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## THE CARERS TEAM



**Alan Pickup**  
**Chair Trustees**  
**Resigned Dec 2023**



**Graham Brindley**  
**Treasurer**



**Sam Morris**  
**Chief Executive**

**Trustees: Nan Goodall (Interim Chair), James Hadleigh, Charlie Higham, Marc Kirker, (resigned September 2023)**

### The Carers “A” Team

**Gillian Ingham**  
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**Denise Cottom**  
**Sana Sardar**

**Parveen Awan**  
**Shabir Elahi**

The Carers Service is privileged to have a fantastic Team of Volunteers who help us go that extra mile in supporting those caring for a friend or loved one. You can see from page 11 the amount of time they give freely and what it means to us financially in extra value

We never like to see any of the team go, but many reasons prevail that prompt their leaving, be it other calls on their time in the case of Trustees, or to advance their careers in respect of staff. But I am sure that they will not be strangers as the service is embedded in their hearts.

So we say farewell to: Trustees: Alan Pickup and Marc Kirker  
Staff: Parveen Awan, Sana Sardar and Denise Cottam, Denise was only with the Service for a short time before sadly passing away in April 2024. Denise was a Carers Adviser and had supported carers and the Carers Service long before she became one of the Team. Denise will always be remembered by staff Trustees and carers

It has been a privilege to have been a Trustee of the Carers Service and was with regret that I resigned due to commitments to other organisations I am involved with, trying to improve the lives of those with Learning Disabilities and other Neurodivergent conditions. I am still a family carer registered with the service and volunteer as often as I can.

*Alan Pickup* Chair of Trustees (Resigned Dec 2023)

## Sam Morris Chief Executive Officer's Report



I am so proud to lead the Carers Service, a well-established organisation with 19 years' (Almost 20 years!) experience improving lives across our diverse carer community in Blackburn with Darwen.

Our team of staff, trustees and volunteers bring diverse skills and qualifications including interpreting, counselling and advice alongside lived experience as unpaid carers.

***"Our Service is led by carer for carers and projects are co-produced."***

We have faced new challenges with funding cycles coming to an end later this year, however we have invested time and energy and enthusiasm to increase our opportunities. In this year we have brought in additional Support with our Business Development Strategy. We have revisited our Vision, Mission and Values, looked at the needs of carers and explored our strategic goals and objectives. We are now working on the recommendations and have invested in external Trust & Foundations and Marketing & Communications support.



We have already started to see the success of this work.

As a team we will continue to pull out all stops to meet carers needs and support carers to navigate through the financial challenges and changing climate.



We are looking forward to celebrating 20 years support to carers in the Borough

**Sam Morris**

Chief Executive Officer



## Graham Brindley Treasurer's Report



Although the results for this financial year were a small operating deficit this was significantly below the level that had been budgeted. This was a consequence of the management team being successful in a number of bids that arose throughout the year which gave rise to total income exceeding the previous year. As with a number of charities, whilst certain funding elements may be known to be in place for the year there are elements that arise during the year on an ad hoc basis and therefore there is always an element of uncertainty as to the precise funding available to the organisation.

The Trustee strategy has been to continue to support the staff structure and activities of the charity by releasing funds from reserves where necessary and to cover timing differences to ensure the needs of service users are met. At the same time initiatives are being undertaken to help build both financial resilience and extend awareness, reach and service delivery within the family carer community. Internal controls remain in place to ensure that expenditure is rigorously controlled and monitored.



During the next twelve months the two major funding streams of the charity will be subject to review. The outcome of these reviews will have major consequences to the charity. Our strategy has been, and will continue to be, to develop and deliver a range of service provisions to family carers that they consider essential and benefit from as evidence to funding reviews and applications to continue to support our activities. We hope to be able to report a positive outcome to these reviews in next year's report both continue and expand its service delivery to the unpaid carers of the borough.

*Graham Brindley*

Treasurer

# The Carers Service exists to support & help those who provide unpaid care to a friend, relative or loved one

## Carers definition

Carers can be relatives, neighbours or friends. Carers come from all age groups and can come from any ethnic, religious or racial background. A Carer is a person who looks after someone who due to illness, disability or frailty is unable to manage alone



## Carers Service Objectives

- Carers will be respected as expert care partners and will have access to the integrated and personalised services they need to support them in their caring role
- Carers will be able to have a life of their own alongside their caring role.
- Carers will be supported to stay mentally and physically well and treated with dignity.
- Carers will be supported so that they are not forced into financial hardship by their caring role
- Carers who are children and young people will be supported to learn, develop, and thrive.

## Mission Statement

At Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, our mission is to identify, engage, empower, and support carers throughout their caring journey. We are dedicated to providing integrated and personalised services that meet the diverse needs of carers in our community.

## Vision

Our vision is to create a community where carers are respected as expert care partners, equipped with the resources and support they need to thrive in their caring role. We envision a society that recognises and values the vital contributions of carers, ensuring their well-being and enabling them to lead fulfilling lives alongside their caregiving responsibilities.

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## Core Values

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- 1. Empowerment:** We believe in empowering carers by providing them with the knowledge, resources, and support necessary to make informed decisions and take control of their lives.
- 2. Respect:** We treat every carer with dignity, compassion, and respect, recognising the invaluable role they play in society and valuing their unique experiences and contributions.
- 3. Collaboration:** We foster collaboration and partnerships with local organisations, service providers, and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support and improve the lives of carers.
- 4. Inclusivity:** We are committed to inclusivity, embracing diversity, and addressing the needs of carers from all backgrounds, including those who may be marginalised or hidden.
- 5. Well-being:** We prioritise the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of carers, offering services and programs that promote their health, resilience, and overall quality of life.
- 6. Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights, recognition, and support of carers at local, regional, and national levels, aiming to influence policies and raise awareness about carer issues.
- 7. Innovation:** We strive to continuously innovate and improve our services, incorporating technology and best practices to enhance the support and experiences of carers.
- 8. Personalisation:** We recognise that each carer's journey is unique, and we tailor our services to meet individual needs, providing personalised support that addresses their specific challenges and circumstances.



## Carers Service Offer

**Carers Star  
Assessment**

**Advice and  
guidance**

**Benefit checks**

**Respite Sitting  
Service**

**Counselling**

**Complimentary  
therapies**

**Digital Support**

**Befriending**

**Hospital Discharge  
Project**

**Training,  
Workshops & Events**

**Volunteering  
Accreditation**

**Activities and Trips**

**Power of Attorney**

**Access to breaks**

**Support groups**

**Young Adult Carers  
Support**

**Carers ID Card**

**Life After Caring**

**Household Support  
Grants**

**Volunteering**

**Activities and Work  
shops**



# Achievements and Performance

## 1. Blackburn with Darwen Carers Strategy

**Mark Warren , Strategic Director of Adults & Health** says *“We are acutely aware of the extraordinary role unpaid carers play in our community, our strategy is firmly committed to not just acknowledging but actively supporting these unsung heroes. In partnership with local organisations, healthcare providers and community groups, we pledge to create a supportive environment where all young carers and adult carers feel seen, supported and valued”*

The Carers Service were commissioned to work in partnership with CANW to facilitate this new Carers Strategy for the Borough – consulting with carers and partners.

Available at: [www.bwdcarers.org.uk](http://www.bwdcarers.org.uk)

### Blackburn with Darwen Carers Strategy Priorities

Ten core principles that underpin the strategy:

- Early Identification
- Tailored Support
- Respect and Recognition
- Clear Communication
- Quality Service Delivery
- Reducing Bureaucracy
- Preventing Isolation
- Supporting Employment and Education
- Inclusive Approach
- Continual Learning and Adaptation

### Blackburn with Darwen Carers Strategy Pledge

- We will identify
- We will involve
- We will listen
- We will understand
- We will Assess
- We will Act

### Carers Identified:

- Challenges of Caring
- Service Gaps and Accessibility
- Financial and Employment Struggles
- Future Concerns
- Interpersonal Relationship Struggles
- Positive Aspects of Caring and Support
- Addressing the Needs of Young Carers





# Achievements and Performance

## 2. Household Support Funding

The Carers Service continued to be a partner in distributing Household Support grants, vouchers and resources to carers.

“ A Carer cares for her son with terminal cancer. The carer was completely overwhelmed and emotional, struggling to manage bills and finances

Through the Household Support funding the Carer received a personal budget and shopping vouchers. The Carer had a benefits appointment and accessed support on budgeting.

The Carer was able to access respite opportunities and increase in resilience to focus on her son and continue in her caring role



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## 3. New 3 year contract with Eric Wright to continue to support carers Mental Health and Well Being

The funding will continue to fund:

### A Mental Health and Well Being Carers Adviser

- Wellbeing opportunities to create coping mechanisms and strategies.
- Enhance a 'Drop in to Check in' offer to carers
- Resources to aid learning and development such as journals and self-help worksheets and Workshops
- One to one Talking therapies/Counselling
- Massage/ treatments and spa opportunities
- Respite opportunities



### In addition

- Identification and development of a team of volunteers who will undertake Assist training, Mental Health First Aid and Connect 5 training. To then deliver befriending sessions to carers
- Mental Health and Well Being Carers Group

# Achievements and Performance

## 4. Support for Parents with Children and Adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder

After over two decades of dedicated service to individuals and families affected by autism, Action for ASD, a cherished charity based in Burnley, closed its doors. In June 2023, the trustees, facing operational and organisational challenges, made the difficult decision to cease operations. However, in a final act of community support, Action for ASD has left a lasting legacy by allocating its remaining reserves of £164,347.20 to four deserving charities in Lancashire.

Alongside other beneficiaries, Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service was chosen for their commitment to supporting the autism community.

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service introduced a new ASD Carers Adviser role. "This role is designed to inform and support carers of individuals with ASD, providing peer support, respite opportunities, and essential guidance to reduce the impact of their caring responsibilities,"



## 5. Tesco chosen Charity: Vintage Ventures

Providing wellbeing activities for isolated older carers in Blackburn with Darwen, including day trips, crafts, cooking, connecting with others and talking therapies.

Enabling older people to get active, reduce isolation, set new goals for the future.

The project involved:

- Taking groups of carers out on trips
- Carers participated in wellbeing sessions
- Carers enjoyed holistic therapies
- Carers took part in cooking sessions
- Carers worked together on future planning





# Achievements and Performance

## 6. Carers Week 2023. Recognising and Supporting Carers in the Community

A fantastic week of activities including open days for our Respite and Dementia Cafes, Wills Day, Carers Coffee Meeting and an Information event. Trips, Bollywood event, spa day and Mens group.

In total 139 people attended events this week.

### Carers Week Information Event.

This was held as an information day. 23 partner organisations were invited to provide information on a wide range of topics from health, legal, education, employment, recreational. More than 87 people attended.



## 7. Carers Rights day 2023

This year we organised speakers to be on a panel where carers could ask questions and the panel could elaborate on. The panel included key speakers that are important in a carers journey this included benefits, finance, Social care, dementia nurse, Lasting Power of Attorney, and the Care Act.

Carers were quite passionate about certain topics that were covered, and this was good to debate.

27 carers attended.



# Achievements and Performance

## 8. Volunteers

Volunteers week was brilliant with several events to keep the volunteers busy.

Like every year we invited the volunteers over the past 12 months to come along to a celebration at Kingsway.

We had a buffet of food with lots of variety from different communities

We had a presentation on events supported by volunteers over the last 12 months including some lovely images of everyone which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We couldn't forget entertainment by the lovely magician Jason Rea who amazed us through his tricks

**New Volunteers = 46**

**Existing Volunteers = 156**

**Volunteer hours = 4511**

**Equates to =£49621**



## 9. Health & Wellbeing





# Achievements and Performance

## 10. Hospital Discharge

- residents and their carers will have had a positive experience when being discharged from hospital
- residents and their carers will have received practical help after being discharged from hospital
- residents and their carers will have received a carers assessment and be registered with the Carers Service for continued support.
- residents and their carers will have increased their knowledge, and confidence around the cared for illness/ disability and know how to access further support



**241 referrals made**

## 11. Fundraising and Income Generation

<b>Donations</b>	<b>£2945</b>
<b>Carers Activities</b>	<b>£9681</b>
<b>Lasting Power of Attorney</b>	<b>£8900</b>
<b>Other income</b>	<b>£5091</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£26617</b>

**A big thank you to all those that donated to the Service and to our amazing volunteers who raised funds through various initiatives and events**



# Achievements and Performance

## 12. Statistics

<b>Total number of carers referred to the service:</b>	<b>1,696</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>1,011</b>
<b>Reopen</b>	<b>685</b>
<b>Unique Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1,436</b>
<b>Total number of registered carers within the service as at Mar 24:</b>	<b>8,422</b>

District	New	Reopen	Total	%
Blackburn	748	541	1,289	76%
Darwen	211	136	347	20.46%
Edgworth	3		3	0.18%
Other	49	8	57	3.36%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>100%</b>
Gender	New	Reopen	Total	
Female	715	529	1,244	73.25%
Male	291	152	443	26.12%
Not Defined	5	4	9	0.53%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>100%</b>

Internal Work	No.
Assessments	1,409
Benefit Appointments	874
Benefit No Individuals	727
Counselling Sessions	423
Counselling No Carers	75
Drop In to Check In Sessions	59
Befriending - carers in receipt of call	25
Befriending - numbers calls/ visits made	645
Support Groups - Number carers	213
Support Groups - Number attendances	726
Activities sessions	298
Activities attendances	1,842
Activities carers	828

Breakdown of caring role type	New	Reopen	Total	%
Dementia	92	65	157	9%
Drugs And Alcohol	10	27	37	2%
Elderly/Frail	82	35	117	7%
Learning Disability	14	50	64	4%
Mental Health	96	68	164	10%
Parent Carer	286	171	457	27%
Physical Disability	428	260	688	41%
Unknown	3	9	12	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>100%</b>

TOTAL NUMBER OF REFERRALS

1696

BENEFITS

874

££££££££££

ASSESSMENTS

1409

REFERRALS BY GENDER

MALE 26%

FEMALE 73%

Undisclosed 1%

DROP IN TO CHECK IN

59

COUNSELLING

423

ACTIVITIES

1842

CARERS ATTENDED

ACTIVITY  
SESSIONS

298

Befrienders

645



NEW  
VOLUNTEERS  
THIS YEAR

46

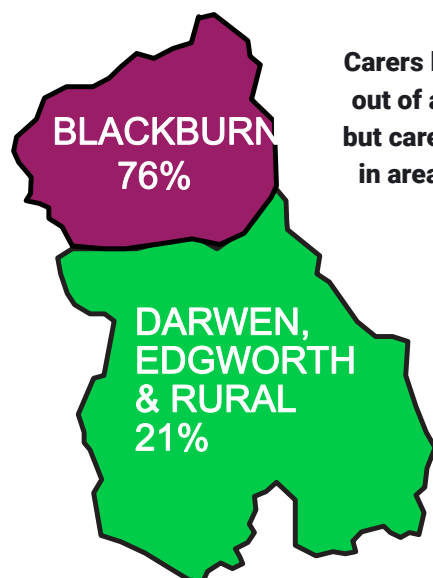
VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
THIS YEAR

4511 Hrs

EQUATES TO

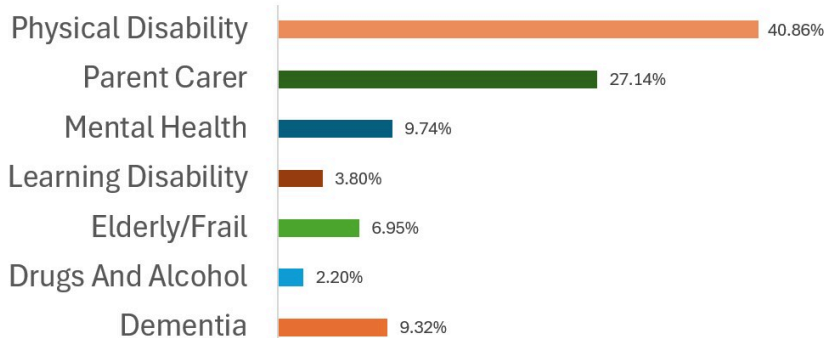
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## REFERRALS BY GEOGRAPHY



Carers living  
out of area,  
but cared for  
in area 3%

### CARERS REASON FOR CARING





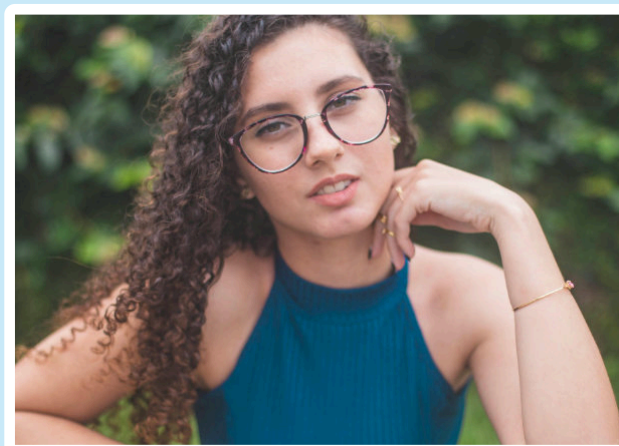


## YOUNG ADULT CARER (YAC) CASE STUDY

This case study is based on a YAC who is caring for mum and suffers with her own mental health.

### YAC ~ My Journey

As a YAC at times, it has been quite difficult to take care of myself and appreciate myself as I tend to wonder more about negatives rather than seeing positives about me. Struggling with mental health I'd say makes this more challenging to feel happy but ever since I have joined the carers service, I have recognised clearly that I have a lot of positive traits in me that make me unique, I have begun seeing and doing things with a more positive attitude which has naturally made me happier.



For instance, having counselling sessions with a lovely lady named Huzaifa, she has most definitely made an impact in my life, for 4 years I have been struggling to better myself and my mental health was deteriorating. I had no support in terms of having conversations with someone who could understand me, I was given false hope by a lot of people who said they understood but it wasn't quite the case, after having 10 successful counselling sessions with Huzaifa I can confirm from when I first began the counselling until the last week there has definitely been improvement and I have found my confidence again.

In support of this, joining the Volunteer Academy recommended by Kiran to gain new skills and confidence for 6 weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting new people and joining in, feeling that my voice was heard in a group setting for once (as I struggled around group settings with my anxiety). I have gained plenty of knowledge about being a carer/volunteer which has indeed helped with building my confidence and being comfortable with others.

In addition to this, again recommended by Kiran, who has been super supportive since I joined here, I took part in a carers day trip to Brockholes with other YAC's and YC's as



# YOUNG ADULT CARER CASE STUDY

well as reuniting with Joanna who was my adviser during 2019 in school. It was an exciting experience, I learnt how to whittle wood logs, orienteering, not to forget making delicious s'mores with hot chocolate, by lighting a fire, how to survive in the woodlands and meeting other carers who had similar circumstances to me at home along with mental health problems. I have always struggled in group settings due to not fitting in and being quite reserved but this activity surely did put a smile on my face, I had not been happy for a long time beforehand but I can assure you that I had an amazing time, I genuinely enjoyed myself and felt comfortable with everybody! Although it was raining we had a splendid time and this has made me positive in being around a group of people. I now feel relaxed about returning to education this year to start afresh after 2 years of hardship.

Lastly, the carers service centre overall has been joyful and welcoming every time I step into Kingsway, the atmosphere is always positive, the elderly and the staff are always friendly & helpful, I never feel stressed whilst I'm there. I was informed via the YAC's WhatsApp Group of a carers photo-shoot which I took part in which was delightful! I had photos taken with Kiran learning about the Volunteer Academy and other carers that come to Kingsway. I felt positive and stylish as I was told to pose in different ways, it was a very unforgettable experience. The reason I say this is because I had my photo placed on my school wall via photo shoot of new school uniform and changing the logos, motto, redecorating the school and I was chosen as a part of it but it made me very self-conscious. It did not help that I didn't get along with most pupils in my class, they'd use my photo on the corridor wall to poke fun however, I have matured now and learned to respect myself, I gladly decided to have my photos taken to be placed around the carers service this time as an acknowledgement of me being a YAC whereas in school I did not get this appreciation, I was surrounded by a toxic environment this contrasts to the carers service a few years later which like I previously mentioned is always welcoming and friendly every time I walk in.



To summarise, I am extremely grateful for all your support and all the staff who have been with me during this journey and ongoing, I seem to have once again found myself and become more positive. My mental health overall has become less of a problem in my life and I now feel more mature, well heard and happy I can now move forward and once again begin my academic career confidently with a positive outlook on life. All the credits are given to the Carers Service.

**From the bottom of my heart and my mothers, thank you so much!**



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## **PARENT CARER CASE STUDY**

A Carer and her husband came to the Carers Centre after receiving information at a school information day. The couple had been caring for their child with complex needs. Their son required 24/7 supervision at home. The couple struggle to leave the house with their son as he gets distressed when things are not familiar. They felt support was in place at school but was worried that he would be moving to college, this was causing the family distress

The couple met with a Carers Adviser and said they are exhausted and at times very stressed. An action plan was put in place to offer them the support they needed.

The Action Plan included:

Carefree Breaks – Allowing the couple to have a weekend away when family are able to look after their son.

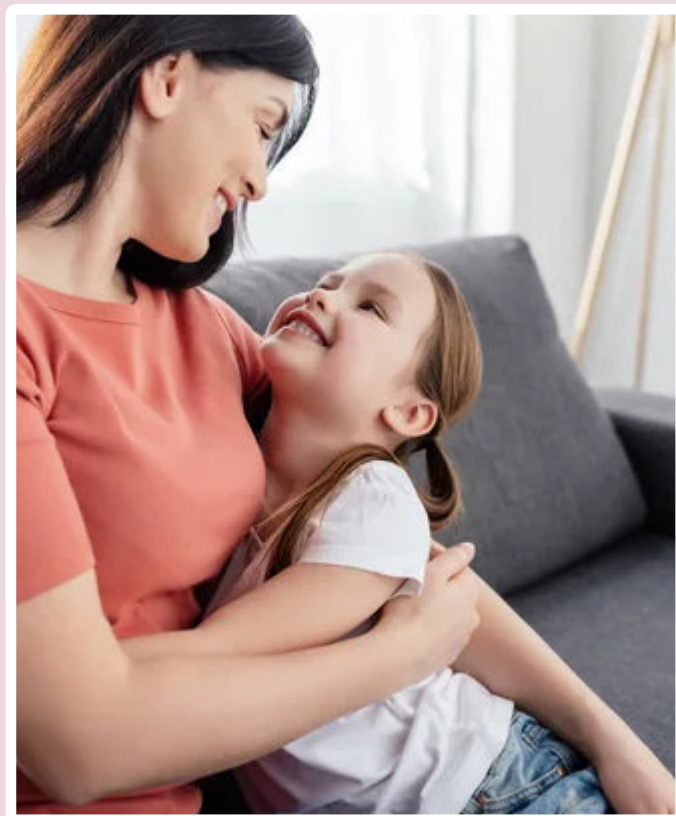
Massage – The couple accessed massage treatments.

Counselling – Both parents felt they would benefit from being able to have some time to talk about their own feelings and wellbeing.

Spa Days – Carer said she would love to do this one evening as she would never have the opportunity normally due to financial constraints.

Support Group – Carer joined the Carers Service sewing group. Mum loves sewing and feels this would really be enjoyable.

The couple started to focus on themselves for the first time in a long time and felt the whole family would benefit from the support from the Carers Service







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## BENEFITS– CASE STUDY

A parent carer accessed the Benefit Advice service following an assessment with a Carers Adviser. The lady was a single parent, caring for her 6-year-old daughter who is autistic. She was struggling financially and wanted to make sure she was receiving her full entitlement. We completed a full benefit check via the Quick Benefit Calculator and we were able to establish the carer was not receiving the child disability element within her Universal Credit (UC) which is an extra £456.89 per month.

On a follow up call, I supported carer via her online Universal Credit account in requesting the payment to be backdated to the date of her daughters DLA award in 2022. Universal Credit honored this request and the outcome was £6000 in back dated pay and an extra £456.89 in her UC every month going forward.





## THE BENEFIT OF ACTIVITIES

H registered as a carer, he initially rang through expressing that he was not coping well with his mental health and finding his role very difficult, it was getting harder to leave the person he cared for and he had little respite. I attended the assessment with the Carers Adviser, and was able to suggest activities for H to attend, the person he cared for had a mental disorder which meant she was very forgetful and anxious all the time, he felt he could not leave her for a second. I encouraged them both to attend the Coffee Morning, which they did, H said he felt so welcome and happy when he left, and his wife also enjoyed coming.

I further suggested to H he consider our Respite service for his wife so that he could get a short break, he attended our launch, both stayed for the first session which they enjoyed. H has been leaving his wife for subsequent sessions which she enjoys and he gets some respite. H has now joined a gym where he goes whilst his wife is being looked after.



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**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mrs H N Goodall Mr G M Brindley Mr J J Hadleigh Mr C J Higham
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# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 and "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)" (effective 1 January 2019).

#### Objectives and activities

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

The objective of the charitable company is to relieve the need of persons who are ill, disabled or who are elderly and have a charitable need, primarily but not exclusively resident or working in Blackburn with Darwen and the surrounding area, by the provision of advice, information and support to those persons, their relatives or carers with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said beneficiaries.

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3. **Collaboration:** We foster collaboration and partnerships with local organisations, service providers, and stakeholders to ensure comprehensive support and improve the lives of carers.
4. **Inclusivity:** We are committed to inclusivity, embracing diversity, and addressing the needs of carers from all backgrounds, including those who may be marginalised or hidden.
5. **Well-being:** We prioritise the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of carers, offering services and programs that promote their health, resilience, and overall quality of life.
6. **Advocacy:** We advocate for the rights, recognition, and support of carers at local, regional, and national levels, aiming to influence policies and raise awareness about carer issues.
7. **Innovation:** We strive to continuously innovate and improve our services, incorporating technology and best practices to enhance the support and experiences of carers.

**Personalisation:** We recognise that each carer's journey is unique, and we tailor our services to meet individual needs, providing personalised support that addresses their specific challenges and circumstances.

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



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### Financial review

The Charity maintains a Contingency Reserve which represents an amount the Trustees consider would be necessary for the Charity to discharge its obligations in the event that the Charity was to be wound up. This is held at a level that would allow the charity to discharge its obligations, such as redundancies and other obligations, should the charity be wound up. The charity currently has free reserves of £140,580 which would meet those obligations. This reserve is regularly reviewed to take account of most recent information and circumstances. The unrestricted reserves are available for the Trustees when considerations are made for the maintenance or development of the charitable activities.

The principal funders of the charitable company are Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council.

### Plans for future periods

The charity plan to continue the activities referred to above and described in more detail in the Annual Review attached.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs H N Goodall

Mr M Kirker

(Resigned 22 August 2023)

Mr G M Brindley

Mr J J Hadleigh

Mr A W Pickup

(Resigned 5 December 2023)

Miss R Mayat

(Resigned 12 May 2023)

Mr C J Higham

The management of the charitable company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 19 July 2006.

### POLICIES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

Policies are in place to induct and train new Trustees and comply with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

All Trustees:

Have a full induction

Take part in Governance Training

Are allocated a subcommittee role

Are given a Carers Service Trustee Handbook

Are given A hard copy of Good Governance handbook (NCVO)

Complete a Trustee Appraisal

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



Mr G M Brindley

Trustee

Date: 17/9/2024

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### 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 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ACCA, 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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 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 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 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 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 financial statements to be reached.



Champion TLL Limited

P Bell ACCA

7-9 Station Road  
Hesketh Bank  
Preston  
Lancashire  
PR4 6SN

Dated: 17/09/24

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes					
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	15,002	64,273	130,070	209,345	163,982
Charitable activities	3	224,899	13,207	100	238,206	228,778
Other trading activities	4	105	-	-	105	546
<b>Total income</b>		<b>240,006</b>	<b>77,480</b>	<b>130,170</b>	<b>447,656</b>	<b>393,306</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	5	-	-	-	-	71
Charitable activities	6	242,996	81,102	127,648	451,746	426,775
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>242,996</b>	<b>81,102</b>	<b>127,648</b>	<b>451,746</b>	<b>426,846</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	3,124	-	-	3,124	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>(3,622)</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>(966)</b>	<b>(33,540)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		140,446	61,657	1,654	203,757	237,297
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>140,580</b>	<b>58,035</b>	<b>4,176</b>	<b>202,791</b>	<b>203,757</b>

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



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes				
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	12,043	53,273	98,666	163,982
Charitable activities	3	205,395	23,383	-	228,778
Other trading activities	4	546	-	-	546
<b>Total income</b>		<u>217,984</u>	<u>76,656</u>	<u>98,666</u>	<u>393,306</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	5	71	-	-	71
Charitable activities	6	256,568	69,043	101,164	426,775
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>256,639</u>	<u>69,043</u>	<u>101,164</u>	<u>426,846</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds</b>		<u>(38,655)</u>	<u>7,613</u>	<u>(2,498)</u>	<u>(33,540)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		179,101	54,043	4,153	237,297
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		<u>140,446</u>	<u>61,656</u>	<u>1,655</u>	<u>203,757</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	14	1,908	4,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	16	4,618	30,165
Investments		53,124	50,000
Cash at bank and in hand		191,983	141,492
		249,725	221,657
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(48,842)	(21,900)
<b>Net current assets</b>		200,883	199,757
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		202,791	203,757
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>		202,791	203,757
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted income funds	18	4,176	1,655
Unrestricted funds - general		140,580	140,446
Unrestricted funds - designated	19	58,035	61,656
		202,791	203,757

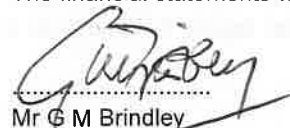
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 .....



Mr G M Brindley  
Trustee

Company registration number 05881757 (England and Wales)

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service Ltd is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Blackburn with Darwen Carers Services, Kingsway, Greenhurst Place, Blackburn, Lancashire, BB2 1NA.

#### 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" ("FRS 102") 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). 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.

#### 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.

Designated funds are free reserves that have been designated by the trustees for specific purposes. These are further disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

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.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 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.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### 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:

Computers	25% on cost
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the 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, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	15,002	-	-	15,002	11,723	-	-	11,723
Grants	-	64,273	130,070	194,343	320	53,273	98,666	152,259
	<u>15,002</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>209,345</u>	<u>12,043</u>	<u>53,273</u>	<u>98,666</u>	<u>163,982</u>
<b>Grants receivable for core activities</b>								
Awards For All	-	-	8,503	8,503	-	-	-	-
Household Support Funding	-	20,000	-	20,000	-	22,000	-	22,000
Big Lottery Fund	-	-	74,918	74,918	-	-	73,112	73,112
Eric Wright Trust	-	-	25,366	25,366	-	-	25,554	25,554
Hospital Discharge Project	-	18,773	-	18,773	-	18,773	-	18,773
Benefits Advisor	-	25,500	-	25,500	-	12,500	-	12,500
Queen's Jubilee	-	-	-	-	320	-	-	320
The Rank Foundation	-	-	21,283	21,283	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>64,273</u>	<u>130,070</u>	<u>194,343</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>53,273</u>	<u>98,666</u>	<u>152,259</u>

## BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Services provided under contract	203,693	13,117	-	216,810	193,890	22,993	-	216,883
Charitable rental income	4,163	-	-	4,163	3,232	-	-	3,232
Other income	17,043	90	100	17,233	8,273	390	-	8,663
	<u>224,899</u>	<u>13,207</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>238,206</u>	<u>205,395</u>	<u>23,383</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>228,778</u>



**BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**4 Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	105	546

**5 Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Fundraising and publicity		
Other fundraising costs	-	71

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	294,965	309,520
Depreciation and impairment	2,092	3,215
Rent	21,197	21,200
Insurance	2,529	2,199
Telephone	5,008	4,293
Postage and stationery	4,389	3,359
Sundries	2,776	4,478
Repairs and equipment hire	1,630	3,131
Computer support	3,211	5,978
Counselling fees	6,083	8,110
Volunteer expenses	6,345	3,160
Human resources and personnel	2,534	2,289
Training and courses	1,298	2,557
Activities and events	15,887	9,863
Service marketing	2,270	6,255
Staff expenses	10,266	835
Subscriptions and publications	3,952	2,666
	<u>386,432</u>	<u>393,108</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	36,358	16,539
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 8)</b>		
Governance	28,956	17,128
	<u>451,746</u>	<u>426,775</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds - general	242,996	256,568
Unrestricted funds - designated	81,102	69,043
Restricted funds	127,648	101,164
	<u>451,746</u>	<u>426,775</u>

### 7 Grants payable

	Charitable activities 2024 £	Charitable activities 2023 £
Grants to individuals	<u>36,358</u>	<u>16,539</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination fees	-	2,173	2,173	2,173
Legal and professional fees	-	26,783	26,783	14,955
	-	28,956	28,956	17,128
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	28,956	28,956	17,128

### 9 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	2,173	2,173
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	2,092	3,215

### 10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	9	9
Employment costs		
	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	266,481	279,913
Social security costs	16,123	16,741
Other pension costs	12,361	12,866
	294,965	309,520

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.



# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 11 Employees (Continued)

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

### 12 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	3,124	-

### 13 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 14 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2023	59,803
At 31 March 2024	59,803
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2023	55,803
Depreciation charged in the year	2,092
At 31 March 2024	57,895
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2024	1,908
At 31 March 2023	4,000

### 15 Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
High interest deposits	53,124	50,000

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 16 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	637	422
Other debtors	2,377	18,773
Prepayments and accrued income	1,604	10,970
	<u>4,618</u>	<u>30,165</u>

#### 17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	45,994	12,740
Other creditors	570	54
Accruals and deferred income	2,278	9,106
	<u>48,842</u>	<u>21,900</u>

#### 18 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 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted fund	<u>1,654</u>	<u>130,170</u>	<u>(127,648)</u>	<u>4,176</u>

Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
	<u>4,153</u>	<u>98,666</u>	<u>(101,164)</u>	<u>1,655</u>

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 19 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2024 £
Designated fund	61,657	77,480	(81,102)	58,035
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 March 2023 £
Designated fund	54,043	76,656	(69,043)	61,656

#### 20 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	140,446	240,006	(242,996)	3,124	140,580
Previous year:	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	179,101	217,984	(256,639)	-	140,446

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:				
Tangible assets	1,908	-	-	1,908
Current assets/(liabilities)	138,672	58,035	4,176	200,883
	140,580	58,035	4,176	202,791

# BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN CARERS SERVICE LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

#### 21 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

	Unrestricted funds general 2023 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>At 31 March 2023:</b>				
Tangible assets	4,000	-	-	4,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	136,446	61,656	1,655	199,757
	<u>140,446</u>	<u>61,656</u>	<u>1,655</u>	<u>203,757</u>

#### 22 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

#### 23 Funds

Restricted funds relate to voluntary donations and grants which are for specific purposes but not fully spent at the year end, and are as follows: Lottery £3,891, Eric Wright Trust £574 and Awards for All (£289).

The designated funds relate to monies unspent at the year end received from contracted income/service level agreements which are not classed as restricted voluntary income but can still only be spent on specific projects, and a provision for continuity costs totaling £58,035.

There are also general free funds of £140,580.