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Charity number: 1075447

**4Sight Vision Support**  
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Unaudited

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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<b>Trustees</b>	Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC, Chairman Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP, Hon. Treasurer Sheilagh Baker DBO (D), Elected Member Jan Penn, Elected Member Heather Bell DBO (D), Vice Chairman Julia Kirkham, Elected Member Robert Hayes (resigned 24 November 2023) Maureen Jenkins (resigned 24 November 2023)
<b>Company registered number</b>	03740647
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1075447
<b>Registered office</b>	36 Victoria Drive Bognor Regis West Sussex PO21 2TE PO21 2TE
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the current statutory requirements and comply with the Charity's governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued (January 2019).

**CHARITABLE OBJECTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT**

When planning activities for the year the Trustees have complied with guidance issued by the Charity Commission and with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

In particular, the Trustees have considered the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of health, and the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or another disadvantage and living in West Sussex.

**ABOUT 4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT**

For over 100 years, 4Sight Vision Support has been the leading sight loss charity supporting blind and sight impaired people living in West Sussex.

With our ongoing work, forward strategy, and partnership working, we aim to make 4Sight Vision Support the Charity that is there for the people of West Sussex at the time when it matters most.

Our Vision

At the heart of our holistic and person-centred approach is a commitment to ensure everyone can live a **LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS** following a sight loss diagnosis.

Our Mission

Helping people across West Sussex who are blind or partially sighted to live life without limits.

Our Values

- We are **Caring**
- For over 100 years, we are **Trusted**
- We are **Forward-Thinking**

Our Priorities

1. Increase the number of Blind and partially sighted people we support
2. Ensure our services are relevant and user-led through continuous engagement
3. Promote the importance of good eye health and sight loss prevention
4. Raise our profile across West Sussex
5. Ensure we are fit for purpose and sustainable

**Structure, Governance, and Management**

4Sight Vision Support Charity registration number is 1075447 and is a Company Limited by Guarantee, number 03740647. It is constituted under its amended Articles of Association dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Charity was founded in 1921 and incorporated on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1999. The management of the affairs of the charity is vested in the Trustees. The Trustees are the directors of the company together with not more than nine members elected by the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Trustees. 3 out of 8 of our Trustees have lived experience of sight loss

In 2023/2024 we also started using the Charity Excellence Framework tool to ensure that we are up to date with governance, policy, and procedures and have met the quality mark standard.

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**Our Staff**

The charity's operational affairs, including Chief Executive, service delivery, finance, admin, income generation, and communications were managed and delivered by 13 staff. 25% of our staff have experienced sight loss, including our Chief Executive Officer Kirstie Thomas .

**Our Volunteers**

Our dedicated, supported, kind, and incredible volunteers are of the utmost importance to the charity and the people we support. We acknowledge as always the importance of volunteering and that our support to our clients would be impossible with the incredible deviation from our extensive volunteer base. We have a strong commitment to volunteering countywide.

Active Volunteers.	222
Volunteers who have Sight Impairment	32
New Volunteers in 2023/2024	31
Volunteer interactions with clients	4,686
Volunteering hours	472h 35m

Volunteer Roles include.

- Sighted Guides
- Group and activity Helpers.
- Car drivers and Minibus drivers
- Centre admin volunteers
- Telephone Befrienders
- Fundraising, Events and Communications

*"Can I just say that having done volunteer work for another organisation, 4Sight are second to none in their gratitude and appreciation. I'm coming up to my 2-year anniversary and have thoroughly enjoyed doing what I've been able to do for you all." Telephone Befriending = "It's great talking to [my befriender] she really gets what it's like to have to cope with life with a visual impairment. I don't have to explain myself to her and that feels really different to talking to somebody who hasn't had to manage how difficult life is."*

**2023-2024 – THE YEAR AT A GLANCE**

With 5 main priorities in our Strategic Plan, here are some of our achievements during the year.

<b>Total new clients</b>	689
<b>Total active service users</b>	3,228

Referral pathways

Our referrals for support are received in a wide variety of ways including, our Sight Care Advisor services at University Hospitals Sussex (UHSX) NHS Trust, WSCC Rehabilitation Officers for the Visually Impaired (ROVI), our Sussex and Surrey Hospital (SASH) NHS and Queen Victoria (QVH) Hospital Trust Low vision clinics, opticians, social prescribers, self-referrals, GP's, care homes, school and emergency services.

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**Age breakdown**

<u>Age Band</u>	<u>No. of clients</u>
0 To 4,	14
5 To 10	15
11 To 16,	34
17 To 18,	11
19 To 24,	18
25 To 39,	50
40 To 64,	371
65 To 74,	341
75 To 84,	784
85+,	1,527
Unknown,	63

**Geographic Breakdown**

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of clients</u>
Adur	297
Arun	814
Brighton & Hove	42
Chichester	492
Crawley	276
East Sussex	34
Hampshire	25
Horsham	426
Mid Sussex	389
Out of County	18
Surrey	63
Worthing	352

**OUR SERVICE AND ACTIVITY – OUR IMPACT**

**Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) Service**

Our caring and trusted team is here to listen, identify areas of need and work with our clients to live their life without limits. Providing appropriate and up-to-date information, advice, and guidance in formats accessible to you.

Someone to talk to and help to connect with others, sharing experiences and supporting each other.

Total Interactions	210
Clients accessing	128
Total Hours	31h 46m
Initial and follow up and welfare calls	934
Total House	204h 59m

Based on user-led feedback, we introduced a new Telephone Befriending service to support people with having someone to talk to when they need it.

Total calls made	131
Total hours	35h 2m

**Early Intervention Services**

We provide emotional and practical support after diagnosis at the eye clinic, including helping to understand the diagnosis, the certification, and the registration process of having a sight impairment. We are the key link between patient and consultant and we offer support at this devastating time.

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We help clients to understand their eye condition, and what support our clients can access. It is a vital part of the health and social care pathway, and we promote support and offer information on maintaining and ensuring good eye health.

Our Sight care Advisors Service is based at Southlands and St Richards eye units.

Total people registered with a Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI)	308
Total Low Vision Aid HESP form issued for magnifiers	241
General Patient Contacts	945
Contact with carers.	59

**Low Vision Magnification Service**

We provide dedicated assessments to identify magnification, techniques, and products to help with everyday tasks such as reading, shopping, medication, and preparing meals.

We deliver an NHS low vision service alongside Sight for Surrey within the Sussex and Surrey NHS Trust (SASH), and a low vision service at Queen Victoria Hospital (QVH) in East Grinstead.

Low Vision Assessments carried out community based	142
Assessments using the Hospital Eye Scheme Prescription (HESP)	106
Unique patient's seen via the Sussex and Surrey NHS Trust contract (SASH) Crawley	191
Unique patients seen via Queen Victoria Hospital East Grinstead	47
Total community and hospital-based Low Vision Assessments	348
Electronic magnifications demonstration	15

*"Thank you so much for the magnifier and the tv glasses these are making a world of difference, amazing thank you so so much"*

**Practical Aids and Equipment Service**

We offer a large range of specialist low vision equipment and provide advice and demonstration to ensure our beneficiaries are choosing the most appropriate tools and solutions for their needs.

Equipment Advice and Demonstration Interaction	128
Total Hours	26h 18m
No. Of Items Sold	588
Total sales	£12,824.77

**Benefits Service**

In this year due to the impact of the cost-of-living crisis to people who are blind or partially sighted, we saw a 200% increase in demand for our benefits service. We know from national reports that people who are blind or partially sighted were more affected by the crisis than most due to the need for additional lighting, technology, and unemployment factor. Many people got in touch to find out what they may be eligible for financially to support them. We offer support to access benefits and concessions and help to complete forms, such as Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Attendance Allowance (AA), and Blue Badges. We also provide advice, including support with appeals, tribunals, and assessments.

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Benefits Interactions	365
Direct beneficiaries	152
Total Hours of support	157h 37m

*"Thank you so much for all your help! I don't think I would have ever filled in this form without your support, it is so daunting to look at!"*

*'I can't believe how much you put on the form that we didn't think of! We got so used to coping that we forgot he needs aids and help with things as it has just become normal for us.'*

*"Thank you for being there for me during the tribunal. It made me feel much more confident and I am so glad we did this now we are successful!"*

**Accessible Technology Service**

We also saw a massive 200% increase in demand in the previous year for our ever-growing accessible technology service. With the help of our ever-growing and developing specialist accessible technology service, we can support our clients to develop new and existing skills, communicate effectively and remain independent. We provide clients with the support, information, and knowledge to make informed choices and learn to adapt to technology after sight loss.

Number of direct beneficiaries	156
Number of interventions	516
Total hours of support delivered	155h 21m

**Education and Employment Service**

For our younger and working age clients, we offer support with education, training, learning, and offering access to employment. This service also helps to provide support to educators and employers so that they are better informed of what support is available and how they can support people with sight loss.

Employment Support

Interactions	11
Direct beneficiaries	7
Total hours of support	2h 45m

*'Thanks again! I wouldn't have gone through with the employment tribunal for discrimination if it wasn't for you.'*

Education Support

Total Interactions	17
Direct beneficiaries	11
Total hours spent.	3h 45m

*'Wow, this magnifier is really cool, and I can carry it in my bag! It kind of looks like an elephant toe!'*

**Health, Wellbeing, Events and Activities Service**

We provide support, information, and advice to enable our clients to access leisure, social, and community activities within their community, combatting social isolation to improve the health and well-being of our clients.

Some examples are low-vision days, events, online activities, and walking groups.

We continue to offer in-person and online social activities, groups and events, Low vision and information days with our partners, and our ever-increasing regular walking groups supported by sighted guide volunteers.



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Low-Vision Events and Attendees

Chichester Sight Awareness Day	38
Horsham Living Well with Sight Loss Course (LWSL) Course	25
Crawley LWSL	10
Professional Vision Services Dolphin Low Vision Event	44
Optelec Shoreham Low Vision Day	24
Optelec East Grinstead low vision Day	34
Optelec Bognor Low Vision Day	21
Horsham Open Day	31
October LWSL Course Shoreham	6
<u>Total attendees</u>	233

*"I cannot praise you enough for the services and facilities that you provide"*

*"Such a lovely team that made me feel welcome."*

*"I thoroughly enjoyed the day and hope to do it again next year."*

**Total client Interactions in accessible formats 2023/2024**

Audio	3
Card	2,672
Disc	1
Discussion W Other Profess&03	4
Discussion With Relative	1
Email	241
Face To Face	811
Letter	45
No Contact - See Notes	1,198
Online Video Call	5
SMS Text	31
Special - See Notes	7
Standard Print	6

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

We continued to receive praise, support, and feedback from the High Sheriff of West Sussex who often referred to our organisation in his speech and presentations to colleagues and partners.

This year we are delighted to have recently achieved The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) Visibly Better Employer Certification and is encouraging other organisations across West Sussex to consider attaining this Quality Standard. It is designed to support employers in assessing their recruitment and retention practices and provide the practical tools required for an accessible environment for people with sight loss. As a result, organisations will widen the talent pool available, increasing their employee diversity by attracting and retaining more blind and partially sighted talent into their workforce.

**OUR COMMUNICATIONS**

Community talks	16
Press Releases	18
Radio Interviews	15

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Our **social media** presence grew:

Facebook

New	69
Total	1.3k

Instagram

New	53
total	501

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Total	1,603
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**Newsletters** sent to our clients with information, advice, and activities

In the following accessible formats

Large Printed	8,752
CD	594
USB	462
Braille	24
Email	2,987
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,819</b>

**PARTNERSHIPS**

Partnership working is a key priority to 4Sight Vision Support, and we have continued to work in partnership with a range of organisations in the public, private and third sectors, to raise sight awareness, deliver joint training sessions and deliver services.

We are a founder member of the 'Community Solutions Consortia' (CSC) with Age UK West Sussex, Brighton and Hove, Carers Support West Sussex, The Aldingbourne Trust, Independent Lives, Healthwatch West Sussex, Citizens Advice and West Sussex MIND. CSC is a consortium of county-wide service provider organisations that deliver preventative health and wellbeing services in West Sussex and through the consortia, aim to bring together their collective skills, knowledge, expertise, information, insight and understanding to effectively contribute to and influence strategic commissioning of services, through local authorities, NHS and the local Health and Wellbeing Board and local prevention and wellbeing strategies.

We remain on the collaboration board working in co-production for the new WSCC Adult Social Care Strategy titled "The Life you want to Lead", to ensure that sight loss was considered and prevalent in this piece of work, and sit on the Adult social care task and finish prevention framework group to support the importance of embedding early support and intervention.

We work closely with other sight loss partners and remain a member of Visionary which is the national body that links local and national sight loss organisations across the UK. 4Sight Vision Support plays an active role in the local Visionary south-east regional hub which includes Sight for Surrey, East Sussex Vision Support, Open Sight Hampshire, Kent Association for the Blind, Sight Concern Bedfordshire, My Sight Oxfordshire, Blatchington Court trust, e Vision and many others. We also work with national partners including the RNIB, Guide Dogs UK, Blind Veterans UK, The Thomas Pocklington Trust and The Macular Society and we will continue to explore ways to work together with them wherever such partnerships can add value to the services and support we offer to our members.

This year in partnership with East Sussex Vision Support we were awarded a Health Inequalities NHS Sussex grant. This purpose is to identify patients' needs and share their experiences within the NHS at a local level. Sight Loss has been identified as a Health inequality in Sussex, and the conclusion will be a prepared report for NHS Sussex making recommendations for change to support patients with sight loss and breakdown known barriers for access and communication.

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Alongside this we were also successful in participating in a patient pathways project launched by RRNIB and Visionary to sit on a panel of Chief Executives to implement and influence local NHS Integrated Care boards, the nationally recognised and endorsed eye care support pathway with the intention to embed a holistic patient-led pathway within Ophthalmology departments.

**FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

The financial performance of the charity for the year is set out in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Donations, Legacies and Grants totalled £343,276 for the period (2023: £224,780), whilst income from Charitable Activities was £115,505 (2023: £103,811). Total income for the charity amounts to £488,349 (2023: £350,100).

Total expenditure for the year was £398,531 (2023: £386,772).

Fees and pricing policies have remained at 2021-22 levels, adjusted for inflation. There are currently no plans to introduce any other fees or change pricing policies as the Trustees are committed to ensuring that help is available for people facing financial hardship who wish to access 4Sight Vision Support services, and a discretionary system is in place so that any charges can be waived for those unable to afford it.

The trading subsidiary, 4Sight Vision Support Trading Limited, again remained dormant during the year, but it is being kept under review in the eventuality that the Trustees deem it in the charity's best interests to make use of it for future projects.

**RESERVES POLICY**

It is the policy of the Trustees to establish and maintain free reserves at a level sufficient to enable the Association to continue to deliver its range of services during periods of lower income and to meet all responsibilities in the case of closure.

4Sight Vision Support has maintained this method for the continuous assessment of risk, including a valuation of the level of reserves that we might need, based on the review of each of our current services and the flow of funds, as well as the security of our HQ building, an unrestricted fixed asset. This allows for service delivery to be prioritised, but with due regard to other legal and financial responsibilities.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least six month's expenditure (excluding funded projects); this is to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services.

This level of reserves was achieved at the year end. The total funds held at the balance sheet date were £760,435 (2023: £670,617) which includes £20,710 (2023: £35,870) held in restricted funds, £100,000 (2023: £nil) in Endowment funds and £455,484 (2023: £461,152) held as tangible fixed assets. This gives free reserves of £184,241 (2023: £173,595).

The view of the Trustees for the 2023/24 year is that the overall position of the charity and the balance of funds was sufficient to continue to operate charitable services at the levels agreed, and there are sufficient liquid assets to enable restricted and designated funds to be applied as necessary. The Board is empowered to invest monies not required for the immediate purposes of the Association as stated in the charity's investment policy.

**FUNDRAISING**

The senior member of our fundraising team is a member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising and our organisation is registered with the Fundraising Regulator; consequently, everyone who supports us may be assured that we comply with the regulatory standards for fundraising.

Our fundraising includes encouraging donations and gifts in Wills, running events and operating a lottery and raffle. Our fundraising strategy is provided and delivered by our in-house team.

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We respond to all complaints within five days. Complaints are dealt with in line with our fundraising complaints policy. Serious complaints are escalated to our Chief Executive and Trustees so they may review our activities in the light of the complaint. We have not received any complaints in this financial period.

Funders

4Sight Vision Support continues to benefit from the very generous support of a broad range of funders, whether that be Charitable Trusts and Foundations, statutory funders such as County, District, Borough, Town and Parish Councils or the various philanthropic organisations such as local Rotary, Lions, Freemasons, and other groups (some of whom are listed below). We are very grateful to them for their continued support, and we thank them for enabling us to fulfil our mission to support and improve the lives of blind or partially sighted people in West Sussex. Equally, the Trustees would like to note their sincere thanks to local businesses, schools, universities, colleges and the many individuals who donate, choose to set up, run, or participate in a fundraising event in aid of our work each year. Without the support of this ever-growing supporter and donor base, 4Sight Vision Support would simply not be able to fulfil its objectives.

The Trustees would also like to acknowledge the generous support of some larger donations from the following organisations:

- The Bassil Shippam and Alsford Trust
- The Kathleen and Sidney Linkins Memorial Trust
- The Souter Charitable Trust
- Sussex Community Foundation
- The Munro Charitable Trust
- West Sussex Travel Society Charity
- The Patricia Routledge Foundation
- Windruff Charitable Trust
- Co-op Local Community Fund
- Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers
- Gatwick Airport Community Trust
- Longley Trust
- Woodroffe Benton
- Ulverscroft Foundation
- The David Hunt Trust
- Simpson Charitable Trust
- Stagecoach – Giving for Good
- Vision Foundation
- The Grocers' Charity
- Bentley's Advancing Life Chances Small Grants Programme
- Boots Charitable Trust
- East Grinstead Memorial Estate Limited

During the year we were delighted to be approached by The Edward Gostling Foundation, inviting us to be part of their legacy partner opportunity. This resulted in us being chosen to receive a 'Deed of Gift' from the Foundation in the form of a £100,000 endowment fund. The Foundation recognised our ongoing work and awarded us the endowment to help provide us with greater certainty and flexibility in relation to our income. We are extremely grateful for the Foundation's recognition of our vital work and their ongoing support.

Many other donors and benefactors have also supported us throughout the year including Parish, Town, Borough and District Councils, local Community groups and organisations, as well as those who have requested that we respect their privacy and anonymity by not including them in this report, but we offer our thanks to them for their generosity also.

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**IMPACT OF THE COST-OF-LIVING and Cost of Giving CRISIS**

As with many voluntary sector organisations, the 'cost of living' followed by the 'cost of giving' crises that we faced in 2023/24 meant that securing funding for our services became even more of a challenge than the year before. The Trustees and Senior Management Team have continued to meet regularly during the year to discuss the challenges and explore ways to develop new income streams and continue diversifying our existing income streams. This also had a significant impact on our expenditure with salary increases, inflating energy and supply prices, all leading to difficult budget constraints. This had a huge impact on the clients we support financially and emotionally as demonstrated by our increase in support for our benefits service.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board sets the strategic direction for the organisation, and management of the activities is exercised through the Chief Executive and the Management Committee. Trustees are also the Directors of the company.

The Trustees shall consist of the Honorary Officers, individuals nominated by local area committees, and individuals elected by the members at the AGM, of which not less than 50% are visually impaired people or people with lived experience of sight loss.

The Board of Trustees:

- meets at least four times per year (during this year, all meetings were held online including the AGM)
- authorises the appointment of senior staff.
- each calendar year appoints sub-committees to deal with all financial and general business of the Association; and
- approves a business plan and budget for the coming year.

The Annual General Meeting:

- elects Officers of the Charity.
- elects up to 9 members of the Board of Trustees.
- and approves the annual report and accounts.

The Trustees may also recommend appointment of other honorary officers, Patrons, Vice Patrons, Presidents and Vice Presidents who shall be members of the Charity.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

Company law requires that the Trustees prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Charity's situation at the end of the year and of the incoming and outgoing resources for the year end.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Acts. The Trustees 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.

A register of Trustees and Senior Managers declared interests is maintained and updated at least annually, and the HMRC Fit and Proper Persons process is in place. None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up. All serving trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity. Potential new trustees, who are selected for their strengths and diversity that they will be able to bring to the Board, are invited and encouraged to spend some time at our head office, and if possible, at our other bases of activity and outreach localities, to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

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**APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

Trustees are recruited using many methods, including advertisement in the press, networking and web site searches. A Trustee and Honorary Officer job description and person specification is in place against which all candidates are assessed. An audit of available skills and experience is undertaken across the Trustee base; gaps are noted, and this information helps to build the profile for future Trustee recruitment.

Trustees are encouraged to update their skills through attendance at appropriate training courses and events and, to use the available resources and comprehensive guidance available on the Charity Commission website. Honorary Officers are selected from the Board of Trustees.

**RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Board of Trustees keeps under review the risks to which 4Sight Vision Support may be exposed and the measures required to avoid or mitigate them. This process extends to all areas of services and involves staff and volunteers. A Risk Register is in place and is updated quarterly or more frequently if required. This incorporates all forms of risk in relation to the charity and its operations, including contracts, finance, information technology, staff, volunteer and membership recruitment and activities, health and safety, and reputation. Where appropriate, systems and procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Charity faces.

Compliance is about ensuring that we adhere to statutory and regulatory requirements and, in line with best practice and our duty of care to all our stakeholders, the Charity is working towards Level 1 of the Trusted Charity quality mark, which has been specifically designed for use by voluntary sector organisations.

The Report was approved by the Trustees, in their capacity as company directors on ..... and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
**Kirstie Thomas**  
Company secretary

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**Independent Examiner's Report**  
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 4Sight Vision Support ('the charity')**

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

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the Trustees of the charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386<sup>2</sup> of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

Dated:

Lucy Hammond BSc FCA

**Kreston Reeves LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating income and expenditure account)**  
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	3	182,972	60,304	100,000	343,276	224,780
Charitable activities	4	115,505	-	-	115,505	103,811
Other trading activities		22,413	-	-	22,413	17,231
Investments	6	3,328	-	-	3,328	971
Other income		3,827	-	-	3,827	3,307
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>328,045</b>	<b>60,304</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>488,349</b>	<b>350,100</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	7	58,713	-	-	58,713	64,984
Charitable activities	8	264,354	75,464	-	339,818	321,788
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>323,067</b>	<b>75,464</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>398,531</b>	<b>386,772</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>4,978</b>	<b>(15,160)</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>89,818</b>	<b>(36,672)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		634,747	35,870	-	670,617	707,289
Net movement in funds		4,978	(15,160)	100,000	89,818	(36,672)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>639,725</b>	<b>20,710</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>760,435</b>	<b>670,617</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 34 form part of these financial statements.



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**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 March 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	13	455,484	461,152
Investments	14	100	100
		<u>455,584</u>	<u>461,252</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	15	12,331	11,446
Debtors	16	6,115	4,374
Cash at bank and in hand		303,461	217,749
		<u>321,907</u>	<u>233,569</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(17,056)	(24,204)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>304,851</u>	<u>209,365</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>760,435</u></u>	<u><u>670,617</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Endowment funds	18	100,000	-
Restricted funds	18	20,710	35,870
Unrestricted funds	18	639,725	634,747
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>760,435</u></u>	<u><u>670,617</u></u>

The charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

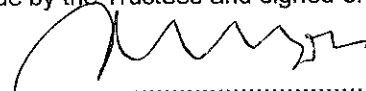
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
 Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC

  
 Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP

Date: 8/11/24

The notes on pages 16 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

4Sight Vision Support 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.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

**1.3 Income**

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the charity, can be reliably measured.

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

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**1.5 Government grants**

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

**1.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £2,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives .

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 33% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 50% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 33% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.8 Investments**

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

**1.9 Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

**1.10 Debtors**

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

**1.11 Cash at bank and in hand**

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

**1.12 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

**1.13 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.14 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**

**1.15 Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

**1.16 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the restrictions as laid out in the deed of gift

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

**2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment**

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgment:

The residual values and useful economic lives of tangible fixed assets over which these items are depreciated are estimates which impact the net book value at the balance sheet date, particularly for freehold property.

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**3. Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	47,982	-	100,000	147,982
Legacies	98,816	-	-	98,816
Grants	36,174	60,304	-	96,478
	<u>182,972</u>	<u>60,304</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>343,276</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	
Donations	49,479	-	49,479	
Legacies	15,008	-	15,008	
Grants	84,850	75,443	160,293	
	<u>149,337</u>	<u>75,443</u>	<u>224,780</u>	

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Clubs	9,837	9,837
Sight Care Advisor Service	45,522	45,522
Resource and transcriptions	32,332	32,332
Outreach	27,814	27,814
	<u>115,505</u>	<u>115,505</u>

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**4. Income from charitable activities (continued)**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Clubs	9,990	9,990
Sight Care Advisor Service	44,307	44,307
Resource and transcriptions	27,979	27,979
Outreach	21,535	21,535
	<u>103,811</u>	<u>103,811</u>

**5. Income from other trading activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from fundraising events</b>		
Fundraising events	7,802	7,802
Raffles & Lotteries	8,607	8,607
Other fundraising income	6,004	6,004
	<u>22,413</u>	<u>22,413</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
<b>Income from fundraising events</b>		
Fundraising events	5,101	5,101
Raffles & Lotteries	5,690	5,690
Other fundraising income	6,440	6,440
	<u>17,231</u>	<u>17,231</u>

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**6. Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income	3,328	3,328
	<u>3,328</u>	<u>3,328</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income	971	971
	<u>971</u>	<u>971</u>

**7. Expenditure on raising funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other costs	3,789	3,789
Wages and salaries	54,924	54,924
	<u>58,713</u>	<u>58,713</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Other costs	12,827	12,827
Wages and salaries	52,157	52,157
	<u>64,984</u>	<u>64,984</u>



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**8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Clubs	14,346	1,178	15,524
Sight Care Advisor Service	76,963	-	76,963
Resource and transcriptions	53,191	2,000	55,191
Outreach	119,854	72,286	192,140
	<u>264,354</u>	<u>75,464</u>	<u>339,818</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Clubs	14,431	2,720	17,151
Sight Care Advisor Service	82,731	-	82,731
Resource and transcriptions	10,252	22,370	32,622
Outreach	94,503	94,781	189,284
	<u>201,917</u>	<u>119,871</u>	<u>321,788</u>

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**9. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Clubs	15,524	-	15,524
Sight Care Advisor Service	48,022	28,941	76,963
Resource and transcriptions	43,779	11,412	55,191
Outreach	117,716	74,424	192,140
	<u>225,041</u>	<u>114,777</u>	<u>339,818</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Clubs	17,151	-	17,151
Sight Care Advisor Service	53,984	28,747	82,731
Resource and transcriptions	21,287	11,335	32,622
Outreach	122,568	66,716	189,284
	<u>214,990</u>	<u>106,798</u>	<u>321,788</u>

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Analysis of direct costs</b>		
Other costs	13,733	15,477
Staff travel, training, & recruitment	6,485	4,991
Building and estates costs	9,668	6,083
Communications	8,739	9,502
Equipment costs	25,262	26,593
Volunteer expenses	409	358
Staff costs	157,103	147,172
Depreciation	3,642	4,814
	<u>225,041</u>	<u>214,990</u>

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Analysis of support costs</b>		
Other costs	1,101	321
Staff travel, training & recruitment	3,608	2,711
Building and estate costs	5,378	3,304
Professional fees	10,400	12,743
Communications	4,862	5,161
Staff costs	87,402	79,943
Depreciation	2,026	2,615
	<u>114,777</u>	<u>106,798</u>
<b>Total costs</b>		
Direct costs	225,041	214,990
Support costs	114,777	106,798
	<u>339,818</u>	<u>321,788</u>

Governance costs of £20,546 (2023: £19,380) are included within support costs, see note 10 for analysis.

**10. Governance costs**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	13,110	13,110
Independent examination fee	4,470	4,470
Other costs	2,986	2,986
	<u>20,566</u>	<u>20,566</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	11,991	11,991
Independent examination fee	4,000	4,000
Other costs	3,389	3,389
	<u>19,380</u>	<u>19,380</u>

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**11. Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,470 (2023 - £4,000).

**12. Staff costs**

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	270,512	255,171
Social security costs	11,906	13,005
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	8,771	11,094
	<u>291,189</u>	<u>279,270</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Average number of employees	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The key management personnel of the charity are the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. During the year the key management personnel received total remuneration of £42,000 (2023: £40,200) and total employer pension contributions of £2,520 (2023: £2,412).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property and land £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>						
At 1 April 2023	523,422	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	567,751
At 31 March 2024	523,422	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	567,751
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 April 2023	62,270	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	106,599
Charge for the year	5,668	-	-	-	-	5,668
At 31 March 2024	67,938	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	112,267
<b>Net book value</b>						
At 31 March 2024	455,484	-	-	-	-	455,484
At 31 March 2023	461,152	-	-	-	-	461,152

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**14. Fixed asset investments**

	Investments in subsidiary companies £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	100
At 31 March 2024	<u>100</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 March 2024	100
At 31 March 2023	<u>100</u>

**Principal subsidiaries**

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the charity:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Holding	Included in consolidation
4SIGHT Trading Limited	04654280	Dormant company	100%	Yes

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Net assets £
4SIGHT Trading Limited	100

**15. Stocks**

	2024 £	2023 £
Goods for resale	<u>12,331</u>	<u>11,446</u>

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**16. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	<b>3,281</b>	374
Other debtors	<b>2,834</b>	4,000
	<b><u>6,115</u></b>	<b><u>4,374</u></b>

**17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	<b>3,229</b>	11,770
Other taxation and social security	<b>4,567</b>	3,442
Other creditors	<b>464</b>	669
Accruals and deferred income	<b>8,796</b>	8,323
	<b><u>17,056</u></b>	<b><u>24,204</u></b>

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18. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
<b>Designated funds</b>				
Clubs designated funds (see note 19)	20,069	9,837	(11,751)	18,155
<b>General funds</b>				
General Funds	614,678	318,208	(311,316)	621,570
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>634,747</b>	<b>328,045</b>	<b>(323,067)</b>	<b>639,725</b>
<b>Endowment funds</b>				
The Edward Gostling Fund	-	100,000	-	100,000
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Outreach service	8,267	1,500	(8,851)	916
Clubs	2,117	-	(1,178)	939
Volunteering co-ordinator	1,792	1,000	(2,544)	248
Newsletter	2,241	2,668	(3,099)	1,810
NHS Charities Together	2,724	10,648	(13,372)	-
Accessible technology advice service	25	-	(25)	-
Low vision	200	2,815	(904)	2,111
Client Services	11,693	-	(11,693)	-
Vision Support	3,025	15,932	(12,059)	6,898
Improving Client Engagement	3,786	10,953	(14,739)	-
Equipment	-	4,288	(2,000)	2,288
Health Inequalities	-	7,500	(3,750)	3,750
Benefits Support	-	3,000	(1,250)	1,750
	<b>35,870</b>	<b>60,304</b>	<b>(75,464)</b>	<b>20,710</b>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>670,617</b>	<b>488,349</b>	<b>(398,531)</b>	<b>760,435</b>



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**18. Statement of funds (continued)**

Restricted funds arise where a donor has placed a specific restriction on the use of the funds. The purpose of material individual funds are:

Outreach Service - Funds received to maintain our general services to members  
Client Services - Funds received to sustain and expand capacity to meet rising demand  
Client Engagement - Funds received for a client engagement officer

The purpose of other restricted funds is described above in the name of the fund.

During the year a transfer was posted between the designated clubs fund and general funds to represent funds held in respect of clubs which are now dormant or closed.

**Endowment Fund**

Endowment Fund income of £100,000 was received in 2024 to establish the Edward Gosling Fund. The fund is to be used to meet operating costs as set out in a deed of gift dated 16th February 2024. There are restrictions as to how much of this fund can be accessed until it can be fully released to unrestricted funds on 16th February 2029.

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**18. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Clubs designated funds (see note 19)	40,240	9,990	(14,431)	(15,730)	20,069
<b>General funds</b>					
General Funds	586,751	264,667	(252,470)	15,730	614,678
<b>Total Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>626,991</b>	<b>274,657</b>	<b>(266,901)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>634,747</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Outreach service	8,814	13,000	(13,547)	-	8,267
Clubs	4,837	-	(2,720)	-	2,117
Equipment	205	2,000	(2,205)	-	-
Volunteering co-ordinator	9,292	-	(7,500)	-	1,792
Newsletter	1,493	1,453	(705)	-	2,241
Children and Young People	9,991	-	(9,991)	-	-
NHS Charities Together	4,178	22,196	(23,650)	-	2,724
Accessible technology advice service	16,990	3,200	(20,165)	-	25
Low vision	8,000	-	(7,800)	-	200
Client Services	2,500	9,920	(727)	-	11,693
Postcode Lottery	11,980	-	(11,980)	-	-
Health & wellbeing	2,018	-	(2,018)	-	-
Vision Support	-	11,423	(8,398)	-	3,025
Improving Client Engagement	-	12,251	(8,465)	-	3,786
	<b>80,298</b>	<b>75,443</b>	<b>(119,871)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,870</b>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>707,289</b>	<b>350,100</b>	<b>(386,772)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670,617</b>

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**19. Clubs designated funds**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Clubs income	9,837	9,990
	<u>9,837</u>	<u>9,990</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Travel	(320)	(1,103)
Hall hire	(3,204)	(2,108)
Functions	(6,955)	(7,100)
Other expenses	(1,273)	(4,120)
	<u>(11,752)</u>	<u>(14,431)</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(11,752)</b>	<b>(14,431)</b>
Net movement in the year	(1,914)	(4,441)
Balance brought forward	20,069	40,240
Transfers (to)/from the general fund	-	(15,730)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,730)</u>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>18,155</b>	<b>20,069</b>
	<u><u>18,155</u></u>	<u><u>20,069</u></u>

Club activities are co-ordinated through a number of area committees, many of which have their own financial activities. The number of club and area accounts included above is 16 (2023: 21).

**20. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Endowment funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	455,484	-	-	455,484
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Current assets	201,197	20,710	100,000	321,907
Creditors due within one year	(17,056)	-	-	(17,056)
	<u>639,725</u>	<u>20,710</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>760,435</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>639,725</b>	<b>20,710</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>760,435</b>
	<u><u>639,725</u></u>	<u><u>20,710</u></u>	<u><u>100,000</u></u>	<u><u>760,435</u></u>

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**20. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	461,152	-	461,152
Fixed asset investments	100	-	100
Current assets	197,699	35,870	233,569
Creditors due within one year	(24,204)	-	(24,204)
<b>Total</b>	<b>634,747</b>	<b>35,870</b>	<b>670,617</b>

**21. Pension commitments**

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £10,910 (2023: £11,094).

**22. Members' liability**

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

**23. Related party transactions**

The charity owns 100% of the issued share capital of 4Sight Trading Limited (Company 4654280). The company was dormant throughout the current year and accordingly no amounts were receivable during the year or at the balance sheet date.

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration nor any expenses (2023: Nil).

There are no other related party transactions which require disclosure.