

# LIVING WITHOUT SIGHT LTD

England & Wales · Charity number 1120577

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [06241715](#)

**Registered** 2007-08-15

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE ANY CHARITABLE NEED OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED.

**Activities:** PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF TALKING MAGAZINES FOR THE BLIND AND PARTIALLY SIGHTED. PURCHASE OF MOBILITY AIDS AND WHEELCHAIR HIRE

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED IN PRACTICE NATIONAL
- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£21,869	£13,161	-	-
2024-03-31	£9,249	£15,327	-	-
2023-03-31	£16,271	£35,850	-	-
2022-03-31	£23,342	£39,836	-	-
2021-03-31	£67,912	£38,683	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Norma Denbigh</b>	Chair	2021-12-20
JANET ELIZABETH DERBYSHIRE		
Jill Allen-King		
John Grahame Beech		2022-05-17
Kate Michelle Gray		2026-05-15
Louise Elizabeth Green		2026-05-15

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# Accounts

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Kingham Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
161 College Street  
St Helens  
WA10 1TY

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
(A company limited by guarantee)  
Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Company registration number: 06241715  
Charity registration number: 1120577

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
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**Living Without Sight Limited**  
**Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity name	Living Without Sight Limited
Charity registration number	1120577
Company registration number	06241715
Principal office	41 Craven Road Broadheath Altringham WA14 5HJ
Registered office	41 Craven Road Broadheath Altringham WA14 5HJ
Trustees	Mrs J E Derbyshire Mrs M J Blakeney Mr S Briscoe Mrs V J Griffiths Mrs J Allen-King MBE & OBE Mrs Anders
Secretary	Mrs M J Blakeney
Bankers	HSBC St Helens 33 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside WA10 1TY
Accountant	Kingham Accountants Limited 161 College Street St Helens WA10 1TY

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31.03.2021.

#### Review of Activities

The charity's ability to raise funds was severely impacted by Covid-19 from early March 2020 and this continues. In particular one of our principal sources of income, through street collections, has ceased. We have also been unable to have collectors in stores. In addition, some of our long-standing members have sadly passed away during the pandemic, so our subscription income has reduced.

However, we continue to be supported by generous donations from members and recently received a grant from Trafford council. We have continued to provide our members with newsletters and talking books and we still provide members with mobility aids. We are actively seeking further grant funding to enable us to continue until the pandemic is brought under control.

#### LIVING WITHOUT SIGHT LTD

#### TRUSTEES REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31.03.2021

#### Review of Operations

The move to Altrincham was successful. This has secured the long-term future of the charity. The charity has built up adequate reserves to ensure that the service to our members was not impaired during this relocation. We now have access to collect funds through multiple national retail chains around the Greater Manchester area. This is providing us with a steady income stream. Although we are reporting a loss for the year, it is substantially down on the previous year, and the recent restructuring should result in surpluses for the current and future years.

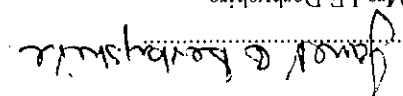
#### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the trustees to retain adequate reserves to cover its direct and support costs for 12 months.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 13 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Mrs J E Derbyshire  
Trustee

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Living Without Sight Limited

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

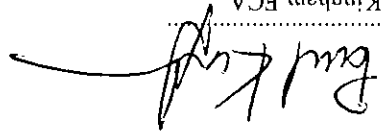
### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
- have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul Kingham FCA  
Kingham Accountants Limited  
Chartered Accountants

13 December 2021

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the**  
**Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020	£	£	£	Note
Incoming resources							
Incoming resources from generated funds	67,912	67,912	42,704				
Voluntary income	-	-	26				4
Investment income	67,912	67,912	42,730				4
Total incoming resources	<u>67,912</u>	<u>67,912</u>	<u>42,730</u>				
Resources expended							
Costs of generating funds	38,683	38,683	67,053				
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	-				
Total resources expended	<u>38,683</u>	<u>38,683</u>	<u>67,053</u>				5
Net movements in funds	29,229	29,229	(24,323)				
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward	15,369	15,369	39,692				
Total funds carried forward	<u>44,598</u>	<u>44,598</u>	<u>15,369</u>				

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Living Without Sight Limited (Registration number: 06241715)

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	101	136
<b>Current assets</b>		
Debtors	852	675
Cash at bank and in hand	49,493	21,342
	<u>50,345</u>	<u>22,017</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(5,848)	(6,784)
<b>Net current assets</b>	44,497	15,233
<b>Net assets</b>	44,598	15,369
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>		
Unrestricted funds	44,598	15,369
Total charity funds	44,598	15,369

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008 January 2015).

Approved by the Board on 13 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

*Jane E Derbyshire*  
 Mrs J E Derbyshire  
 Trustee

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

### Living Without Sight Limited

#### 1 Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 15.

##### Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Where services are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

##### Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

##### Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0 or more are initially recorded at cost.

##### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% reducing balance

##### Reserves Policy

The charity aims to maintain free reserves to cover 6-12 months of core overheads.

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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		Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>2</b>	<b>Voluntary income</b>			
	Donations and legacies	5,530	5,530	1,095
	Donations & subscriptions	32,038	32,038	-
	UK Government grants	30,245	30,245	-
	Grants - other agencies	99	99	41,609
	Collection income	67,912	67,912	42,704
<b>3</b>	<b>Grants receivable</b>			
	UK Government grants	32,038	32,038	-
	Grants - other agencies	30,245	30,245	-
	UK Government grants	62,283	62,283	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Investment income</b>			
	Other income	-	-	26

**Living Without Sight Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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<b>5</b>	<b>Total resources expended</b>			
	<b>Donations and legacies</b>	<b>£</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£</b>		
			<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>Direct costs</b>		<b>462</b>	<b>462</b>
	Cost of goods sold		27,629	27,629
	Employment costs		7,981	7,981
	Establishment costs		55	55
	Office expenses		162	162
	Printing, posting and stationery		492	492
	Sundry and other costs		1,800	1,800
	Accountancy fees		67	67
	Bank charges		35	35
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		<u>38,683</u>	<u>38,683</u>
<b>6</b>	<b>Trustees' remuneration and expenses</b>			
	No trustees received any remuneration during the year.			
<b>7</b>	<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>			
	Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:			
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		35	48
<b>8</b>	<b>Employees' remuneration</b>			
	The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:			
	Wages and salaries		£ 27,629	£ 35,878
	No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2020 - No. 0).			

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**9 Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

**Living Without Sight Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**10 Tangible fixed assets**

	Cost
	As at 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021
4,600	4,600
	As at 1 April 2020
4,464	4,464
	Charge for the year
35	35
	As at 31 March 2021
4,499	4,499
	Net book value
	As at 31 March 2021
101	101
	As at 31 March 2020
136	136

Fixtures,  
fittings and  
equipment  
£

**11 Debtors**

	Other debtors
	Prepayments and accrued income
726	726
	2021
£ 852	£ 852
	2020
549	549
	2020
£ 675	£ 675

**12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	Bank loans and overdrafts
	Taxation and social security
	Other creditors
	Accruals and deferred income
1	1
	2021
£ 365	£ 365
	2020
787	787
	2020
£ 2,085	£ 2,085
	2021
3,397	3,397
	2020
6,784	6,784

**Living Without Sight Limited**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

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**13 Members' liability**  
 The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

**14 Related parties**

**Controlling entity**

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

**15 Analysis of funds**

	At 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2021
<b>General Funds</b>	£ 15,369	£ 67,912	£ (38,683)	£ 44,598
Unrestricted income fund	15,369	67,912	(38,683)	44,598

**16 Net assets by fund**

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Tangible assets	£ 101	£ 101	£ 136
Current assets	50,345	50,345	22,017
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(5,848)	(5,848)	(6,784)
Net assets	£ 44,598	£ 44,598	£ 15,369