

East Cheshire Eye Society

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

Registered Charity Number 1174656

Company Number CE029029

**East Cheshire Eye Society
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

The trustees of the East Cheshire Eye Society charity present the Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year of 2024 - 2025.

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 deficit of £16,506 on its operations over the year.

The total cash and financial investment reserves at the year end totalled £439,127. 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 2024-2025

The year 2024 – 2025 has been a very busy year, with additional work planning and running activities and events as part of our 150th anniversary celebrations, on top of all our other day-to-day activities

These events were wide-ranging throughout 2025, but in the year 2024/2025 included:

- The start of our 150th anniversary 150 for 150 fundraising campaign
- The start of our 150th anniversary special one-year lottery
- A school art competition and exhibition
- Attending community events

Our volunteers made our year possible through their dedicated time and support, and as always we are very grateful for everything they do.

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 our volunteers gave us an amazing 2,132 hours of their own time to support the work we do. We held online and in person volunteers celebration meetings to thank volunteers, and to get their ideas to help shape future planning.

A special mention should be made to our 150th Anniversary planning committee who have met monthly to make sure that our sesquicentennial year is a special one. The committee are: Pam Hodgkiss and Liz Durham (Trustees); Bridget Self and Jane Titterton (volunteers); and Helen van der Veken and Alan Chappell (staff).

The planning committee met monthly from October 2023 through to July 2025 to make all of the 150th celebrations possible.

Our Resource Centre at 11 Market Place continues to work well as our central base. Although we continue as an independent charity, we worked closely throughout the year with other local and national charities, and continued to share ideas through membership of Visionary, including regular Visionary North West meetings, with other VI charities across the North West of England.

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Within the year 2024 to 2025 we have given direct support to 231 service users on 842 occasions, just within the Resource centre setting. This number does not include those people supported through our additional activities.

Our 'members list' ended the year with 733 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 have included:

- Regular support groups in Poynton, Congleton, Wilmslow and Macclesfield. This year also saw the start of a new group, called the Men in Sight group, which is aimed specifically at men talking to men about the impact on them of their vision impairment.
- A crown green bowling group.
- Café coffee clubs in Congleton and Macclesfield.
- A walking group, with walks in local parks; the canal and Swans Pool; Swettenham; and a walk along the canal as part of the Bollington Walking Festival.
We have arranged trips to: Trentham Gardens; a barge ride on the Mary Sunley; and Biddulph Grange Gardens;
- We took part in a series of lace making workshops with the Silk museum.
- We continued to provide one-to-one technology training sessions, as well as 'Tea and tech' group sessions, thanks to the amazing support of one of our volunteers, Laura O'Boyle.
- We continued to support the Cheshire Sight Loss Information Line project.
- We were honoured to attend the Mayor of Macclesfield's Civic Awards Ceremony, where we were awarded a Certificate of Civic Service.
- We had information stalls at: Health & Wellbeing Fairs in Wilmslow and Bollington; an Ageing Well Roadshow in Handforth; a Vision Zone community event in Congleton; a Live Well for Longer event in Chelford.
- We attended fundraising and marketing events at the Macclesfield Treacle Market, the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle Charities Bazaar and the Prestbury Summer Fair. The 2024 Prestbury Christmas Fair was cancelled because of adverse weather, so we held a successful office sale instead.
- We did a number of presentations about our work, including to: two to the Poynton Women's Institute; and the Congleton Lions Diabetic Support Group;
- 'Introduction to Braille' group sessions continued this year, led by volunteers.
- We once again put ECES Christmas trees into the Christmas Tree Festivals at Macclesfield and Gawsorth.
- We were very grateful to receive a grant from the Rotary Club of Macclesfield Castle, following a presentation at their 'Dragons Den' event. This grant was to support the room hire for the new Men in Sight group.
- Our relationship with Embrace Marketing continues, and once again we are grateful to them for the additional goodwill they give us, beyond our contractual agreement.
- We were pleased to be invited to be guests of honour at Congleton Football Club, and to receive a donation of £150 from them.
- We ran our first ever sponsored walk. This was very successful, and we hope to make this an annual event.
- We were very grateful to the Congleton Coronation Bowls Club who hosted an evening of bowling and socialising, including a buffet supper. This was a great evening and we hope to maintain our links with the club.
- We also competed in the annual Cheshire Open VI Crown Green Bowling Challenge Cup competition, this year held in Chester. We were very pleased to retain the trophy for a further 12 months.
- We were very grateful to the Macclesfield Light Orchestra who held a fundraising concert for us.
- We attended a workshop hosted by the Cheshire Community Foundation, with special guest, HRH Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, to discuss disability sports.
- We hosted a focus group led by Ryder Architecture, to enable vision impaired people to present their thoughts and ideas to help shape the design and planning of the new Leighton Hospital build.

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Fundraising continues to be essential to our charity, and we were disappointed not to secure any grants towards our core costs.

Our Christmas card sales went particularly well this year, but our annual raffle and street collecting did not do as well as usual. We did, however, receive a range of individual and corporate donations, which were really helpful.

We are grateful to the continued fundraising support from the Hummingbird Knit and Knatter group, and to the Congleton Lions who very kindly continued their sponsorship of the Congleton support group. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks also very kindly sponsored our Wilmslow support group.

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.

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 – John Mills; Scott Bannister;
Leavers – Angela Dilks; Bridget Self; Teddy Weyman

We would like to note a special thank you to Bridget Self who served our Board of Trustees for 21 years, and who continues to support the charity as a volunteer, now marking her 33rd year.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 25 November 2025 and signed on its behalf.



M S Welch
Trustee

8/12/25

**Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts of
East Cheshire Eye Society
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025
Charity Number: 1174656**

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 Scetion 145 of the Act. In carrying out our examination we have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charities Commission under Scetion 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**

25 November 2025

East Cheshire Eye Society
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and Legacies	4				
Donations and Gifts		16,053	900	16,953	14,866
Legacy		6,451	-	6,451	23,057
Grants		-	336	336	5,500
		<u>22,504</u>	<u>1,236</u>	<u>23,740</u>	<u>43,423</u>
Charitable Activities	5				
Fundraising Events		8,780	-	8,780	4,109
Socials and Trips		3,189	-	3,189	3,805
Sales		7,762	-	7,762	6,766
Talking Newspaper		-	1,200	1,200	1,000
		<u>19,731</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>20,931</u>	<u>15,680</u>
Investments	6				
CCLA COIF		4,660	-	4,660	4,569
8%2021 Treasury		4,507	-	4,507	3,221
5% 2025 Treasury		2,294	-	2,294	2,294
6% 2028 Treasury		1,816	-	1,816	1,816
		<u>13,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,277</u>	<u>11,900</u>
Other	7				
Recharges		220	-	220	1,385
		<u>220</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>1,385</u>
Total Income and Endownments		<u>55,732</u>	<u>2,436</u>	<u>58,168</u>	<u>72,388</u>
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	8				
Charitable Activities	9	3,770	-	3,770	3,474
		69,439	1,465	70,904	67,651
Total Expenditure		<u>73,209</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>74,674</u>	<u>71,125</u>
Other					
Investment revaluations	13	(6,893)	-	(6,893)	17,265
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Sale of Fixed Assets	12	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/ income		<u>(24,370)</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>(23,399)</u>	<u>18,528</u>
Net Movement in Funds		<u>(24,370)</u>	<u>971</u>	<u>(23,399)</u>	<u>18,528</u>
Reconciliation of Funds	17				
Total Funds Brought Forward		462,382	144	462,526	443,998
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>438,012</u>	<u>1,115</u>	<u>439,127</u>	<u>462,526</u>

East Cheshire Eye Society
Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible	12	69	1,041
Investments	13	246,998	299,769
Total		247,067	300,810
Current Assets			
Stocks	14	3,755	5,221
Debtors	15	2,192	3,379
Cash at bank and in hand	20	88,782	32,940
Fixed Term Cash Deposit		100,000	125,000
Total		194,729	166,540
Creditors Amount falling due within one year	16	2,669	4,824
Net Current Assets		192,060	161,716
Total Assets less current Liabilities		439,127	462,526
Total Net Assets		439,127	462,526
The Funds Of the Charity			
Restricted Funds		1,115	144
Unrestricted Funds			
General Funds		438,012	462,382
Designated Funds		-	-
Total		438,012	462,382
Total Funds		439,127	462,526

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Notes To the Accounts
for the year ended 31st March 2025

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

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5 Income from Charitable Activities

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Sales	7,762		7,762	6,766
Talking Newspapers		1,200	1,200	1,000
Grants	-	-	-	
Total	19,731	1,200	20,931	15,680

6 Income from Investments

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CCLA COIF	4,660	-	4,660	4,569
8%2021 Treasury	4,507	-	4,507	3,221
5% 2025 Treasury	2,294	-	2,294	2,294
6% 2028 Treasury	1,816	-	1,816	1,816
Total	13,277	-	13,277	11,900

7 Other Income

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Recharges	220		220	1,385
Total	220	-	220	1,385

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Expenditure

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
8 On Raising Funds				
Events	160		160	72
Lottery and Raffle Prizes	1,113		1,113	980
Staff Costs	2,497		2,497	2,422
Total	3,770	-	3,770	3,474

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
9 On Charitable Activities				
Rent Market Place	9,544	1,200	10,744	8,708
Staff Costs	33,246		33,246	32,164
Socials and Trips	2,073	121	2,194	3,433
Sales	5,817		5,817	3,536
150 Celebrations	1,889		1,889	-
Awareness Events	208		208	596
Motor and Travel	1,381		1,381	913
Cleaning QVS and Market Place	420		420	404
Telephone and Broadband	1,684		1,684	1,705
Repairs and Maintenance	24		24	-
Insurance	584		584	642
Depreciation	828	144	972	1,528
Equipment expensed	205		205	163
Postage and Couriers			-	11
Software and IT + Supprt	2,433		2,433	1,771
Stationary and Printing	1,860		1,860	1,611
Marketing			-	800
Subscriptions	250		250	387
Sundry	96		96	160
Consultants	6,193		6,193	8,192
Governance	704		704	927
			-	
Total	69,439	1,465	70,904	67,651

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10 Staff Costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Wages	35,718		35,718	34,211
Training			-	140
Travel	26		26	235
Total	35,744	-	35,744	34,586
On Raising Funds	2,497	-	2,497	2,422
On Charitable Activities	33,246	-	33,246	32,164
	35,743	-	35,743	34,586

Average Headcount	2.0	2.0
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11 Net expenditure / income before transfers

This is stated after charging Depr	828	144	972	1,528
Independent Examination Fees	696	0	696	690

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Assets and Liabilities

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	L+B	F+F	Total
Cost or Revaluation			
As at 1st April 2024	-	11,299	11,299
Disposals	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>11,299</u>	<u>11,299</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1st April 2024	-	10,258	10,258
Disposals	-	-	-
Charge Year	-	972	972
As at 31st March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>11,230</u>	<u>11,230</u>
Net Book Values			
As at 31st March 2024	-	1,041	1,041
As at 31st March 2025	-	69	69

Depreciation Policy

Land and Buildings Zero

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

Computer and Telepl 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 2024	136,807	42,309	60,000	45,000	284,116
Disposals	-	-	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Cost as at 31st March 2025	<u>136,807</u>	<u>42,309</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>224,116</u>
Provisions and Impairments					
Revaluation as at 1st April 2024	33,636	(9,199)	(14,008)	5,224	15,653
Disposals	-	-	14,008	-	14,008
Revaluation in the year	(7,941)	(814)	-	1,976	(6,779)
As at 31st March 2025	<u>25,695</u>	<u>(10,013)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,200</u>	<u>22,882</u>
Net Book Values					
At 31st March 2024	170,443	33,110	45,992	50,224	299,769
At 31st March 2025	<u>162,502</u>	<u>32,296</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,200</u>	<u>246,998</u>

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14 Stocks	2025	2024
	£	£
	<u>3,755</u>	<u>5,221</u>

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

15 Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade Debtors	(100)	350
Prepayments and Accrued Income	830	708
Gift Aid	1,462	2,321
Total	<u>2,192</u>	<u>3,379</u>

16 Creditors	2025	2024
	£	£
amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors	845	2,193
Other Creditors	315	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	1,509	2,631
Total	<u>2,669</u>	<u>4,824</u>

17 Movement in Funds	As at 1st April	As at 31st March
	2025	2024
	£	£
Restricted Funds		
Net current assets	1,115	-
Net Fixed Assets	<u>1,115</u>	<u>144</u>
Total	<u>1,115</u>	<u>144</u>
Unrestricted Funds		
General Funds	438,012	462,382
Designated Funds	-	-
Total Funds	<u>439,127</u>	<u>462,526</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Fixed Assets	-	69	69
Investments	-	246,998	246,998
Net Current Assets	1,115	190,945	192,060
Total	<u>1,115</u>	<u>438,012</u>	<u>439,127</u>

19 Reconciliation of net debt

	At 1st April 2024	Cash Flows	As at 31st March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>157,940</u>	<u>30,842</u>	<u>188,782</u>

20 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Lloyds	157,342	30,690	188,032
COIF	509	-	509
Cash	89	152	241
Total	<u>157,940</u>	<u>30,842</u>	<u>188,782</u>

