

Charity Registration No. 1044273  
Company Registration No. 2917572 (England and Wales)

**NORTHERN SIGHTS**  
**A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2006**





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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Directors**

Dr J Bridge - Chair  
Mr A Dixon  
Ms M Laws

**Secretary**

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**Charity number**

1044273

**Company number**

2917572

**Registered office**

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NE1 6BZ

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NE99 1SB



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**NORTHERN SIGHTS  
A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2006**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30 April 2006.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, applicable law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in October 2000.

**Objects of the charity**

Northern Sights is a charitable company, limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Northern Sights' aims are to foster and promote the arts in society by developing public appreciation of the arts and by improving public access to and quality of the arts.

**Review of activities**

The company and charity was originally established in 1993 by Northern Arts (now Arts Council England, North East), the North of England Assembly of Local Authorities, the Northern Development Company and the region's two Tourist Boards, initially to undertake the planning, development and delivery of Visual Arts UK (also referred to as the Year of Visual Arts 1996), a year-long festival of the visual arts taking place in the Northern Arts region (Northumberland, Durham, Teesside, Cumbria and Tyne and Wear) in 1996.

A second major project, "The Arts Are Ours", was then developed to build upon the education work of Visual Arts UK, involving arts in education work in collaboration with 13 Local Authorities in the Northern Arts region. Arts for Everyone funding of £360,000 over three years was secured from the Arts Council of England in 1997/98 and the project began in earnest in the year to April 1999. The project comprised training events and roadshows, residencies and projects, culminating in a regional festival in Summer 2000. Projects were undertaken in all 13 Local Education Authority (LEA) areas and were completed by Autumn 2000. A further training programme was then undertaken aimed at Education Officers and LEA Co-ordinators culminating in a conference in January 2001.

In 1994 Northern Sights introduced the 'Eye' logo for the purpose of branding projects within the region. The original design of the logo was provided free of charge by the designer Robson Brown. Use of the logo has continued and is now widely recognised within the region and beyond. Northern Sights agreed to purchase the copyright of the logo in 2001/02 in order to ensure its continued use by Northern Sights.

This year Northern Sights agreed to undertake the management of the Art on the Riverside project. Originally a lottery project developed to increase public art within Tyne & Wear. This is collaborative project involving Newcastle, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland local authorities. Newcastle have completed their project but Northern Sights will work with the remaining authorities to develop and monitor their projects through to completion, in line with the original contract and subsequent novation agreement.

**Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

Dr J Bridge - Chair

Mr A Dixon

Ms M Laws

None of the directors has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the directors are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

All directors are appointed in accordance with Paragraphs 31 - 37 of the Articles of Association of the company.



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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2006**

**Review of financial position**

The year to April 2006 showed a surplus of £30,001 which was as a result of the grant novation from Newcastle City Council. This money will be carried forward and expended in 2006/07.

**Reserves policy**

Northern Sights operates on a project-by-project basis, with each project budgeted to break even over its full course. Hence, any surpluses or deficits arising at any given year end need to be viewed in the light of the fact that the company will return to a break-even position at the end of each major project.

**Risk factors**

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

On behalf of the board of directors

Mr A Dixon

Director

Dated: .....

29/4/06





**NORTHERN SIGHTS**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2006**

		2006 £	2005 £
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Incoming resources from charitable activities.	2	30,001	700
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<u>30,001</u>	<u>700</u>
 <b>Resources expended</b>	 3		
Management and Administration		0	700
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>700</u>
 <b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>30,001</u>	<u>0</u>
 Fund balances at 1 May 2005		0	0
<b>Fund balances at 30 April 2006</b>		<u>30,001</u>	<u>0</u>

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 1985.



**NORTHERN SIGHTS**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 APRIL 2006**

	Notes	2006 £	2005 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	6	0	100
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>30,001</u>	<u>499</u>
		<b>30,001</b>	<b>599</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	0	(599)
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u><b>30,001</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>30,001</u>	<u>0</u>

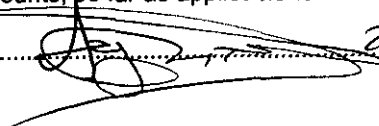
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985, for the year ended 30 April 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 249B(2), requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and

(b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 30 April 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with section 226, and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts were approved by the Board on .....

 29/9/06

Mr A Dixon  
 Director



**NORTHERN SIGHTS**  
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2006**

**1 Accounting policies**

**1.1 Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 1985.

Northern Sights operates on a project-by-project basis, with each project budgeted to break even over its full course. Hence, any surpluses or deficits arising at any given year end need to be viewed in the light of the fact that the company will return to a break-even position at the end of each major project.

**1.2 Incoming resources**

Grants are credited to income upon receipt.

**1.3 Resources expended**

All central overheads are allocated to Management and Administration under Other Expenditure.

**2 Incoming resources from charitable activities.**

	2006 £	2005 £
Grants Receivable	30,000	700
Grant in year from Newcastle City Council		

**3 Total resources expended**

	2006 £	2005 £
Management and administration	0	700

**4 Directors**

None of the directors (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**5 Employees**

There were no employees during the year.

**6 Debtors**

	2006 £	2005 £
Other debtors	0	100

**7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2006 £	2005 £
Accruals	0	599



**8 Related parties**

No Income was derived from Arts Council England, North East in the year (2005 - £700). Personnel and facilities were provided at no cost for the management of Northern Sights. At the balance sheet date no monies were owed to Northern Sights from Arts Council England, North East. (2005 - £100)