

East Cheshire Eye Society

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1174656

**East Cheshire Eye Society
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees of the East Cheshire Eye Society charity present the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year of 2023 - 2024.

The Society Charities Registration number is 1174656. The trustees confirm this report and accounts represents the full and only state of the Society.

REVIEW OF FINANCES AT YEAR END

The Society has recorded a small surplus of £1,263 on its operations over the year. .

The total cash and financial investment reserves at the year - end totalled £462,526. The Trustees confirm that the Society has sufficient funds in its financial reserves for the Society to remain in successful operation for some years to come.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2022-2023

The year 2023 – 2024 has been a very busy year for the Eye Society, with lots of activities and events. As always, this has only been possible because of the enthusiastic support of our wonderful team of volunteers.

From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 our volunteers gave us an amazing 2,473 hours of their own time to support the work we do. We remain very grateful to them.

Our Resource Centre continues to be the hub of our activities and planning, and having come to the end of our initial 3 year tenancy at 11 Market Place, we have been very pleased to extend this agreement for a further 3 years.

Within the year 2023 to 2024 we have given direct support to 365 service users on 860 occasions, just within the Resource Centre setting. This number does not include those people supported through our additional activities.

People contacted us from 32 different local postcode areas, with one-off contacts from people further afield, including Liverpool, Oldham, Manchester, Shropshire, Stockport, Stoke, Newcastle-Under-Lyne, Glossop and the United Arab Emirates.

Our "members list" ended with 720 people on it. These are all people to whom we send our regular news updates, as well as ad-hoc other communications.

This year our additional activities included:

- Support groups in Poynton, Congleton and Wilmslow.
- A crown green bowling group.
- Café coffee clubs in Congleton and Macclesfield
- A walking group, with walks in Congleton and Macclesfield parks; a riverside walk by the Bollin, walking from Macclesfield to Prestbury, followed by a pub lunch; a walk along The Carrs in Wilmslow; and a walk along the canal as part of the Bolloington walking festival.

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- We have arranged trips to the Albert Dock in Liverpool; Lyme Park; the AvroHeritage Museum; RHS Bridgewater; Jodrell Bank; Stockport Staircase House and market; Chester town centre; and afternoon tea at the plaza in Stockport.
- Working with the Silk Museum in Macclesfield we have taken part in an Origami afternoon and a silk screening art session. Following the silk screening session the art created by our participants was displayed in successful art exhibitions in Macclesfield and Congleton libraries.
- We also enjoyed a lace making session with the Silk museum, which was then followed up with additional, inhouse sessions, with the help of knowledgeable volunteers.
- We continued to provide one-to-one technology training sessions, as well as "Tea and tech" group sessions. Our thanks to the Vision Support charity in Chester for arranging this valuable work to continue, despite us not being able to get a grant to cover their costs.
- We supported the development of the Cheshire Sight Loss Information Line project, and attended the launch in July.
- We held our Vision Day exhibition in Macclesfield Town Hall, which we now hold every two years. The exhibition was a great success.
- We were very pleased this year to be chosen as one of the Mayor of Macclesfield's charities. Mayor Councillor Chris Wilcock ran a fantastic fundraising and awareness campaign throughout the year, which really helped the charity.
- We were very grateful to Anthony Collins solicitors for their ongoing support, which included a series of art exhibitions, with a percentage of sales going to ECES.
- We attended two Aging Well Roadshows in Macclesfield, Health and Wellbeing Fairs in Congleton and Handforth, the Disability Information Bureau (Macclesfield) 30th Anniversary event, and the Congleton Christmas Lights switch on.
- We attended fund raising and marketing events at the Macclesfield Treacle Market, the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle Charities Bazaar and annual Swimathon, and also at the Prestbury Christmas fair.
- We did a number of presentations about our work, including the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle, Congleton Town Council and at the Mayor of Macclesfield's charity fundraising evening.
- We were pleased to support the start of a programme of "Introduction to Braille" sessions, run by volunteers. The volunteers were also kind enough to visit support groups to spread awareness and understanding.
- We put ECES Christmas trees into the Christmas Tree Festivals at Macclesfield and Gawsorth.
- We were very pleased to receive donations from Gladman Estates and Texere Publishing, both of whom also supported us with donations.
- Our relationship with Embrace Marketing continues, and we are grateful to them for the additional goodwill they give us, beyond our contractual agreement.

Fundraising, as always, was a key requirement throughout the year, especially since we were unsuccessful in all our grant applications.

We continued to sell Christmas and general greetings cards, and we held our annual raffle.

We were very grateful to receive support from individuals, one in the form of a legacy and others as donations throughout the year. Other supporters raised money by doing talks, holding coffee mornings, running table-top-sales or arranging for us to get a donation from an equipment provider when items were bought. One supporter kindly made two knitted Nativity scenes for us to sell and raffle.

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We are grateful to the continued fundraising support from the Hummingbird Knit and Knatter group, and to Mayor of Macclesfield, the United reformed Church of Wilmslow and the NISA supermarket (Tytherington for making us their charity of the year.

We received very generous donations from the UKH Foundation and from local resident and fundraiser Henry Moore. The Congleton Lions very kindly continued their sponsorship of the Congleton support group, and Woods Newsagents, Handforth, kindly sponsored our Wilmslow support group.

We delivered a commissioned service to a local GP medical practice, to support their drive for inclusivity and to improve accessibility for visitors and staff with visual impairment.

The society continues to offer a range of information, advice and support and we are pleased to be able to work closely with local charities and organisations, including the local Talking Newspapers.

Our particular thanks to Vision Support, Chester, who have been a source of invaluable support throughout the year.

We enjoyed hosting the Chester VI bowls team this year for our annual "Cheshire Open VI Crown Green Bowling Challenge" competition, and were proud of our team who won the cup.

The Society is grateful for the ongoing dedication of staff members Alan Chappell and Helen van der Veken.

The Board of Trustees has seen the following changes this year:

New starters - Geoff Clarke, Teddy Weyman and Angela Dilks.

Leavers- Geoff Clarke.

SOCIETY TRUSTEES 2023-2024

Geoffrey Clarke	(Appointed 17/04/2023)
Catherine Costigan	
Angela Dilks	(Appointed 12/02/2023)
Elizabeth Durham	
Pamela Hodgkiss	
Bridget Self	
Colin Turner	
Martin Welch	(Hon, Treasurer)
Anthony Edward Weyman	(Appointed 23/08/2023)

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6 December 2024 and signed on its behalf.

M S Welch
Trustee

**Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts of
East Cheshire Eye Society
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024
Charity Number: 1174656**

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

We report in respect of our examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act. In carrying out our examination we have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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.

We 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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**Kime O'Brien Limited
Chartered Accountants**

6 December 2024

East Cheshire Eye Society
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	4				
Donations and Gifts		14,866	-	14,866	18,077
Legacy		23,057	-	23,057	-
Grants		-	5,500	5,500	42,171
		<u>37,923</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>43,423</u>	<u>60,248</u>
Charitable Activities	5				
Fundraising Events		4,109	-	4,109	4,137
Socials and Trips		3,805	-	3,805	2,573
Sales		6,766	-	6,766	4,626
Talking Newspaper		-	1,000	1,000	1,000
		<u>14,680</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>15,680</u>	<u>12,336</u>
Investments	6				
CCLA COIF		4,569	-	4,569	4,554
8%2021 Treasury		3,221	-	3,221	2,294
5% 2025 Treasury		2,294	-	2,294	1,816
6% 2028 Treasury		1,816	-	1,816	-
		<u>11,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,900</u>	<u>8,664</u>
Other	7				
Recharges		1,385	-	1,385	1,366
		<u>1,385</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,385</u>	<u>1,366</u>
Total Income and Endownments		<u>65,888</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>72,388</u>	<u>82,614</u>
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	8	3,474	-	3,474	3,394
Charitable Activities	9	59,806	7,845	67,651	77,103
Total Expenditure		<u>63,280</u>	<u>7,845</u>	<u>71,125</u>	<u>80,497</u>
Other					
Decrease in valuations	13	(17,265)	-	17,265	16,659
Transfers				-	-
Sale of Fixed Assets	12	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/ income		<u>19,873</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>	<u>18,528</u>	<u>(14,542)</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>19,873</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>	<u>18,528</u>	<u>(14,542)</u>
Reconciliation of Funds	17				
Total Funds Brought Forward		442,509	1,489	443,998	458,540
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>462,382</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>462,526</u>	<u>443,998</u>

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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	12	1,041	2,570
Investments	13	299,769	237,504
Total		300,810	240,074
Current Assets			
Stocks	14	5,221	5,314
Debtors	15	3,379	3,277
Cash at bank and in hand	20	32,940	124,426
Short Term Cash Deposit		125,000	75,000
Total		166,540	208,017
Creditors Amount falling due within one year	16	4,824	4,093
Net Current Assets		161,716	203,924
Total Assets less current Liabilities		462,526	443,998
Total Net Assets		462,526	443,998
The Funds Of the Charity			
Restricted Funds		144	1,489
Unrestricted Funds			
General Funds		462,382	442,509
Designated Funds		-	-
Total		462,382	442,509
Total Funds		462,526	443,998

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Notes To the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. Status

Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO)
Revenue greater than £25,000 but less than £250,000

2. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities : Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS 102 (Charities Smp FRS 102).

Change in basis of accounting or to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and method of accounting) since last year and no changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds

These are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

Designated funds

These are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purpose

Revaluation funds

These are unrestricted funds which include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at their market values.

Restricted funds

These are available for use subject to restrictions imposed by the donor or through terms of an appeal.

Income

Recognition of income

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity becomes entitled to, and virtually certain to receive,
the income and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure the income and related expenditure is reported gross in the SoFA.

Donations and legacies

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts is included in the the SoFA when receivable and only when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

Tax reclaims on donations and gifts Donated services and facilities

Income from tax reclaims is included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift/donation to which it relates.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in income (with an equivalent amount in expenditure) where the benefit to the Charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when received

Gains/(losses) on revaluation of Investments

This includes any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Gains/(losses) on sale on investment assets

This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments.

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Expenditure

Recognition of expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Expenditure on raising fund

These comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income, fundraising trading costs and investment management costs.

Expenditure on charitable activities

These comprise the costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services in the furtherance of its objects, including the making of grants and governance costs.

Governance costs

These include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity, including

any audit /independent examination fees, costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

Other expenditure

These are support costs not allocated to a particular activity.

Taxation

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

Freehold investment property

Investment properties are measured initially at cost and subsequently at fair value at each balance sheet date and are not depreciated.

All gains or losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise.

Stocks

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

Donated goods are not valued

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and on hand

Trade and other creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

Other creditors 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 and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity.

Once the contributions have been paid the company has no further payments obligations. The contributions are recognised as expenses when they fall due.

Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

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Income

4 Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and Gifts	14,866		14,866	18,077
Legacy	23,057		23,057	-
Grants	-	5,500	5,500	42,171
Other				
Total	37,923	5,500	43,423	60,248

5 Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fundraising Events	4,109		4,109	4,137
Socials and Trips	3,805		3,805	2,573
Sales	6,766		6,766	4,626
Talking Newspapers		1,000	1,000	1,000
Grants	-	-	-	
Total	14,680	1,000	15,680	12,336

6 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
CCLA COIF	4,569	-	4,569	4,554
8%2021 Treasury	3,221	-	3,221	-
5% 2025 Treasury	2,294	-	2,294	2,294
6% 2028 Treasury	1,816	-	1,816	1,816
Total	11,900	-	11,900	8,664

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Recharges	1,385		1,385	1,366
Total	1,385	-	1,385	1,366

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Expenditure

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
8 On Raising Funds				
Events	72		72	10
Lottery and Raffle Prizes	980		980	918
Staff Costs	2,422		2,422	2,466
Total	3,474	-	3,474	3,394

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
9 On Charitable Activities				
Rent Market Place	7,708	1,000	8,708	10,292
Staff Costs	28,164	4,000	32,164	28,344
Socials and Trips	2,233	1,200	3,433	1,944
Sales	3,536		3,536	1,713
Awareness Events	596		596	7,331
Service Provision			-	10,340
Motor and Travel	913		913	368
Cleaning QVS and Market Place	404		404	380
Telephone and Broadband	1,216	489	1,705	1,582
Security QVS			-	-
Water QVS			-	-
Light Heat Power QVS			-	-
Repairs and Maintenance			-	-
Insurance	642		642	523
Depreciation	1,351	177	1,528	2,902
Equipment expensed	163		163	5
Postage and Couriers	11		11	1
Software and IT + Supprt	1,281	490	1,771	1,706
Stationary and Printing	1,122	489	1,611	1,686
Marketing	800		800	250
Subscriptions	387		387	316
Sundry	160		160	154
Consultants	8,192		8,192	6,192
Governance	927		927	600
Training			-	474
Total	59,806	7,845	67,651	77,103

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10 Staff Costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Wages	30,211	4,000	34,211	30,810
Training	140		140	
Travel	235		235	
Total	30,586	4,000	34,586	30,810
On Raising Funds	2,422	-	2,422	2,466
On Charitable Activities	28,164	4,000	32,164	28,344
	30,586	4,000	34,586	30,810

Average Headcount	2.0	2.2
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11 Net expenditure / income before transfers

This is stated after charging Depr	1,351	177	1,528	2,902
Independent Examination Fees	780	0	780	600

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Assets and Liabilities

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	L+B	F+F	Total
Cost or Revaluation			
As at 1st April 2023	-	11,299	11,299
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31st March 2024	-	11,299	11,299
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2023	-	8,729	8,729
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge Year	-	1,529	1,529
As at 31st March 2024		10,258	10,258
Net Book Values			
As at 31st March 2023	-	2,570	2,570
As at 31st March 2024	-	1,041	1,041

Depreciation Policy

Land and Buildings Zero

Fixture and Fittings Greater Than £100 Over 4 years starting on date of acquisition

Computer and Teleph Greater Than £100 Over 3 years starting on date of acquisition

13 Investments

	COIF	6% 2028	5% 2025	Sarisan	Total
Costs					
Cost as at 1st April 2023	136,807	42,309	60,000	-	239,116
Disposals	-	-	-	-	0
Additions	-	-	-	45,000	
Cost as at 31st March 2024	136,807	42,309	60,000	45,000	284,116
Provisions and Impairments					
Revaluation as at 1st April 2023	19,488	(8,047)	(13,053)	-	(1,612)
Disposals					
Revaluation in the year	14,148	(1,152)	(955)	5,224	17,265
As at 31st March 2024	33,636	(9,199)	(14,008)	5,224	15,653
Net Book Values					
At 31st March 2023	156,295	34,262	46,947	0	237,504
At 31st March 2024	170,443	33,110	45,992	50,224	299,769

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14 Stocks	2024	2023
	£	£
	<u>5,221</u>	<u>5,314</u>

Stock is valued at Costs
Donated Goods for recycle are not valued

15 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade Debtors	350	1,516
Prepayments and Accrued Income	708	679
Gift Aid	2,321	1,082
Total	<u>3,379</u>	<u>3,277</u>

16 Creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	2,193	2,225
Other Creditors	-	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,631	1,868
Total	<u>4,824</u>	<u>4,093</u>

17 Movement in Funds	As at 1st April	As at 31st March
	2024	2023
	£	£
Restricted Funds		
Net current assets	-	1,168
Net Fixed Assets	144	321
Total	<u>144</u>	<u>1,489</u>

Unrestricted Funds

General Funds	462,382	445,209
Designated Funds	-	-

Total Funds	<u>462,526</u>	<u>446,698</u>
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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Fixed Assets	144	898	1,042
Investments	-	299,769	299,769
Net Current Assets	-	161,715	161,715
Total	144	462,382	462,526

19 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1st April 2023	Cash Flows	As at 31st March 2024
	£	£	£
Cash and Cash Equivalents	199,426	(41,487)	157,939

20 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Lloyds	198,821	(41,479)	157,342
COIF	509	-	509
Cash	96	(7)	89
Total	199,426	(41,486)	157,940