Registered number: 03740647 Charity number: 1075447

4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT

(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC, Chairman

Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP, Hon. Treasurer Sheilagh Baker DBO (D), Elected Member

Jan Penn, Elected Member (resigned 1 October 2024)

Heather Bell DBO (D), Elected Member

Julia Kirkham, Elected Member

Carole Wooldridge, Elected Member (appointed 25 October 2024)

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number 03740647

Charity registered

number 1075447

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The Right Hon. the Lord Egremont DL

Harry Goring DL

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Dr Tim Fooks

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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 October 2018. The Charity was founded in 1921 and incorporated on 24th 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 2024/2025 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 is only possible with the incredible deviation from our extensive volunteer base. We have a strong commitment to volunteering countywide.

Active Volunteers 180

Volunteer Roles include.

- Sighted Guides
- Group and activity Helpers.
- Car 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."

2024-2025 - THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

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

Total new clients 621
Total active service users 3,493

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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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Age breakdown

No. of clients
12
21
33
13
21
65
392
372
795
1,638
131

Geographic Breakdown

No. of clients
308
870
42
559
278
44
30
445
397
28
84
407

OUR SERVICE AND ACTIVITY - OUR MPACT

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

Client accessing IAG	180
Client interactions	374
Total hours	54h 29m
Client calls	942
Total house	171h 32m

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.

Client accessing	36
Total calls made	114
Total hours	41h 38m

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	292

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	208
Total hours	193h 15m

Low Vision Assessment NHS Contra Sussex and Surrey NHS Trust contract (SASH) 181
Total hours 37h 46m

Low Vision Assessment NHS Contra Queen Victoria Hospital (QVH) 67
Total hours 21h 13m

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	114
Total Hours	14h 15m
No. Of Items Sold	394
Total sales	£9,681.66

Benefits Service

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 the 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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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Advice 25
Assistance with applications 64
Total hours of support 202h

Accessible Technology Service

We also saw a significant 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 interventions	393
Advice	31
Training and Trouble shooting	177
Total hours of support delivered	221h 51m

[&]quot;If anything else you have done Daniel, you have made an old lady very happy and saved myself and my family unnecessary expense in something that I would not have benefitted from. I never knew I had something already in my possession which I could have been using all along"

Education and Employment Service

For our younger and working age clients, we offer support with education, training, learning, and offering accessto 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	8
Direct beneficiaries	18
Total hours of support	4h 20m

Education Support

Total Interactions	12
Direct beneficiaries	9
Total hours spent.	1h 33m

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.

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

Low-Vision Events and Attendees

	4
loss sector. Sussex Sight Day Shoreham attendees	80
Total attendees	126

Total client Interactions in accessible formats 2024/2025

Card	2,499
Discussion with other professional	122
Discussion with relative	262
Email	299
Face To Face	954
Large print	597
Letter	298
No Contact - see notes	2,686
Online video call	1
SMS Text	68
Special - see notes	11
Telephone	3,522
Grand total	11,319

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 and we are still invited to events and receptions giving us the opportunity to network.

We have met with the current High Sheriff who as always shares positive, supportive and impressive news about 4Sight vision Support and the work we do, likewise we have had various meetings with trusts, business and local MPs all express their thanks, support, recognition of the great work we do.

We were also shortlisted as Charity of the year at the Arun Business Awards.

OUR COMMUNICATIONS

Community talks	11
Press Releases	11
Radio Interviews	12

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Our social media presence grew:

Facebook

Total 1,381 followers

Instagram

Total 525 followers

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Total 1,502 followers

Newsletters sent to our clients with information, advice, and activities

In the following accessible formats

 Large printed
 10,898

 CD
 673

 USB
 500

 Braille
 33

 Email
 3,815

 Standard printed
 282

 Total
 16,201

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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Carried over into 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 to NHS Sussex making recommendations for change to support patents with sight loss and breakdown know barriers for access and communication. The report identified numerous trends and common factors, and we provided recommendations for improvement

Alongside this we were also successful in participating in a patient pathways project launched by RRNIB patientled 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 patientled 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 £264,779 for the period (2024: £343,276), whilst income from Charitable Activities was £113,136 (2024: £115,505). Total income for the charity amounts to £407,362 (2024: £488,349).

Total expenditure for the year was £443,492 (2024: £398,531).

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 £724,305 (2024: £760,435) which includes £10,703 (2024: £20,710) held in restricted funds, £100,000 (2024:£100,000) in Endowment funds and £449,348 (2024: £455,484) held as tangible fixed assets. This gives free reserves of £164,254 (2024: £184,241).

The view of the Trustees for the 2024/25 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.

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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.

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:

- Tesco Stronger Starts
- East Grinstead Memorial Estate Limited Smallwood Trust
- · Viscountess Blakenham's Charitable Trust
- Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust
- The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust Ann Rylands Small Donations
- Safer In Sussex
- Hospital Saturday Fund
- James Tudor Foundation
- Co-op Local Community Fund
- John and Yvonne Dean Charitable Trust
- Marsh Charitable Trust
- The Souter Charitable Trust
- West Sussex Travel Society Charity
- The Patricia Routledge Foundation
- Windruff Charitable Trust
- Lizzie Bingley Trust
- Helping Others Fund
- Chalcroft Charitable Trust
- Ian Askew Charitable Trust
- Charlotte Marshall Charitable Trust
- Longley Trust
- The David Hunt Trust

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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.

CHALLENGES

As with many voluntary sector organisations, the 'cost of living' followed by the 'cost of giving' crises that we faced in 2024/25 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 leading to difficult budget constraints.

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 wereat the Bradbury Centre, in Bognor. The AGM was held at The Shoreham Centre and was open to anyone to attend in person or online).
- 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.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Trustees are recruited using many methods, including advertisement in the press, networking and web site searches. A Trustees 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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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC Chairman Date:

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	226,920	37,859	-	264,779	343,276
Charitable activities	5	113,136	-	-	113,136	115,505
Other trading activities		23,611	-	-	23,611	22,413
Investments	7	2,343	-	2,336	4,679	3,328
Other income		1,157	-	-	1,157	3,827
Total income and endowments		367,167	37,859	2,336	407,362	488,349
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	82,781	-	-	82,781	58,713
Charitable activities	9	312,845	47,866	-	360,711	339,818
Total expenditure		395,626	47,866		443,492	398,531
Net (expenditure)/income Transfers between	40	(28,459)	(10,007)	2,336	(36,130)	89,818
funds	19	2,336	-	(2,336)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(26,123)	(10,007)	-	(36,130)	89,818
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		639,725	20,710	100,000	760,435	670,617
Net movement in funds		(26,123)	(10,007)	-	(36,130)	89,818
Total funds carried						
forward		613,602	10,703	100,000	724,305	760,435

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 18 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note		2025		2024
Fixed assets	Note		£		£
Tangible assets	14		449,348		455,484
Investments	15		100		100
		_	449,448	_	455,584
Current assets					
Stocks	16	12,331		12,331	
Debtors	17	29,986		6,115	
Cash at bank and in hand		250,554		303,461	
	_	292,871	_	321,907	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(18,014)		(17,056)	
Net current assets	_		274,857		304,851
Total net assets		- -	724,305	- -	760,435
Charity funds					
Endowment funds	19		100,000		100,000
Restricted funds	19		10,703		20,710
Unrestricted funds	19		613,602		639,725
Total funds		_	724,305	_	760,435

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED) AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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
Chairman
Date:

Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP
Treasurer

The notes on pages 18 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. General information

4Sight Vision Support, is a private Company, which is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is 36 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, England, PO21 2TE.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Company, and rounded to the nearest £1.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 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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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 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.

2.5 Government grants

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the Statement of financial activities upon the completion of the relevant performance-related conditions. Other grants that are not subject to performance-related conditions are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the grant proceeds are received. Grants received prior to the revenue recognition criteria being satisfied are recognised as a liability.

2.6 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.

2.7 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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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 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.

2.9 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.

2.10 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.

2.11 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.

2.12 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.

2.13 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.

2.14 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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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 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.

2.16 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 the deed of gift.

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

3. 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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4. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	70,863	-	-	70,863
Legacies	97,207	-	-	97,207
Grants	58,850	37,859	-	96,709
	226,920	37,859		264,779
	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
	182,972	60,304	100,000	343,276

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Clubs	10,147	10,147
Sight Care Advisor Service	47,798	47,798
Resource and transcriptions	27,532	27,532
Outreach	27,659	27,659
	113,136	113,136

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5. Income from charitable activities (continued)

Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
9,837	9,837
45,522	45,522
32,332	32,332
27,814	27,814
115,505	115,505
	funds 2024 £ 9,837 45,522 32,332 27,814

6. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income from fundraising events		
Fundraising events	9,789	9,789
Raffles & Lotteries	6,359	6,359
Other fundraising income	7,463	7,463
	23,611	23,611
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds 2024	funds 2024
Income from fundraising events	£	£
	7.000	7.000
Fundraising events	7,802	7,802
Raffles & Lotteries	8,607	8,607
Other fundraising income	6,004	6,004
	22,413	22,413

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7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income	2,343	2,336	4,679
		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Investment income		3,328	3,328

8. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Other costs	22,632	22,632
Wages and salaries	60,149	60,149
	82,781	82,781
	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Other costs	3,789	3,789
Wages and salaries	54,924	54,924
	58,713	58,713

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
Clubs	11,311	939	12,250
Sight Care Advisor Service	86,613	-	86,613
Resource and transcriptions	29,865	4,288	34,153
Outreach	185,056	42,639	227,695
	312,845	47,866	360,711
	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
	264,354	75,464	339,818

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

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Clubs	12,250	-	12,250
Sight Care Advisor Service	53,603	33,010	86,613
Resource and transcriptions	21,137	13,016	34,153
Outreach	139,879	87,816	227,695
	226,869	133,842	360,711
	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
	225,041	114,777	339,818

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	2025 £	2024 £
Analysis of direct costs	~	~
Other costs	12,742	13,733
Staff travel, training, & recruitment	9,519	6,485
Building and estates costs	9,912	9,668
Communications	8,354	8,739
Equipment costs	21,665	25,262
Volunteer expenses	79	409
Staff costs	160,619	157,103
Depreciation	3,979	3,642
	226,869	225,041

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	2025 £	2024 £
Analysis of support costs		
Other costs	2,060	1,101
Staff travel, training & recruitment	4,841	3,608
Building and estate costs	5,372	5,378
Professional fees	27,836	10,400
Communications	4,527	4,862
Staff costs	87,049	87,402
Depreciation	2,157	2,026
	133,842	114,777
Total costs		
Direct costs	226,869	225,041
Support costs	133,842	114,777
	360,711	339,818

Governance costs of £20,974 (2024: £20,566) are included within support costs, see note 11 for analysis.

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11. Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	13,057	13,057
Independent examination fee	4,100	4,100
Other costs	3,817	3,817
	20,974	20,974
	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
	20,566	20,566

12. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,100 (2024 - £4,470).

13. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	272,589	270,512
Social security costs	15,598	11,906
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	9,016	8,771
	297,203	291,189
The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was	as follows:	
	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average number of employees	13	15

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13. Staff costs (continued)

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 £46,200 (2024: £42,000) and total employer pension contributions of £2,772 (2024: £2,520).

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14. Tangible fixed assets

1	Freehold property and land £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2024	523,422	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	567,751
At 31 March 2025	523,422	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	567,751
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	67,938	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	112,267
Charge for the year	6,136	-	-	-	-	6,136
At 31 March 2025	74,074	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	118,403
Net book value						
At 31 March 2025	449,348	-		-	<u>-</u>	449,348
At 31 March 2024	455,484					455,484

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15. Fixed asset investments

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			Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024			100
At 31 March 2025			100
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025			100
At 31 March 2024			100
Principal subsidiaries			
The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the cha	arity:		
Name	Company number	Principal activity	Holding
4SIGHT Trading Limited	04654280	Dormant company	100%
The financial results of the subsidiary for the year we	re:		
Name			Net assets £
4SIGHT Trading Limited			100
Stocks			
		2025 £	2024 £
Goods for resale		12,331	12,331

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17. Debtors

		2025 £	2024 £
	Due within one year		
	Trade debtors	16,322	3,281
	Other debtors	13,664	2,834
		29,986	6,115
18.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2025 £	2024 £
	Trade creditors	5,074	3,229
	Other taxation and social security	6,181	4,567
	Other creditors	1,682	464
	Accruals and deferred income	5,077	8,796
		18,014	17,056

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

19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Clubs designated funds (see note 20)	18,155	10,147	(9,217)		19,085
General funds					
General Funds	621,570	357,020	(386,409)	2,336	594,517
Total Unrestricted funds	639,725	367,167	(395,626)	2,336	613,602
Endowment funds					
The Edward Gostling Fund	100,000	2,336		(2,336)	100,000
Restricted funds					
Outreach service	916	-	(916)	-	-
Clubs	939	-	(939)	-	-
Volunteering co-ordinator	248	-	(248)	-	-
Newsletter	1,810	3,000	(4,810)	-	-
Low vision	2,111	2,000	(4,111)	-	-
Vision Support	6,898	-	(6,898)	-	-
Improving client engagement	-	7,835	(2,132)	-	5,703
Equipment	2,288	2,000	(4,288)	-	-
Health Inequalities	3,750	6,000	(4,750)	-	5,000
Benefits Support	1,750	17,024	(18,774)	-	-
	20,710	37,859	(47,866)	-	10,703
Total of funds	760,435 	407,362	(443,492)	-	724,305

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted Funds

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

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

Endowment Fund

The endowment fund was established in 2024 following the receipt of £100,000 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.

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

19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds				
Clubs designated funds (see note 20)	20,069	9,837	(11,751)	18,155
General funds				
General Funds	614,678	318,208	(311,316)	621,570
Total Unrestricted funds	634,747	328,045	(323,067)	639,725
Endowment funds				
The Edward Gostling Fund		100,000		100,000
Restricted funds				
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
	35,870	60,304	(75,464)	20,710
Total of funds	670,617	488,349	(398,531)	760,435

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

20. Clubs designated funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Clubs income	10,147	9,837
	10,147	9,837
Expenditure		
Travel	(161)	(320)
Hall hire	(1,489)	(3,204)
Functions	(6,772)	(6,955)
Other expenses	(795)	(1,273)
Total Expenditure	(9,217)	(11,752)
Net movement in the year	930	(1,914)
Balance brought forward	18,155	20,069
Balance carried forward	19,085	18,155

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 (2024: 16).

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Endowment funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	449,348	-	-	449,348
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Current assets	182,168	10,703	100,000	292,871
Creditors due within one year	(18,014)	-	-	(18,014)
Total	613,602	10,703	100,000	724,305

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	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)
Total	639,725	20,710	100,000	760,435

22. 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 £11,012 (2024: £10,910).

23. 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.

24. 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 (2024: Nil).

There are no other related party transactions which require disclosure.