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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

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4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT**(A company limited by guarantee)****REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

Trustees	Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC, Chairman Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP, Hon. Treasurer Sheilagh Baker DBO (D), Elected Member Heather Bell DBO (D), Elected Member Julia Kirkham, Elected Member Carole Wooldridge, Elected Member
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Charity registered number	1075447
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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.

Strategic Plan 2025-2028

For more than 100 years, 4Sight Vision Support has been the leading sight loss charity supporting blind and partially sighted people across West Sussex.

Building on a proud history of service, we continue to look towards the future with ambition and purpose. Through innovation, partnership working and a commitment to person-centred support, we aim to ensure that 4Sight Vision Support is there for people when they need us most, helping individuals with sight loss to live independently, confidently and fully within their communities.

Our Vision

Support. Enable. Evolve. (SEE)

Our Values

- Caring
- Trusted
- Forward-Thinking

Our Mission

To support and engage with people across West Sussex who are blind or partially sighted, empowering them through tailored support, building confidence, promoting independence and creating a more inclusive society.

Strategic Priorities 2025-2028

The Board of Trustees has agreed three key strategic priorities that will guide the charity's development over the next three years.

1. Deliver and Develop High-Quality User-Led Services

Objective: To provide high-quality, accessible services that reflect the needs, aspirations and experiences of people living with sight loss.

2. Strengthen Organisational Profile and Engagement

Objective: To increase awareness of sight loss issues and strengthen relationships with stakeholders across West Sussex.

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3. Ensure Sustainability and Fitness for Purpose

Objective: To develop a financially stable, resilient and sustainable organisation capable of meeting current and future demand.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Several themes will underpin all aspects of our strategic work:

Volunteers

Volunteers remain central to the delivery and development of our services. We will continue to recruit, train, support and recognise volunteers who play a vital role in helping us achieve our mission.

Eye Health

We will continue to promote the importance of eye health awareness, early intervention and the prevention of avoidable sight loss through information, education and partnership working.

Data and Impact

We will strengthen our approach to data collection and evaluation, using evidence to inform decision-making, improve services and clearly demonstrate our impact to funders, partners and stakeholders.

Looking Ahead to 2028

Through the successful delivery of this Strategic Plan, we aim to achieve:

- Increased independence, confidence and wellbeing for people living with sight loss.
- Higher levels of user satisfaction through responsive, user-led services.
- Greater public awareness and understanding of sight loss and eye health.
- Stronger partnerships and community engagement across West Sussex.
- Enhanced organisational resilience, sustainability and capacity.
- Improved evidence of impact, enabling us to secure resources and support more people effectively.

This Strategic Plan provides a clear framework for the future development of 4Sight Vision Support and reflects our continued commitment to ensuring that blind and partially sighted people across West Sussex receive the support, information and opportunities they need to lead the lives they want to live.

Structure, Governance, and Management

4Sight Vision Support has the Charity registration number 1075447 and is a Company Limited by Guarantee, number 03740647. It is constituted under its amended Articles of Association dated 26th 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 7 of our Trustees have lived experience of sight loss.

In 2025-2026 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 day-to-day operations of 4Sight Vision Support are delivered by a dedicated and skilled team of **14 staff members**, who are responsible for managing all aspects of the charity's activities, including service delivery, finance, administration, fundraising, communications and organisational leadership.

Throughout 2025-26, our staff team continued to demonstrate exceptional commitment, professionalism and compassion, providing high-quality support to people living with sight loss across West Sussex. Their expertise, dedication and person-centred approach ensure that our beneficiaries receive the information, advice and practical support they need to live independently and confidently.

A particular strength of our organisation is the lived experience within our workforce. Twenty-five per cent of our staff team have personal experience of sight loss, including our Chief Executive Officer, Kirstie Thomas. This lived experience provides valuable insight into the challenges faced by the people we support and helps shape services that are empathetic, relevant and responsive to their needs.

By combining professional expertise with lived experience, our staff are uniquely placed to understand the barriers faced by blind and partially sighted people and to advocate effectively on their behalf. Their dedication continues to drive the charity forward and ensures that 4Sight Vision Support remains a trusted source of support, advice and empowerment for people affected by sight loss throughout West Sussex.

The Board of Trustees would like to place on record its sincere appreciation and thanks to all members of staff for their hard work, commitment and contribution during the year. Their passion and determination are central to the charity's continued success and impact.

Our Volunteers

Our dedicated, compassionate and highly valued volunteers remain at the heart of 4Sight Vision Support. Their commitment, generosity and willingness to give their time make an enormous difference to the lives of the people we support and are fundamental to the success of our services across West Sussex.

We recognise that many of our services would not be possible without the contribution of our volunteers. Whether providing practical assistance, emotional support, companionship or helping people access the community, our volunteers play a vital role in reducing isolation, promoting independence and enhancing wellbeing for people living with sight loss.

We remain strongly committed to volunteering across the county and continue to invest in recruiting, training and supporting volunteers to ensure they have the skills, confidence and resources needed to make a meaningful impact.

Volunteer Numbers

Active Volunteers: 196

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Volunteer Roles

Our volunteers undertake a diverse range of roles, including:

- Sighted Guides supporting people with sight loss to access activities, appointments and community opportunities.
- Group and Activity Helpers assisting at social groups, events, wellbeing activities and information days.
- Administration Volunteers providing invaluable support with office and operational functions.
- Telephone Befrienders offering regular contact, companionship and emotional support to reduce loneliness and isolation.
- Fundraising, Events and Communications Volunteers helping to raise awareness, generate income and promote the charity within local communities.

The continued dedication of our volunteers enables us to extend our reach, enhance our services and support more people living with sight loss across West Sussex. On behalf of our trustees, staff and beneficiaries, we extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer for their outstanding contribution during 2025-26. Their commitment, kindness and generosity embody the values of 4Sight Vision Support and continue to make a lasting difference to the lives of those we serve.

2025-2026: The Year at a Glance

With five key priorities underpinning our Strategic Plan, 2025-26 has been another busy and productive year for 4Sight Vision Support. We have continued to provide vital support, advice and advocacy to people living with sight loss across West Sussex, whilst strengthening referral pathways and expanding our reach within local communities.

Service Overview

Measure	Total
New clients supported	590
Active service users	3,657

Referral Pathways

Referrals to our services were received from a wide range of sources, demonstrating the strength of our partnerships and the growing recognition of the support we provide. These included:

- Sight Care Advisor Services at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (UHSx)
- West Sussex County Council Rehabilitation Officers for the Visually Impaired (ROVIs)
- Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH)
- Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (QVH) Low Vision Clinics
- Optometrists and Opticians
- Social Prescribers
- General Practitioners (GPs)
- Care Homes
- Educational Settings
- Emergency Services
- Self-referrals from individuals and families

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Support Delivered

Our team continued to provide direct support across a variety of settings, ensuring services remained accessible to those who need them most.

Location	Number of Visits
Home Visits	262
Schools	2
Employment Settings	2

Demographics of Active Service Users

Age Profile

The majority of our service users continue to be older people, reflecting the increased prevalence of sight loss within later life.

Age Group	Number
0-4	17
5-10	24
11-16	39
17-18	12
19-24	27
25-39	65
40-64	428
65-74	389
75-84	845
85+	1,671
Unknown	140
Total	3,657

Gender Identity

Gender	Number
Female	2,293
Male	1,361
Transgender	1
Unknown	2
Total	3,657

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Ethnicity

4Sight Vision Support remains committed to providing inclusive and accessible services to people from all backgrounds and communities.

Ethnicity	Number
Arab	1
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	4
Asian/Asian British - Chinese	7
Asian/Asian British - Indian	13
Asian/Asian British - Other	2
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	3
Black/Black British - African	9
Black/Black British - Caribbean	5
Black/Black British - Other Black Background	5
Mixed - Other Mixed Background	1
Mixed - White and Asian	3
Mixed - White and Black African	2
White - British	2,717
White - European	57
White - Irish	21
White - Other White Background	19
Other Ethnic Group	5
Prefer Not to Say	7
Not Stated/Not Yet Obtained	515
Unknown	261
Total	3,657

Looking Ahead

The continued growth in demand for our services demonstrates both the need for specialist sight loss support and the trust placed in 4Sight Vision Support by individuals, families and professional partners. As we move into 2026-27, we remain committed to delivering person-centred services, strengthening partnerships and ensuring that people living with sight loss can live independently, confidently and with the support they need to thrive.

OUR SERVICE AND ACTIVITY – OUR IMPACT 2025-2026

Service Delivery Against Strategic Priorities

Total Support provided Information advice and guidance

Total 2170h21m

Staff Time 1860h37m

Volunteer Time 309h44m

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Early Intervention and Hospital-Based Services

Receiving a diagnosis of sight loss can be a life-changing and often overwhelming experience. Our Early Intervention and Hospital-Based Services ensure that individuals receive timely emotional and practical support at the point when they need it most.

Our dedicated Sight Care Advisors, based within the Eye Units at Southlands Hospital and St Richard's Hospital, provide immediate support to patients following diagnosis. Working closely with consultants, clinical teams and wider health and social care partners, they act as a vital link between patients and the support available within the community.

We provide emotional reassurance, practical guidance and information to help patients understand their eye condition, the implications of their diagnosis, and the support available to them. This includes assistance with the Certificate of Vision Impairment (CVI) process, registration as sight impaired or severely sight impaired, and access to services, benefits and specialist support.

Our Sight Care Advisors play a crucial role within the health and social care pathway, ensuring that patients and their families are not left to navigate sight loss alone. They help individuals understand their options, access appropriate services and take positive steps towards maintaining their independence and wellbeing.

Alongside our hospital-based advisory service, we provide specialist Low Vision Services across a number of locations, including Horsham Hospital, Crawley Hospital and Queen Victoria Hospital (QVH) in East Grinstead. We also continue to deliver an NHS commissioned Low Vision Service in partnership with Sight for Surrey across Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH).

Through these services, we carry out detailed low vision assessments to identify the magnification, techniques and equipment that can help individuals maximise their remaining sight. Support may include assistance with:

- Reading and writing
- Shopping and managing finances
- Medication management
- Meal preparation and household tasks
- Accessing information and communication
- Maintaining independence at home and in the community

We also provide guidance on eye health, encourage proactive management of eye conditions where appropriate, and ensure individuals are connected to ongoing support services as early as possible.

By offering support at the point of diagnosis and throughout a person's sight loss journey, our Early Intervention and Hospital-Based Services help reduce anxiety, promote independence and ensure that people living with sight loss can access the information, equipment and support they need to maintain their quality of life.

Service Activity

Total Low Vision Assessments delivered in NHS Low vision clinics	236
Total Sight Care Support:	
Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI) issued	220
Total Interactions	1758
Total hours of support	589h18m

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Outcomes:

- Reduced anxiety and uncertainty
- Earlier access to support
- Improved patient pathways

This directly supports NHS priorities for **preventative and integrated care**.

Visual Assessment and Equipment Provision

Our Visual Assessment and Equipment Provision Service continued to play an important role in helping people with sight loss remain independent, safe and confident in their daily lives. Through personalised assessments, we identify the practical challenges individuals face and provide tailored solutions to maximise their remaining vision and support their independence.

During 2025-26, our specialist team carried out comprehensive community-based low vision assessments, enabling clients to access support within familiar surroundings and ensuring recommendations were tailored to their individual circumstances and daily routines.

Service Activity

Activity	Total Community-Based Low Vision Assessments	207
Total Hours of Direct Support		237 hours, 58 minutes

Equipment and Support Provided

Following assessment, clients were offered advice, training and access to a range of low vision aids and specialist equipment designed to support everyday living. These included:

- Handheld and electronic magnifiers
- Task and specialist lighting solutions
- Large-print and high-contrast products
- Reading and writing aids
- Daily living and household adaptations
- Specialist equipment to support communication and independence

Outcomes

- Increased independence and self-confidence
- Improved ability to undertake everyday tasks
- Enhanced safety within the home and community
- Better access to information and communication
- Reduced social isolation
- Reduced reliance on statutory health and social care services

Case Study

Client Z spoke with a member of our hospital-based team about difficulties they were experiencing at home, particularly in the kitchen due to sight loss.

Through a series of conversations, our team provided advice on practical strategies and daily living aids that could help overcome these challenges. Client Z was able to trial a range of solutions and identify equipment that best met their needs.

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As a result, Client Z gained greater confidence and independence in the kitchen while reducing the risk of accidents and injury.

"Thank you so much for all of the advice and guidance you have given me on equipment. I am astonished how such a simple device can prevent me from potentially burning myself in the kitchen."

This support enabled Client Z to continue carrying out everyday tasks more safely and independently, improving both confidence and wellbeing.

Accessible Technology Service

Accessible technology continues to be a key strategic priority for 4Sight Vision Support, helping people with sight loss to maintain their independence, confidence and connection with the world around them. This remains one of our fastest growing services, with demand continuing to increase throughout 2025-26.

In response to this growing demand, we have invested in additional staff and volunteer capacity to ensure that more people can access timely support and benefit from the opportunities that technology can provide.

Our specialist Accessible Technology Service supports clients to develop both new and existing digital skills, enabling them to communicate effectively, access information, manage daily tasks and remain independent within their homes and communities. Through personalised support, training and guidance, we help individuals understand the range of accessible technologies available and make informed choices about the solutions that best meet their needs.

Whether supporting someone who is newly adjusting to sight loss or helping an existing client to build their confidence using new technologies, the service plays a vital role in reducing isolation, increasing independence and improving quality of life. As technology continues to evolve, we remain committed to ensuring that people with sight loss can access the tools, knowledge and support they need to live independently and confidently.

We supported individuals to:

- Use accessible smartphone features
- Access assistive applications
- Build digital confidence

Service Activity

Total clients referred into the service	208
Total Hours of support	353h03m

Outcomes:

- Increased ability to communicate
- Improved access to information and services
- Greater independence in managing daily life

Case Study

A and B contacted us for help using accessibility features on their iPad. During the visit, it became clear that forgotten passwords, PINs, and software issues were preventing them from accessing key functions, including BBC iPlayer.

The situation had left both feeling overwhelmed and frustrated, particularly as deteriorating sight was making technology more challenging to use.

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Over three visits, we helped recover access to the device, complete necessary updates, reinstall applications, and configure accessibility settings. Alongside the technical support, we provided reassurance and practical guidance, helping rebuild their confidence.

As a result, A and B were able to use their iPad independently again and felt more positive about managing technology in the future. This case demonstrates how our service combines practical and emotional support to help people with sight loss remain connected and independent.

Benefits and Financial Support

During 2025-26, we continued to provide vital benefits advice and financial support to people living with sight loss across West Sussex. In response to ongoing economic pressures and the lasting impact of the cost-of-living crisis, demand for this service remained high throughout the year.

National evidence shows that people who are blind or partially sighted often face additional financial challenges, including increased household costs for lighting, assistive technology and transport, alongside lower employment rates. As a result, many individuals and families contacted us seeking advice about the financial support and concessions available to them.

Our team provides practical, person-centred support to help people understand their entitlements, navigate complex application processes and access the financial assistance they need. This includes helping clients complete application forms, gather supporting evidence and prepare for assessments, as well as providing guidance through appeals and tribunal processes where required.

During the year, we supported individuals in accessing a range of benefits and concessions, including:

- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Attendance Allowance
- Blue Badge Scheme
- Disability-related concessions and entitlements

By helping people secure the financial support to which they are entitled, we are able to reduce financial hardship, increase independence and improve overall wellbeing for those living with sight loss. This service continues to be an important part of our holistic approach, ensuring that individuals receive not only emotional and practical support, but also the financial assistance needed to live safely and independently.

Service Activity

Total clients referred to the service	136
Total hours of support	109h01m

Outcomes:

- Reduced financial hardship
- Increased stability during adjustment to sight loss

Case Study

Client X was registered as Severely Sight Impaired (SSI) in November and had been facing significant challenges, including having two previous Personal Independence Payment (PIP) applications rejected.

Working together, we completed a new PIP application, resulting in Client X being awarded the enhanced rate for both daily living and mobility. On receiving the decision, she told us she was so happy that she cried.

The award has reduced her financial worries and given her greater independence and confidence. We continue to support Client X and will assist her with her upcoming Work Capability Assessment to ensure she receives the ongoing support she needs.

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Health and Wellbeing Service

Supporting the health and wellbeing of people living with sight loss remains a core part of our work. Throughout 2025-26, we delivered a range of activities, groups and one-to-one support designed to reduce social isolation, improve emotional wellbeing and help people remain active, connected and engaged within their local communities.

Living with sight loss can often lead to feelings of loneliness, loss of confidence and reduced social interaction. Our Health and Wellbeing Service provides information, advice and practical support to help individuals access leisure, social and community opportunities, enabling them to maintain their independence and improve their quality of life.

During the year, we continued to offer a varied programme of both in-person and online activities, ensuring that support remained accessible to people with differing needs and circumstances. Activities included:

- Low Vision Information Days
- Community events and awareness activities
- Online social groups and activities
- Peer support opportunities
- Health and wellbeing sessions
- Walking groups and outdoor activities

Ramblers and Strollers

Our popular Ramblers and Strollers groups continued to grow during the year, providing regular opportunities for people living with sight loss to enjoy the benefits of physical activity, fresh air and social connection. Supported by our dedicated sighted guide volunteers, participants take part in gentle walks across a variety of accessible locations throughout West Sussex.

These groups not only encourage people to remain physically active but also provide valuable opportunities to build friendships, share experiences and reduce feelings of isolation. For many participants, the walking groups have become an important source of ongoing peer support and community connection.

Outcomes

Through our Health and Wellbeing activities and support services, clients reported a range of positive outcomes, including:

- Reduced loneliness and social isolation
- Increased confidence and resilience
- Improved emotional and mental wellbeing
- Greater peer support and social connection
- Increased physical activity and mobility
- Enhanced independence and community engagement

Service Activity

Service and support community events	4
Group Visits	8
Monthly Peer support groups	11
Dedicated Information sessions	3

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

During 2025-26, 4Sight Vision Support continued to receive significant recognition and support from partners, stakeholders and community leaders across West Sussex. We maintained a positive relationship with the High Sheriff of West Sussex, who regularly highlighted the work of 4Sight Vision Support in speeches, presentations and discussions with colleagues and partners. This ongoing endorsement has helped raise awareness of the challenges faced by people living with sight loss and the vital support provided by our organisation.

We were pleased to meet with the incoming High Sheriff during the year, who also expressed strong support for our work and its impact on visually impaired people throughout the county. These connections have enabled us to attend a number of events, receptions and networking opportunities, strengthening our profile and helping to develop valuable relationships with key stakeholders.

Throughout the year, we have continued to engage with NHS Trusts, local authorities, businesses, community partners and local Members of Parliament. These meetings consistently reinforced the value of our services, with partners recognising the difference our work makes to the lives of blind and partially sighted people and their families. We are grateful for the ongoing encouragement, collaboration and recognition we receive, which reflects the dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees and supports our ambition to further improve outcomes for people living with sight loss across West Sussex.

We are incredibly grateful to the local organisations that chose to support 4Sight Vision Support as their Charity of the Year during 2025/26. The generosity and enthusiasm of members from Stepping Stones and the Furngate Group helped raise vital funds and awareness for people living with sight loss across West Sussex. We were also honoured to be selected as one of the beneficiary charities of the West Chiltington Village Show, whose support has made a meaningful contribution to our work. Partnerships such as these not only provide essential funding but also help us reach more people in our communities, ensuring that no one has to face sight loss alone.

Our Communications

Effective and accessible communication remains essential in ensuring that people living with sight loss, their families, professionals and the wider community are aware of the support available through 4Sight Vision Support and the issues affecting those with visual impairment.

During 2025-26, we continued to increase awareness of our services, promote eye health messages and strengthen engagement with stakeholders through a range of communications activities.

Community Engagement and Media Activity

Activity	Total
Community Talks and Presentations	16
Press Releases Issued	8
Radio Interviews	5

These opportunities enabled us to raise awareness of sight loss, share the experiences of people with visual impairment and promote the services and support available through 4Sight Vision Support.

Digital Communications

Our social media platforms continue to play an increasingly important role in connecting with service users, volunteers, supporters and partners, helping us to share information, celebrate achievements and engage with wider audiences.

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Social Media Followers

- **Facebook:** 1,424 followers
- **Instagram:** 528 followers
- **LinkedIn:** 133 followers – targeted activity on this platform started in February 2026
- **TikTok:** Developing platform used to increase awareness and reach new audiences.

Information and Newsletters

Throughout the year, we continued to provide regular information updates, advice, service news and activity programmes to our clients, volunteers and supporters through newsletters and digital communications.

Total Newsletters issued: 13078

To ensure accessibility for all, information was provided in a range of formats, including:

- Large Print
- Audio
- Electronic formats
- Accessible digital communications

By maintaining regular communication with our stakeholders and expanding our digital presence, we continue to increase awareness of sight loss, improve access to information and ensure that people living with sight loss remain informed, connected and supported.

PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership working remains a cornerstone of 4Sight Vision Support's approach and is essential to ensuring that people affected by sight loss receive the best possible support. Throughout 2025-26, we continued to work collaboratively with organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors to raise awareness of sight loss, influence policy and service development, deliver training, and improve outcomes for visually impaired people across West Sussex.

We remain a founding member of the Community Solutions Consortium (CSC), alongside Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove, Carers Support West Sussex, The Aldingbourne Trust, Independent Lives, Healthwatch West Sussex, Citizens Advice and West Sussex Mind. The consortium brings together county-wide organisations delivering preventative health and wellbeing services, combining collective expertise, insight and experience to influence strategic commissioning and support the development of local health, wellbeing and prevention strategies. Through our involvement, we continue to ensure that the needs and experiences of people living with sight loss are represented within wider discussions concerning health and social care across the county.

During the year, we maintained our role within the co-production and stakeholder groups supporting West Sussex County Council's Adult Social Care Strategy, "The Life You Want to Lead." We have worked to ensure that the specific needs of people with sight loss are recognised and reflected within strategic planning and service development. We also continued to contribute to the Adult Social Care Prevention Framework Task and Finish Group, advocating for the importance of early intervention, prevention and timely support in helping people maintain their independence and wellbeing.

Collaboration within the sight loss sector remains a priority. We continue to be an active member of Visionary, the national membership body for local sight loss charities, and regularly participate in the South East Visionary Regional Hub. This partnership brings together organisations including Sight for Surrey, East Sussex Vision Support, Open Sight Hampshire, Kent Association for the Blind, My Vision Oxfordshire, Sight Concern Bedfordshire, Blatchington Court Trust and others, creating opportunities to share best practice, collaborate on projects and strengthen support for visually impaired people across the region.

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Alongside this work, 4Sight Vision Support was selected to participate in a national project led by **RNIB and Visionary** to support the implementation of the **Eye Care Support Pathway**. Through participation in a panel of sight loss charity Chief Executives, we worked with Integrated Care Boards and NHS partners to promote the adoption of this nationally recognised model of support within ophthalmology services. The pathway aims to ensure that patients experiencing sight loss receive timely emotional support, practical advice, information and onward referrals at the point of diagnosis, helping to create a more holistic and person-centred approach to eye care.

Through all of these partnerships, 4Sight Vision Support continues to play an influential role in shaping services, advocating for the needs of people living with sight loss and ensuring that their voices are heard at local, regional and national levels. We remain committed to working collaboratively with partners to improve accessibility, reduce inequalities and enhance the lives of blind and partially sighted people throughout West Sussex.

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 £326,600 for the period (2025: £264,779), whilst income from Charitable Activities was £108,936 (2025: £113,136). Total income for the charity amounts to £470,725 (2025: £407,362).

Total expenditure for the year was £487,595 (2025: £443,492).

The net decrease in funds was £16,870 (2025: £36,130) against a planned surplus for the year of £2,933 (2025: planned deficit of £24,794).

Fees and pricing policies have remained at 2024-25 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 had been achieved at the year end. The total funds held at the balance sheet date were £707,435 (2025: £724,305) which includes £32,466 (2025: £10,703) held in restricted funds and £446,421 (2025: £449,348) held as tangible fixed assets. This gives free reserves of £128,548 (2025: £164,154).

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The view of the Trustees for the 2025-26 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.

We respond to all complaints within five days. Complaints are dealt with in line with our 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 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 incredibly 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:

- Smallwood Trust
- Co-Op Local Community Fund
- Tesco Stronger Starts
- Mid Sussex Round Table
- Yorkshire Building Society
- Gatwick Airport Community Trust
- Ernest Kleinwort
- Lizzie Bingley Trust Foundation
- Fitton Trust
- Shanly Foundation
- Bassil Shippam and Alsford Trust
- The WO Street Charitable Foundation
- Ardwick Trust
- The F Glenister Woodger Trust
- East Grinstead Common Good Trust
- Friarsgate Trust
- James Wise Charitable Trust
- West Sussex Travel Society
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Patricia Routledge Foundation
- Souter Charitable Foundation
- Marsh Charitable Trust
- Simpson Charitable Trust
- Kathleen and Sidney Linkins Memorial Trust
- John and Yvonne Dean Charitable Trust
- Windruff Charitable Trust

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- Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners
- Charlotte Marshall Charitable Trust
- Chalcroft Charitable Trust
- Spectacle Makers Charity
- The Dyers' Company
- The Hope Keith Villagers Trust
- Geoff and Fiona Squire Foundation

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

Like many organisations across the voluntary sector, 4Sight Vision Support continued to face significant challenges during 2025-26. The ongoing impact of the cost-of-living crisis, coupled with what has increasingly become known as the "cost-of-giving" crisis, created a challenging environment for charitable fundraising and income generation. Competition for grants and charitable funding remained high, while rising costs affected both the charity and the individuals we support.

The Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team met regularly throughout the year to review these challenges, monitor financial performance and identify opportunities to strengthen and diversify income streams. Maintaining financial resilience remains a key priority as we seek to ensure the long-term sustainability of our services.

The charity also experienced disruption within staffing during the year, which impacted organisational capacity in several areas. Changes within the team and periods of reduced staffing affected our ability to progress some income generation and fundraising activities at the pace originally anticipated. While every effort was made to minimise the impact, the loss of capacity inevitably placed additional pressure on existing staff and resources.

In addition, periods of staff ill health created further challenges for service delivery. Whilst services continued to operate and support remained available to clients, there were occasions when staff absence affected service capacity, particularly within specialist areas such as benefits advice and support. Demand for welfare benefits guidance continued to increase as individuals sought assistance with navigating complex benefit systems and managing financial pressures, resulting in increased workloads for the team.

Alongside these operational challenges, rising employment costs, salary increases, inflationary pressures and higher running costs continued to place additional strain on budgets. The charity carefully managed expenditure throughout the year, balancing the need to remain financially sustainable whilst continuing to deliver high-quality services to people living with sight loss across West Sussex.

Despite these challenges, the dedication, flexibility and commitment of our staff, volunteers and trustees ensured that the charity remained resilient and continued to provide essential support to thousands of people living with sight loss. The lessons learned during the year have strengthened our resolve to diversify income, improve organisational resilience and invest in the resources needed to meet future demand.

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% shall be visually impaired people or people with lived experience of sight loss.

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The Board of Trustees:

- meets at least four times per year (during this year, all meetings were held in person 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 state of affairs at the end of the year and of the incoming and outgoing resources for the year then ended.

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 has 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.

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.

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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:

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Kirstie Thomas

Company Secretary

4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT**(A company limited by guarantee)****STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026**

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 judgements 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:

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Dr Norman Boyland DL FRSC
 Chairman
 Date:

4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT**(A company limited by guarantee)****INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026****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 2026.

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 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

Accountants

9 Donnington Park

85 Birdham Road

Chichester

West Sussex PO20 7AJ

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Endowment funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £	Total funds 2025 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	4	251,994	74,606	-	326,600	264,779
Charitable activities	5	108,936	-	-	108,936	113,136
Other trading activities		24,300	-	-	24,300	23,611
Investments	7	1,346	-	2,538	3,884	4,679
Other income		7,005	-	-	7,005	1,157
Total income and endowments		393,581	74,606	2,538	470,725	407,362
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	103,656	-	-	103,656	82,781
Charitable activities	9	331,096	52,843	-	383,939	360,711
Total expenditure		434,752	52,843	-	487,595	443,492
Net (expenditure)/income		(41,171)	21,763	2,538	(16,870)	(36,130)
Transfers between funds	19	2,538	-	(2,538)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(38,633)	21,763	-	(16,870)	(36,130)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		613,602	10,703	100,000	724,305	760,435
Net movement in funds		(38,633)	21,763	-	(16,870)	(36,130)
Total funds carried forward		574,969	32,466	100,000	707,435	724,305

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

The notes on pages 25 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 03740647

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	446,421	449,348
Investments	15	100	100
		<u>446,521</u>	<u>449,448</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	16	12,195	12,331
Debtors	17	62,622	29,986
Cash at bank and in hand		207,172	250,554
		<u>281,989</u>	<u>292,871</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(21,075)	(18,014)
		<u>260,914</u>	<u>274,857</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>707,435</u>	<u>724,305</u>
Total net assets			
		<u>707,435</u>	<u>724,305</u>
Charity funds			
Endowment funds	19	100,000	100,000
Restricted funds	19	32,466	10,703
Unrestricted funds	19	574,969	613,602
		<u>707,435</u>	<u>724,305</u>
Total funds			
		<u>707,435</u>	<u>724,305</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2026**

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:

The notes on pages 25 to 44 form part of these financial statements.

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Arthur Mayson ACIB TEP

Treasurer

4SIGHT VISION SUPPORT**(A company limited by guarantee)****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026****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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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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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 deed of gift.

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

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements 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 judgement:

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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	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Donations	98,734	-	98,734
Legacies	52,030	-	52,030
Grants	101,230	74,606	175,836
	<u>251,994</u>	<u>74,606</u>	<u>326,600</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	70,863	-	70,863
Legacies	97,207	-	97,207
Grants	58,850	37,859	96,709
	<u>226,920</u>	<u>37,859</u>	<u>264,779</u>

5. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Clubs	4,874	4,874
Sight Care Advisor Service	50,666	50,666
Resource and transcriptions	25,972	25,972
Outreach	27,424	27,424
	<u>108,936</u>	<u>108,936</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	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
	<u>113,136</u>	<u>113,136</u>

6. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Income from fundraising events		
Fundraising events	8,543	8,543
Raffles & Lotteries	5,000	5,000
Other fundraising income	10,757	10,757
	<u>24,300</u>	<u>24,300</u>

	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
	<u>23,611</u>	<u>23,611</u>

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7. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Endowment funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Investment income	1,346	2,538	3,884

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

8. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Other costs	27,082	27,082
Wages and salaries	76,574	76,574
	103,656	103,656

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Other costs	22,632	22,632
Wages and salaries	60,149	60,149
	82,781	82,781

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	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Total 2026 £
Clubs	2,747	-	2,747
Sight Care Advisor Service	84,245	-	84,245
Resource and transcriptions	33,219	-	33,219
Outreach	210,885	52,843	263,728
	331,096	52,843	383,939
	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

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2026 £	Support costs 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Clubs	2,747	-	2,747
Sight Care Advisor Service	52,544	31,701	84,245
Resource and transcriptions	20,719	12,500	33,219
Outreach	164,489	99,239	263,728
	240,499	143,440	383,939

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	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
	<u>226,869</u>	<u>133,842</u>	<u>360,711</u>

	2026 £	2025 £
Analysis of direct costs		
Other costs	7,947	12,742
Staff travel, training, & recruitment	10,394	9,519
Building and estates costs	11,168	9,912
Communications	7,912	8,354
Equipment costs	23,272	21,665
Volunteer expenses	64	79
Staff costs	176,096	160,619
Depreciation	3,646	3,979
	<u>240,499</u>	<u>226,869</u>

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	2026	2025
	£	£
Analysis of support costs		
Other costs	1,126	2,060
Staff travel, training & recruitment	5,766	4,841
Building and estate costs	6,195	5,372
Professional fees	24,504	27,836
Communications	4,389	4,527
Staff costs	99,438	87,049
Depreciation	2,022	2,157
	143,440	133,842
Total costs		
Direct costs	243,622	226,869
Support costs	143,440	133,842
	387,062	360,711

Governance costs of £24,793 (2025: £20,974) are included within support costs, see note 11 for analysis.

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	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Staff costs	14,916	14,916
Independent examination fee	4,000	4,000
Other costs	5,877	5,877
	24,793	24,793

	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

12. Independent examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £4,000 (2025 - £4,100).

13. Staff costs

	2026 £	2025 £
Wages and salaries	313,769	272,589
Social security costs	26,670	15,598
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	11,669	9,016
	352,108	297,203

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

	2026 No.	2025 No.
Average number of employees	14	13

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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 £50,820 (2025: £46,200) and total employer pension contributions of £3,049 (2025: £2,772).

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14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property and land £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
At 1 April 2025	523,422	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	567,751
Additions	-	-	-	932	1,810	2,742
At 31 March 2026	523,422	16,276	14,000	9,826	6,969	570,493
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2025	74,074	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	118,403
Charge for the year	5,669	-	-	-	-	5,669
At 31 March 2026	79,743	16,276	14,000	8,894	5,159	124,072
Net book value						
At 31 March 2026	443,679	-	-	932	1,810	446,421
At 31 March 2025	449,348	-	-	-	-	449,348

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	Investments in subsidiary companies £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2025	100
At 31 March 2026	100
Net book value	
At 31 March 2026	100
At 31 March 2025	100

Principal subsidiaries

The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the charity:

Name	Company number	Principal activity	Holding
4SIGHT Trading Limited	04654280	Dormant company	100%

The financial results of the subsidiary for the year were:

Name	Net assets £
4SIGHT Trading Limited	100

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	2026	2025
	£	£
Goods for resale	12,195	12,331
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

17. Debtors

	2026	2025
	£	£
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	12,059	16,322
Other debtors	50,563	13,664
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	62,622	29,986
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

In the current year, Other debtors includes an invoice for the Sight Care Advisor which has been raised earlier than in previous years.

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,295	5,074
Other taxation and social security	7,495	6,181
Other creditors	2,198	1,682
Accruals and deferred income	4,087	5,077
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	21,075	18,014
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Clubs designated funds (see note 20)	19,085	4,874	(5,895)	-	18,064
Freehold property designated fund	-	-	-	443,679	443,679
	<u>19,085</u>	<u>4,874</u>	<u>(5,895)</u>	<u>443,679</u>	<u>461,743</u>
General funds					
General Funds	594,517	388,707	(428,857)	(441,141)	113,226
	<u>594,517</u>	<u>388,707</u>	<u>(428,857)</u>	<u>(441,141)</u>	<u>113,226</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>613,602</u>	<u>393,581</u>	<u>(434,752)</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>574,969</u>
Endowment funds					
The Edward Gostling Fund	100,000	2,538	-	(2,538)	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>2,538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,538)</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Restricted funds					
Improving client engagement	5,703	66,606	(47,843)	-	24,466
Health Inequalities	5,000	8,000	(5,000)	-	8,000
	<u>10,703</u>	<u>74,606</u>	<u>(52,843)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,466</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>724,305</u></u>	<u><u>470,725</u></u>	<u><u>(487,595)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>707,435</u></u>

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During the year, the trustees have designated a portion of unrestricted reserves equal to the carrying value of the charity's freehold property. This designation reflects the fact that these reserves are invested in a fixed asset essential to the charity's activities and are therefore not available for general spending.

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 provided in the name of each fund.

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.

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior 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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20. Clubs designated funds

	2026 £	2025 £
Income		
Clubs income	4,874	10,147
	4,874	10,147
Expenditure		
Travel	(181)	(161)
Hall hire	(793)	(1,489)
Functions	(4,276)	(6,772)
Other expenses	(645)	(795)
Total Expenditure	(5,895)	(9,217)
Net movement in the year	(1,021)	930
Balance brought forward	19,085	18,155
Balance carried forward	18,064	19,085

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 (2025: 16).

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2026 £	Restricted funds 2026 £	Endowment funds 2026 £	Total funds 2026 £
Tangible fixed assets	446,421	-	-	446,421
Fixed asset investments	100	-	-	100
Current assets	149,523	32,466	100,000	281,989
Creditors due within one year	(21,075)	-	-	(21,075)
Total	574,969	32,466	100,000	707,435

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior 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

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 £11,669 (2025: £9,016).

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 (2025: Nil).

During the year, four Trustees made donations totalling £255 to the Charity without conditions (2025: £Nil).

There are no other related party transactions which require disclosure.