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**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1169324**

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023  
for  
Support 4 Sight

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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## **Support 4 Sight**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The charities objectives are the relief of persons with a visual impairment in Essex and surrounding areas and in particular:

- (i) To give information, advice, guidance, and support to blind, partially sighted and deafblind people and those with acquired sight loss, their families and carers;
- (ii) To offer services which enhance the quality of life and social involvement of people with sight loss.

Further details of activities undertaken by the organisation during the year in carrying out its objective are provided in the following sections.

##### **Message from the Interim Chair**

I joined the Board of Trustees in 2017 and took over from Janine Collier, the previous chair, as Interim Chair in October 2022. All the trustees very much appreciated Janine's dynamic leadership of the charity during a period of extreme turbulence flowing from the covid epidemic and thank her profusely. By agreeing to continue as a trustee S4S will continue to benefit from her valued contributions.

We also wish to thank Danny Moore who has stepped down as a trustee, for his input. I also take this opportunity to welcome as trustees Ruth Mulandi with expertise in fundraising and organisational development, Colin Daniels with expertise in service design for blind and partially sighted people, as well as lived experience of sight loss, and Amrat Khorana whose governance and digital learning and curriculum design knowledge will be of significant advantage to the charity. Further recruitment for trustees with appropriate skills, experience and knowledge to benefit the charity are ongoing.

While the impact of covid continues to resonate, Support 4 Sight has been able to reactivate much of its services to people with visual impairment. Particularly important are social events such as coffee mornings, lunch meetings, book clubs and quiz nights to minimise isolation. These are in addition to equipment demonstrations, support in obtaining and retaining employment, home visits, raising awareness through visits to Cubs and Beaver groups and working with Saffron Walden Museum to improve access for blind and partially sighted visitors.

Finance remains a critical area that is kept under constant and regular review by the Board. The accounts show that the charity's financial position at the end of the year was a deficit of £5,224.

Grant funding sustains much of our activities and every opportunity to secure new monies is resolutely followed up. Community fundraising continues to be an important aspect and regular contributions by local sponsors and ad hoc support from individuals such as Claire Clarin who ran the London Marathon in support of the charity are hugely appreciated. We thank all those who have supported the charity in whatever capacity.

The Board of trustees would like to thank:-

Our CEO Sharon Shaffer and her dedicated staff team who give a wealth of enthusiastic support, advice and guidance in an empathetic manner.

The volunteers who generously and freely give up their time to Support 4 Sight in delivering the charity's services. Without their commitment and energy we would not be able to reach and enhance the lives of blind and visually impaired people.

Looking forward to 2023/24, the direction of travel is to develop the community based delivery of services following the closure of the Hill Street premises. The Board will also seek to ensure that income and expenditure are in balance with an aspiration of the final result being a modest surplus.

## Support 4 Sight

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Significant activities**

2022-23 has largely been a year of rebuilding and rescoping in a post-lockdown landscape.

The pandemic certainly had a huge impact on expectation and working practices, which the charity has readily embraced, listening to what service users, volunteers and staff have to say, and shaping emergence and delivery accordingly.

The charity was delighted to be recognised nationally for the second consecutive year when our Support 4 Employment service won the Visionary Connect Award. We were also pleased to be recognised locally, as one of the Mayor of Saffron Walden's chosen charities.

The year has brought significant changes, most notably the move out of our admin base in Saffron Walden, and a commitment to delivering more community-based services across the town and surrounding areas whilst embedding ourselves at our renovated offices in Chelmsford.

We have focused on developing a Roaming Resource Centre which offers participants the chance to view and receive demonstrations of vision aids at each of our coffee mornings across the region, as well as establishing regular activities at our Chelmsford Social Hub, which has a weekly 'Meet and Eat' session incorporating various activities and speakers, a monthly Book Club, Walking Group and drop-in facilities as well as 1:1 equipment demonstrations and needs assessments.

We also launched our Support 4 Technology service in Chelmsford and Saffron Walden, aimed at introducing the wealth of accessible technology and building digital confidence to the less technology adept members of our community. In a drive to combat the social isolation exacerbated for many by the pandemic, we have encouraged people to attend our social activities, and incorporated 1:1 appointments for equipment demonstrations needs assessments around them wherever possible, whilst continuing to provide home visits where necessary. We have also built up our volunteer pool and are delighted to say that 30% of our volunteers also use our services and have lived experience of sight loss.

In 2022-23 we supported with:

- 2380 visits and calls to our offices
- 680 befriending calls
- 45 home visits
- 25,812 views of our web pages
- 23,079 reach on social media
- 22 people received our weekly Uttlesford Talking News

We had:

- 794 people attend a coffee morning
- 93 people attend a social trip
- 503 attend an online social group

Our Support 4 Employment service saw:

- 75 people engaged in the service
- 18 people achieve employment
- 8 people retain employment

Our Low Vision Service at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow, which provides practical help and emotional support at the point of diagnosis

- Saw 458 patients
- Delivered 198 magnifiers

Our Autumn 2022 survey showed that:

- 89% of respondents said the services they receive from us are Excellent or Very Good
- 68% of respondents said our interventions made a big difference to them

All our services are measured against 5 outcomes

- The biggest impact was in Social Inclusion where 80% of respondents said our interventions made a big difference.
- This was followed by Emotional Wellbeing (71%) Understanding my eye condition (70%), Financial Wellbeing (65%) and Independence (55%)



## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

It has been heartening to see the difference we have made over the past year:

"You've been wonderful, you've kept me alive. I have been indoors for years, now I'm coming out and have come alive again."

"OH Wow! thank you so much for your help. Not only showing me how to use my new iPhone but showing me all the apps. There is so much to learn but thank you for being patient with me. I know where you are if I need you."

### **Fundraising and Reserves**

During the 2022-23 financial year a Community Fundraiser was recruited and attempted to reignite our community fundraising activities. This proved challenging in the altered culture of the post-Covid landscape and we were unable to generate pre-Covid yields. Focus was therefore switched to the pursuit of small grants and the development of corporate partnerships. We particularly wish to thank both the staff and directors of Contamac Ltd for their continued support and assistance throughout the year. A Fundraising Consultant was engaged to assist with applications to the larger Trusts and Foundations, which proved fruitful, securing awards from our regular funders as well as a new grant from the Postcode Places Trust. The Fundraising Strategy is being reviewed and overhauled for 2023-24 in light of the lessons learnt this year.

The reduction in our overheads somewhat eased income generation pressures and we are pleased to say that our Reserves remain at 6 months.

### **Partnerships and advocacy**

We continued our collaboration and membership of the group Essex Vision which is a partnership with other local sight loss charities who operate in Essex. This has led to a sharing of good ideas and best practices, as well as joint funding applications where appropriate, between us which offers potential benefits to all of the people in Essex who are living with sight loss, as well as a much-needed forum in which to share the challenges and best practices.

Elsewhere we have been involved on local boards and networks (Uttlesford HWB, Herts and West Essex ICS, Essex Sensory Community, Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Alliance, VI Charity Sector Partnership, Visionary) ensuring that the voice and needs of vision impaired people are heard and planned for.

The recognition of our award-winning Support 4 Employment service we were invited to partner with Sight Concern Bedfordshire to pilot the service across their county.

## Support 4 Sight

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Public benefit**

In accordance with their duties under the Charities Act 2011, it is incumbent on the trustees to conduct a Public Benefit Test to assess whether the charity has complied with its duties in due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees are satisfied that Support 4 Sight has complied with its duty in regards to the Public Benefit Test over the past year based on the four principles of the Commissions Guidance.

1. There must be an identifiable benefit:

Support 4 Sights purpose is to provide support and relief to any member of the public who has concerns about sight loss, blindness or partial vision. Its services benefit a large number of the public in the geographical areas it covers in Uttlesford, Harlow, Epping, Braintree and Chelmsford in Essex.

2. Benefit must be to the public or a section of the public:

All the charities services are open to members of the public at large and access to our services is not restrictive.

3. People on low incomes must be able to benefit:

The Board of trustees recognises that many visually impaired people are on low incomes, as people with impaired vision are more likely to be unemployed in comparison to fully sighted people. In addition many do not avail themselves of their benefit entitlements. Support 4 Sight does not make a charge for its services of support and advice and offers its services to the public at large free of charge. While some visually impaired people choose to join the charity as members for a nominal £15 fee per year, the trustees do not feel that the membership cost is too high to exclude people on low incomes.

4. Any private benefit must be incidental:

The Trustees do not consider that any individual or organisation receives 'private benefit' from the work of Support 4 Sight.

##### **Staff and Volunteers**

During the course of the year 2 staff members left the team and were not replaced.

We currently operate with 6 staff members, 1 of whom is registered blind and 55 volunteers 30% of whom also use our services.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

The tangible fixed assets net book value of £0 remains comparable with the prior year, representing the charity's consistent level of investment in resources to carry out its objectives.

The balance sheet position shows net current assets of £133,496 resulting from a increase in cash held to £219,759 combined with an reduction in creditors from £14,041 to £1,533.

At the financial reporting date the charity held freely available current reserves (being unrestricted net current assets) of £219,759

During the year with the continuing support from our grant providers and the generous donations we have received, we have been able to maintain our activities in this challenging economic climate. Despite the income generated by the staff and volunteers through their tireless fundraising activities, the charity generated a deficit of £5,224 which we intend to reduce in the forthcoming financial year to ensure our continued activities.

## **Support 4 Sight**

### **Report of the Trustees** **for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The trustees regularly review the finances, budgets and cash flows to aid effective stewardship of the charity.

The trustees recognise the restrictions placed, where applicable, on donations, grants, and other income combined with relevant expenditure in the financial year in order to accurately assess the restricted fund levels as at the reporting date. As at the reporting date a total of £68,511 restricted funds were held by the charity. Restricted funds are held until they can be appropriately utilised by the charity for their specified purpose.

Further details of the restricted funds held can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

A residual unrestricted general fund of £219,759 was held by the charity as at the reporting date for the general use of the charity in future periods. The reduction of unrestricted funds reflects the deficit arising in the year from the charity's investment in resources and staffing as noted earlier in the Financial Review section. The trustees anticipate a future reduction of the charity's general expenditure which shall result in the necessary contingency fund decreasing in future reporting periods.

##### **Going Concern**

The trustees are required to provide reasonable consideration to satisfy themselves that the charity has the ability to continue as a going concern. After due attention and review, the trustees consider the going concern status of the charity to be appropriate and have therefore adopted the going concern basis for the preparation of the charity's accounts.

##### **Funds in Deficit**

The charity held no funds in deficit as at the financial reporting date or the comparative financial reporting date.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

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.

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##### **Charity Constitution**

The charity is governed in accordance with its Constitution registered on 23 September 2016.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Recruitment of charity trustees:

The board of trustees requires breadth and depth of experience to carry out its duties effectively and efficiently. When recruiting new trustees, the important attribute is a passion for the work of the charity and an understanding of its activities. When necessary new trustees are recruited in accordance with the charity's procedures. Potential candidates are briefed on the work of the charity and its board. They are then invited to attend a board meeting as an observer and put themselves forward for election in accordance with the Constitution.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

#### **Eligibility for trusteeship:**

Every charity trustee must be a natural person. No one may be appointed a charity trustee if:

he or she is under the age of 16 years; or  
he or she would automatically cease to hold office under on the basis of being disqualified from acting as a charity trustee by virtue of section 178-180 of the Charities Act 2011 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision)

#### **Number of charity trustees;**

There must be at least three charity trustees. If the number falls below this minimum the remaining trustees or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees or appoint a new charity trustee.

The maximum number of charity trustees is 12. The charity trustees may not appoint any charity trustee if as a result the number of charity trustees would exceed the maximum.

#### **Appointment of charity trustees**

At every Annual General Meeting the members of the CIO one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three then the number nearest to one third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee he or she shall retire.

The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree amongst themselves) be determined by lot;

The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the Annual General Meeting may be filled as provided in sub clause (5) of this clause;

The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause (15) (retirement and removal of charity trustee), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause (12(3)) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded.

A Person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of sub-clauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting after the date of his or her appointment, and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting;

and

Recruitment of trustees should reflect the outcomes of a skills audit to acquire or replace skills needed for the effective governance of the charity as agreed by the board. Consideration will be given by the board to ensure diversity amongst its trustees and how to appropriately advertise the vacancies. Applicants who appear suitable will be invited to interview the charity's Chair of trustees and its leadership team and to attend two trustee meetings as an observer. In the event of there being a large number of applicants, those most closely matching the skills required will be approached initially. Following two trustee meetings as an observer the applicant will be asked whether they wish to be appointed. The observations and recommendations of the Chair will then be put to the following meeting of trustees and a vote taken for appointing the trustee.

## **Support 4 Sight**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment.**

### **Organisational structure**

The organisation is managed by an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than six members or more than ten members. Members of the Executive Committee will include a Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and any other such Honorary Officers as the Executive Committee may decide from time to time. All Honorary Officers are elected at the Annual General Meeting together with not less than three and not more than seven members elected at the Annual General Meeting, who shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting. In addition, the Executive Committee may appoint not more than one co-opted member.

All members of the Executive Committee shall retire from office together at the end of the Annual General Meeting next after the date on which they came into office, but they may be re-elected or re-appointed.

The Executive Committee meet regularly in order to manage and administer the charity's affairs. The Executive Committee have appointed a Director and Center Manager in order to manage the organisation on a day to day basis and deliver its services.

### **Decision Making**

The charity trustee may delegate any of their powers or functions to a committee or committees and, if they do, they must determine the terms and conditions on which the delegation is made. The charity trustees may at any time alter those terms and conditions or revoke the delegation.

This power is in addition to the power of delegation in the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012 and any other power of delegation available to the charity trustees, but is subject to the following requirements:

A committee may consist of two or more persons, but at least one member of each committee must be a charity trustee;

The acts and proceedings of any committee must be brought to the attention of the charity trustees as a whole as soon as is reasonably practicable; and

The charity trustees shall from time to time review the arrangements which they have made for the delegation of their powers.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee on or before his or her first appointment:

A copy of this constitution and any amendments made to it; and

A copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.

### **Key management remuneration**

The total remuneration paid in the financial period to key management personnel for employment services rendered amounted to £36,465. The transactions took place under the conditions of relevant employment contract held between the charity and the key management personnel.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

CE007916 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number** 1169324

**Support 4 Sight**

**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**

**Registered office**

17 Cottage Place Chelmsford  
Essex  
CMI INL

**Trustees**

John Thompson - Chair (took over as Chair 3.10.22)

Janine Collier - Chair (stepped down as Chair 3.10.22)

Andrew Streeter - Deputy Chair

Graham Routledge

Pat Arnold

Melvin Caton

Danny Moore (resigned 4.4.22)

Ruth Mulandi Joined 23.1.23)

Amrat Khorana Joined 23.1.23)

Colin Daniels Joined 6.2.23)

Clive Farley Joined 6.2.23)

**Independent Examiner**

John D Froggett FAIA  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its  
behalf by:



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Support 4 Sight

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Support 4 Sight ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

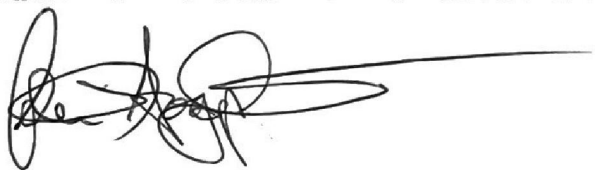
**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of F.A.I.A 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.



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Date: 2/10/2023

Support 4 Sight

Statement of Financial Activities  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	41,356	133,773	175,129	190,868
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities	5	10,144	(924)	9,220	10,103
Other trading activities	6	12,187	-	12,187	4,538
Investment income	4	282	-	282	1
<b>Total</b>		<u>63,969</u>	<u>132,849</u>	<u>196,818</u>	<u>205,510</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		12,356	2,504	14,860	(467)
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities	7	<u>56,837</u>	<u>130,345</u>	<u>187,182</u>	<u>215,477</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>69,193</u>	<u>132,849</u>	<u>202,042</u>	<u>215,010</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(5,224)		(5,224)	(9,500)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		138,720		138,720	206,503
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>133,496</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>133,496</u>	<u>197,003</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



**Support 4 Sight****Balance Sheet**  
**31 March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	11	558	-	558	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	212		212	-
Prepayments and accrued income			(85,500)	(85,500)	39
Cash at bank and in hand		219,759	-	219,759	211,005
		220,529	(85,500)	135,029	211,044
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,533)		(1,533)	(14,041)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		218,996	(85,500)	133,496	197,003
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		218,996	(85,500)	133,496	197,003
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		218,996	(85,500)	133,496	197,003
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds				218,996	197,003
Restricted funds				(85,500)	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				133,496	197,003

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Support 4 Sight

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2023

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2/16/23 and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Trustee

*Jb Thompson*

.....  
Trustee

*M. Baker*

.....  
Trustee

*P. A. Ainsworth*

The notes form part of these financial statements

## Support 4 Sight

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7;
- the requirement of paragraph 24(b) of IFRS 6.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### **2.**

##### **DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Donations	34,227	19,208
Gift aid	1,676	6,756
Legacies	-	660
Grants	134,272	164,224
Membership income	-	20
Lottery tickets sales	4,954	-
	<u>175,129</u>	<u>190,868</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Uttlesford District Council	8,000	10,000
Essex care	14,494	-
The National lottery	91,780	90,647
ECF	19,498	13,375
Provide	-	10,000
Chelmsford County Council	-	4,000
Sensory	-	13,992
Covid	-	12,591
Other grants	500	9,619
	<u>134,272</u>	<u>164,224</u>

## Support 4 Sight

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

#### **4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	282	-
Interest receivable - trading	-	1
	<u>282</u>	<u>1</u>

#### **5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	31.3.23	31.3.22
		£	£
Equipment re-sale	Charitable activities	8,994	8,274
Exhibitions	Charitable activities	26	50
Coffee mornings and support	Charitable activities	200	519
Training income	Charitable activities	-	1,260
		<u>9,220</u>	<u>10,103</u>

#### **6. RAISING FUNDS**

##### **Raising donations and legacies**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Fundraising events and costs	12,128	6,288
Exceptional items	59	(3,570)
	<u>12,187</u>	<u>(1,820)</u>

#### **7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Staff costs	149,622	139,589
Trustees' expenses	77	-
Rental costs	14,913	14,158
Insurance	702	845
Telephone	13,380	8,274
Printing, postage, stationery	3,030	2,805
Advertising	335	560
Sundries	1,241	2,527
Travel expenses	758	-
Motor expenses	2,273	1,626
Conferences and seminars	485	-
Staff subsistence	78	1,429
Volunteer costs	288	-
	<u>187,182</u>	<u>171,813</u>

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#### **8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	-	3,602
Other operating leases	16,266	15,511
	<u>16,266</u>	<u>15,511</u>

#### **9. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Trustees' expenses	174	-
	<u>174</u>	<u>-</u>

#### **10. STAFF COSTS**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	136,417	127,851
Social security costs	10,969	10,130
Other pension costs	2,236	1,608
	<u>149,622</u>	<u>139,589</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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<b>11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>				31.3.23	31.3.22
	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 April 2022	46,600	17,823	19,325	18,591	102,339
Additions	-	-	-	558	558
At 31 March 2023	<u>46,600</u>	<u>17,823</u>	<u>19,325</u>	<u>19,149</u>	<u>102,897</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>46,600</u>	<u>17,823</u>	<u>19,325</u>	<u>18,591</u>	<u>102,339</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>558</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
				31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Other debtors				212	-
				<u>212</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
				31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Trade creditors				1,533	1,918
				<u>1,533</u>	<u>1,918</u>
<b>14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES</b>					
There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.					
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