

**Hartlepool Vision Support**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**31 March 2024**

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# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

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

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Hartlepool Vision Support

**Charity registration number** 223584

**Principal office** Greenbank  
Stranton  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7QT

### The trustees

K Braithwaite  
S Wheatley

**Independent examiner** Julie Todd Tremaine Chartered Certified Accountant  
19 Tremaine Close  
Hartlepool  
TS27 3LE

### Structure, governance and management

The organisation is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 23rd October 1963. The charity is governed by its Deed of Constitution as amended 4 June 2019.

The charity was formerly known as:

Hartlepool Blind Welfare Association, and  
The Hartlepoons Workshops for the Blind.

The Trustee Board is responsible for the overall governance of the organisation and delegates day-to-day management and other responsibilities to the manager who is currently Mrs B Harding-Smith.

The manager takes the responsibility for the induction of new Trustee Board members and this induction can include:

- provision of background information about the organisation
- question and answer sessions
- meetings with staff members
- seminars

The Trustee Board undertakes a yearly Risk Assessment and compiles a Risk Register for which for which any known risks to the organisation are identified and plans formulated to address these risks.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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### Objectives and activities

The objective of the organisation is to provide general benefit to blind people, including:

- Employment in workshops and elsewhere
- Home teaching and visiting
- Social welfare and recreation services
- Financial and other assistance to unemployed blind
- Accommodation in hostels and/or homes

### Achievements and performance

Hartlepool Vision Support has been helping local people for over 100 years, allowing them to keep their independence and live their life, their way.

Services we offer include:

- Advise & Support
  - Tailored IT Classes
  - Home Visiting Service
  - Various Sporting Activities
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Cookery
  - Outings & events
- and much, much more....

### Financial review

The unrestricted funds of the charity at 31 March 2024 amount to £101,810, of which free reserves (that is those not tied up in fixed assets) amount to £94,042.

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves and consider the charity should aim to provide for specific purposes such as redundancy and other contingencies. The trustees also consider that is prudent to ensure that there sufficient free reserves at a level that equates to on years running cost, this provides sufficient funds to cover support costs, management and administration.

Reserves are vital to ensure that the charity has the capacity to find alternative funding and support the charity's obligations when funding is paid in arrears pending defrayment of expenditure, settlement of such costs can range from 1 to 3 months before payment is received.

The current free reserves represent the following:

	2024 £
One year running costs	50,000
Redudancy costs	30,000
Contingency reserves to support deferment projects	15,000

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

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The trustees' annual report was approved on 24 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

K Braithwaite  
Trustee

# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hartlepool Vision Support

Year ended 31 March 2024

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hartlepool Vision Support ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.

Julie Todd  
Tremaine Chartered Certified Accountant  
Independent Examiner

19 Tremaine Close  
Hartlepool  
TS27 3LE

# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	10,742	59,084	69,826	56,130
Charitable activities	5	24,753	–	24,753	21,515
Investment income	6	1,387	–	1,387	251
<b>Total income</b>		<u>36,882</u>	<u>59,084</u>	<u>95,966</u>	<u>77,896</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7	28,581	73,964	102,545	77,551
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>28,581</u>	<u>73,964</u>	<u>102,545</u>	<u>77,551</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>8,301</u>	<u>(14,880)</u>	<u>(6,579)</u>	<u>345</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		93,509	123,651	217,160	216,815
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>101,810</u>	<u>108,771</u>	<u>210,581</u>	<u>217,160</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

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	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	12	7,768	6,772
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		203,171	210,638
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	358	250
<b>Net current assets</b>		202,813	210,388
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		210,581	217,160
<b>Net assets</b>		210,581	217,160
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		108,771	123,651
Unrestricted funds		101,810	93,509
<b>Total charity funds</b>	16	210,581	217,160

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

K Braithwaite  
Trustee

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The notes on pages 7 to 15 form part of these financial statements.



# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Greenbank, Stranton, Hartlepool, TS24 7QT.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Hartlepool Vision Support

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings                      -     12% reducing balance

#### Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

#### Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

#### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Subscriptions & donations	5,842	—	5,842
<b>Grants</b>			
Thomas Pocklington Trust	2,000	—	2,000
Tees Valley Community Fund	2,500	—	2,500
Hartlepool Borough Council - Rehabilitation	—	20,000	20,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	—	39,084	39,084
Asda Foundation	400	—	400
	<u>10,742</u>	<u>59,084</u>	<u>69,826</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Subscriptions & donations	5,685	—	5,685
<b>Grants</b>			
Thomas Pocklington Trust	1,000	—	1,000
Tees Valley Community Fund	—	—	—
Santander	2,500	—	2,500
Hartlepool Borough Council - Rehabilitation	—	6,500	6,500
Royal Victoria Trust	—	5,000	5,000
Arnold Clark	—	2,000	2,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	—	33,445	33,445
	<u>9,185</u>	<u>46,945</u>	<u>56,130</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Service contract income	21,500	21,500	21,500	21,500
Other	268	268	15	15
Training income	1,485	1,485	—	—
Room hire	1,500	1,500	—	—
	<u>24,753</u>	<u>24,753</u>	<u>21,515</u>	<u>21,515</u>

### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,387</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>251</u>

### 7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
General Fund	28,581	—	28,581
Counselling Services	—	6,680	6,680
Rehabilitation	—	23,650	23,650
One Vision Project	—	43,634	43,634
	<u>28,581</u>	<u>73,964</u>	<u>102,545</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
General Fund	40,722	—	40,722
Counselling Services	—	2,840	2,840
Rehabilitation	—	8,850	8,850
One Vision Project	—	18,139	18,139
Royal Victoria Trust	—	5,000	5,000
Arnold Clark	—	2,000	2,000
	<u>40,722</u>	<u>36,829</u>	<u>77,551</u>

### 8. Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,255</u>	<u>720</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

### Year ended 31 March 2024

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#### 9. Independent examination fees

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>250</u>	<u>400</u>

#### 10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	72,177	53,736
Social security costs	638	—
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>2,683</u>	<u>1,822</u>
	<u>75,498</u>	<u>55,558</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 4 (2023: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>No.</b>	No.
Charitable activities	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

#### 11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 12. Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Fixtures and fittings</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2023	35,662
Additions	<u>2,251</u>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>37,913</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	28,890
Charge for the year	<u>1,255</u>
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>30,145</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<u>7,768</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,772</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	250	250
Other creditors	108	—
	<u>358</u>	<u>250</u>

### 14. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

#### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,683 (2023: £1,822).

### 15. Government grants

Included in Government Grants are amounts received in respect of Local Authority Coronavirus Business Support Grants.

### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>93,509</u>	<u>36,882</u>	<u>(28,581)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>101,810</u>

  

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>101,295</u>	<u>30,951</u>	<u>(40,722)</u>	<u>1,985</u>	<u>93,509</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

#### Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Beneficiaries Fund	100,000	–	–	–	100,000
Counselling Services Hartlepool Borough Council - Rehabilitation	6,680	–	(6,680)	–	–
One Vision Project	3,650	20,000	(23,650)	–	–
Royal Victoria Trust - Counselling	13,321	39,084	(43,634)	–	8,771
Arnold Clark	–	–	–	–	–
	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>123,651</u>	<u>59,084</u>	<u>(73,964)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>108,771</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Beneficiaries Fund	100,000	–	–	–	100,000
Counselling Services Hartlepool Borough Council - Rehabilitation	9,520	–	(2,840)	–	6,680
One Vision Project	6,000	6,500	(8,850)	–	3,650
Royal Victoria Trust - Counselling	–	33,445	(18,139)	(1,985)	13,321
Arnold Clark	–	5,000	(5,000)	–	–
	–	2,000	(2,000)	–	–
	<u>115,520</u>	<u>46,945</u>	<u>(36,829)</u>	<u>(1,985)</u>	<u>123,651</u>

#### Beneficiaries Fund

The charity received a legacy donation of £100,000 for the use of the beneficiaries of the charity.

#### Counselling Services

The charity received a grant from Awards For All for the provision of counselling services.

#### Mobility Training

The charity received a grant from Hartlepool Borough Council to provide mobility training in support of independent living.



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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	7,768	–	7,768
Current assets	94,400	108,771	203,171
Creditors less than 1 year	(358)	–	(358)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>101,810</u>	<u>108,771</u>	<u>210,581</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,772	–	6,772
Current assets	86,987	123,651	210,638
Creditors less than 1 year	(250)	–	(250)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>93,509</u>	<u>123,651</u>	<u>217,160</u>

# **Hartlepool Vision Support**

## **Management Information**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

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## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Subscriptions & donations	5,842	5,685
Thomas Pocklington Trust	2,000	1,000
Tees Valley Community Fund	2,500	–
Santander	–	2,500
Hartlepool Borough Council - Rehabilitation	20,000	6,500
Royal Victoria Trust	–	5,000
Arnold Clark	–	2,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	39,084	33,445
Asda Foundation	400	–
	<u>69,826</u>	<u>56,130</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Service contract income	21,500	21,500
Other	268	15
Training income	1,485	–
Room hire	1,500	–
	<u>24,753</u>	<u>21,515</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,387</u>	<u>251</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u><u>95,966</u></u>	<u><u>77,896</u></u>

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## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Wages and salaries	72,177	53,736
Employer's NIC	638	–
Pension costs	2,683	1,822
Training	738	–
Utilities	7,686	4,405
Repairs and maintenance	837	2,534
Expenses	348	132
Motor vehicle expenses	747	890
Accountancy	250	400
Professional fees & subscriptions	1,874	–
Advertising & website	314	–
Printing, postage & stationery	1,047	242
Depreciation	1,255	720
Counselling services	5,280	2,840
Rehabilitation	–	8,850
Office administration	6,235	–
Equipment	436	980
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>102,545</u>	<u>77,551</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(6,579)</u>	<u>345</u>