



REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1170013

(England & Wales)



PREPARED BY

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Kevin Davis
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Nicholas Medcalf
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The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Background and Structure

The legal name of the Charity is Sight Support Ryedale. The Charity was established by a constitution adopted on 2nd November 2016. On 3rd November 2016 it became a CIO. The Charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1170013.

Summary of the purposes and activities of the Charity

The aim of the Charity is to promote any charitable purpose which will benefit adults living in Ryedale who are visually impaired, in particular by:

- providing regular meetings where members can come together in a welcoming atmosphere and participate in social and other activities chosen by themselves;
- disseminating information about visual and technical assistance which could benefit members;
- providing signposting about the range of state or any other benefits which exist to assist sight impaired persons;
- fostering the confidence and enjoyment of members by enabling them to take part in wider activities such as outings;
- representing the needs and views of members to statutory authorities, charitable groups and others who provide services for the visually impaired

Public Benefit Statement

Throughout the year the Sight Support Ryedale Board of Trustees had regard to the guidelines on public benefit as set out by the Charity Commission when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Trustees

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31st March 2025:

Trustee	Office	Trustee Appointments/Resignations
Ann Ruddick		-
Judith Carr		-
Julia Mary White		-
Kevin Davis		-
Maria Jacqueline Clerkin		-
Martyn Herring	Treasurer	Appointed 8th May 2024
Nicholas Medcalf	Chair	-
Patricia Langton		-

Nicholas Medcalf resigned as Chair and was replaced by Robin Spencer on 18th June 2025.

Staff, Management and Selection of Trustees

One third of our Trustees in rotation are required to stand down at the Charity's Annual General Meeting, but those being eligible and who wish to can offer themselves for re-election.

Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting and are recruited from people who have an interest in the Charity. The Charity is controlled and directed by the elected members of the executive committee.

Risk Management

The executive committee continues to examine the principal areas of the Charity's operations to review the major risks which may arise in each area. In the opinion of the executive committee, this review enables such risks to be identified and allows them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the Charity's day to day activities.

Review of the Charity's achievements and performance, including the difference the Charity has made to the beneficiaries and to wider society throughout the year

In 2024-2025 Sight Support Ryedale continued to deliver a high quality - person centred service that significantly improved the lives of individuals living with visual impairments across Ryedale. Our work this year has demonstrated a strong and sustained impact on both our beneficiaries and the wider community supporting not only individual independence and wellbeing but also increasing public awareness and inclusion.

Over the year we provided vital support to Members through flexible, accessible services delivered at our Norton Centre, in people's homes and at community venues. We introduced improved assessment - models including a strengths based and initial contact approach to ensure early tailored interventions. These changes led to quicker access to support and more personalised service planning, placing members at the heart of their support.

Our activities shaped and co-produced with members included swimming, dance, chair aerobics, country walks, arts and crafts and assistive technology support. These not only enhance physical health and confidence but also play a crucial role in reducing isolation. Friendship groups remained a cornerstone of our service providing essential peer support and creating a sense of belonging, especially in rural areas.

The charity also made a positive contribution to the wider society. Through presentations, community partnerships and participation in events we increased awareness of visual impairments among local councils, health providers, and the public. Our collaborative work with organisations such as Yorkshire Housing, Food Share, Libraries and GP surgeries helped bridge gaps in understanding and improved referral pathways.

We supported emotional wellbeing through partnerships with Eye Clinic Liaison Officers, Mental Health services and Local GP's, ensuring the members received timely and appropriate emotional support.

Volunteers were fundamental to our delivery, with 28 individuals contributing across all areas of service. Their time and commitment expanded our reach, particularly for transport and befriending support, and created strong links within the community.

Despite ongoing rural transport challenges, we continued to adapt and explore practical solutions to improve access. Looking ahead, we are enhancing our branding and visibility, increasing our social media reach, and expanding our service, including piloting a longer, day – service-style friendship sessions to better meet the member's needs.

Overall, Sight Support Ryedale, with the support of lottery funding, has provided clear and measurable benefit to individuals, the wider public, and partner organisations. We remain committed to developing inclusive, impactful services that enable people with sight loss to live fulfilling, connected lives.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

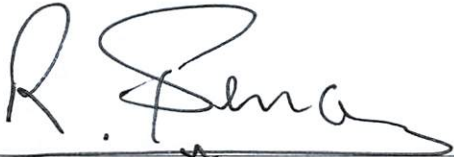
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year. 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statement on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the Charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by Sight Support Ryedale trustees and is signed on their behalf by:



Robin Spencer
Chairman

20/10/2025
Dated

SIGHT SUPPORT RYEDALE
TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity as at 31st March 2025 as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	157,084	89,487
Expenditure	(148,859)	(99,150)
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>8,225</u>	<u>(9,663)</u>
Unrestricted Funds	48,867	38,484
Restricted Funds	23,780	25,938
Designated Funds	29,500	29,500
Total Funds	<u>102,147</u>	<u>93,922</u>

The results for the year show a surplus of £8,225. Total reserves amounted to £102,147 at as at 31st March 2025, of which £48,867 are unrestricted. The Charity's income primarily derives from the National Lottery fund, although there are restrictions on what these funds can be spent on. The accounts can vary from surplus to deficit depending on the timing of the funding received.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees maintain a designated fund of £29,500 (2024: £29,500). The Trustees acknowledge that unrestricted cash reserves are required to:-

- cover any redundancy or other costs that may arise in the event of closure
- as a source of funds of last resort in the event of cost overruns on activities that can not be met elsewhere

The Board of Trustees have reviewed the amount designated and assess it to be adequate to cover the above requirements.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>

I report on the accounts of Sight Support Ryedale for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records; or
 - 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.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

M. Richmond

Michael Richmond FCCA
on behalf of
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20th October 2025

SIGHT SUPPORT RYEDALE


RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

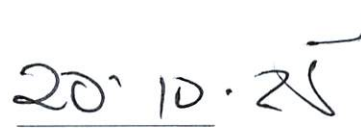
	Notes	2025 Breakdown By Fund			2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Bank Interest		1,549	-		1,549	-
Donations, Legacies and Grants	4	4,718	145,826		150,544	83,769
Fundraising Activities and Events		4,532	-		4,532	5,715
Sundry Income		459	-		459	3
Total Receipts		11,258	145,826	-	157,084	89,487
Payments						
Charitable Activities	5	70	118,055		118,125	82,422
Support Costs	6	805	28,392		29,197	15,714
Fundraising Costs		-	-		-	69
Governance and Administration	7	-	1,537		1,537	945
Total Payments		875	147,984	-	148,859	99,150
Reconciliation of Funds						
Total Funds Brought Forward	8	38,484	25,938	29,500	93,922	103,585
Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		10,383	(2,158)	-	8,225	(9,663)
Total Funds Carried Forward	9	48,867	23,780	29,500	102,147	93,922

SIGHT SUPPORT RYEDALE
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025


B1 Cash Funds	2025	2024
Accounts	£	£
Current Account	77,217	70,541
Deposit Account	24,713	23,164
Cash Account	217	217
Total	102,147	93,922
 Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	48,867	38,484
Restricted	23,780	25,938
Designated	29,500	29,500
Total	102,147	93,922
 B2 Other Monetary Assets		
Gift Aid Claim (2023, 2024 and 2025 Estimate)	2,219	1,738
Total	2,219	1,738
 B3 Investment Assets	Nil	Nil
 B4 Assets Retained for the Charity's Own Use	Nil	Nil
 B5 Liabilities		
PAYE	1,295	1,370
Pension Contributions	277	434
Other Accruals	1,160	775
Total	2,732	2,579

For and on behalf of all the Trustees


 Robin Spencer - Chair


 Dated


 Martyn Herring - Treasurer


 Dated

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Accounting Policies

Donated Goods, Services and Facilities

Donated goods, services and facilities are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help is not included in the accounts, but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Fixed Assets for use by Charity

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Assets are shown on the statements of assets and liabilities if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £300.

3 Nature and Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted Funds

Funds that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds

Funds that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

Designated Funds

A reserve set aside to cover possible closure costs that could arise sometime in the future if there was a need. This figure is the current estimate of such costs. There has been no change in this financial year.

4 Breakdown of Donations, Legacies and Grants

Notes	2025 Breakdown			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Barchester Healthcare	-	-	-	-	1,830
Boccia	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bright Sparks	-	-	-	-	3,000
Fitzwilliam Estate	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Methodist Women In Britain	-	-	-	-	900
North Yorkshire Sport	-	-	-	-	5,394
National Lottery	-	137,246	-	137,246	68,000
Royal Victoria Trust	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Wilf Jackson Trust	-	1,080	-	1,080	-
Other Small Grants and Donations	4,718	-	-	4,718	3,645
Total	4,718	145,826	-	150,544	83,769

5 Breakdown of Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Notes	2025 Breakdown			2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Activities and Support Groups		70	7,439		7,509	592
Excursions and Travel		-	5,215		5,215	9,931
Newsletter		-	498		498	139
Resource Centre Products		-	2,454		2,454	741
Wages and Salaries	10	-	101,614		101,614	70,425
Website and Maintenance		-	835		835	594
Total		70	118,055	-	118,125	82,422

6 Breakdown of Expenditure on Support Costs

	Notes	2025 Breakdown			2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Equipment Expensed		-	3,813		3,813	750
Insurance		-	1,220		1,220	911
Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies		805	755		1,560	1,038
Rent of Premises		-	10,875		10,875	3,400
Room Hire		-	1,380		1,380	804
IT Support and Software Costs		-	2,186		2,186	1,852
Staff Training and Welfare		-	70		70	94
Staff Travel		-	4,966		4,966	3,282
Telephone and Internet		-	2,954		2,954	2,338
General Expenditure		-	173		173	1,245
Total		805	28,392	-	5,033	15,714

7 Breakdown of Expenditure on Governance and Administration

	Notes	2025 Breakdown			2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
Accountancy & Independent Examination		-	875		875	775
Outsourced Services		-	362		362	-
Payroll and Pension Administration		-	300		300	170
Trustees Expenses		-	-		-	-
Total		-	1,537	-	1,537	945

8 Breakdown of Fund Movements (2024 - Prior Year)

	B/Fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	C/Fwd £
Restricted					
Barchester Healthcare		1,830	(450)		1,380
Boccia Plus		1,000			1,000
Bright Sparks		3,000	(1,010)		1,990
Duke of York Community Initiative	3,601				3,601
Methodist Women In Britain		900	(420)		480
National Lottery	7,932	68,000	(71,677)		4,255
North Yorkshire County Council	3,025		(1,000)		2,025
North Yorkshire Sport		5,394	(673)		4,721
NY Stronger Communities	4,155		(684)		3,471
Royal Victoria Trust	236		(139)		97
Sirius Minerals	5,000			(5,000)	-
Transpennine	4,925		(4,014)		911
Two Ridings Trust	6,045		(4,038)		2,007
	34,919	80,124	(84,105)	(5,000)	25,938
Designated Funds					
Managed Closure and Refurbishment	29,500	-	-		29,500
Unrestricted Funds	39,166	9,364	(15,046)	5,000	38,484
Total Funds	103,585	89,488	(99,151)	-	93,922

9 Breakdown of Fund Movements (2025 - Current Year)

	B/Fwd £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	C/Fwd £
Restricted					
Barchester Healthcare	1,380		(1,380)		-
Boccia Plus	1,000		(247)		753
Bright Sparks	1,990		(1,990)		-
Duke of York Community Initiative	3,601		(1,655)		1,946
Fitzwilliam Estate		2,500			2,500
Methodist Women In Britain	480		(480)		-
National Lottery	4,255	137,246	(133,103)		8,398
North Yorkshire County Council	2,025		(2,025)		-
North Yorkshire Sport	4,721		(4,014)		707
NY Stronger Communities	3,471		(75)		3,396
Royal Victoria Trust	97	5,000	(97)		5,000
Transpennine	911		(911)		-
Two Ridings Trust	2,007		(2,007)		-
Wilf Jackson Trust		1,080			1,080
	25,938	145,826	(147,984)	-	23,780
Designated Funds					
Managed Closure and Refurbishment	29,500	-	-		29,500
Unrestricted Funds	38,484	11,258	(875)		48,867
Total Funds	93,922	157,084	(148,859)	-	102,147

10 Staff Numbers, Payroll and Pension Costs

Notes	2025 Breakdown			2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Wages	-	95,567	-	95,567	67,816
Employer Pension Contributions	-	3,542	-	3,542	2,286
Employer National Insurance	-	2,505	-	2,505	323
Total	-	101,614	-	101,614	70,425

There were an average of 5 staff workers in 2025 (2024 : 3). All staff are payroll employed.

11 Trustee Expenses and Related Party Transactions

No trustee received a remuneration for services rendered. No trustee, or anyone connected with a trustee, has a material interest in any of the charity's transactions.