:			
Tangible assets	237,618	-	237,618
Current assets/(liabilities)	148,170	43,083	191,253
	<u>385,788</u>	<u>43,083</u>	<u>428,871</u>

Unrestricted funds include tangible fixed assets of £235,826 which relates to the building used as premises for the charity as well as plant and equipment.

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19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Bury MBC	-	84,291	(84,291)	-	-
Northern Care Alliance	-	7,220	(7,220)	-	-
Other grants and donations	43,083	18,902	(59,112)	-	2,873
	<u>43,083</u>	<u>110,413</u>	<u>(150,623)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,873</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Bury MBC	-	85,119	(89,601)	4,482	-
Northern Care Alliance	-	7,079	(7,079)	-	-
Other grants and donations	10,400	72,188	(39,505)	-	43,083
	<u>10,400</u>	<u>164,386</u>	<u>(136,185)</u>	<u>4,482</u>	<u>43,083</u>

Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds generally represent recharges of costs to specific projects in line with the terms of funding. In cases where expenditure against a particular restricted fund exceeds the available income, a transfer has been made from unrestricted funds to cover the overspend.

Bury MBC - early intervention support for the visually impaired.

Northern Care Alliance - hospital information service (Fairfield Eye Clinic).

20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	385,788	70,127	(92,516)	-	363,399
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	364,136	91,697	(65,563)	(4,482)	385,788