



# **Sight Loss Shropshire**

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# Sight Loss Shropshire

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# **SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25**

## **An Introduction to SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**

Sight Loss Shropshire (SLS) was founded in 1922. It is a registered charity that helps and supports visually impaired people of all ages who live in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.

SLS is one of the national network of local charities for visually impaired people that serve many parts of the country. We are a member of Visionary, a national umbrella body for local sight loss organisations.

During the autumn of 2024 SLS has developed a 3-year strategic plan that supports our aim of improving the quality of life of visually impaired people of all ages who live in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin. Broadly our objectives are:

- to help visually impaired people to cope with their sight loss and the difficulties this imposes on their daily lives
- to reduce social isolation for visually impaired people and provide access to a range of social, physical and creative activities that contribute to people's physical and mental wellbeing
- to enable visually impaired people to make informed choices about the services and support that they access
- to enable visually impaired people to access equipment and services that they cannot afford to self-fund, and which are not available from statutory services, but which have a significant impact on their level of independence
- to improve or maintain visually impaired people's confidence and mental wellbeing which are often adversely affected by a diagnosis of sight loss
- to raise awareness of sight loss issues and improve the provision of local sight loss services
- to work in partnership with statutory, private and third sector organisations to support visually impaired people in the community

- to act as a local champion of visually impaired people who live in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin by facilitating national and local organisations' fuller understanding of the specific issues and circumstances faced by visually impaired people in our area

Our work includes the following:

- providing free 'Living Well with Sight Loss' courses to visually impaired people, their friends, family members or carers
- providing free digital tech training to visually impaired people in their communities and homes
- providing grants to help visually impaired people to acquire specialist aids and equipment to enable them to maintain and/or regain their independence
- organising and providing major social events, sensory loss support events and supporting a network of local peer support groups for visually impaired people that meet in every part of the county
- providing information and signposting about support and services to visually impaired people; their families, carers and friends; and to professionals working with visually impaired people
- working with our partners to ensure that visually impaired people have a voice

Our consultative Committee is drawn from across Shropshire, and Telford and Wrekin. At least 8 members of the Trustee Board and Committee are themselves either blind or partially sighted, and therefore have real first-hand understanding of the challenges of living with visual impairment.

SLS's work is dependent on the support of local volunteers.

## **TRUSTEES FOR 2024-25**

Mrs J. Wynn OBE, Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire – President  
Cllr. Mrs. R. Houghton – Vice President (resigned 10/07/2024)

Mr A. Jones – Chair

\*Mrs H. Dyson – Vice Chair

Mr D. Clark – Honorary Treasurer

Mrs D. Flint DL

\*Mrs L. Rowlands

Mr R. Dapling (appointed 10/07/2024)

## **COMMITTEE FOR 2024-25**

\*Mrs. L. Clark

\*Mr R. Cookson

Miss G. Dorricott

Mr T. Downes

\*Mr. J. Feehan

\*Mrs. K. Hill

\*Ms M-C. Barker

Ms S. Mitchell

Mrs Y. Ostermeyer

\*Mrs. A. Read

\*Mrs B. Shingler

Mr J. Thatcher

\*Mr K. Whitcombe

Mrs A. Woodward

Mrs K. Tunbridge

## **Charity Manager**

Mrs S. Staar-Slogrove

\*Denotes a visually impaired person

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## **MEETINGS**

The SLS Committee held four meetings during the year.

The AGM was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The main business of the AGM was to approve the Annual Report for 2023/24, including the Annual Accounts. All papers were circulated in advance of the AGM date to enable any queries to be raised and answered.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT 2024/25**

The period of 2024 – 2025 has continued with the pace and energy of the preceding year. We have made great strides in building on our existing programmes, securing new funding, developing new partnerships and reviving highly valued events such as the See & Hear Shropshire exhibition.

The Operational Report expands in more detail on these and is a testament to the commitment, hard work and energy of the staff and volunteer team.

We have again hosted a very joyous social event, the Winter's Day Out, at Shrewsbury Town Football Club where around 180 guests from support groups around the county were joined by special guests who have supported us during the year, along with the High Sheriff of Shropshire.

Other valued events included the re-establishment of the See and Hear exhibition, which was paused during Covid. A key innovation in its revival was the strategic partnership formed with Community Resource to co-host the event. The feedback was very encouraging, and we very much look forward to further evolving this important exhibition in 2025.

Another fresh initiative was hosting our first fundraiser and awareness event - a summer's evening garden party - at Hodnet Hall Gardens, with the generous support of Sir Algernon and Lady Jane Heber-Percy.

A key activity amongst the Trustee Board during the autumn period was the development of a 3-year strategy to frame and guide our work during 2025 to 2028, creating a narrative and summary of this strategy, fully endorsed by the Committee in February. From this we developed our business plan for 2025-2026.

Critical to the new strategy is the expansion of our reach and impact. In support of that we have recognised the need to re-align some staff team roles, with Mel Fullerton now our new Operations and Marketing Officer to provide greater support in this area. The e-newsletters and social media posts are gradually building our presence, to be further supported by a new website launched in early 2025.

The Digital Tech Training service in Telford is busy and popular, and has been extended into Shropshire. The Living Well with Sight Loss (LWWSL) courses continue to be in demand, and we are grateful for the funding support received by the Local Eye Health Network (LEHN). During the latter part of 2024 and early 2025 we engaged in discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council (TWC) about creating more dedicated support for Children

& Young People (CYP). From these discussions emerged an agreement between SLS and TWC to establish an innovative new partnership for SLS to employ a CYP Activities Co-ordinator to be embedded within TWC Sensory Team and work closely with SLS and TWC to create specific events and improve support to visually impaired children and young people and their families. A key part of this innovation is securing third-party funding for the post, which we aim to have operational by the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year. There is significant potential to evolve this approach, and we have ambitions to do so.

The finance report details the funding we have secured to support these initiatives.

SLS continues to offer grants to help purchase sight-loss specific equipment. This assistance is now more accessible than ever as individuals can apply directly without a referral, a service we hope to increase upon.

Most importantly, I would like to thank our loyal volunteers, without whose help we would not be able to achieve our aims. Many are also members of the Committee and Board of Trustees, all of whom so generously give their time and expertise.

We've wrapped up another busy year and remain committed to achieving even more in the year ahead. Doing so requires teamwork, and I would like to thank the staff team, Swan, Mel and Vicki, for their commitment and energy in making the year a success, along with the valued advice and support of the Committee.

Lastly, our Trustee Board has also been very active, welcoming new members and showing continued ambition, dedication, and support to help grow SLS's presence and impact. A special thank you goes to Mrs Diana Flint, who stepped down as Chair last autumn but continues to serve as a valued Trustee.

We move forward into 2025-2026 with renewed purpose, with a new strategy, growing presence and profile and a determined ambition to make a positive difference to the visually impaired community by being the go-to sight loss organisation in Shropshire, championing equal opportunities for all visually impaired people.

Arwyn Jones  
Chair of Trustees, Sight Loss Shropshire  
10 June 2025



## **OPERATIONAL REPORT 2024/25**

This year has been fundamental for building strategic partnerships and making the most of networking opportunities. These connections have helped us expand on our existing services and respond flexibly with new support services where they're most needed. We're proud of the impact our work has, and the continued support from our funders demonstrates their belief in the difference we're making.

Internally, we're becoming a much more streamlined organisation, utilising better technology, systems and external resources to boost efficiency and free up more time for what matters most: supporting people.

Our volunteers continue to play a vital role, and it's been refreshing to see these teams grow. Together with our dedicated staff, they provide a feet-on-the-ground service that reaches visually impaired people from all walks of life.

I'd like to thank our committed Board of Trustees for their strong leadership and encouragement. Their work is empowering the charity to aim high and giving our staff and volunteers the confidence to turn bold goals and visions into reality.

## **SERVICES 2024/25**

### **'Living Well with Sight Loss' Courses**

Over 12 months, Sight Loss Shropshire delivered:

- 6 phone courses with 36 participants. Each phone course consists of 4 sessions, which last up to 90 minutes each.
- 6 face-to-face courses held across Telford, Shrewsbury, Ludlow and Oswestry, with 104 participants. Each face-to-face course consists of 2 sessions that last 5 hours each.

This year, our 'Living Well with Sight Loss' courses welcomed participants ranging in age from 20s to 90s. We've seen a growing number of attendees without a Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI), highlighting the increasing importance of providing early access to information, support, and informed choices.

Notably, more people of working age are now engaging with our courses, reflecting a broader awareness and need across different life stages.

The delivery of these courses was supported by six dedicated volunteers with lived experience of sight loss. Their personal insights, emotional understanding, and gentle encouragement to share challenges and successes continue to be invaluable.

Participant quotes:

*“This is the first thing that has helped me since losing my sight a few months back.”*

*“We now recognise how important a CVI is and will follow this up.”*

*“I’m still at the early stages of sight loss, but I appreciate all the little tips for the future. It’s really good to hear about options for exercise like swimming, tennis and pickleball.”*

## **Digital Tech Training**

In 2024/25 ‘In Touch Telford – Tech Training for Visually Impaired People’ continued to be delivered centrally in Southwater, Telford. A group of dedicated volunteers from the Telford community delivered 40 appointments with visually impaired clients, their family members, friends and carers, helping them to make the most of smartphones, tablets and iPads.

This year also marked an important development in our digital support work. Delivered by our Tech Coordinator, the Shropshire Digital Skills Service shifted from community hubs to home-based visits, making support more accessible and tailored to individual needs. It’s the first time our charity has delivered a home-based service, and the demand has been high.

We’ve recorded 40 successful outcomes with clients improving their digital skills, often also including an increased understanding of sight loss issues and solutions by partners or family members. Additional one-off support was provided to many more. Free provision, setup and training for smart speakers have become a key part of the service, helping people with sight loss build confidence and independence through the use of technology. The introduction to sight loss apps has made a big difference to the lives of many of our beneficiaries:

*“I now don’t have to eat out of date food anymore!” (Beneficiary after being introduced to Seeing AI)*

## **Information, Advice & Signposting**

Sight Loss Shropshire continues to be a trusted point of contact for those seeking support with sight loss, an impact that has grown thanks to our increasing positive reputation and the improved marketing and enhanced online presence driven by the excellent work of our Operations & Marketing Officer.

Our advice covers a wide range of topics, from guidance at the early stages of sight loss to practical tips on social support, leisure activities, and assistive technology. In 2024/25, we responded to enquiries from over 150 individuals. Many were not only signposted to external services but also actively enrolled in our own courses, training sessions, and events, enabling us to provide meaningful, hands-on support well beyond initial advice.

## **Peer Support Groups**

Sight Loss Shropshire continues to support a vibrant network of peer support groups, reaching over 150 members across the county. We work closely with other charities and place particular emphasis on supporting groups that are independently led by volunteers. Our support includes financial assistance, help with venue hire, speaker and activity recommendations, guidance on compliance matters, and assistance in recruiting new members.

This year, we were proud to support the launch of a new independent group, the *Shropshire Hills Sight Loss Support Group*.

## **Grants to Individuals & Equipment Rehoming**

Sight Loss Shropshire offers contributory grants to visually impaired people, in cases where their needs cannot be met by statutory services with the aim of enhancing their quality of life or ability to live more independently. Two grants towards digital equipment have been awarded to visually impaired people in 2024/25.

As demand for financial help towards new equipment has decreased, we've embraced the opportunity to rehome donated sight loss equipment. Items such as manual magnifiers, audiobooks, talking clocks, video magnifiers, and document readers have found new homes through our informal rehoming opportunities, offered at our courses and events. More than 30 items have been saved from landfill and passed on to individuals who are now putting them to valuable use.

## **Sight Loss Awareness**

Sight Loss Shropshire continues to work collaboratively with both statutory and voluntary organisations to raise awareness of sight loss and enhance the delivery of local services. In 2024/25, we provided sight loss awareness training to 20 staff at Taylor Support, a specialist provider supporting children, young people, and adults with disabilities in Telford, and to 32 team members from the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service. These sessions help frontline professionals better understand the challenges faced by people with visual impairments and ensure more inclusive, informed support across the county.

## **Events**

In partnership with charity Community Resource, we successfully reintroduced the much-loved *See and Hear Shropshire* exhibition in 2024, bringing together 38 exhibitors offering equipment, technology, and services for people with sight and/or hearing loss. Held at Shrewsbury Town Football Club, the event drew more than 250 visitors, many from outside the Shropshire borders. Its success has paved the way for an extended partnership and an even larger event in 2025.

In January 2025, Sight Loss Shropshire hosted its annual *Winter's Day Out*. The event welcomed nearly 200 visually impaired people and their partners for a day of celebration, connection, and inspiration. This special gathering not only recognised the achievements of individuals living with sight loss but also highlighted the wide range of services available to support independent and fulfilling lives.

Noticeable were also our collaborative events for visually impaired children and young adults: Our supercar driving event, enabling 20 visually impaired children who will never hold a driving licence to experience the thrill of driving a high-powered car around a racetrack, marked the charity's debut to social inclusion services for a younger age group. In partnership with The Hive in Shrewsbury and Shropshire's Sensory Inclusion Service, we also took part in a Japanese Taiko drumming session, enjoyed by 10 children with sight or hearing impairments.

## **Total numbers of people supported through our activities:**

969

## **Looking ahead**

In the year ahead, Sight Loss Shropshire is committed to expanding our reach and deepening our impact through continued collaboration with statutory, voluntary, and commercial partners. Our focus remains on identifying the areas of greatest need and delivering support where we can achieve the most meaningful difference and impact.

A key priority for 2025/26 will be the launch of a new programme of opportunities for children and young adults living with sight loss. This marks an exciting step in broadening our support across all age groups and ensuring that younger people have access to inclusive, empowering experiences that enhance their independence and confidence.

Swantje Staar-Slogrove  
Charity Manager  
8 June 2025

**SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. 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 objects of the charity are defined in the constitution as:

- To help blind and partially sighted persons resident in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.
- To do all such other charitable things as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the above object.

**Significant activities**

The main activities of the charity are:

- Supporting a network of peer support groups for visually impaired people;
- Providing information and signposting about support and services available for people with sight loss;
- Providing grants to help visually impaired people to acquire specialist aids and equipment;
- Organising and providing major social events for visually impaired people;
- Providing digital technology training for visually impaired people;
- Providing 'Living Well with Sight Loss' courses;
- Acting as a local champion of visually impaired people who live in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

Details of the activities have been set out in the attached Chairmans' report.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The charity's performance for the year and that of its funds is laid out in the financial statement on pages 5 to 15. The Charity had a net expenditure before gains and losses on investment assets of £10,594 (2024: net income of £22). This is due to investment in expanded staffing and operations during the year, which the Trustees believe is a good use of funds to further the Charity's objectives. We also seek external funding for projects whenever feasible.

The Charity's investments saw an increase in value during the year of £2,036 (2024: increase of £8,341) resulting in an overall net decrease in funds of £8,558 (2024: net increase of £8,363). Our investments are held on a long-term basis and the Trustees remain confident in our investment strategy, which they will keep under review.

**Investment policy and objectives**

The Association's portfolio is designed to provide an opportunity for capital growth together with the provision of a regular income, meeting both short and medium term needs. The charity has appointed a Fund Manager to manage the investment on their behalf. The Trustees discuss and review investment strategy with the fund manager on a regular basis.

**Reserves policy**

The charity aims to keep liquid reserves equivalent to 3 months running cost which equates to £10,000.

At the year end, the charity had free reserves of £33,084 (2024: £48,491), representing unrestricted funds, less designated funds and fixed assets held.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

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

**SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Charity constitution**

The charity was formed by a constitution in 1922, revised July 2008 as an unincorporated association. Its constitution was most recently revised in February 2013 to change the name of the charity to Sight Loss Shropshire, and to allow the election of the management committee every 3 years. The constitution was revised in July 2016 to incorporate a mechanism for the removal of members of the Committee. It was revised again in July 2022 to reflect a change in services since the Covid pandemic.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The appointment of Trustees is determined as laid out in the constitution. Trustees are appointed by virtue of the office they hold, and each is eligible to stand for re-election every 3 years. The Board of Trustees shall comprise up to 8 members drawn from the Committee. The Committee shall comprise up to 24 members including at least 8 who shall be persons diagnosed with sight loss and/or who are registered blind or partially sighted. The Trustees are those elected at the Annual General Meeting as Chairman, Vice Chairman, President, Vice President, the Honorary Treasurer and additional Trustees. The constitution allows additional members to be co-opted to the committee and board of Trustees.

**Organisational structure**

The charity's Director, Manager and Administrative Assistant carry out the day-to-day running of the charity.

The management committee, which includes the Trustees, meets quarterly. A separate Trustee meeting following the committee meeting.

**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

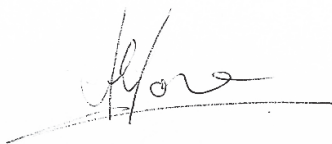
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr A E Jones - Trustee



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sight Loss Shropshire**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sight Loss Shropshire (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me 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; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 accounts to be reached.

*C Moelwyn-Williams*

C Moelwyn-Williams, BSc FCA

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Date: 28th July 2025



**SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>      |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies                 | 2     | 19,999                     | 22,970                   | 42,969                      | 67,718                      |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>           |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| General                                |       | 4,280                      | 4,122                    | 8,402                       | 100                         |
| Other trading activities               | 3     | 1,665                      | -                        | 1,665                       | 1,377                       |
| Investment income                      | 4     | 23,040                     | -                        | 23,040                      | 23,508                      |
| Other income                           |       | <u>7,273</u>               | <u>-</u>                 | <u>7,273</u>                | <u>-</u>                    |
| <b>Total</b>                           |       | <u>56,257</u>              | <u>27,092</u>            | <u>83,349</u>               | <u>92,703</u>               |
| <br><b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Raising funds                          |       | 10,248                     | 50                       | 10,298                      | 6,420                       |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>           |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| General                                |       | <u>68,452</u>              | <u>15,193</u>            | <u>83,645</u>               | <u>86,261</u>               |
| <b>Total</b>                           |       | <u>78,700</u>              | <u>15,243</u>            | <u>93,943</u>               | <u>92,681</u>               |
| <br>Net gains on investments           |       | <u>2,036</u>               | <u>-</u>                 | <u>2,036</u>                | <u>8,341</u>                |
| <br><b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Transfers between funds                | 12    | (20,407)<br><u>777</u>     | 11,849<br><u>(777)</u>   | (8,558)<br><u>-</u>         | 8,363<br><u>-</u>           |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>           |       | (19,630)                   | 11,072                   | (8,558)                     | 8,363                       |
| <br><b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward            |       | <u>565,900</u>             | <u>20,146</u>            | <u>586,046</u>              | <u>577,683</u>              |
| <br><b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u>546,270</u>             | <u>31,218</u>            | <u>577,488</u>              | <u>586,046</u>              |

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

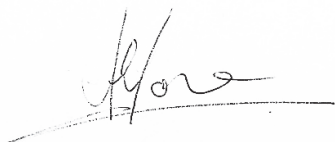
All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**31 MARCH 2025**

|  | Notes | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | 2025<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|--|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Tangible assets                              | 8     | 2,399                      | -                        | 2,399                       | 3,293                       |
| Investments                                  | 9     | <u>510,787</u>             | <u>-</u>                 | <u>510,787</u>              | <u>514,632</u>              |
|  |       | 513,186                    | -                        | 513,186                     | 517,925                     |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Debtors                                      | 10    | 2,509                      | 19,450                   | 21,959                      | 2,500                       |
| Cash at bank                                 |       | <u>32,217</u>              | <u>30,571</u>            | <u>62,788</u>               | <u>72,904</u>               |
|  |       | 34,726                     | 50,021                   | 84,747                      | 75,404                      |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | (1,642)                    | (18,803)                 | (20,445)                    | (7,283)                     |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <u>33,084</u>              | <u>31,218</u>            | <u>64,302</u>               | <u>68,121</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | <u>546,270</u>             | <u>31,218</u>            | <u>577,488</u>              | <u>586,046</u>              |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       | <u>546,270</u>             | <u>31,218</u>            | <u>577,488</u>              | <u>586,046</u>              |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 | 12    |                            |                          |                             |                             |
| Unrestricted funds                           |       |                            |                          | 546,270                     | 565,900                     |
| Restricted funds                             |       |                            |                          | <u>31,218</u>               | <u>20,146</u>               |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                           |       |                            |                          | <u>577,488</u>              | <u>586,046</u>              |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....  
Mr A E Jones - Trustee



.....  
Mr D Clark - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **SIGHT LOSS SHROPSHIRE**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

#### **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, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

##### **Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Statement of Financial Position. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Grants from the government and other agencies have been included as 'Grants' in furtherance of the charity's objects.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

- Equipment - 3 years straight line

##### **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.

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

**Fund accounting**

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.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discount due.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                   | 2025          | 2024          |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | £             | £             |
| Donations         | 15,480        | 48,298        |
| Grants receivable | <u>27,489</u> | <u>19,420</u> |
|                   | <u>42,969</u> | <u>67,718</u> |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

|   | 2025          | 2024          |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | £             | £             |
| Shropshire LEHN Grant                       | 7,210         | 3,670         |
| Other Grant Income                          | 10,529        | 13,880        |
| Shropshire Council Digital Skills Programme | <u>9,750</u>  | <u>1,870</u>  |
|   | <u>27,489</u> | <u>19,420</u> |

Included within grant income shown above is funding received from Shropshire Council, a grant received from the Local Authorities during the financial year.

During the year, the charity has also received £7,273 as part of the DWP Access to work scheme. (2024: £nil). This has been shown in Other Income.

Apart from the annual Employment Allowance credit against Employers National Insurance, the charity has received no other financial assistance from the Government in this financial period.

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**3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                  | 2025         | 2024         |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                  | £            | £            |
| Social lotteries | 4            | 59           |
| Christmas Card   | <u>1,661</u> | <u>1,318</u> |
|                  | <u>1,665</u> | <u>1,377</u> |

**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                          | 2025          | 2024          |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          | £             | £             |
| Deposit account interest | 405           | 354           |
| Harris Allday Income     | <u>22,635</u> | <u>23,154</u> |
|                          | <u>23,040</u> | <u>23,508</u> |

**5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustee expenses of £71 were reimbursed for the year ended 31 March 2025. (2024: £17).

**6. STAFF COSTS**

|                     | 2025          | 2024          |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                     | £             | £             |
| Wages and salaries  | 42,068        | 34,636        |
| Other pension costs | <u>627</u>    | <u>544</u>    |
|                     | <u>42,695</u> | <u>35,180</u> |

The total remuneration and benefits paid to the key management personnel, to whom the Trustees delegate the day-to-day running of the charity was £22,000 (2024: £21,750).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

|                | 2025     | 2024     |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Staff employed | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                    | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |                            |                          |                     |
| Donations and legacies             | 61,348                     | 6,370                    | 67,718              |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                            |                          |                     |
| General                            | -                          | 100                      | 100                 |
| Other trading activities           | 1,377                      | -                        | 1,377               |
| Investment income                  | <u>23,276</u>              | <u>232</u>               | <u>23,508</u>       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>86,001</u>              | <u>6,702</u>             | <u>92,703</u>       |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |                            |                          |                     |
| Raising funds                      | 6,420                      | -                        | 6,420               |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       |                            |                          |                     |
| General                            | <u>73,684</u>              | <u>12,577</u>            | <u>86,261</u>       |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <u>80,104</u>              | <u>12,577</u>            | <u>92,681</u>       |
| Net gains on investments           | <u>8,341</u>               | -                        | <u>8,341</u>        |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    | 14,238                     | (5,875)                  | 8,363               |
| <b>Transfers between funds</b>     | <u>(5,606)</u>             | <u>5,606</u>             | <u>-</u>            |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>       | 8,632                      | (269)                    | 8,363               |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |                            |                          |                     |
| Total funds brought forward        | <u>557,268</u>             | <u>20,415</u>            | <u>577,683</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <u>565,900</u>             | <u>20,146</u>            | <u>586,046</u>      |

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                       | Equipment<br>£ |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>COST</b>           |                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 6,838          |
| Additions             | <u>922</u>     |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>7,760</u>   |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>   |                |
| At 1 April 2024       | 3,545          |
| Charge for year       | <u>1,816</u>   |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>5,361</u>   |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |                |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>2,399</u>   |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>3,293</u>   |

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**9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

|                       |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|                       | Listed<br>investments<br>£ |
| <b>MARKET VALUE</b>   |                            |
| At 1 April 2024       | 514,632                    |
| Additions             | 33,452                     |
| Disposals             | (39,333)                   |
| Revaluations          | <u>2,036</u>               |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>510,787</u>             |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |                            |
| At 31 March 2025      | <u>510,787</u>             |
| At 31 March 2024      | <u>514,632</u>             |

65.28% (2024: 91.04%) of the investment value is held within the UK. The remainder is held in overseas investments.

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2025 is represented by:

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
|                   | Listed<br>investments<br>£ |
| Valuation in 2025 | 47,748                     |
| Cost              | <u>463,039</u>             |
|                   | <u>510,787</u>             |

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                |               |              |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                | 2025          | 2024         |
|                                | £             | £            |
| Trade debtors                  | 18,700        | -            |
| Prepayments and accrued income | <u>3,259</u>  | <u>2,500</u> |
|                                | <u>21,959</u> | <u>2,500</u> |

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### 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|                                 | 2025          | 2024         |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
|                                 | £             | £            |
| Social security and other taxes | -             | 223          |
| Other creditors                 | 132           | 120          |
| Accruals and deferred income    | <u>20,313</u> | <u>6,940</u> |
|                                 | <u>20,445</u> | <u>7,283</u> |

Included in deferred income is £18,700, in respect of grant funding received during this financial year for projects to be undertaken in the year ended 31 March 2026. This income will be released in full in the financial year ended 31 March 2026, as and when the performance-related conditions attached to the grant funding are met.

The year ended 31 March 2024 included deferred income of £5,500, which has been released in full in the year ended 31 March 2025.

### 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

|                                     | At 1.4.24<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.25<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>           |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| General fund                        | 565,119        | (20,407)                         | 1,558                              | 546,270            |
| Designated - Sheila Whitley Fund    | <u>781</u>     | <u>-</u>                         | <u>(781)</u>                       | <u>-</u>           |
|                                     | 565,900        | (20,407)                         | 777                                | 546,270            |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>             |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund    | -              | 5,430                            | -                                  | 5,430              |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund            | 18,849         | 938                              | -                                  | 19,787             |
| In Touch Telford Group              | 1,297          | (623)                            | (43)                               | 631                |
| Shropshire Digital Skills programme | <u>-</u>       | <u>6,104</u>                     | <u>(734)</u>                       | <u>5,370</u>       |
|                                     | <u>20,146</u>  | <u>11,849</u>                    | <u>(777)</u>                       | <u>31,218</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  | <u>586,046</u> | <u>(8,558)</u>                   | =                                  | <u>577,488</u>     |

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

|                                     | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Gains and<br>losses<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>           |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| General fund                        | 56,257                     | (78,700)                   | 2,036                    | (20,407)                  |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>             |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund    | 7,210                      | (1,780)                    | -                        | 5,430                     |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund            | 4,132                      | (3,194)                    | -                        | 938                       |
| In Touch Telford Group              | 500                        | (1,123)                    | -                        | (623)                     |
| Shropshire Digital Skills programme | <u>15,250</u>              | <u>(9,146)</u>             | <u>-</u>                 | <u>6,104</u>              |
|                                     | <u>27,092</u>              | <u>(15,243)</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>11,849</u>             |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  | <u>83,349</u>              | <u>(93,943)</u>            | <u>2,036</u>             | <u>(8,558)</u>            |



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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

|                                  | At 1.4.23<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.24<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>        |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| General fund                     | 557,268        | 13,781                           | (5,930)                            | 565,119            |
| Designated - Sheila Whitley Fund | <u>-</u>       | <u>457</u>                       | <u>324</u>                         | <u>781</u>         |
|                                  | 557,268        | 14,238                           | (5,606)                            | 565,900            |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>          |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund | 600            | (3,950)                          | 3,350                              | -                  |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund         | 19,491         | (642)                            | -                                  | 18,849             |
| Sheila Whitley Fund              | 324            | -                                | (324)                              | -                  |
| In Touch Telford Group           | <u>-</u>       | <u>(1,283)</u>                   | <u>2,580</u>                       | <u>1,297</u>       |
|                                  | <u>20,415</u>  | <u>(5,875)</u>                   | <u>5,606</u>                       | <u>20,146</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>               | <u>577,683</u> | <u>8,363</u>                     | =                                  | <u>586,046</u>     |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                                  | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Gains and<br>losses<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>        |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| General fund                     | 85,293                     | (79,853)                   | 8,341                    | 13,781                    |
| Designated - Sheila Whitley Fund | <u>708</u>                 | <u>(251)</u>               | <u>-</u>                 | <u>457</u>                |
|                                  | 86,001                     | (80,104)                   | 8,341                    | 14,238                    |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>          |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund | 1,500                      | (5,450)                    | -                        | (3,950)                   |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund         | 332                        | (974)                      | -                        | (642)                     |
| In Touch Telford Group           | <u>4,870</u>               | <u>(6,153)</u>             | <u>-</u>                 | <u>(1,283)</u>            |
|                                  | <u>6,702</u>               | <u>(12,577)</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>(5,875)</u>            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>               | <u>92,703</u>              | <u>(92,681)</u>            | <u>8,341</u>             | <u>8,363</u>              |

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

|                                     | At 1.4.23<br>£ | Net<br>movement<br>in funds<br>£ | Transfers<br>between<br>funds<br>£ | At<br>31.3.25<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>           |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| General fund                        | 557,268        | (6,626)                          | (4,372)                            | 546,270            |
| Designated - Sheila Whitley Fund    | <u>-</u>       | <u>457</u>                       | <u>(457)</u>                       | <u>-</u>           |
|                                     | 557,268        | (6,169)                          | (4,829)                            | 546,270            |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>             |                |                                  |                                    |                    |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund    | 600            | 1,480                            | 3,350                              | 5,430              |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund            | 19,491         | 296                              | -                                  | 19,787             |
| Sheila Whitley Fund                 | 324            | -                                | (324)                              | -                  |
| In Touch Telford Group              | -              | (1,906)                          | 2,537                              | 631                |
| Shropshire Digital Skills programme | <u>-</u>       | <u>6,104</u>                     | <u>(734)</u>                       | <u>5,370</u>       |
|                                     | <u>20,415</u>  | <u>5,974</u>                     | <u>4,829</u>                       | <u>31,218</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  | <u>577,683</u> | <u>(195)</u>                     | <u>=</u>                           | <u>577,488</u>     |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

|                                     | Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Resources<br>expended<br>£ | Gains and<br>losses<br>£ | Movement<br>in funds<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>           |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| General fund                        | 141,550                    | (158,553)                  | 10,377                   | (6,626)                   |
| Designated - Sheila Whitley Fund    | <u>708</u>                 | <u>(251)</u>               | <u>-</u>                 | <u>457</u>                |
|                                     | 142,258                    | (158,804)                  | 10,377                   | (6,169)                   |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>             |                            |                            |                          |                           |
| Living Well with Sight Loss Fund    | 8,710                      | (7,230)                    | -                        | 1,480                     |
| See Hear Exhibition Fund            | 4,464                      | (4,168)                    | -                        | 296                       |
| In Touch Telford Group              | 5,370                      | (7,276)                    | -                        | (1,906)                   |
| Shropshire Digital Skills programme | <u>15,250</u>              | <u>(9,146)</u>             | <u>-</u>                 | <u>6,104</u>              |
|                                     | <u>33,794</u>              | <u>(27,820)</u>            | <u>-</u>                 | <u>5,974</u>              |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                  | <u>176,052</u>             | <u>(186,624)</u>           | <u>10,377</u>            | <u>(195)</u>              |

#### **Designated Funds**

The Sheila Whitley Fund is used to provide grants to purchase specialist IT equipment for people in need in the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin areas. During the year ended 31 March 2025, the board felt it appropriate to release these funds for general use.

#### **Restricted Funds**

The Living Well with Sight Loss Fund provided by the local eye health network and the Spectacle Makers Charity enables visually impaired people to access information about all areas impacted by Sight Loss.

The See Hear Exhibition Fund are funds held on behalf of the exhibition to fund future events.

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

#### **12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

The In Touch Telford Group provides visually impaired people with training opportunities to make best use of digital devices focussing on accessibility.

The Shropshire Digital Skills programme aims to enhance capabilities and boost confidence with navigating digital technology of those visually impaired through tailored one-to-one sessions in community hubs across Shropshire, or at home.

#### **13. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £666 (2024: £544). Contributions totalling £132 (2024: £120) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

#### **14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity received donations from Trustees totalling £210. (2024: £60).

During the year a grant was received from the Wynn Foundation Limited of £3,000 for website funding. Mrs J Wynn, a Trustee of Sight Loss Shropshire, is a Trustee and Director of Wynn Foundation Limited.