

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

England & Wales · Charity number 518308

Details

Other names VINE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1986-12-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE RELIEF OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN ANY MANNER WHICH NOW IS, OR HEREAFTER MAY BE DEEMED BY LAW TO BE CHARITABLE WITHIN THE NORTH EAST REGION OF ENGLAND.

Activities: Our aim is to raise awareness of visual impairment through training packages. The package product gives a simulation of various eye conditions and the difficulties faced by visual impaired people in their everyday living. We also aim to assist visually impaired people living in the North East of England by awarding grants twice a year.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTH EAST REGION OF ENGLAND
- Cumbria
- Darlington
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£208,136	£66,994	-	-
2023-12-31	£75,254	£55,441	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,688	£57,413	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,198	£43,112	-	-
2020-12-31	£56,501	£37,726	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jonathan Bramley		2018-05-22
Paul Maxwell Garvey		2018-02-15

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Accounts

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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024

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Chair's report

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- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

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This report was approved by the trustees on 16th May 2025

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Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year we continued grant giving in the year, and am happy to say we handed out £3000 in grants.

This financial year we have been able to build up our cash reserves which currently stand at £261,525 (£116,187 2023), this is an improvement of £145,338. It should be noted this is due to the generous donation by the Late Fred Hodson.

Grants are approved for payment either by the full membership at the Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee at other meetings.

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Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Significant activities

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Reserves

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At 31 December 2024 the charity held unrestricted free reserves of £246,240 (2023: £242,625) and designated reserves of £137,526 and cash reserves of £261,525 (2023: £116,187)

Going concern

Risk management

The Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Association faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

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Charity registration number	518308
Principal address	29 Westoe Road South Shields NE334LS

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Paul Garvey
Mr Jonathan Bramley

Independent examiners

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Chartered Certified Accountants
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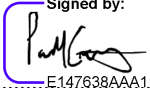
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Bankers

HSBC plc
110 Grey Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

Signed by:



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16 May 2025

Mr Paul Garvey

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts 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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 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.

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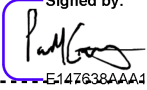
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2023
		£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		137,576	446
Charitable activities	2	70,560	74,808
Total		208,136	75,254
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	3	(66,213)	(55,441)
Total		(66,213)	(55,441)
Net income		141,923	19,813
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		242,625	222,812
Total funds carried forward		384,548	242,625

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	116,261	116,780
		<u>116,261</u>	<u>116,780</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	9	17,554	11,417
Debtors	10	1,060	8,268
Cash at bank and in hand		261,526	116,187
		<u>280,140</u>	<u>135,872</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(11,853)	(10,027)
Net current assets		<u>268,287</u>	<u>125,845</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>384,548</u>	<u>242,625</u>
Net assets		<u>384,548</u>	<u>242,625</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	12	384,548	242,625
Total funds		<u>384,548</u>	<u>242,625</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:


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 Mr Paul Garvey
 Trustee
 16 May 2025

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the Association's financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which means that the Association is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. The Executive Committee Members are satisfied that the Association is able to operate for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and consequently the financial statements have been approved on the going concern basis.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the Association.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the Association has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from the sale of training aids including simulation packages and videos is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest income is recognised upon receipt or upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Plant and machinery 20% per annum, reducing balance

Computer equipment: 20% per annum, reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks of simulation packages and videos are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in the income and expenditure account. Reversals of impairment losses and are also recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Association makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement:

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the Association as lessee.

2. Income from charitable activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	70,560	74,808

3. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Support costs					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	15,287	3,000	-	18,287	14,628
Staff costs - wages & salaries	-	-	38,967	38,967	32,027
Accountancy fees	-	-	2,287	2,287	2,470
Premises costs	-	-	317	317	349
Motor and travel expenses	-	-	-	-	6
Postage	-	-	609	609	827
Other finance costs	-	-	1,667	1,667	1,049
Insurance	-	-	888	888	819
Internet	-	-	931	931	1,005
Light and heat	-	-	1,276	1,276	983
Subscriptions	-	-	602	602	468
Rates	-	-	382	382	810
	15,287	3,000	47,926	66,213	55,441
	15,287	3,000	47,926	66,213	55,441

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For the year ended 31 December 2024

4. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	519	648
Accountancy fees	2,287	2,470
	2,806	3,118

5. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2024 were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	38,967	32,027
	38,967	32,027

	2024	2023
General staff	2	2
	2	2

6. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Jonathan Bramley being employed as a finance manager and heads up operations of the charity gets a paid salary of £31,433.

Apart from the above there are no other disclosable transactions with trustees.

7. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2024

8. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Plant and machinery	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 01 January 2024	114,192	3,727	1,242	119,161
At 31 December 2024	<u>114,192</u>	<u>3,727</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>119,161</u>
Depreciation				
At 01 January 2024	-	1,294	1,087	2,381
Charge for year	-	488	31	519
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,782</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Net book values				
At 31 December 2024	<u>114,192</u>	<u>1,945</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>116,261</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>114,192</u>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>116,780</u>

9. Stocks and work in progress

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stocks of raw materials	17,554	11,417
	<u>17,554</u>	<u>11,417</u>

10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	270
Prepayments and accrued income	1,060	7,998
	<u>1,060</u>	<u>8,268</u>

11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	245	5,177
Other creditors	9,312	3,651
Accruals and deferred income	2,296	1,199
	<u>11,853</u>	<u>10,027</u>

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12. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2024	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2024
	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated</i>				
Late Fred Hodson bequest fund	-	137,526	-	137,526
<i>General</i>				
General	242,625	70,610	(66,213)	247,022
	<u>242,625</u>	<u>208,136</u>	<u>(66,213)</u>	<u>384,548</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Designated</i>				
<i>General</i>				
General	222,812	75,254	(55,441)	242,625
	<u>222,812</u>	<u>75,254</u>	<u>(55,441)</u>	<u>242,625</u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	116,261	130,761	247,022
<i>Designated</i>			
Late Fred Hodson bequest fund	-	137,526	137,526
	<u>116,261</u>	<u>268,287</u>	<u>384,548</u>

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Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	116,780	125,845	242,625
<i>Designated</i>			
	116,780	125,845	242,625

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	137,576	446
	<u>137,576</u>	<u>446</u>
Charitable activities		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	70,560	74,808
	<u>70,560</u>	<u>74,808</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>208,136</u>	<u>75,254</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of sales of simulation packages and videos	(15,287)	(10,828)
Grant funding of activities	(3,000)	(3,800)
	<u>(18,287)</u>	<u>(14,628)</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(39,486)	(32,675)
	<u>(39,486)</u>	<u>(32,675)</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(8,440)	(8,138)
	<u>(8,440)</u>	<u>(8,138)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(66,213)</u>	<u>(55,441)</u>
Net Income	<u>141,923</u>	<u>19,813</u>

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

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(Resigned: 31 January 2023)
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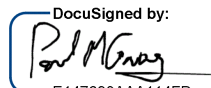
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25 April 2024

Mr Paul Garvey

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts 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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 Act; or
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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		446	-
Charitable activities	2	74,808	79,607
Investments	3	-	81
Total		75,254	79,688
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(55,441)	(57,413)
Total		(55,441)	(57,413)
Net income		19,813	22,275
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		222,812	200,537
Total funds carried forward		242,625	222,812

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	116,780	117,129
		116,780	117,129
Current assets			
Stocks	10	11,417	9,048
Debtors	11	8,268	3,072
Cash at bank and in hand		116,187	99,068
		135,872	111,188
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(10,027)	(5,505)
Net current assets		125,845	105,683
Total assets less current liabilities		242,625	222,812
Net assets		242,625	222,812
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	242,625	222,812
Total funds		242,625	222,812

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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25 April 2024

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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2. Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	74,808	79,607

3. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	-	81
	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>81</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023

4. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Support costs					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	10,828	3,800	-	14,628	20,857
Staff costs - wages & salaries	-	-	32,027	32,027	28,536
Accountancy fees	-	-	2,470	2,470	2,184
Premises costs	-	-	349	349	420
Motor and travel expenses	-	-	6	6	20
Postage	-	-	827	827	1,238
Other finance costs	-	-	1,049	1,049	935
Insurance	-	-	819	819	793
Internet	-	-	1,005	1,005	1,046
Light and heat	-	-	983	983	731
Subscriptions	-	-	468	468	653
Rates	-	-	810	810	-
	<u>10,828</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>40,813</u>	<u>55,441</u>	<u>57,413</u>
	<u>10,828</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>40,813</u>	<u>55,441</u>	<u>57,413</u>

5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	648	757
Accountancy fees	2,470	2,184
	<u>2,470</u>	<u>2,184</u>

6. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2023 were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and wages	32,027	28,536
	<u>32,027</u>	<u>28,536</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
General staff	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023

7. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Jonathan Bramley being employed as finance manager and heads up operations of the charity gets paid a salary of £25,325 in 2023.

Apart from the above there are no other disclosable transactions with trustees.

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Plant and machinery	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 01 January 2023	114,192	3,429	1,242	118,863
Additions	-	298	-	298
At 31 December 2023	<u>114,192</u>	<u>3,727</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>119,161</u>
Depreciation				
At 01 January 2023	-	686	1,048	1,734
Charge for year	-	608	39	647
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>1,087</u>	<u>2,381</u>
Net book values				
At 31 December 2023	<u>114,192</u>	<u>2,433</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>116,780</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>114,192</u>	<u>2,743</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>117,129</u>

10. Stocks and work in progress

	2023	2022
	£	£
Stocks of raw materials	11,417	9,048
	<u>11,417</u>	<u>9,048</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023

11. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors	270	-
Prepayments and accrued income	7,998	3,072
	<u>8,268</u>	<u>3,072</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,177	240
Other creditors	3,651	3,399
Accruals and deferred income	1,199	1,866
	<u>10,027</u>	<u>5,505</u>

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	222,812	75,254	(55,441)	242,625
	<u>222,812</u>	<u>75,254</u>	<u>(55,441)</u>	<u>242,625</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	200,537	79,688	(57,413)	222,812
	<u>200,537</u>	<u>79,688</u>	<u>(57,413)</u>	<u>222,812</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2023

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	116,780	125,845	242,625
	116,780	125,845	242,625
Previous year			
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	117,129	105,683	222,812
	117,129	105,683	222,812

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	446	-
	446	-
Charitable activities		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	74,808	79,607
	74,808	79,607
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	-	81
	-	81
Total incoming resources	75,254	79,688
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of sales of simulation packages and videos	(10,828)	(17,357)
Grant funding of activities	(3,800)	(3,500)
	(14,628)	(20,857)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(32,675)	(29,293)
	(32,675)	(29,293)
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(8,138)	(7,263)
	(8,138)	(7,263)
Total resources expended	(55,441)	(57,413)
Net Income	19,813	22,275

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 518308

Accounts

Charity number: 518308

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2022

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Chair's report

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with Charities Act 2011 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of its financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In presenting those accounts, they are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable UK accounting standards and the Charities SORP FRS 102, disclosing and explaining any departures in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to do so.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining 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 accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011 and with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102). 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 besides the above responsibilities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 8th September 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Visual Impairment North East (the Association), is a registered charity, charity number 518308, governed by its Constitution drawn up on 30 December 1986. The executive committee have referred to the Charities Commission's guidance on the public benefit when reviewing its aims and objectives and planning future activities.

The main objects of the Association are as follows:

- 1) to promote the relief of visually impaired people in any manner which now is, or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the North East region of England;
- 2) to consider and make recommendations for improving the total provision of services to visually impaired people;
- 3) to help all disciplines to communicate, understand and develop services for visually impaired people;
- 4) to provide a forum which encompasses all workers with visually impaired people; and
- 5) prepare, sell or otherwise distribute training, educational and information materials as ancillary to one or more of the above objects.

The principal activity of the Association is the production and sale of training aids, including simulation packages and videos, for individuals and organisations who work with the visually impaired, with the aim of generating funds to assist projects which promote improvement in overall services for the visually impaired.

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This year we resumed grant giving in the year, this was due to a successful year which enabled us to increase cash reserves to the necessary level leaving available funds for other good causes.

This financial year we have been able to build up our cash reserves which currently stand at £99,068 (£70,056 2021), this is an improvement of £29,012.

Grants are approved for payment either by the full membership at the Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee at other meetings.

Significant activities

No significant activities occurred in the year.

With the impact of Covid coming to an end the charity has managed to get back to normal business as well as reintroducing grant giving.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Development during the year and the position at 31 December 2022 are as shown in the attached financial statements.

Income for the year was £79,658 (2021: £49,198) and the surplus for the year was £22,275 (2021: £6086).

Further information regarding the activities of the Association during 2022 is contained in the Regional Co-ordinator's Report which is distributed to Members with the Report and Financial Statements in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Significant events

Any to report on?

Reserves

It is the policy of the Association to maintain funds at a level which equates to approximately 6 months expenditure as well as (new for 2022) a spare reserve for estimated future building works of £60,000. Based on current activity this gives a target level of £89,000 which we were able to achieve this year.

At 31 December 2022 the charity held unrestricted free reserves of £222,812 (2021: £200,537) and cash reserves of £99,068 (2021: £70,056)

Going concern

Risk management

The Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Association faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The main risk is the unique nature of what the organisation does and the ability to retain and recruit staff.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Association is managed by a voluntary Executive Committee.

The members meet at least three times per year to assess grant applications. Members of the Executive Committee are appointed at the Annual General Meeting for a three-year term.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New members are invited to join based on their contribution to the work of the Association. New members are appointed by existing members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Charity registration number	518308
Principal address	29 Westoe Road South Shields NE334LS

**VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022**

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr F Hodson
Mr Paul Garvey
Mr Jonathan Bramley

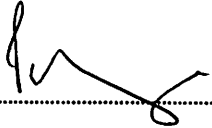
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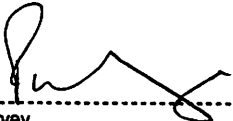
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		-	8,671
Charitable activities	2	79,607	40,452
Investments	3	81	75
Total		79,688	49,198
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(57,413)	(43,112)
Total		(57,413)	(43,112)
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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
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Debtors	11	3,072	863
Cash at bank and in hand		99,068	70,056
		<u>111,188</u>	<u>90,682</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,505)	(4,601)
Net current assets		<u>105,683</u>	<u>86,081</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>222,812</u>	<u>200,538</u>
Net assets		<u>222,812</u>	<u>200,538</u>
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Unrestricted income funds	13	222,812	200,538
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3. Investment income

	2022	2021
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Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	81	75
	<u>81</u>	<u>75</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Support costs					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities	17,357	3,500	-	20,857	9,648
Staff costs - wages & salaries	-	-	28,536	28,536	26,496
Accountancy fees	-	-	2,184	2,184	1,725
Premises costs	-	-	420	420	416
Motor and travel expenses	-	-	20	20	-
Postage	-	-	1,238	1,238	1,475
Other finance costs	-	-	935	935	277
Insurance	-	-	793	793	769
Internet	-	-	1,046	1,046	774
Light and heat	-	-	731	731	888
Subscriptions	-	-	653	653	181
Rates	-	-	-	-	463
	<u>17,357</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>36,556</u>	<u>57,413</u>	<u>43,112</u>
	<u>17,357</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>36,556</u>	<u>57,413</u>	<u>43,112</u>

5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	757	67
Accountancy fees	2,184	1,725
	<u>2,941</u>	<u>1,792</u>

6. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2022 were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	28,536	26,496
	<u>28,536</u>	<u>26,496</u>

	2022	2021
General staff	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

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7. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Key management personnel of the association comprise of Executive Committee.

No payments have been made to members of the Executive Committee in respect of remuneration during the year (2021: £nil).

No expenses have been reimbursed to the member of the Executive Committee during the year (2021: £nil)

During the year one Trustee (Jonathan Bramely) received employment income of £22,216.

There are no other disclosable items in the year.

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Plant and machinery	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 01 January 2022	114,192	-	1,242	115,434
Additions	-	3,429	-	3,429
At 31 December 2022	<u>114,192</u>	<u>3,429</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>118,862</u>
Depreciation				
At 01 January 2022	-	-	977	977
Charge for year	-	686	71	757
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>1,048</u>	<u>1,734</u>
Net book values				
At 31 December 2022	<u>114,192</u>	<u>2,743</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>117,129</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>114,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>114,457</u>

10. Stocks and work in progress

	2022	2021
	£	£
Stocks of raw materials	9,048	19,763
	<u>9,048</u>	<u>19,763</u>

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11. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	3,072	863
	3,072	863
	3,072	863

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	240	-
Other creditors	3,399	3,134
Accruals and deferred income	1,866	1,467
	5,505	4,601
	5,505	4,601

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	200,537	79,688	(57,413)	222,812
	200,537	79,688	(57,413)	222,812
	200,537	79,688	(57,413)	222,812

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	194,452	49,198	(43,112)	200,538
	194,452	49,198	(43,112)	200,538
	194,452	49,198	(43,112)	200,538

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	117,129	105,683	222,812
	117,129	105,683	222,812
Previous year			
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	114,457	86,081	200,538
	114,457	86,081	200,538

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	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	-	8,671
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,671</u>
Charitable activities		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	79,607	40,452
	<u>79,607</u>	<u>40,452</u>
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	81	75
	<u>81</u>	<u>75</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>79,688</u>	<u>49,198</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of sales of simulation packages and videos	(17,357)	(9,648)
Grant funding of activities	(3,500)	-
	<u>(20,857)</u>	<u>(9,648)</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(29,293)	(26,563)
	<u>(29,293)</u>	<u>(26,563)</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(7,263)	(6,901)
	<u>(7,263)</u>	<u>(6,901)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(57,413)</u>	<u>(43,112)</u>
Net Income	<u>22,275</u>	<u>6,086</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST

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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

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The main objects of the Association are as follows:

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The principal activity of the Association is the production and sale of training aids, including simulation packages and videos, for individuals and organisations who work with the visually impaired, with the aim of generating funds to assist projects which promote improvement in overall services for the visually impaired.

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Unfortunately no grants were issued in the financial year, this was primarily due to the global pandemic of Covid. This forced us to hold cash reserves back to maintain the other primary functions of the charity.

It is however our intention to resume grant giving after this financial year as we have been able to build up our cash reserves which currently stand at £70,056 (£65,887 2020)

Grants are approved for payment either by the full membership at the Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee at other meetings.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Development during the year and the position at 31 December 2021 are as shown in the attached financial statements.

Income for the year was £49,197 (2020: £56,501) and the surplus for the year was £6,086 (2020: £18,775).

Further information regarding the activities of the Association during 2021 is contained in the Regional Co-ordinator's Report which is distributed to Members with the Report and Financial Statements in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

Significant events

During the financial year we like most organisations suffered financially due to the global Covid pandemic.

This has meant we have not been able to rebuild our cash reserves as much as we intended this financial year.

We have however come out the other side and as stated prior we intend to resume grant giving again in the near future.

Reserves

It is the policy of the Association to maintain funds at a level which equates to approximately 6 months expenditure. Based on current activity this gives a target level of £22,000. At 31 December 2021 the charity held unrestricted free reserves of £200,538 (2020: £194,452) and cash reserves of £70,056 (2020: £65,887)

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Going concern

Risk management

The Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Association faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The main risk is the unique nature of what the organisation does and the ability to retain and recruit staff.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Association is managed by a voluntary Executive Committee.

The members meet at least three times per year to assess grant applications. Members of the Executive Committee are appointed at the Annual General Meeting for a three-year term.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New members are invited to join based on their contribution to the work of the Association. New members are appointed by existing members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Charity registration number	518308
Principal address	29 Westoe Road South Shields NE334LS

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr F Hodson
Mr Paul Garvey
Mr Jonathan Bramley


Independent examiners

Beach Accountants Limited
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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30 June 2022

Mr Paul Garvey

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts 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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 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.

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Gavin Spencer
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30 June 2022

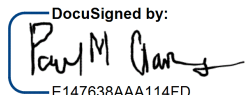
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		8,671	26,081
Charitable activities	2	40,452	30,276
Investments	3	75	144
Total		49,198	56,501
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(43,112)	(37,726)
Total		(43,112)	(37,726)
Net income		6,086	18,775
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		194,452	175,677
Total funds carried forward		200,538	194,452

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	114,457	114,524
		114,457	114,524
Current assets			
Stocks	10	19,763	18,949
Debtors	11	863	721
Cash at bank and in hand		70,056	65,887
		90,682	85,557
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(4,601)	(5,629)
Net current assets		86,081	79,928
Total assets less current liabilities		200,538	194,452
Net assets		200,538	194,452
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	200,538	194,452
Total funds		200,538	194,452

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr Paul Garvey
 Trustee

30 June 2022

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the Association's financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which means that the Association is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. The Executive Committee Members are satisfied that the Association is able to operate for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and consequently the financial statements have been approved on the going concern basis.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the Association.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the Association has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from the sale of training aids including simulation packages and videos is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest income is recognised upon receipt or upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fax machine: 15% per annum, reducing balance

Computer equipment: 20% per annum, reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks of simulation packages and videos are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in the income and expenditure account. Reversals of impairment losses and are also recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

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Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Association makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement:

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the Association as lessee.

2. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	40,452	30,276

3. Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	75	144
	75	144
	75	144

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4. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	2021 £	2020 £
Support costs				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	9,648	-	9,648	4,761
Staff costs - wages & salaries	-	26,496	26,496	26,094
Accountancy fees	-	1,725	1,725	2,474
Premises costs	-	416	416	322
Postage	-	1,475	1,475	1,670
Other finance costs	-	277	277	255
Insurance	-	769	769	589
Internet	-	774	774	875
Light and heat	-	888	888	661
Subscriptions	-	181	181	-
Rates	-	463	463	25
	9,648	33,464	43,112	37,726
	9,648	33,464	43,112	37,726

5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	67	83
Accountancy fees	1,725	2,474
	1,792	2,557

6. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2021 were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	26,496	26,094
	26,496	26,094

	2021	2020
General staff	2	2
	2	2

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7. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Key management personnel of the association comprise of Executive Committee.

No payments have been made to members of the Executive Committee in respect of remuneration during the year (2020: £nil).

No expenses have been reimbursed to the member of the Executive Committee during the year (2020: £nil)

During the year one Trustee (Jonathan Bramely) received employment income of £21,000.

There are no other disclosable items in the year.

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
At 01 January 2021	114,192	2,826	117,018
Disposals	-	(1,584)	(1,584)
At 31 December 2021	<u>114,192</u>	<u>1,242</u>	<u>115,434</u>
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2021	-	2,494	2,494
Disposals	-	(1,584)	(1,584)
Charge for year	-	67	67
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>977</u>
Net book values			
At 31 December 2021	<u>114,192</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>114,457</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>114,192</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>114,524</u>

10. Stocks and work in progress

	2021	2020
	£	£
Stocks of raw materials	19,763	18,949
	<u>19,763</u>	<u>18,949</u>

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11. Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	863	721
	<u>863</u>	<u>721</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	323
Other creditors	3,134	3,849
Accruals and deferred income	1,467	1,457
	<u>4,601</u>	<u>5,629</u>

13. Movement in funds**Unrestricted Funds**

	Balance at 01/01/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2021
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	194,452	49,198	(43,112)	200,538
	<u>194,452</u>	<u>49,198</u>	<u>(43,112)</u>	<u>200,538</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	175,677	56,501	(37,726)	194,452
	<u>175,677</u>	<u>56,501</u>	<u>(37,726)</u>	<u>194,452</u>

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14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	114,457	86,081	200,538
	114,457	86,081	200,538
Previous year			
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	114,524	79,928	194,452
	114,524	79,928	194,452

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	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	8,671	26,081
	8,671	26,081
Charitable activities		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	40,452	30,276
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Investments		
Bank interest receivable	75	144
	75	144
Total incoming resources	49,198	56,501
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of sales of simulation packages and videos	(9,648)	(4,761)
	(9,648)	(4,761)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(26,563)	(26,177)
	(26,563)	(26,177)
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(6,901)	(6,788)
	(6,901)	(6,788)
Total resources expended	(43,112)	(37,726)
Net Income	6,086	18,775

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Development during the year and the position at 31 December 2020 are as shown in the attached financial statements.

Income for the year was £56,501 (2019: £60,549) and the surplus for the year was £18,775 (deficit 2019: £8,582).

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Significant events

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We have however come out the other side and we are surviving and have high hopes for the future.

Reserves

It is the policy of the Association to maintain funds at a level which equates to approximately 6 months expenditure. Based on current activity this gives a target level of £20,000. At 31 December 2020 the charity held unrestricted free reserves of £194,452 (2019: £175,677) and cash reserves of £65,887 (2019: £50,382)

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Report of the Trustees Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Going concern

Risk management

The Executive Committee have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Association faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

The main risk is the unique nature of what the organisation does and the ability to retain and recruit staff.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Association is managed by a voluntary Executive Committee.

The members meet at least three times per year to assess grant applications. Members of the Executive Committee are appointed at the Annual General Meeting for a three-year term.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New members are invited to join based on their contribution to the work of the Association. New members are appointed by existing members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Charity registration number	518308
Principal address	29 Westoe Road South Shields NE334LS

Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr F Hodson
Mr Paul Garvey
Mr Jonathan Bramley

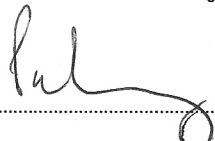
Independent examiners

Beach Accountants Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
10 Blue Sky Way
Monkton Business Park South
South Tyneside
NE31 2EQ

Bankers

HSBC plc
110 Grey Street
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 6JG

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by


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Mr Paul Garvey

30 June 2021

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts 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 examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 2011 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.

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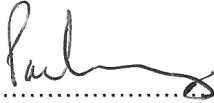
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2019 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		26,081	-
Charitable activities	2	30,276	59,904
Investments	3	144	645
Total		56,501	60,549
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	4	(37,726)	(69,131)
Total		(37,726)	(69,131)
Net income/expenditure		18,775	(8,582)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		175,677	184,259
Total funds carried forward		194,452	175,677

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	114,524	114,767
		<u>114,524</u>	<u>114,767</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	10	18,949	12,107
Debtors	11	721	523
Cash at bank and in hand		65,887	50,382
		<u>85,557</u>	<u>63,012</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(5,629)	(2,102)
Net current assets		<u>79,928</u>	<u>60,910</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>194,452</u>	<u>175,677</u>
Net assets		<u>194,452</u>	<u>175,677</u>
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	13	194,452	175,677
Total funds		<u>194,452</u>	<u>175,677</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



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 Mr Paul Garvey
 Trustee

30 June 2021

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and 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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

Financial Reporting Standard 102 requires, if appropriate, the Association's financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, which means that the Association is able to operate for the foreseeable future on the basis of known and reasonable projected resources. There are no material uncertainties in respect of the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. The Executive Committee Members are satisfied that the Association is able to operate for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and consequently the financial statements have been approved on the going concern basis.

Funds

Unrestricted income funds are available for use at the discretion of the Executive Committee in furtherance of the general objectives of the Association.

Incoming resources

All income is recognised once the Association has entitlement to the income, there is sufficient certainty or receipt and so it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income from the sale of training aids including simulation packages and videos is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest income is recognised upon receipt or upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fax machine: 15% per annum, reducing balance

Computer equipment: 20% per annum, reducing balance

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks of simulation packages and videos are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in the income and expenditure account. Reversals of impairment losses and are also recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Association makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Critical areas of judgement:

In categorising leases as finance leases or operating leases, management makes judgements as to whether significant risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to the Association as lessee.

2. Income from charitable activities

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	30,276	59,904

3. Investment income

	2020	2019
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Bank interest receivable	144	645
	144	645

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

4. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Support costs				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	4,761	-	4,761	22,206
Staff costs - wages & salaries	-	26,094	26,094	27,327
Accountancy fees	-	2,474	2,474	2,518
Cost of trustees' meetings	-	-	-	29
Premises costs	-	322	322	804
Postage	-	1,670	1,670	1,725
Other finance costs	-	255	255	1,377
Operating lease rentals - property rental	-	-	-	11,000
Insurance	-	589	589	616
Internet	-	875	875	503
Light and heat	-	661	661	201
subcontractors	-	-	-	825
Rates	-	25	25	-
	4,761	32,965	37,726	69,131
	4,761	32,965	37,726	69,131

5. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	83	104
Accountancy fees	2,474	2,518
Operating lease charges - hire of plant and machinery	-	11,000
	2,557	13,622

6. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2020 were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	26,094	27,327
	26,094	27,327

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
General staff	2	2
	2	2
	2	2

7. Trustee remuneration and related party transactions

Key management personnel of the association comprise of Executive Committee.

No payments have been made to members of the Executive Committee in respect of remuneration during the year (2019: £nil).

No expenses have been reimbursed to the member of the Executive Committee during the year (2019: £nil)

During the year one Trustee (Jonathan Bramely) received employment income of £20,650.

There are no other disclosable items in the year.

8. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

9. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and Buildings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
At 01 January 2020	114,352	2,826	117,178
Additions	340	-	340
Disposals	(500)	-	(500)
At 31 December 2020	114,192	2,826	117,018
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2020	-	2,411	2,411
Charge for year	-	83	83
At 31 December 2020	-	2,494	2,494
Net book values			
At 31 December 2020	114,192	332	114,524
At 31 December 2019	114,352	415	114,767

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

10. Stocks and work in progress

	2020	2019
	£	£
Stocks of raw materials	18,949	12,107
	<u>18,949</u>	<u>12,107</u>

11. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	721	523
	<u>721</u>	<u>523</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	323	-
Other creditors	3,849	700
Accruals and deferred income	1,457	1,402
	<u>5,629</u>	<u>2,102</u>

13. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/01/2020	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	175,677	56,501	(37,726)	194,452
	<u>175,677</u>	<u>56,501</u>	<u>(37,726)</u>	<u>194,452</u>

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/01/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/12/2019
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	184,259	60,549	(69,131)	175,677
	<u>184,259</u>	<u>60,549</u>	<u>(69,131)</u>	<u>175,677</u>

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Notes to the Financial Statements Continued
For the year ended 31 December 2020

14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	114,524	79,928	194,452
	114,524	79,928	194,452
Previous year			
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
<i>General</i>			
General	114,767	60,910	175,677
	114,767	60,910	175,677

VISUAL IMPAIRMENT NORTH EAST
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Grants receivable	26,081	-
	<u>26,081</u>	<u>-</u>
Charitable activities		
Sale of simulation packages and videos	30,276	59,904
	<u>30,276</u>	<u>59,904</u>
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	144	645
	<u>144</u>	<u>645</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>56,501</u>	<u>60,549</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Cost of sales of simulation packages and videos	(4,761)	(18,916)
Grant funding of activities	-	(3,290)
	<u>(4,761)</u>	<u>(22,206)</u>
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(26,177)	(27,431)
	<u>(26,177)</u>	<u>(27,431)</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(6,788)	(19,494)
	<u>(6,788)</u>	<u>(19,494)</u>
Total resources expended	<u>(37,726)</u>	<u>(69,131)</u>
Net Income	<u>18,775</u>	<u>(8,582)</u>