

THE CEREBRAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1155765

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-02-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS BY THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ADVICE AND SUPPORT AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DETERMINE.

Activities: To relieve the charitable needs of people with cerebral visual impairment and their families and carers by the provision of services, advice and support as the trustees shall determine.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-01	£10,350	£10,225	-	-
2024-03-01	£7,597	£11,111	-	-
2023-03-01	£3,350	£2,215	-	-
2022-03-01	£2,062	£2,022	-	-
2021-03-01	£2,568	£1,779	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janet Harwood	Chair	2014-01-14
Dawn Tennison		2022-06-16
JEAN ELEANOR THOMPSON BA/Phil CE		2014-01-14
SUZANNE MARY LITTLE		2014-01-14

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15th December 2025

For Period 2nd March 2024 – 1st March 2025

Charity Details

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Trustees

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Charlotte Eldridge Baker

Suzanne Little

Alexa Rice

Dawn Tennison – Secretary and Treasurer

Jean Thompson

Structure, Governance and Management

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Objectives

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Main Activities

The CVI Society undertakes the following activities:

- Further developing networks and links to other organisations, including other charities.
- Continued awareness raising of CVIs and training for parents and professionals by individual trustees and as a group.
- Organisation of an annual convention for parents, people with CVI and professional delegates
- Providing advice and support and advocacy to families and professionals via website contact, direct contact and social media
- Trustees with a professional status speak at events, both national and regional, to raise awareness of CVI and deliver training on the condition.

Main Achievements of the Year:

- We have no paid staff and minimal running costs however trustees continue actively looking at future ways of raising funds to allow us to provide extra services and grow. Income at present is reliant on donations from supporters or from some organisations for whom we have provided training. Expenditure is minimal at present, the running of the website, basic administration costs and very occasional expenses incurred carrying out activities on behalf of the charity.
- There has been a change in trustees and we have appointed two new Young Ambassadors who have cerebral visual impairment to join our other two Young Ambassadors.
- Young Ambassadors have also represented us as appropriate raising awareness of the condition and its impact.
- Policies have been restructured and continue to be updated as appropriate.
- Increased provision of direct support and general advice to families, young adults with the condition, and increasingly adults and professionals supporting them.
- We had another successful convention in October 2024. This was again, well received by many families and people with the condition, alongside professionals. Keynote speakers were booked, one of whom, our Patron, Prof Dutton presented via video

due to a prior commitment. Helen St Clair Tracy of CVI Scotland was our other keynote presenter alongside other professional speakers. We also had parents of children with the cerebral visual impairment and young adults living with the condition who addressed the audience. Over 135 delegates attended.

- We have continued to represent families of children and young people with CVI in Education Tribunal cases which are conducted virtually. We have supported families to successful outcomes for children concerned but further requests for expertise at tribunals at present must be limited due to capacity and time involved in report preparation.
- The continued transfer to virtual meetings via 'Zoom' and 'Teams' has meant that we continue to attend many virtual meetings on behalf of children and families to provide advocacy and support.
- We have also provided much more virtual training, some bespoke to individuals and some general training to organisations including other charities. We have carried out a series of whole day training sessions on CVI on behalf of The Rehabilitation Workers Professional Network, in Doncaster, Bristol and Falkirk.
- Our social media following continues to grow – our main Facebook page reach increases, providing general CVI information and links to posts on the website.
- Our closed Facebook forum continues to grow, we now have over 975 members. This continues to link families and those with CVI as a confidential space where they can gain mutual support and share advice. We have also started a forum for adults with the condition.
- Our main Facebook page has over 2.700 followers.
- In person attendance to deliver training on CVI and links with the University of Birmingham QTVI course at residential weekends for training of Qualified Teachers of the Vision Impaired are ongoing. This is helpful at increasing awareness of the broad spectrum of the condition and the importance of appropriate support whilst in education for those affected by it.
- Colour Tent Therapy work continues being developed UK wide with an increasing number of Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Special Schools involved, promoting the use of colour tents and their positive impact.
- Increased reach to families of affected children demonstrated by steady increase in email communication, newsletter signup and social media engagement.
- Letters of support and reports have continued to be provided for families of affected children and adults who have had difficulties

accessing support, be it educational, financial, or otherwise. The general lack of awareness of the condition means that still many professionals have often not heard of it.

- Direct support and advice given to certain families who are having difficulty accessing educational support, alongside direct advocacy continues to play a major part of what we do.
- Levels of face to face via 'zoom' and telephone support to families and individuals have greatly increased.
- Continued development of links to leading medical professionals in the field, who also continue to refer families back to The CVI Society.
- Whilst the Charity is UK based, we also have contacts with interested individuals outside the UK, eg Australia, Republic of Ireland, Holland, Germany, Holland and Brazil. We also have a person with the condition who has attended the convention on three occasions, and is now an ambassador for the Charity.
- Involvement in a European group set up with regards to support for children with CVI and looking at development of support strategies.

Financial Statement

- **The CVI Society had an income of £10,350 (£7,597) in the year 2024/25 (2023/24), an increase of 36%.**
- **The major source of income for the charity is from the Annual Convention but this remained fairly static. The uplift in income was mainly due to an increase in donations and fees for consultancy and training.**
- **Expenditure for last year decreased by 8% to £10,225 (£11,111).**
- **Overall the CVI Society made a profit of £125 (£3,514) in 2024/25 (2023/24) effectively breaking even.**
- **The cost of running the CVI Society Convention remains the major expenditure for the charity.**
- **The conference ran at a loss of £3,439 (£3,211) with a cost of £9,132 (£8,278) and an income from fees of £5,693 (£5,066).**
- **An increase of donations to £3,881 (£1,749) covered the remaining costs of running the conference.**

- **The total cost of I.T. Services dropped to £613 (£903).**
- **All charity activities are resourced on a voluntary basis.**
- **The CVI Society has no assets, funds in deficit or reserves.**

Appendix A shows the end of year summary statement of accounts.

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CVI Society - Year End Statement 2024- 2025

Budget Totals	Actual	Last Year	Change
Total Income This Year	£10.350	£7.597	36%
Total Expenditure This Year	£10.225	£11.111	-8%
Nett Amount	£125	-£3514	-96%

Funds Balance From Last Year	£3.838		
Available Funds	£3,963	£3838	3%
Debtors/-Creditors	£0	£0	

Calculated Bank Balance	£3,963
Actual Bank Balance	£3,963
Error	£0

Assets	£0
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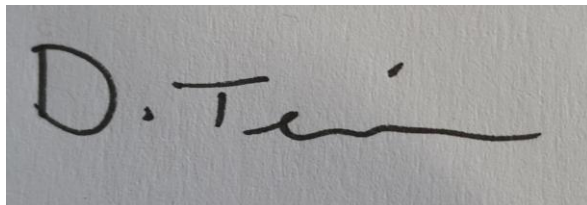
Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of The Trustees of The CVI Society.



Janet Harwood



Dawn Tennison

Chair of trustees

Secretary/Treasurer

15th December 2025

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Suzanne Little

Katherine Nason

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Jean Thompson

Structure, Governance and Management

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- Providing advice and support and advocacy to families and professionals via website contact, direct contact and social media
- Trustees with a professional status speak at events, both national and regional, to raise awareness of CVIs and deliver training on the condition.

Main Achievements of the Year:

- We have no paid staff and minimal running costs however trustees are actively looking at future ways of raising funds to allow us to provide extra services and grow. A trustee has a contact who is experienced in grant application, has met with us and is looking at potential funding sources to enable us to grow and widen our impact alongside covering basic administration costs, website running and development and courses which would develop trustee's skills relevant to their roles. Income at present is reliant on donations from supporters or from some organisations for whom we have provided training. Expenditure is minimal at present, the running of the website and very occasional expenses incurred carrying out activities on behalf of the charity.
- There has been no change in trustees, we have appointed a new Young Ambassador who has cerebral visual impairment to join our other two Young Ambassadors. They are writing blogs for our website which are greatly appreciated by families and also other young adults with the condition.
- Young Ambassadors have also represented us as appropriate raising awareness of the condition and its impact.
- Policies have been restructured and updated as appropriate.

- Increased provision of direct support and general advice to families, young adults with the condition, and increasingly adults and professionals supporting them.
- The decision to reinstate our 'in person' convention was made last year and was held in April 2023. This was well received by many families and people with the condition, alongside professionals. Keynote speakers were booked and spoke alongside parents of children with the cerebral visual impairment and young adults living with the condition. Over 130 delegates attended.
- Since Covid 19 educational tribunal cases are conducted virtually. We have supported families to successful outcomes for children concerned but further requests for expertise at tribunals at present must be limited due to capacity and time involved in report preparation.
- The continued transfer to virtual meetings via 'Zoom' and 'Teams' has meant that we continue to attend many virtual meetings on behalf of children and families to provide advocacy.
- We have also provided much more virtual training, some bespoke to individuals and some general training to organisations including other charities. More recently after carrying out training for a County Rehabilitation Officers Team we have been asked to carry out training on CVI on behalf of The Rehabilitation Workers Professional Network, the first session will take place in April 2024 with two further days to follow.
- Our social media following continues to grow – our main Facebook page reach increases, providing general CVI information and links to posts on the website. We have added more blogposts written by people with CVIs to the main website.
- Our closed Facebook forum continues to grow, we now have over 925 members. This continues to link families and those with CVI as a confidential space where they can gain mutual support and share advice. We have also started a forum for adults with the condition.
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- In person attendance to deliver training on CVIs and links with the University of Birmingham QTVI course as residential weekends for training of Qualified Teachers of the Vision Impaired are ongoing. This is helpful at increasing awareness of the broad spectrum of the condition and the importance of appropriate support whilst in education for those affected by it.
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Schools involved, promoting the use of colour tents and their positive impact.

- Increased reach to families of affected children demonstrated by steady increase in email communication, newsletter signup and social media engagement.
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- Direct support and advice given to certain families who are having difficulty accessing educational support, alongside direct advocacy continues to play a major part of what we do.
- Levels of face to face via 'zoom' and telephone support to families and individuals have greatly increased.
- Continued development of links to leading medical professionals in the field, who also continue to refer families back to The CVI Society.
- Whilst the Charity is UK based, we also have contacts with interested individuals outside the UK, including people with the condition who have attended the convention on two occasions.

Financial Statement

- The CVI Society had an income of £7597 (£3350) in the year 2023/24 (2022/23), an increase of 127%.
- Expenditure for last year increased by 401% to £11111 (£2216).
- Overall, the CVI Society made a loss of £3514 (£1135) in 2023/24 (2022/23).
- The CVI Society Convention makes up the majority of the Society's income and expenditure. There was no convention held in the 2022/2023 reporting period which explains the large swing in year-on-year figures.
- The conference ran at a loss of £3211 with a cost of £10385

and an income from fees of £4634.

- Increased donations of £2111 prompted by support, training and advice services and online cashback schemes generating a further £850 offset a significant part of the conference loss.
- The total cost of I.T. Services rose to £903.
- All charity activities are resourced on a voluntary basis.
- The CVI Society has no assets, funds in deficit or reserves

Appendix A shows the end of year summary statement of accounts.

CVI Society - Year End Statement 2023- 2024

Budget Totals	Actual	Last Year	Change
Total Income This Year	£7,597	£3,350	127%
Total Expenditure This Year	£11,111	£2,216	401%
Nett Amount	-£3,514	£1,135	-410%

Funds Balance From Last Year	£7,352		
Available Funds	£3,838	£6,217	-38%
Debtors/ -Creditors	£0	£0	

Calculated Bank Balance	£3,838
Actual Bank Balance	£3,838
Error	£0

Assets	£0
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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of The Trustees of The CVI Society.



Janet Harwood

Chair of trustees

16th December 2024



Dawn Tennison

Secretary/Treasurer

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Total Income This Year	£2,062	£2,568	-20%
Total Expenditure This Year	£2,022	£1,779	14%
Nett Amount	£41	£891	-95%

Funds Balance From Last Year	£6,487		
Available Funds	£6,527	£5,698	15%
Debtors/-Creditors	£0	£0	

Calculated Bank Balance	£6,527
Actual Bank Balance	£6,527
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- Trustees had their first in person 'away' meeting since before Covid 19. This proved extremely positive after a lengthy period of online only contact. They were able to make plans for short- and long-term goals and development of the charity.
- Policies have been restructured and updated as appropriate.
- Increased provision of direct support and general advice to families, young adults with the condition, and increasingly adults and professionals supporting them.
- The decision to reinstate our 'in person' convention was made and booked well ahead for April 2023. This was well received by many

families and people with the condition, alongside professionals. Keynote speakers are booked alongside other speakers who will be of great interest to our audience, several of whom have firsthand experience of living with the cerebral visual impairment.

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- Whilst the Charity is UK based, we also have contacts with interested individuals outside the UK, including people with the condition.

Financial Statement

- The CVI Society had an income of £3350 (£2,658) in the year 2022/23 (2021/22), an increase of 30%.
- Expenditure for last year increased by 25% to £2216 (£1779).
- Overall the CVI Society made a profit of £1135 (£891) in 2022/23 (2021/22).
- There was no CVI Society Convention in this year but some income and expenditure transactions for the 2023 Convention are included.
- Other income came from general donations (£300), online cashback schemes (£60) and additional donations of £600 prompted by support, training and advice services.
- The total cost of I.T. Services were £687.
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Total Income This Year	£3,350	£2,568	30%
Total Expenditure This Year	£2,216	£1,779	25%
Nett Amount	£1,135	£891	27%

Funds Balance From Last Year	£6,217		
Available Funds	£7,352	£6,217	18%
Debtors/ -Creditors	£0	£0	

Calculated Bank Balance	£7,352
Actual Bank Balance	£7,352
Error	£0

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**Janet Harwood
Chair of trustees**

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**Dawn Tennison
Secretary**

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Main Achievements of the Year:

This year our activities 'in person' were still often curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic, however virtual events and family support has continued to rise. We also have seen an increase in the number of adults with a diagnosis or who believe they may have CVIs contacting the charity for advice and support.

- As we have no paid staff and minimal running costs the covid 19 pandemic has not unduly affected our finances however trustees are looking at future ways of raising funds to allow us to provide extra services and grow. Income at present is reliant on donations from supporters or from some organisations we have provided training for. Expenditure is minimal at present, the running of the website and occasional expenses incurred carrying out activities on behalf of the charity.
- One trustee stepped down from the role but is happy to offer informal support, in particular with regards to the convention as they have a great deal of invaluable technical expertise.
- A new trustee has been appointed. They bring significant skills which will be extremely valuable to the charity due to the roles they have had in employment.
- Policies have been restructured and updated as appropriate.

- Continued provision of direct support and general advice to families, young adults with the condition, and increasingly adults and professionals supporting them.
- The decision was made to reinstate our 'in person' convention which has been booked well ahead for April 2023. This has been well received by many families and people with the condition, alongside professionals. Keynote speakers have been booked alongside other speakers who will be of great interest to our audience, several of whom have first hand experience of living with the cerebral visual impairments.
- Due to Covid 19 educational tribunal cases are conducted virtually. We have supported families to successful outcomes for children concerned but further requests for expertise at tribunals at present have to be limited due to capacity and time involved.
- The continued transfer to virtual meetings via 'Zoom' and 'Teams' has meant that we have been able to attend more virtual meetings on behalf of children, families and in one very significant case, support of an adult with the condition.
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- Our closed Facebook forum continues to grow, we now have over 830 members. This continues to link families and those with CVI as a confidential space where they can gain mutual support and share advice.
- In person attendance to deliver training on CVIs and links with the University of Birmingham QTVI course have begun again as residential weekends for training of Qualified Teachers of the Vision Impaired have now resumed after Covid 19 cessation.
- Two trustees, one of whom has cerebral visual impairment contributed to a working group set up to devise the new Curriculum Framework for Children and Young people with a Vision Impairment.
- The Colour Tent Therapy Project developed and overseen by one trustee continues to be promoted via a Great Ormond Street CVI Lead Ophthalmologist who is taking this further and the steps to secure grant funding are ongoing. This has required a lot of input

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- Direct support and advice given to certain families who are having difficulty accessing educational support continues to play a major part of what we do.
- Levels of face to face via 'zoom' and telephone support to families and individuals have greatly increased.
- Continued development of links to hospitals and medical research centres around the country, including Great Ormond Street, who also continue to refer families back to The CVI Society.
- Whilst the Charity is UK based, we also have developed contacts with interested individuals outside the UK.

Financial Statement

- The CVI Society had an income of £2,062 (£2,568) in the year 2021/22 (2020/21), a decrease of 20%.
- Expenditure for last year increased by 14% to £2,022 (£1,779).
- Overall the CVI Society made a profit of £41 (£789) in 2021/22 (2020/21).
- There was no CVI Society Convention for the second year running because of the impact of the after effects of lockdown restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Income came from general donations (£1,339) and online cashback schemes (£123) with an additional donation of £600 prompted by support and advice services.
- I.T. costs increased by 5% to £730.
- There was a £1,000 deposit for the 2023 conference venue which will be recouped from conference revenue next year.
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- The CVI Society has no assets, funds in deficit or reserves.

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of The Trustees of The CVI Society.



**Janet Harwood
Chair of trustees**

9th December 2022



**Charlotte Eldridge Baker
Treasurer**

9th December 2022

Appendix A

CVI Society - Year End Statement 2021 - 2022

Budget Totals	Actual	Last Year	Change
Total Income This Year	£2,062	£2,568	-20%
Total Expenditure This Year	£2,022	£1,779	14%
Nett Amount	£41	£891	-95%

Funds Balance From Last Year	£6,487		
Available Funds	£6,527	£5,698	15%
Debtors/ -Creditors	£0	£0	

Calculated Bank Balance	£6,527
Actual Bank Balance	£6,527
Error	£0

Assets	£0
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THE CEREBRAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1155765

Accounts

The Cerebral Visual Impairment Society

Charity No. 1155765

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21

November 2021

For Period 2nd March 2020 – 1st March 2021

Charity Details

The Cerebral Visual Impairment Society (The CVI Society)

Registered Charity Number: 1155765

Wyngarth, 15 Furlong Close, Fontwell, West Sussex. BN18 0UU.

Trustees

Janet Harwood – Chair of Trustees

Timothy Lavender – Treasurer/Secretary

Suzanne Little

Jean Thompson

Charlotte Eldridge Baker

Sophie Tennison

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Institution (Foundation Model)
Charitable status was granted on 13th February 2014.

Full details are in the charity's governing document.

Objectives

The objectives of The CVI Society are to relieve the charitable needs of people with cerebral visual impairment and their families and carers by the provision of services, advice and support as the trustees shall determine.

Main Activities

The CVI Society undertakes the following activities:

- Further developing networks and links to other organisations, including other charities.
- Continued awareness raising of CVIs and training for parents and professionals by individual trustees and as a group
- Organisation of an annual convention for parents, people with CVIs and professional delegates
- Providing advice and support to families and professionals via website contact, direct contact and social media
- Trustees with a professional status speak at events, both national and regional, to raise awareness of CVIs and deliver training on the condition.

Main Achievements of the Year:

This year our activities 'in person' were completely curtailed by the Covid 19 pandemic, however virtual events and family support has increased significantly.

- A new trustee appointed, Sophie Tennison one of our Young Ambassadors has taken on the role of Trustee which the Trustees are extremely pleased about as we now have a person with the condition who is able to bring their perspective to the organisation and contribute directly to decision making.
- Links developed with a person who heads up a charity and has significant contacts in the health re vision sector in health and close links with technology companies which may prove helpful to some of our service users in future.
- Continued provision of direct support and general advice to families, young adults with the condition, and increasingly adults and professionals supporting them.
- Due to Covid 19 educational tribunal cases are conducted virtually. A trustee has attended and supported families of children with the condition accessing appropriate support.

- The transfer to virtual meetings via 'Zoom' and 'Teams' has meant that we have been kept busier this year iattending meetings on behalf of children and adults we support.
- Bristol based "The CVI Project" being overseen by Professor Cathy Williams published their very important research findings which we contributed towards. This evidenced what we suspected from our work, that far more children at present in mainstream settings have the condition and as yet have often gone unrecognised.
- Our social media following also continues to grow – our main Facebook page reach increases, providing general CVI information and further information and blogposts written by people with CVIs have been added to the main website.
- Our closed Facebook based forum continues to grow, we now have over 750 members. This continues to link families and those with CVI as a confidential space where they can gain mutual support and share advice.
- Links with the University of Birmingham QTVI course have bene via a request for a presentation as due to Covid 19, all in person presentations have been suspended.
- Colour Tent Project developed and overseen by one trustee now has more formal links to Great Ormond Street CVI Lead Ophthalmologist is taking this further and the steps to secure grant funding have been initiated which has required a lot of input from one trustee. We wish to continue to work with Adam Sutcliffe and Hal Dubuisson, who have finished the baby dome trial. Modifications which may be needed for a wider formal trial, should grant funding be secured have also been proposed and discussed and further funding provided by The CVI Society.
- Increased reach to families of affected children demonstrated by steady increase in email communication, newsletter signup and social media engagement.
- Letters of support and reports have continued to be provided for families of affected children and adults who have had difficulties accessing support, be it educational, financial, or otherwise. The general lack of awareness of the condition means that still professionals have often not heard of it.
- Direct support and advice given to certain families who are having difficulty accessing educational support continues to play a big part of what we do.
- Levels of face to face and telephone support to families and individuals have continued to rise.

- Continued development of links to hospitals and medical research centres around the country, including Great Ormond Street, who also continue to refer families back to The CVI Society.

Financial Statement

- The CVI Society had an income of £2,568 [£10,647] in the year 2019/20 [2018/19], a decrease of 76%.
- Expenditure for last year also dropped massively to £1,779 [£11,538].
- Overall the CVI Society made a profit of £789 [£891] in 2020/21 [2019/20].
- The Covid-19 pandemic prevented the CVI Society from running a conference. This is the major source of income and cost to the Society which explains the drop in figures.
- Income came from donations (£1,727), online cashback schemes (£272, up from £165) and gift aid (£308).
- I.T. costs increased to £694 because of a Zoom subscription and increased mail marketing costs.
- The final funding payment of £580 was made to the Colour Tent Research Project.
- The website costs remained at £486 for the year.
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Chair of trustees



Timothy Lavender
Treasurer

1st June 2021

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Debtors/ -Creditors	£0	£0	

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