

Trustees Report

South Lincolnshire Blind Society

Section A

Trustees:

Debbie Lowe
Barry Summerfield
Janet Watson

Nigel Brocklebank
Sarah Mellin
Colin Dust
Peter Weatherall

Section B

Type of governing document = Constitution

How the charity is constituted = CIO

Trustee selection methods = Elected

Section C

Summary of the objectives:

The object of the CIO is to promote the welfare of blind and partially sighted persons and carers resident in the administrative areas of Boston, South Holland, North Kesteven, South Kesteven, the County of Lincolnshire and the United Kingdom.

Summary of the main activities:

Due to the pandemic, we were unable to do any fundraising activities. We moved buildings and with the dedicated help of a few volunteers we completed the move to the new building and are still finalising the changes to the building which will allow us to offer more to our community of service users.

During the pandemic our CEO and Community support Worker along with volunteers volunteered to support not only our own service users but many more people in the local communities making sure they had food, prescriptions and emotional support.

Working alongside the Lincolnshire resilience Forum, South Kesteven District Council and the NHS. We were fortunate to recruit new volunteers who have been a massive support to our charity.

Section D

Summary of the main achievements:

The CIO has made good progress in reducing costs given the reduction in income (primarily Gift Aid and bequest funds). These cost saving initiatives to be carried on through to the 2023 trading year in an effort to further reduce costs.

Section E

Brief statement on the charity's policy on reserves:

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency expenditure. The trustees consider that the level of reserves as at 31 March 2022 to be adequate.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

None

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

For the year ended 31st March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the members/trustees of South Lincolnshire Blind Society

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 5

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have not come across any material matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date21/1/24.....

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SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts:				
Donations and legacies	1	31,649	-	31,649
Charitable activities	2	49,933	-	49,933
		<u>81,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>81,582</u>
Investment income		-	-	-
Grants and other income	3	100,290	-	100,290
Total		<u>181,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,873</u>
Payments:				
Raising funds	4	3,041	-	3,041
Charitable activities	5	157,132	-	157,132
Total		<u>160,173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,173</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		21,699	-	21,699
Other transfers and adjustments			-	-
Cash funds last year		430,471	-	430,471
Cash funds this year end		<u>452,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>452,170</u>

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****For the year ended 31st March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Cash funds				
Bank balances		364,655	-	364,655
Cash balances		125	-	125
		<u>364,780</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>364,780</u>
Other Monetary Assets				
Debtors control		27,282	-	27,282
Loans		33,195	-	33,195
Gift aid claim		24,363	-	24,363
		<u>84,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,840</u>
Assets retained for use by society				
Equipment		6,309	-	6,309
Stocks		590	-	590
		<u>6,899</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,899</u>
Liabilities				
Creditors control		-411	-	-411
Payroll and pension creditor		-3,988	-	-3,988
Other creditors		50	-	50
		<u>-4,348</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-4,348</u>

Signed

N. S. Brocklebank

Print name

N. S. BROCKLEBANK

Date of approval

8/1/24

SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE BLIND SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Donations and legacies	1			
Donations and bequests		29,679	-	29,679
Collection boxes		1,970	-	1,970
Vision aid		-	-	0
		<u>31,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,649</u>
Charitable activities	2			
Resource Centre Sales		4,771	-	4,771
Shine Lincs		4,640	-	4,640
Place 2 Bee		7,160	-	7,160
Dementia Group		1,276	-	1,276
coffee mornings		9,879	-	9,879
Lottery		104	-	104
Grantham Bike		8,076	-	8,076
Xmas		4,100	-	4,100
Time 2 Bee		370	-	370
Social eyes		2,727	-	2,727
200 club		2,470	-	2,470
Other		4,359	-	4,359
		<u>49,933</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,933</u>
Grants and other income	3			
Grants received		31,062	-	31,062
HMRC JRS Grants received		-	-	-
NHS		59,100	-	59,100
Peoples partnership		-	-	-
Transcription Services		3,186	-	3,186
Interest		6,943	-	6,943
		<u>100,290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,290</u>

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Raising funds	4			
Event costs		1,862	-	1,862
Rent		651	-	651
Water Rates		0	-	-
General Rates		0	-	-
Insurance		0	-	-
Electricity		15	-	15
Gas		1	-	1
Telephone/Fax		94	-	94
Printing, Stationery, Post		418	-	418
		<u>3,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,041</u>
Charitable activities				
Purchases For Resale		5,528	-	5,528
Miscellaneous Expenses		1,083	-	1,083
Subscriptions		1,395	-	1,395
Advertising & Promotions		131	-	131
Sensory Garden Expences		214	-	214
Event expenses		0	-	0
Wage Costs		78,144	-	78,144
Pension		1,305	-	1,305
Training		0	-	0
Rent		35,940	-	35,940
Water Rates		0	-	0
General Rates		0	-	0
Insurance		1,953	-	1,953
Electricity		289	-	289
Gas		28	-	28
Travel & Motor Expenses		2,893	-	2,893
Telephone/Fax		1,785	-	1,785
Printing, Stationery, Post		7,944	-	7,944
Computer Expenses		76	-	76
Lease rental copiers		3,208	-	3,208
Accountancy Charges		1,920	-	1,920
Professional Fees		900	-	900
Repairs & Renewals		5,819	-	5,819
Cleaning		415	-	415
Bookkeeping		5,120	-	5,120
Refreshments		1,043	-	1,043
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