

Registered Charity Number: 1159188

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society CIO

Operating as MySight York

Independently Examined

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

YORK BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED SOCIETY CIO

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Charity Name

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society

Charity Number

1159188

(Linked Charity 508914 York Blind and Partially Sighted Society)

Trustees

The following Trustees have held office since 1 April 2025: -

John Sole	Resigned 22 October 2025
Annette Gamston	
Caroline Clifford	
Major David Michael Crouch	
Andrea Glover	
Iain Mitchell	
Lisa Willcox	
Dr Bethan O'Leary	

Chief Executive

Scott Jobson	Resigned 31 May 2026
Barbara Fairs	Appointed 21 July 2026

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CHARITY INFORMATION (Cont.)

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The Trustees have prepared these Financial Statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) as detailed in the accounting policies.

Reference & Administrative Details

The Charity information on pages 1 and 2 forms part of this report.

Constitution

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society (the “Charity”) was registered as a CIO on 13 November 2014, number 1159188, succeeding York Blind and Partially Sighted Society (number 508914) which is now a linked Charity. On 1 April 2015, the activities and assets of York Blind and Partially Sighted Society were transferred across to the new CIO which commenced activities on that date.

The Trustees have taken advantage of the Charity Commission concession to link charities which have a common Trustee board allowing preparation of one set of financial statements for both charities.

Our Objectives and Activities

In planning the activities of the organisation, the Trustees have due regard to their duty to meet the Charity Commission’s requirements about public benefit. The Trustees ensure that the objective and aims of the organisation are carried out through its activities for the public benefit and details its achievements and activities in this report.

The object of the Charity is:

- To promote the welfare of people who are blind, partially sighted or substantially and permanently disabled by defective vision.

The aims are: -

- To provide a range of services designed to meet the needs of visually impaired people including an Equipment and Information Centre and Outreach facilities.
- To promote the needs of visually impaired people to statutory and voluntary organisations.
- To maintain an up to date record of visually impaired people, whilst ensuring compliance with the GDPR and ePrivacy regulations.
- Any other activities deemed to be desirable to further the welfare of visually impaired people.

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The Society's Mission is to "advocate, develop and provide services and facilities which enable people who are blind or partially sighted achieve independence with dignity, in all aspects of life and sectors of Society".

Our services are available to any visually impaired person in York and surrounding areas, plus his/her supporters and professional staff. Free membership of MySight York is available automatically to anyone registered blind/severely sight impaired or partially sighted/sight impaired, and to any visually impaired person in need of services.

It should be noted that services are provided free of charge generally. As our member/user base increases, there is an added burden around cost, which we need to fund.

We receive no Government funding and we are enormously reliant on our own fundraising activities, in a market which is becoming ever more competitive to secure funding. Legacies and donations are vitally important to ensure continued sustainability of MySight York and as we have seen over the past 3 years, when these are not as frequent or substantial we can face difficulties. It will vitally important that we can continue to raise our profile to meet these objectives.

A continued focus of both staff and Trustees will be on how we continue to provide the services in an efficient manner; how we can control our costs and optimise our income streams and where best to do this from.

Chair's Introduction – Andrea Glover

Year in Review

This year has been one of significant progress, important decisions, and growing organisational maturity for MySight York.

As Trustees, our role is not only to support the excellent work taking place day to day across the organisation, but also to ensure the charity remains sustainable, resilient, and capable of meeting the needs of people with sight loss long into the future. Over the last year, that responsibility has shaped many of the decisions we have taken.

The Board has worked closely with the Chief Executive and leadership team to oversee the delivery of our new 2025–2028 strategy, which sets out a clear vision for the future of MySight York.

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At the heart of this strategy is a commitment to empowering people with sight loss, amplifying lived experience, promoting accessibility and inclusion, embedding the Eye Care Support Pathway, and strengthening the long-term resilience of the organisation.

Importantly, this year has shown that resilience is not simply about financial survival, it is about being willing to adapt, learn, and evolve in response to the changing environment around us.

As Trustees, we fully support decisions to test new models of support. Strong organisations are not defined by avoiding risk or change; they are defined by their willingness to learn from experience and respond thoughtfully.

At a strategic level, MySight York continues to play an increasingly influential role both locally and nationally. We are particularly proud of the organisation's contribution to the adoption of the Eye Care Support Pathway principles by Humber & North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, the first formal adoption of its kind in the UK. This demonstrates the growing recognition of MySight York as both a trusted delivery partner and a respected voice within the wider eye care sector.

The organisation's continued commitment to innovation and inclusion was also recognised this year through another Visionary Award for Impact and Innovation. This achievement reflects not only the creativity and dedication of the team, but also the strength of partnerships developed across the city through programmes such as Community Connect.

Financially, the organisation is now in a significantly stronger position than in previous years. The combination of prudent financial management, determined fundraising efforts, and the successful move to more accessible and operationally effective premises at Walmgate has enabled reserves to begin recovering and improved the charity's overall stability. Trustees recognise the considerable effort that has gone into achieving this during what remains a difficult funding environment for charities nationally.

Service Delivery

E&I

Our Equipment and Information Centre is at the very heart of the services we provide to help people "live well with sight loss".

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Patients receive tailored 1-1 support and appointments, guided by the client, to explore solutions to the difficulties they are facing. These appointments cover everything from magnification, lighting, eye-shields, kitchen equipment, talking clocks, mobility aids and of increasing importance digital technology.

This year we have been able to establish a digital hub to help people utilise accessible technology and explore apps, software and build confidence, in an increasingly digital world.

Last year there were:

1,793 contacts

Over 500 individual clients

ECLO

Our Eye Care Liaison Officer continues to be vital link between the patient receiving a clinical diagnosis and community support.

The role of the ECLO is to help patients understand their eye condition and complete the process of Certificate of Vision Impairment registration, if appropriate, and signpost to local support services where they can receive practical and emotional support.

In the last year our ECLO saw:

1,735 contacts

521 patients

201 CVIs

802 referrals

This role plays a vital part in the Eye Care Support Pathway which has been designed to overcome the “pain points” for patients during their eye care journey and ensure they receive support during and after their medical diagnosis.

We wish to thank Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for their continued support in helping to fund this role.

National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund – Community Connect

We are grateful for the financial support provided by National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund to run our Community Connect project, with an aim to make York a “sight loss friendly” city.

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This project involved working with organisations across York using volunteer consultants with lived experience of sight loss to provide feedback on accessibility.

The project increased leisure opportunities for people with sight loss and built the confidence of participating organisations through sight loss awareness training.

The project ended in March 2026 having engaged with over 40 local organisations, created opportunities for visually impaired people to take part in VI Tennis, Blind Golf, chair exercise, seated Tai Chi, walking groups, adapted cycling and consultations with the National Railway Museum and the National Trust.

The project won two awards

- 2025 Visionary Awards: Won the Accelerating Impact Award for the Community Connect project.
- 2023 Visionary Awards: Won the Children and Young People Award for the Sensory Storytelling Project

The technology element of this project saw an increased demand for assistive technology and digital support leading to the development of a Digital Inclusion project.

Groups and Activities

We run a wide range of groups and activities to cater for as many different interests as possible. These include physical activities, such as VI Tennis, Blind Golf, Tai Chi etc, to audio book groups, knit and natter, telephone quiz, to one off events and consultations as part of the Community Connect project.

In total we had:

141 attendances at one-off events

1,691 attendances at regular groups and activities

Counselling

We continue to run our free counselling service, Talking Space, with the help of volunteer counsellors.

This vital service gives people the time and space to come to terms with the emotional impact of their sight loss and can be accessed by family members too.

Volunteering

Our volunteer numbers continue to grow with around 70 people regularly engaging across a range of activities.

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We are so grateful to everyone who volunteers their time, whether it is to facilitate activities, becoming a befriender or helping out at fundraising events. We could not run the range of services we do with the support of our volunteers.

All Volunteers receive training on sight loss awareness with befrienders receiving additional training on safeguarding awareness.

In total volunteers have provided:

Around 1,000 hours of support this year

Communication and Transcription

As part of our commitment to helping the NHS achieve the Accessible Information Standard, we continue to provide a transcription service to York Hospital to ensure patients receive medical information in their preferred format.

We also produce a quarterly newsletter which is available in the client's chosen format.

Every quarter we distribute:

1,231 Large Print

39 audio CD

37 MP3 format

3 Braille

470 emails

Over 500 listens via Alexa

Fundraising

The work we do is only made possible by the continued support of donors, trusts and grant providers to keep our services and activities running.

We wish to extend our thanks to the very kind individuals and families who leave us a gift in their will or donate funeral collections, those who make regular donations, anyone who takes part in a community fundraising event or puts money in one of our Pink Elephant collecting boxes. We are grateful to the trust funds and the National Lottery who have supported our work and Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board and York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for entrusting us with contracts to provide services.

Looking Ahead

A major focus for the Board this year has also been governance and constitutional review.

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Following extensive consultation with members, it became clear that aspects of the current constitution no longer fully support the organisation's strategic ambitions or operational realities. We are therefore pleased to be working alongside a leading law firm, to modernise and update the constitution. This work is not about changing the identity or values of MySight York; it is about ensuring our governance framework is fit for purpose, legally robust, and capable of supporting the organisation into the future.

As Chair, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to our staff, volunteers, trustees, members, funders, and partners. The commitment shown across the organisation during a year of significant change has been exceptional.

During the year, Scott Jobson took the decision to move on to a new role, stepping down as Chief Executive in June 2026. On behalf of the Board, I would like to place on record our sincere thanks for Scott's outstanding contribution to the charity. Under his leadership, the organisation has grown in confidence, capability, and impact, and is now in a considerably stronger position to deliver on its strategic ambitions. We wish Scott every success for the future. The Board and staff team are pleased to welcome Barbara Fairs as Interim Chief Executive, whose experience and leadership will ensure continuity and stability as we move into this next phase

Above all, I remain confident in the future of MySight York. The organisation enters the next phase of its journey stronger, more focused, and more ambitious about the difference it can make for people living with sight loss across York and beyond.

Financial Review

The Society sets an annual budget that is approved by the Trustees prior to the start of the financial year. Our full year income of £496,624 exceeded our expenditure of £400,348 in this financial year. Of the £400,348 expenditure, £239,909 was unrestricted and £160,439 was restricted. This produced a result of a £96,276 surplus. In comparison, the 2024/25 financial year had full year income of £463,521 which exceeded expenditure of £408,645. This produced a final result delivering a £54,876 surplus.

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Financial Review Cont.

Our recent levels of income can be further analysed as follows:

	2025/26	2024/25	2023/24
Local authority / CCG funding	29,836	29,836	28,415
Donations, trusts, community fundraising	204,906	141,850	129,836
Legacies	144,273	165,690	20,344
Equipment sales	14,259	5,332	8,992
Lottery projects	102,069	119,764	138,523
TPT projects	-	-	29,675
Other	1,281	1,049	1,466
Total	496,624	463,521	357,251

Legacy funding has continued to enable the Society to deliver the services its users value so highly and our thanks go to members' estates for their continued support.

Reserves policy and going concern

Free reserves of £74,065 were held at 31 March 2026 (2025: £23,559). Free reserves exclude those reserves which are restricted, designated, or which can only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for Charity use.

The policy of the Executive Committee is that the Society should retain free reserves covering 3 to 4 months' unrestricted operating expenditure.

Key Management Remuneration

Annual increases are normally in line with the national agreement and subject to affordability at the time. New staff salaries are approved by the Executive Committee and are considered after external benchmarking of the post.

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Structure, Governance and Management

We pride ourselves on being a user led organisation, admitting as members anyone who is registered blind or partially sighted living with sight loss and in need of services.

The Charity is managed by an Executive Committee (Board of Trustees) of at least 8, but no more than 15 members. In accordance with the constitution, every effort is made to ensure that many Trustees are visually impaired people. All Trustees are required to retire at the Charity's annual general meeting but can offer themselves for re-election. New Trustees are either elected at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the board for the period to the next Annual General Meeting. New Trustees participate in induction training.

The Executive Committee meets bi-monthly, with additional meetings as and when required. Additional meetings are held between the Chair and Chief Executive. Day to day management of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Executive.

Plans

YBPSS Business Plan sets the future strategy of the organisation, based on Best Practice guidance nationally and local needs. The Trustees thereby wish to:

- deliver the activities identified in our Business Plan;
- continue to provide, develop and enhance the current range of core services and activities;
- consolidate and further develop fundraising activities so we will not be reliant on legacies;
- improve training and development of staff, trustees and volunteers.

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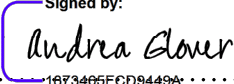
STAFF

The Society and the excellent services it provides at the various locations can continue only because of its staff who support all our members throughout all our activities. Once again, our thanks to them all for their contribution over the past year, which has again been challenging. I therefore wish to thank personally all current staff and those who contributed during the year.

Current staff

Barbara Fairs	Chief Executive
Deborah Wheller	Sight Support Service Manager
Bex Wood	Sight Support Adviser
Helen Flett	Eye Clinic Liaison Officer
Vicky Colombi	Special Projects Lead
Louise Calpin	Community Co-ordinator
Will Evans	Income Generation Manager
Tanya McClelland	Volunteer Co-ordinator

This report was approved by the Trustees on..... 27 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Andrea Glover (Chair)

Signed by:

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Barbara Fairs (Chief Executive)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity 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 in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provision of the trust deed. 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.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF YORK BLIND & PARTIALLY SIGHTED SOCIETY CIO

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the York Blind & Partially Sighted Society CIO for the year ended 31 March 2026.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examination 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 independent examination work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

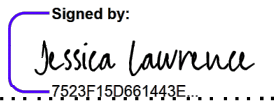
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Independent Examiner's Statement (Cont)

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.

Signed by:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Income from:					
Donations, grants and legacies	2	264,292	164,504	428,796	397,797
Other trading activities	2	6,632	-	6,632	17,497
Investment income	2	1,110	-	1,110	799
Income from charitable activities	2	18,920	41,166	60,086	47,428
Total income		290,954	205,670	496,624	463,521
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on raising funds	3	1,187	-	1,187	1,268
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	238,722	160,439	399,161	407,377
Total expenditure		239,909	160,439	400,348	408,645
Net income/(expenditure) for year		51,045	45,231	96,276	54,876
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds		51,045	45,231	96,276	54,876
Balances at 1 April 2025		25,096	182,939	208,035	153,159
Balances at 31 March 2026	10	76,141	228,170	304,311	208,035

The notes on pages 18 to 34 form part of these financial statements. All of the Charity's operations are continuing.

A fully detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025 is shown at note 13.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
FIXED ASSETS			
IT Equipment	6	2,076	1,537
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		10,364	9,554
Debtors	7	17,368	28,480
Cash in bank and in hand		294,262	183,538
		321,994	221,572
LIABILITIES: Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	8	(19,759)	(15,074)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		302,235	206,498
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	11	304,311	208,035
REPRESENTED BY:			
FUNDS			
Unrestricted	9	76,141	25,096
Restricted	10	228,170	182,939
	11	304,311	208,035

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 27 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

Andrea Glover

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Andrea Glover (Chair)

Signed by:

Barbara Fairs

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Barbara Fairs (Chief Executive)

Charity Registration No: 1159188

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Charity Information

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the Charities Act 2011. The address for general enquiries is York Blind and Partially Sighted Society, Ground Floor, 84-86 Walmgate, York, YO1 9TL.

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) ("Charities SORP (FRS102)"), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland ("FRS 102"), and the Charities Act 2011.

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

York Blind & Partially Sighted Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Income

Income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SoFA") in the year in which it is receivable. For subscriptions and rental income this is in the year in which it is receivable and for ticket sales and meeting suppers this is in the year in which the event occurs. Deferred income represents grants received specifically for future accounting periods.

Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the SoFA on an accrual's basis inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

All direct costs have been allocated across the functional categories of resources expended in the SoFA. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to headings, they have been apportioned on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

The costs of generating funds relate to expenditure directly attributable to fundraising.

Costs of charitable activities include those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services. Costs relating to an activity are allocated directly.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	25% Straight Line
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Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1000 are capitalised.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont.)

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to the statement of financial activities.

Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme for employees. Contributions are charged as an expense to the SoFA in the period in which they fall due.

Staff costs

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense where settlement of obligations does not fall within the same period.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

The Charity has only financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments in accordance with section 11 of FRS 102. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and are subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity held for working capital.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in the income and expenditure account.

Creditors, loans and provisions

Creditors, loans and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors, loans and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are only derecognised when, and only when, the Charity's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Amounts recognised as provisions are best estimates of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which can be used only for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor.

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1. Accounting Policies (Cont)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Trustees are of the opinion that there are no estimates and assumptions which have a material impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities.

Legacies

Legacies are recognised as income when probate has been granted, the charity has established its entitlement to the funds and where sufficient information is available to allow it to measure its entitlement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2. INCOME

Year ended 31 March 2026	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2026 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board:			
Equipment and Information Centre	-	12,140	12,140
Lottery Project	-	102,069	102,069
Other	-	50,295	50,295
Grant support	-	164,504	164,504
Donations	120,019	-	120,019
Legacies	144,273	-	144,273
Donations and legacies	264,292	-	264,292
Total donations, grants and legacies	264,292	164,504	428,796

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2. INCOME (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2026 (Cont.)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2026 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other trading activities:			
Community fundraising	3,273	-	3,273
Income from work	3,359	-	3,359
Total trading activities	6,632	-	6,632
Investment income			
Bank interest	1,110	-	1,110
Income from charitable activities:			
Hospital Eye Clinic Service			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	-	11,330	11,330
York Hospital	-	29,836	29,836
Sales of equipment and aids	14,259	-	14,259
Social and group activities	1,990	-	1,990
Sundry income	2,671	-	2,671
Total income from charitable activities	18,920	41,166	60,086
Total income	290,954	205,670	496,624

During the year donations of £1,100 (2025: £1,680) were received from Trustees of the Society.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

2. INCOME

Year ended 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Grants			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board:			
Equipment and Information Centre	-	12,140	12,140
Lottery Project	-	119,764	119,764
Other	-	44,664	44,664
Grant support	-	176,568	176,568
Donations	55,539	-	55,539
Legacies	165,690	-	165,690
Donations and legacies	221,229	-	221,229
Total donations, grants and legacies	221,229	176,568	397,797

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ARCH 2026

2. INCOME (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2025 (Cont.)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other trading activities:			
Community fundraising	14,287	-	14,287
Income from work	3,210	-	3,210
Total trading activities	17,497	-	17,497
Investment income			
Bank interest	799	-	799
Income from charitable activities:			
Hospital Eye Clinic Service			
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board	-	11,330	11,330
York Hospital	-	29,836	29,836
Sales of equipment and aids	5,332	-	5,332
Social and group activities	680	-	680
Sundry income	250	-	250
Total income from charitable activities	6,262	41,166	47,428
Total income	245,787	217,734	463,521

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

3. EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2026	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2026 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other	1,187	-	1,187
Total expenditure on raising funds	1,187	-	1,187
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Salaries (Note 4)	184,370	107,530	291,900
Rent, rates and service charges	9,691	-	9,691
Cost of equipment sold	11,095	-	11,095
Depreciation	615	-	615
Professional fees	9,066	-	9,066
Independent Examination	1,850	-	1,850
Lottery funding - overheads	-	38,595	38,595
Staff IT	6,156	-	6,156
Insurance	1,134	-	1,134
Consultancy	140	-	140
Stationery and photocopying	1,011	-	1,011
Sundry expenses	1,595	-	1,595
Postage	438	-	438
Bank charges	720	-	720
Newsletter	2,615	-	2,615
Phone	2,452	-	2,452
Other costs	5,774	321	6,095
Digital Inclusion Funding	-	13,993	13,993
Total expenditure on charitable activities	238,722	160,439	399,161
Total expenditure	239,909	160,439	400,348

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

3. EXPENDITURE (Cont.)

Year ended 31 March 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Other	1,268	-	1,268
Total expenditure on raising funds	1,268	-	1,268
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Salaries (Note 4)	186,848	107,369	294,217
Rent, rates and service charges	10,359	-	10,359
Cost of equipment sold	9,505	-	9,505
Depreciation	172	-	172
Professional fees	10,271	-	10,271
Independent Examination	1,750	-	1,750
Lottery funding - overheads	-	34,308	34,308
Staff IT	3,196	-	3,196
Insurance	2,588	-	2,588
Consultancy	120	-	120
Maintenance	14,163	-	14,163
Stationery and photocopying	1,189	-	1,189
Sundry expenses	1,742	-	1,742
Postage	412	-	412
Bank charges	643	-	643
Newsletter	3,192	-	3,192
Phone	1,656	-	1,656
Social activities	72	-	72
Benenden Funding	-	3,300	3,300
Other costs	14,221	301	14,522
Total expenditure on charitable activities	262,099	145,278	407,377
Total expenditure	263,367	145,278	408,645

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4. STAFF COSTS

	2026 £	2025 £
Total staff costs comprise:		
Gross salaries	262,303	265,182
Employer's national insurance	21,656	20,070
Pension contributions	7,942	8,765
	291,900	294,217
Average number of employees	8.9	9.4

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

Key management personnel comprise 1 individual (2025: 1 individual) whose aggregate remuneration and benefits totalled £55,814 (2025: £53,089).

5. TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No Trustee or any person connected with him or her received any remuneration, expenses or benefits during the year (2025: no Trustee).

No Trustee, or anyone connected with a Trustee, has a material interest in any of the Charity's transactions.

There were no other related party transactions in either the current or prior year.

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31 MARCH 2026****6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	IT Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2025	1,709	1,709
Additions	1,155	1,155
At 31 March 2026	<u>2,864</u>	<u>2,864</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 April 2025	172	172
Depreciation charged in year	616	616
At 31 March 2026	<u>788</u>	<u>788</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2026	<u>2,076</u>	<u>2,076</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,537</u>	<u>1,537</u>

7. DEBTORS

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade debtors	-	-
Other debtors	17,368	28,480
	<u>17,368</u>	<u>28,480</u>

8. CREDITORS

	2026 £	2025 £
Trade creditors	9,761	5,556
Other creditors	9,998	9,518
	<u>19,759</u>	<u>15,074</u>

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9. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 31 March 2026	Balance 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2026 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	25,096	290,954	(239,909)	-	76,141
	25,096	290,954	(239,909)	-	76,141
As at 31 March 2025	Balance 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	42,676	245,787	(263,367)	-	25,096
	42,676	245,787	(263,367)	-	25,096

10. RESTRICTED FUNDS

As at 31 March 2026

	Balance 1 April 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31 March 2026 £
Eye Clinic Services	63,667	29,836	(31,433)	-	62,070
Lottery Fund	6,584	102,069	(115,013)	-	(6,360)
TPT Fund	18,834	-	-	-	18,834
F Muller Will Trust	28,000	28,000	-	-	56,000
Other	65,854	23,470	-	-	89,324
Digital Inclusion	-	22,295	(13,993)	-	8,302
Total	182,939	205,670	(160,439)	-	228,170

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Eye Clinic Information and Support Services

These services provide practical and emotional support to patients with a diagnosis of permanent sight loss. They operate from within the Eye Clinic Outpatients Department at York and Scarborough Hospitals and other locations commutable from York. The staff members (Eye Clinic Liaison Officers) also work with Hospital staff on issues of service delivery for blind and partially sighted patients.

Lottery Fund

The Fund was originally conceived to support our members to access activities in their own communities, however, the pandemic meant this became impossible to facilitate. The Fund kindly agreed to divert the funding to the Keeping in Touch project and online activity groups, to ensure visually impaired people were supported and had regular telephone contact, and were still able to engage socially despite the lockdowns and social distancing made necessary by Covid-19.

TPT Fund

The Thomas Pocklington Trust Fund was conceived to provide funding for a visually impaired intern, a children's project, and an employment advisor.

As at 31 March 2025

	Balances 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balances 31 March 2025 £
Eye Clinic Services	63,976	29,836	(30,145)	-	63,667
Lottery Fund	(1,347)	119,764	(111,833)	-	6,584
TPT Fund	18,834	-	-	-	18,834
F Muller Will Trust	-	28,000	-	-	28,000
Other	29,020	40,134	(3,300)	-	65,854
Total	110,483	217,734	(145,278)	-	182,939

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11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

As at 31 March 2026	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2026 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	-	2,076	2,076
Current assets	228,170	-	93,824	321,994
Current liabilities	-	-	(19,759)	(19,759)
	228,170	-	76,141	304,311

As at 31 March 2025	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2025 Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	-	1,537	1,537
Current assets	182,939	-	38,633	221,572
Current liabilities	-	-	(15,074)	(15,074)
	182,939	-	25,096	208,035

12. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2026	2025
	£	£
Due within one year	17,500	17,500
Due between two and five years	14,583	32,083
Due over five years	-	-
	32,083	49,583

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13. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £
Income from:				
Donations, grants and legacies	221,229	-	176,568	397,797
Other trading activities	17,497	-	-	17,497
Investment income	799	-	-	799
Income from charitable activities	6,262	-	41,166	47,428
Total income	245,787	-	217,734	463,521
Expenditure on:				
Expenditure on raising funds	1,268	-	-	1,268
Expenditure on charitable activities	262,099	-	145,278	407,377
Total expenditure	263,367	-	145,278	408,645
Net income/(expenditure) for year	(17,580)	-	72,456	54,876
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net Movement in funds	(17,580)	-	72,456	54,876
Balances at 1 April 2024	42,676	-	110,483	153,159
Balances at 31 March 2025	25,096	-	182,939	208,035