

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 24 MARCH 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023  
FOR  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

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# **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 24 MARCH 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 24 March 2022 to 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

#### **Objectives and aims**

The purpose of the charity is to relieve the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired or partially sighted within the County of Northamptonshire in such ways as the Charity trustees think fit.

#### **Public benefit**

Further to the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees have considered the issue of public benefit and have paid close attention to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The trustees believe that all of the charity's charitable service delivery will be for public benefit and note that the great majority will be made available to the visually impaired population without charge. There are more than three thousand registered visually impaired people in Northamptonshire and the charity's services will be available to them all and we believe will be of benefit to all our service users.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity was dormant at the period end and held no reserves.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity was established in 2022 as a CIO and is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, charity number 1198369.

During the year the Trustees of the charity Northampton Association for the Blind (charity number 20140) formed this charity, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the same working trustees. The incorporation process was completed using the support and advice from HCR Hewitsons Solicitors and DNG Dove Naish LLP Accountants. The details were finalised in March 2023 and were lodged and approved by the Charity Commission registered as Northamptonshire Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired with the working name NAB (charity number 1198369). Staff agreed to TUPE and arrangements were completed transferring employment to the new charity. The assets and liabilities of the incorporated charity were transferred to the new CIO charity on 1st April 2023 to commence activities in the new financial year 2023/24.

#### **Organisational structure**

##### **Governance**

The charity is governed in accordance with its' constitution and is controlled by a board of trustees who are appointed in accordance with the constitution of the charity. Trustees are recruited for their service to the charity and for their skills and knowledge in the areas of blind and visual impairment and for their relevant professional expertise. Trustees are sought in a variety of ways including recommendation from existing trustees and supporters. The trustees meet at least four times per year to review performance and to review and agree major areas of policy. Major decisions, both strategic and financial, require approval by the board of trustees.

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### **Induction and training of new trustees**

NAB provide a comprehensive induction programme for all new trustees together with a full training programme provided by Mentor services, a division of Nat West Bank. Induction includes meetings with Admin teams, Community teams including external visits to clients with Community Support workers, Volunteer team and Fundraising/Marketing team together with discussions with the senior management team members. Training includes governance, financial reporting, H.R., Health & Safety and Disability Discrimination. We refer to the guidance from the Charity Commission, the Directory of Social Change, the Institute of Fundraising and the Charities Aid Foundation.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Charity number**

1198369

#### **Principal address**

1-2 Premier Court  
Boarden Close  
Moulton Park  
Northampton  
Northamptonshire  
NN3 6LF

#### **Trustees**

E Slinn (appointed 24/3/22)  
D McCreedy (appointed 24/3/22)  
P Farrenden (appointed 21/7/23)  
H Khandwala (appointed 24/3/22)  
Mrs S Francis (appointed 24/3/22)  
T McMullan (appointed 24/3/22)  
P O'Malley (appointed 24/3/22)

#### **Solicitors**

HCR Hewitsons  
Lancaster House  
Nunn Mills Road  
Northampton  
NN1 5GE

#### **Bankers**

National Westminster  
The Drapery  
Northampton  
NN1 2EY

#### **Chief Executive**

Mrs E Allen

### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE PERIOD**

Information relating to events since the end of the period is given in the notes to the financial statements.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

E Slinn - Trustee

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD 24 MARCH 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

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	Notes	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME</b>		-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>-</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Total funds £
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	4	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

E Slinn - Trustee

D McCreedy - Trustee

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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

**Going concern**

At the time of approving the accounts, 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 accounts.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 March 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 March 2023.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

There were no employees in the period.

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**4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions during the year.

**6. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

On the 1st April 2023 all assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity Northampton Association for the Blind, charity number 201240, were transferred into this new CIO. The charities have common Trustees, and all assets and liabilities were transferred to the new CIO under merger accounting rules. The unincorporated charity became dormant at that point.

**7. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The charity is under the ultimate control of the Trustees.