

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	April	2024		31	March	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind

Other names charity is known by

Hunts Blind & Vision Impaired

Registered charity number (if any)

202573

Charity's principal address

8 St Marys Steet

Huntingdon

Postcode PE29 3PE

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	N Ruston	Chair		
2	F Tarpey	Treasurer		
3	B Yare	President		
4	D Fletcher			
5	N Morgan			
6	H Murphy			
7	F Mizuro		Appointed 29/4/2024	
8	E Corden		Appointed 10/2/2025	
9	E Davis		Appointed 10/2/2025	
10	H Sandell		Appointed 27/2/2025	
11	A Richardson		Resigned July 2024	
12	A M White-Horan		Resigned 16/9/2024	
13	F Newton		Resigned 4/2/2025	
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Potential trustees are invited to submit applications to the Board for consideration. There are no constitutional provisions for election to post of for any body to appoint one or more trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Board following interview and receipt of satisfactory references and DBS check.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

**The charity acts for the general benefit of blind and partially sighted persons**

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind has provided support to the Huntingdonshire community since 1922 offering a lifetime of support for people who are blind or partially sighted. The Society provides a wide range of services to 650+ members and their carers to meet a variety of needs including free information, advice and support.

Services include

- Home visit Outreach service to assess needs and provide information and support
- Identification of and assistance with benefit entitlement applications
- Visual and mobility aid equipment centre in Huntingdon
- An opportunity to talk through the effects of sight loss
- Everyday living skills advice
- Regular social groups and activities and member outings
- Volunteer home visiting scheme
- Emotional support
- Technology support and information
- Society newsletter
- Signposting to other support organisations

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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<p><b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</b></p>	<p>Over the past year, the Society has supported a growing community of nearly 700 people with sight loss, providing timely help, reducing isolation, and enabling members to stay active and connected through clubs, outreach, and new wellbeing activities such as chair yoga. Despite rising demand and county-wide volunteer shortages, our dedicated team and 67 volunteers ensured continued access to transport, friendship, and practical support. Modernised systems and a new monthly e-newsletter improved communication and efficiency, while the refurbished shop created a brighter, more accessible space for members and the public. Our members also helped shape a shortlisted inclusivity project with the Norris Museum, strengthening awareness and understanding of sight loss locally. Successful grant fundraising, including support from the People's Postcode Lottery, has helped sustain and expand these benefits at a time of growing financial pressures, ensuring we continue to make a positive difference for individuals and the wider community.</p>

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The Trustees aim to hold a minimum of £80,000 in free reserves, representing around six months of fixed operating costs after taking investment income into account. This level, set with reference to Charity Commission guidance on maintaining appropriate reserves, is considered sufficient to ensure service continuity and provide financial resilience. While the Society's long-term investment portfolio is not classified as reserves, it generates reliable unrestricted income that supports day-to-day operations and strengthens financial stability. The reserves policy is reviewed annually to ensure it remains appropriate

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/A

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F**

**Other optional information**

**Section G**

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Fiona Tarpey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

**Date**

15/12/2025
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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

2024/2025

2023/24

	Unrestricted Funds Total £	Unrestricted Funds Total £
<b>Income Resources</b>		
Donations and legacies	20,084.72	24,964.55
Grant Income	62,422.00	33,000.00
Other Income	1,335.88	3,686.21
Other trading activities	23,764.52	21,166.34
Fund Raising	12,054.89	11,698.27
Property Rental Income	8,408.50	8,020.00
Charitable Activities	18,050.70	16,400.39
Investment income	57,423.72	55,984.04
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	203,544.93	174,919.80
<b>Resources Expenditure</b>		
Expenditure on raising funds	20,192.92	20,315.67
Blind Aids	5,820.78	6,163.73
Fund Raising Expenses	2,532.64	1,041.53
Charitable Activities Expenses	9,204.65	8,082.84
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	37,750.99	35,603.77
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Net Income Available for Charitable Application	<hr/>	<hr/>
	165,793.94	139,316.03
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Large/Special Donations/Exp	0.00	0.00
Payroll	138,231.18	118,264.08
Support Costs	17,835.05	19,683.72
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	193,817.22	173,551.57
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Net Income/(Expenditure)	9,727.71	1,368.23
Sundry Creditor Adjustment	-95,729.66	170,544.30
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Net Movement in Funds	-106,660.56	147,871.52
Funds Brought Forward	2,565,745.82	2,417,874.30
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Funds Carried Forward	2,459,085.26	2,565,745.82
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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

2024/25

2023/24

**FIXED ASSETS****Land & Buildings (as at October 2022)**

Office, Shop premises

**Investments**

CCLA Charity Fund Holdings

390,000.00

390,000.00

1,958,907.002,054,636.66

2,348,907.00

2,444,636.66

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Stock

Debtors - General

5,591.70

5,272.81

11,085.13

10,890.00

**Cash**

National Savings Account

Barclays Current Account

CAF Current Account

CAF Gold Account

CAF Business Card Account

Petty Cash

0.00

31,591.12

4,957.31

31,821.85

20,397.99

15,822.03

70,813.88

27,776.80

500.00

528.60

382.40

97,051.58

509.03

108,049.43

**NET CURRENT ASSETS**

113,728.41

124,212.24

**LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Audit Fee

General

1,830.00

1,830.00

1,720.15

3,550.15

1,273.08

3,103.08

**TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)**110,178.26121,109.162,459,085.262,565,745.82**CAPITAL & RESERVES**

Retained Earnings

Net Income

Operating Balance Equity

**TOTAL FOR CAPITAL & RESERVES**

147,871.52

0.00

-106,660.56

147,871.52

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**Profit & Loss Account as at 31 March 2025**

	2024/2025	2023/2024
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	19,084.77	24,964.55
Legacy Donations	1,000.00	24,964.55
Charitable Activities		
Shop Income	15,976.63	15,167.31
Blind Aid Sales	7,787.89	5,999.03
Club Income	13,774.70	13,381.39
Club Transport Income	4,276.00	3,019.00
Rental Income	8,408.50	8,020.00
Grant Income	62,422.00	33,000.00
<b>Total for Charitable Activities</b>	<b>112,645.72</b>	<b>78,586.73</b>
Fund Raising Income	12,054.89	11,698.27
Investment and Dividend Income	57,423.72	55,984.04
Other Income	1,335.86	3,686.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>203,544.96</b>	<b>174,919.80</b>
<b>Direct Costs</b>		
Blind Aid Purchases	5,820.78	6,163.73
Club Expenses	9,724.65	8,082.84
Fund Raising Expenditure	2,532.64	1,041.53
Shop Stock	1,800.17	792.56
Property Management Fee	780.37	561.12
<b>Total for Direct Costs</b>	<b>20,658.61</b>	<b>16,641.78</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>182,886.35</b>	<b>158,278.02</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Transport, Mileage, Parking etc	15,540.58	12,912.76
Cost of running the office		
Equipment purchase	983.71	1,429.13
Insurances - Property & Employers	4,844.20	4,761.09
Audit & Accountancy	2,438.40	1,830.00
Property Rates	124.75	353.25
Office/General Administrative Expenditures	3,624.07	5,492.81
Printing Postage & Stationery	3,923.11	5,491.46
Bank Charges	1,428.62	975.78
Repair and maintenance	4,835.39	12,748.78
Utilities & Water	3,319.70	2,101.48
Training and Development	245.00	352.00
Staff Welfare	210.45	107.70
Staff and Volunteer Recruitment	278.50	986.56
Subscriptions	281.00	110.00
Telephone/Internet	9,060.83	5,634.69
Website	4,447.73	
<b>Total for Cost of running the office</b>	<b>40,045.46</b>	<b>42,374.73</b>
Payroll costs	138,231.18	118,264.08
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>193,817.22</b>	<b>173,551.57</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>9,727.74</b>	<b>1,368.23</b>
Other Expenses	0.00	7,399.23
<b>Total for Other Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,399.23</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>9,727.74</b>	<b>-6,031.00</b>

## Notes to the Accounts

1) These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

2) The Finance Report for the AGM contains an analysis of the Annual Accounts and therefore forms part of these accounts

3) The introduction of accounting software has meant a slightly amended layout to the previous year's figures to allow for comparison.

4) All funds are considered unrestricted as per the Charity Commission's definition of restricted and unrestricted funds.

5) No trustee have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits for the reporting period

5) No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**

We have audited the financial statements of Huntingdon Society for the Blind for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

## **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Charity and environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

## **Responsibilities of the trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

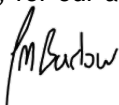
## **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144\* of the Charities Act 2011 and the regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Peter Matthew Barlow (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Thomas Quinn Statutory Auditors

Dated: .....09 September 2025.....