

Registered Charity Number: 1159188

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society CIO

Operating as MySight York

Independently Examined

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

YORK BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED SOCIETY CIO

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society

Charity Number

1159188

(Linked Charity 508914 York Blind and Partially Sighted Society)

Trustees

The following Trustees have held office since 1 April 2024: -

John Sole	Chair
Annette Gamston	
Eleanor Tew	Resigned 14 November 2024
Caroline Clifford	
Major David Michael Crouch	
Andrea Glover	
Iain Mitchell	
Julie Richardson	Resigned 3 October 2024
Lisa Wilcox	
Martin Fawcett	Resigned 3 October 2024
Nicola Walker	Resigned 22 May 2024
Dr Bethan O'Leary	Appointed 26 February 2025

Chief Executive

Scott Jobson

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CHARITY INFORMATION (Cont.)

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Chairman's Report

Dear Members, Partners, and Supporters,

This past year has been one of consolidation planning and preparing for the future with the golden thread of sustainability to ensure MySight York is here to support people with visual impairments in York now and the future.

The beginning of the year raised the opportunity to tender for York City Council Sensory contract that supports people with a Visual Impairments and or a Hearing Impairment. Although this was considered in the context that MySight delivers complementary Visual Impairment services at the time of need and free to recipients.

The contract would not have been financially viable to tender for and highlighted the restriction on MySight constitution and its enactment.

All involved with the decommissioning of the old premises and finding and setting up the new premises have gone beyond normal human effort. During this time setting up the new service delivery point at The Community Stadium (as a pilot) and managing working from home and delivering services during the extended transition period that was thwart with legal processes.

Although the account balance at the end of the year is positive and restricted funding has been secured for 2025 -2026 along with a reduction in operation costs, the Trustees are mindful that we operate in a very volatile world where both RNIB and Guide Dogs have reduced staffing to balance their books to match income. We cannot be complacent.

To this end a new strategy has been developed to take MySight York to 2028 and beyond clearly stating Our Ambitions to:

- **Empower and equip local people with sight loss to make confident choices about their lives.**
- **Amplify the voices** of blind and partially sighted people, ensuring their lived experiences shape services and policies.
- **Champion inclusivity and accessibility** to remove barriers and create a sight-inclusive society.
- Embed the **Eye Care Support Pathway** into MySight York's services, ensuring better access to information, emotional support, and practical resources at all stages of a person's sight loss journey.

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Chairman's Report (Cont.)

- **Strengthen MySight York** as a resilient and effective organisation, ensuring long-term sustainability.

Looking forward to 2025 -2026 the Trustees and staff will be working on delivering the strategy including consulting on the MySight York Constitution. Sustainable income generation and a programme of engagement on how MySight York can continue to develop and deliver what is needed, when it is needed and free at the point of delivery.

All this is only possible by your continued support and generosity as we do not receive any government or local authority funding.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

John Sole
Chairman
MySight York

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The Trustees have prepared these Financial Statements in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) as detailed in the accounting policies.

Reference & Administrative Details

The Charity information on pages 1 and 2 forms part of this report.

Constitution

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society (the “Charity”) was registered as a CIO on 13 November 2014, number 1159188, succeeding York Blind and Partially Sighted Society (number 508914) which is now a linked Charity. On 1 April 2015, the activities and assets of York Blind and Partially Sighted Society were transferred across to the new CIO which commenced activities on that date.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the Charity Commission concession to link charities which have a common Trustee board allowing preparation of one set of financial statements for both charities.

Our Objectives and Activities

In planning the activities of the organisation, the Trustees have due regard to their duty to meet the Charity Commission’s requirements about public benefit. The Trustees ensure that the objective and aims of the organisation are carried out through its activities for the public benefit and details its achievements and activities in this report.

The object of the Charity is:

- To promote the welfare of people who are blind, partially sighted or substantially and permanently disabled by defective vision.

The aims are: -

- To provide a range of services designed to meet the needs of visually impaired people including an Equipment and Information Centre and Outreach facilities.
- To promote the needs of visually impaired people to statutory and voluntary organisations.
- To maintain an up to date record of visually impaired people, whilst ensuring compliance with the GDPR and ePrivacy regulations.
- Any other activities deemed to be desirable to further the welfare of visually impaired people.

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The Society's Mission is to "advocate, develop and provide services and facilities which enable people who are blind or partially sighted achieve independence with dignity, in all aspects of life and sectors of Society".

Our services are available to any visually impaired person in York and surrounding areas, plus his/her supporters and professional staff. Free membership of MySight York is available automatically to anyone registered blind/severely sight impaired or partially sighted/sight impaired, and to any visually impaired person in need of services.

It should be noted that services are provided free of charge generally. As our member/user base increases, there is an added burden around cost, which we need to fund.

We receive no Government funding and we are enormously reliant on our own fundraising activities, in a market which is becoming ever more competitive to secure funding. Legacies and donations are vitally important to ensure continued sustainability of MySight York and as we have seen over the past 3 years, when these are not as frequent or substantial we can face difficulties. It will vitally important that we can continue to raise our profile to meet these objectives.

A continued focus of both staff and Trustees will be on how we continue to provide the services in an efficient manner; how we can control our costs and optimise our income streams and where best to do this from.

Chief Executive's Introduction – Scott Jobson

It is with pride and gratitude that I present this year's Annual Report, marking a period of meaningful progress, courageous decisions, and renewed purpose for MySight York.

In 2024 - 2025, we strengthened our foundations, expanded our reach, and took bold steps to ensure that blind and partially sighted people across York continue to receive high-quality, compassionate, and practical support - free at the point of need.

I'd like to echo our Chair, John Sole, in acknowledging the year as one of strategic consolidation, thoughtful reflection, and forward planning. Our shared vision remains clear: to be a sustainable, responsive, and inclusive organisation that delivers for our community not just today, but for the long term.

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One of the key decisions this year was our choice not to tender for the City of York Council's dual sensory contract. While a difficult call, it led to important internal reflection, particularly around the limits of our current constitution. As a result, we have launched a wide-ranging consultation with our members and stakeholders, aimed at modernising our governance and increasing our agility and resilience for the future.

We also relocated our city centre base to Walmgate, a more accessible and flexible premises that supports a better service experience for all. This major move was handled with professionalism, creativity, and deep care, thank you to our staff, volunteers and supporters who made it possible.

Alongside our move, we launched one of our most exciting new services: the Community Stadium Sight Support Service. Based at York Community Stadium Eye Clinic, this initiative represents a major step forward in extending our reach. It now forms a core part of our new "triangle of support," together with York Hospital and our Walmgate office.

The stadium pilot enables us to explore how to meet people at a critical moment in their sight loss journey, when they most need emotional and practical support. It gives us valuable insights into when and where people prefer to engage with us. These lessons are now shaping our future approach, ensuring we meet people where they need us most, in ways that are accessible, timely, and sustainable.

Throughout the year, demand for our services has been high and we have responded with energy, compassion, and professionalism. Our Equipment and Information Centre remains a leading hub of personalised advice and hands-on technology support. Our befriending service continues to offer vital social connection for those who need it most. Our wide range of groups and activities brings people together, offering peer support, learning opportunities, creative exploration, and a strong sense of community. And through awareness training, we are helping York become a more inclusive and sight-loss-aware city.

We also continued to deliver our Community Connect Project, funded by the National Lottery. This initiative has enabled powerful collaborations and creative activities that are helping to reimagine York as a truly Sight Loss Friendly City.

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Thanks to strong financial stewardship and the generous backing of our supporters, we ended the year in surplus. Restricted funding is in place to protect key services through 2025 - 2026, but we remain acutely aware of the challenges ahead and the need for continued investment in this life-changing work.

Our new strategy for 2025 - 2028 will focus on five core ambitions:

- Support people with sight loss to live independently and with confidence, by providing timely, personalised advice, tools, and emotional support.
- Ensure the voices of blind and partially sighted people are heard and valued, shaping not only our services but also local policy and decision-making.
- Promote greater accessibility and inclusion across York, working with partners to remove barriers and raise awareness through training and advocacy.
- Embed sight loss support throughout every stage of the eye care journey, by fully aligning with the Eye Care Support Pathway and joining up health, social care, and community services.
- Secure a strong, sustainable future for MySight York, with resilient finances, empowered staff and volunteers, and a clear vision for growth and innovation.

To everyone who makes this work possible: our staff, volunteers, members, funders and partners - thank you. I would also like to extend special thanks to our Chair and Trustees, whose leadership, expertise and vision have helped shape a clear path forward...one grounded in community, inclusion, and resilience.

To those considering working with or supporting us: we invite you to join us. We are proud of what we've achieved, and even more excited for what comes next.

Together, we are building a more inclusive York and ensuring that no one faces sight loss alone.

Financial Review

The Society sets an annual budget that is approved by the Trustees prior to the start of the financial year. Our full year income of £463,521 exceeded our expenditure of £408,645 in this financial year. This produced a final result delivering a £54,876 surplus. In comparison, the 2023/24 financial year had full year income of £357,251 which was exceeded by expenditure of £357,546. This produced a final result of a £295 deficit.

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Financial Review Cont.

Our recent levels of income can be further analysed as follows:

	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23
Local authority / CCG funding	29,836	28,415	25,832
Donations, trusts, community fundraising	141,850	129,836	106,773
Legacies	165,690	20,344	70,043
Equipment sales	5,332	8,992	10,853
Lottery projects	119,764	138,523	46,000
TPT projects	-	29,675	24,787
Other	1,049	1,466	1,026
Total	463,521	357,251	285,314

The reduction in community fundraising and other income during 2022/23 continued to reflect the impact of Covid-19.

Legacy funding has continued to enable the Society to deliver the services its users value so highly and our thanks go to members' estates for their continued support.

Reserves policy and going concern

Free reserves of £25,096 were held at 31 March 2025 (2024: £42,676). Free reserves exclude those reserves which are restricted, designated, or which can only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for Charity use.

The charity has opted to remove the designated Building Fund going forward.

The policy of the Executive Committee is that the Society should retain free reserves covering 3 to 4 months' operating expenditure.

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Key Management Remuneration

The pay policy of staff is based on the NJC scales with progression where appropriate. Annual increases are normally in line with the national agreement and subject to affordability at the time. New staff salaries are approved by the Executive Committee and are considered after external benchmarking of the post.

Structure, Governance and Management

We pride ourselves on being a user led organisation, admitting as members anyone who is registered blind or partially sighted living with sight loss and in need of services.

The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee (Board of Trustees) of at least 8, but no more than 15 members. In accordance with the constitution, every effort is made to ensure that many Trustees are visually impaired people. All Trustees are required to retire at the Charity's annual general meeting but can offer themselves for re-election. New Trustees are either elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the board for the period to the next Annual General Meeting. New Trustees participate in induction training and an annual programme of Trustee training is organised by the Honorary Secretary and staff.

The Executive Committee meets bi-monthly, with additional meetings as and when required. A between meeting report is issued to Trustees by the Chief Executive. Day to day management of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive.

Plans

YBPSS Business Plan sets the future strategy of the organisation, based on Best Practice guidance nationally and local needs. The Trustees thereby wish to:

- deliver the activities identified in our Business Plan;
- continue to provide, develop and enhance the current range of core services and activities;
- consolidate and further develop fundraising activities so we will not be reliant on legacies;
- improve training and development of staff, trustees and volunteers.

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STAFF

The Society and the excellent services it provides at the various locations can continue only because of its staff who support all our members throughout all our activities. Once again, our thanks to them all for their contribution over the past year, which has again been challenging. I therefore wish to thank personally all current staff and those who contributed during the year.

Current staff

Scott Jobson	Chief Executive
Barbara Fairs	Deputy Chief Executive
Deborah Wheller	Sight Support Service Manager
Catherine Bamford	Befriending Manager
Helen Flett	Eye Clinic Liaison Officer
Vicky Smith	Community Involvement Officer
Louise Railton	Community Engagement Officer
Lydia Wrightson	Community Connector
Bex Wood	Sight Support Adviser
Karen Dransfield	Sight Support Adviser

This report was approved by the Trustees on.....^{15/10/2025} and signed on its behalf by:

John p Sole

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J Sole (Chair)

Andrea Glover

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Andrea Glover (Vice Chair)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YORK BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED SOCIETY CIO

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the York Blind & Partially Sighted Society CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement (Cont)

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

Jessica Lawrence

16/10/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:						
Donations, grants and legacies	2	221,229	-	176,568	397,797	295,864
Other trading activities	2	17,497	-	-	17,497	9,450
Investment income	2	799	-	-	799	657
Income from charitable activities	2	6,262	-	41,166	47,428	51,280
Total income		245,787	-	217,734	463,521	357,251
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on raising funds	3	1,268	-	-	1,268	4,260
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	262,099	-	145,278	407,377	353,286
Total expenditure		263,367	-	145,278	408,645	357,546
Net income/(expenditure) for year		(17,580)	-	72,456	54,876	(295)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		(17,580)	-	72,456	54,876	(295)
Balances at 1 April 2024		42,676	-	110,483	153,159	153,454
Balances at 31 March 2025	10	25,096	-	182,939	208,035	153,159

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements. All of the Charity's operations are continuing.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024 is shown at note 13.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
IT Equipment	6	1,537	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		9,554	10,447
Debtors	7	28,480	42,058
Cash in bank and in hand		183,538	124,706
		221,572	177,211
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	8	(15,074)	(24,052)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		206,498	153,159
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	11	208,035	153,159

REPRESENTED BY:

FUNDS

Unrestricted	9	25,096	42,676
Designated – building fund	9	-	-
Restricted	10	182,939	110,483
	11	208,035	153,159

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on ^{15/10/2025}..... and signed on its behalf by:

John p Sole

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J Sole (Chair)

Andrea Glover

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Andrea Glover (Vice Chair)

Charity Registration No: 1159188

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Charity Information

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charities Act 2011. The address for general enquiries is York Blind and Partially Sighted Society, Ground Floor, 84-86 Walmgate, York, YO1 9TL.

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) ("Charities SORP (FRS102)"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland ("FRS 102"), and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Charities SORP (FRS 102) rather than Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

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

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Income

Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SoFA") in the year in which it is receivable. For subscriptions and rental income this is in the year in which it is receivable and for ticket sales and meeting suppers this is in the year in which the event occurs. Deferred income represents grants received specifically for future accounting periods.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the SoFA on an accrual's basis inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

All direct costs have been allocated across the functional categories of resources expended in the SoFA. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been apportioned on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

The costs of generating funds relate to expenditure directly attributable to fundraising.

Costs of charitable activities include those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. Costs relating to an activity are allocated directly.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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:

IT Equipment	25% Straight Line
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Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont.)

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 credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. Contributions are charged as an expense to the SoFA in the period in which they fall due.

Staff costs

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense where settlement of obligations does not fall within the same period.

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

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

The Charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments in accordance with section 11 of FRS 102. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the Charity's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which can be used only for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

The Trustees are of the opinion that there are no estimates and assumptions which have a material impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

Legacies

Legacies are recognised as income when probate has been granted, the charity has established its entitlement to the funds and where sufficient information is available to allow it to measure its entitlement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INCOME

Year ended 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board:			
Equipment and Information Centre	-	12,140	12,140
Lottery Project	-	119,764	119,764
Other	-	44,664	44,664
Grant support	-	176,568	176,568
 Donations	55,539	-	55,539
Legacies	165,690	-	165,690
Donations and legacies	221,229	-	221,229
 Total donations, grants and legacies	221,229	176,568	397,797

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INCOME (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2025 (Cont.)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other trading activities:			
Community fundraising	14,287	-	14,287
Income from work	3,210	-	3,210
Total trading activities	17,497	-	17,497
Investment income			
Bank interest	799	-	799
Income from charitable activities:			
Hospital Eye Clinic Service			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	-	11,330	11,330
York Hospital	-	29,836	29,836
Sales of equipment and aids	5,332	-	5,332
Social and group activities	680	-	680
Sundry income	250	-	250
Total income from charitable activities	6,262	41,166	47,428
Total income	245,787	217,734	463,521

During the year donations of £1,680 (2024: £1,659) were received from Trustees of the Society.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INCOME (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group:			
Equipment and Information Centre	-	14,140	14,140
Lottery Project	-	138,523	138,523
Other	-	3,550	3,550
TPT Project	-	29,675	29,675
Grant support	-	185,888	185,888
 Donations	89,632	-	89,632
Legacies	20,344	-	20,344
Donations and legacies	109,976	-	109,976
Total donations, grants and legacies	109,976	185,888	295,864
 Other trading activities:			
Community fundraising	4,510	-	4,510
Income from work	4,940	-	4,940
Total trading activities	9,450	-	9,450
 Investment income			
Bank interest	657	-	657

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2025

2. INCOME (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2024 (Cont.)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities:			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	-	11,330	11,330
York Hospital	-	28,415	28,415
Sales of equipment and aids	8,992	-	8,992
Social and group activities	1,734	-	1,734
Sundry income	809	-	809
Total income from charitable activities	11,535	39,745	51,280
Total income	131,618	225,633	357,251

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3. EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other	1,268	-	1,268
Total expenditure on raising funds	1,268	-	1,268
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Salaries (Note 4)	186,848	107,369	294,217
Rent, rates and service charges	10,359	-	10,359
Cost of equipment sold	9,505	-	9,505
Depreciation	172	-	172
Professional fees	10,271	-	10,271
Independent Examination	1,750	-	1,750
Lottery funding - overheads	-	34,308	34,308
Staff IT	3,196	-	3,196
Insurance	2,588	-	2,588
Consultancy	120	-	120
Maintenance	14,163	-	14,163
Stationery and photocopying	1,189	-	1,189
Sundry expenses	1,742	-	1,742
Postage	412	-	412
Bank charges	643	-	643
Newsletter	3,192	-	3,192
Phone	1,656	-	1,656
Social activities	72	-	72
Benenden Funding	-	3,300	3,300
Other costs	14,221	301	14,522
Total expenditure on charitable activities	262,099	145,278	407,377
Total expenditure	263,367	145,278	408,645

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3. EXPENDITURE (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other	4,260	-	4,260
Total expenditure on raising funds	4,260	-	4,260
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Salaries (Note 4)	133,238	120,859	253,827
Rent, rates and service charges	16,728	-	16,728
Cost of equipment sold	5,708	-	5,708
Professional fees	7,585	-	7,585
Independent Examination	2,400	-	2,400
Lottery funding: overheads	-	48,198	48,198
Staff IT	1,700	-	1,700
Insurance	1,514	-	1,514
Consultancy	1,596	500	2,096
Maintenance	1,375	-	1,375
Stationery and photocopying	1,094	-	1,094
Sundry expenses	2,001	-	2,001
Postage	303	-	303
Bank charges	936	-	936
Newsletter	2,107	-	2,107
Phone	1,065	-	1,065
Social activities	159	-	159
TPT funding - overheads	-	198	198
Other costs	4,278	14	4,292
Total expenditure on charitable activities	183,787	169,499	353,286
Total expenditure	188,047	169,499	357,546

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Total staff costs comprise:		
Gross salaries	265,182	230,312
Employer's national insurance	20,270	16,233
Pension contributions	8,765	7,283
	294,217	253,827
Average number of employees	9.4	9.6

No employee received remuneration more than £60,000 in either year.

Key management personnel comprise 1 individual (2024: 1 individual) whose aggregate remuneration and benefits totalled £53,089 (2024: £49,131).

5. TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No Trustee or any person connected with him or her received any remuneration, expenses or benefits during the year (2024: no Trustee).

No Trustee, or anyone connected with a Trustee, has a material interest in any of the Charity's transactions.

There were no other related party transactions in either the current or prior year.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	IT Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Additions	1,709	1,709
At 31 March 2025	1,709	1,709
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Depreciation charged in year	172	172
At 31 March 2025	172	172
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2025	1,537	1,537
At 31 March 2024	-	-

7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	25
Other debtors	28,480	42,033
	28,480	42,058

8. CREDITORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	5,556	10,258
Other creditors	9,518	13,794
	15,074	24,052

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9. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 31 March 2025	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	42,676	245,787	(263,367)	-	25,096
Designated funds					
Building fund	-	-	-	-	-
	42,676	245,787	(263,367)	-	25,096

As at 31 March 2024	Balance 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	34,105	131,618	(188,047)	65,000	42,676
Designated funds					
Building fund	65,000	-	-	(65,000)	-
	99,105	131,618	(188,047)	-	42,676

Designated Building Fund

The purpose of the Building Fund was to enable the Charity to acquire its own premises at some time in the future.

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10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 31 March 2025

	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Eye Clinic Services	63,976	29,836	(30,145)	-	63,667
Lottery Fund	(1,347)	119,764	(111,833)	-	6,584
TPT Fund	18,334	-	-	-	18,834
Other	29,020	68,134	(3,300)	-	93,854
Total	110,483	217,734	(145,278)	-	182,939

Eye Clinic Information and Support Services

These services provide practical and emotional support to patients with a diagnosis of permanent sight loss. They operate from within the Eye Clinic Outpatients Department at York and Scarborough Hospitals and other locations commutable from York. The staff members (Eye Clinic Liaison Officers) also work with Hospital staff on issues of service delivery for blind and partially sighted patients.

Lottery Fund

The Fund was originally conceived to support our members to access activities in their own communities, however, the pandemic meant this became impossible to facilitate. The Fund kindly agreed to divert the funding to the Keeping in Touch project and online activity groups, to ensure visually impaired people were supported and had regular telephone contact, and were still able to engage socially despite the lockdowns and social distancing made necessary by Covid-19.

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10. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Cont)

TPT Fund

The Thomas Pocklington Trust Fund was conceived to provide funding for a visually impaired intern, a children's project, and an employment advisor.

As at 31 March 2024

	Balances 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balances 31 March 2024 £
Eye Clinic Services	64,331	28,415	(28,770)	-	63,976
Lottery Fund	(12,982)	138,523	(126,888)	-	(1,347)
Other	-	29,020	-	-	29,020
TPT Fund	3,000	29,675	(13,841)	-	18,832
Total	54,349	225,633	(169,499)	-	110,483

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

As at 31 March 2025	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £
Tangible assets	-	-	1,537	1,537
Current assets	182,939	-	38,633	221,572
Current liabilities	-	-	(15,074)	(15,074)
	182,939	-	25,096	208,035

As at 31 March 2024	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Current assets	110,483	-	66,728	177,211
Current liabilities	-	-	(24,052)	(24,052)
	110,483	-	42,676	153,159

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12. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2025	2025
	£	£
Due within one year	17,500	13,538
Due between two and five years	32,083	-
Due over five years	-	-
	49,583	13,538

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13. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	109,976	-	185,888	295,864
Other trading activities	9,450	-	-	9,450
Investment income	657	-	-	657
Income from charitable activities	11,535	-	39,745	51,280
Total income	131,618	-	225,633	357,251
Expenditure on:				
Expenditure on raising funds	4,260	-	-	4,260
Expenditure on charitable activities	183,787	-	169,499	353,286
Total expenditure	188,047	-	169,499	357,546
Net Movement for year	(56,429)	-	56,134	(295)
Transfers between funds	65,000	(65,000)	-	-
Balances at 1 April 2023	34,105	65,000	54,349	153,454
Balances At 31 March 2024	42,676	-	110,483	153,159