

# Charity Commission

**THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Company Registration No. 11194783 (England and Wales)  
Charity Registration No. 1181580

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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<b>Trustees</b>	Mr S M Butler Mr D O'Hearne Mr A Wintersgill Mr J G Brown Mrs P M O'Hearne
<b>Charity number</b>	1181580
<b>Company number</b>	11194783
<b>Principal address</b>	46 Kings Road Ilkley LS29 9AT
<b>Registered office</b>	Carlton House Grammar School Street Bradford BD1 4NS
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Alison Whalley FCA Azets Audit Services Ltd Carlton House Grammar School Street Bradford BD1 4NS
<b>Bankers</b>	Svenska Handelsbanken AB 9th Floor, West One 114 Wellington Street Leeds LS1 1BA

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# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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

The charity's objects are to promote health, equality and independence of blind, partially sighted and other people suffering from disabilities and requiring assistance from trained guide dogs by

- providing guide dogs for our class of beneficiaries
- training and educating our class of beneficiaries in the use of such guide dogs and
- providing such services facilities and activities for the benefit of our class of beneficiaries as the charity shall from time to time deem fit.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are listed in the notes to the accounts.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### Achievements and performance

Unfortunately due to delays in the planning process there has been little progress in the renovation of the Leeds site in Headingley. The charity has therefore not made any further donations during the year.

#### Fundraising

Section 162a of the Charities Act 2011 requires charities to make a statement regarding fundraising activities. The legislation defines fundraising as 'soliciting or otherwise procuring money or other property for charitable purposes'. The charity does not actively raise funds from the public either directly or via use of an agent, accordingly no such amounts are presented in the financial statements for the year under review. The charity has received no complaints in relation to fundraising activity for the year under review.

Given the nature of the funding of the charity the Trustees consider that it remains appropriate not to be voluntarily bound to be regulated by the Fundraising Regulator.

#### Financial review

The charity had income of £31,112 (2023 - £7,038 negative due to overprovision of legacy) with expenditure amounting to £28,904 (2023 - £33,025 ) and gains of £167,881 (2023 - losses £106,056) for the year. Resulting in a net income of £170,089 at 31 March 2024, (2023 - £146,119 expenditure).

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Funds at 31 March 2024 stood at £1,486,231 (2023 - £1,316,142). The trustees consider this level of reserves in line with their reserves policy.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 8 February 2018, registration number 11194783 and registered as a charity on 15 January 2019 in England and Wales, registration number 1181580.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S M Butler  
Mr D O'Hearne  
Mr A Wintersgill  
Mr J G Brown  
Mrs P M O'Hearne

The charity may by ordinary resolution:

- appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director; and
- determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire.

No person other than a director retiring by rotation may be appointed a director at any general meeting unless:

- he or she is recommended for re-election by the directors; or
- not less than fourteen nor more than thirty-five clear days before the date of the meeting, the charity is given a notice that:
  - is signed by a member entitled to vote at the meeting;
  - states the member's intention to propose the appointment of a person as a director;
  - contains the details that, if the person were to be appointed, the charity would have to file at Companies House; and
  - is signed by the person who is to be proposed to show his or her willingness to be appointed.

Trustees are appointed for their experience they can give to the charity and training is provided if needed.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

This report is prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr D O'Hearne

Trustee

Dated: 8 July 2024



Mr A Wintersgill

Trustee

Dated: 8 July 2024

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The George W Walsh Seeing Eye Dog Foundation Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity 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 the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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 that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.



Alison Whalley FCA  
Azets Audit Services Ltd

Carlton House  
Grammar School Street  
Bradford  
BD1 4NS

Dated: 8 July 2024

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
	Notes		
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Donations and legacies	3	-	(33,447)
Investments	4	31,112	26,409
<b>Total income</b>		<u>31,112</u>	<u>(7,038)</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds	6	26,864	30,750
Charitable activities	5	2,040	2,275
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>28,904</u>	<u>33,025</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	167,881	(106,056)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		170,089	(146,119)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		1,316,142	1,462,261
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2024</b>		<u>1,486,231</u>	<u>1,316,142</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	12		1,932,994		1,745,970
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	13	3,059		2,173	
Cash at bank and in hand		51,856		69,439	
		54,915		71,612	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(501,678)		(501,440)	
Net current liabilities			(446,763)		(429,828)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			1,486,231		1,316,142
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			1,486,231		1,316,142
			1,486,231		1,316,142

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

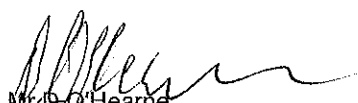
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

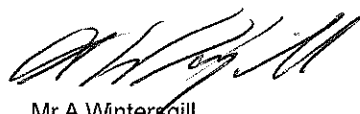
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8 July 2024

  
Mr D O'Hearne  
Trustee

  
Mr A Wintersgill  
Trustee

Company registration number 11194783



# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

The George W Walsh Seeing Eye Dog Foundation Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Carlton House, Grammar School Street, Bradford, BD1 4NS.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "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). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Investment management fees are recognised when chargeable.

Charitable and support costs are included when incurred.

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Grants payable are recognised when a commitment has been agreed by the Management Committee.

#### 1.6 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.8 Financial instruments

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

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

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Legacies receivable	-	(33,447)

A provision was made in 2022 for legacies receivable, but the amount received was reduced due to taxes and other expenses, resulting in a negative amount in 2023.

### 4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from listed investments	31,112	26,409

### 5 Charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Share of support costs (see note 8)	61	-
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,979	2,275
	2,040	2,275

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment management	26,864	30,750
	<u>26,864</u>	<u>30,750</u>

### 7 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the current or previous year.

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	Support costs	Governance costs	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Sundry	61	-	61	-	-	-
Legal and professional	-	-	-	-	490	490
Independent examination	-	1,678	1,678	-	1,440	1,440
Meeting costs	-	301	301	-	345	345
	<u>61</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>2,275</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>61</u>	<u>1,979</u>	<u>2,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,275</u>	<u>2,275</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the accountants for Independent Examination of £1,678 (2023 £1,440).

### 9 Employees

There were no employees during the current or previous year.

### 10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**11 Net gains/(losses) on investments**

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Revaluation of investments	167,881	(106,056)

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### 12 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	1,745,970
Additions	118,888
Valuation changes	167,880
Transfer to cash account	4,700
Disposals	(104,444)
At 31 March 2024	1,932,994
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2024	1,932,994
At 31 March 2023	1,745,970

### 13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	3,059	2,173

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	500,000	500,000
Accruals and deferred income	1,678	1,440
	501,678	501,440

# THE GEORGE W WALSH SEEING EYE DOG FOUNDATION LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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### 15 Related party transactions

#### Transactions with related parties

During the year the charity entered into the following transactions with related parties:

Independent Examination fees of £1,678 ( 2023 £1,440) were charged by Azets (Formerly Naylor Wintersgill Limited), of which Mr Alan Wintersgill was a director until 30 April 2023, as well as a director of The George W Walsh Seeing Eye Dog Foundation Limited.