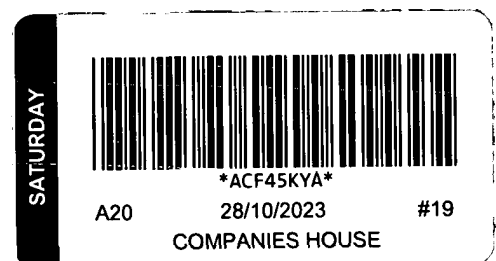


Company Registration Number: 6567582
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**Blind Life In Durham
Financial Statements
For the Year Ending
31 July 2023**



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Blind Life In Durham

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Objectives

The objects of the charity are to promote the relief of persons with visual impairments within the County of Durham area by associating together local authorities, agencies, voluntary bodies and said persons in a common effort to both advance education into the issues facing such persons and to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for such persons with the object of improving their quality of life.

Membership

Total Membership as at 31 July 2023: 52

Blind Life in Durham is a user led organisation and following the lifting of restrictions, at the end of July 2023, we are holding all the events that we did pre-pandemic.

Sadly, we lost some more members during the year, and they are all very much missed.

Activities and Achievements

Social Meetings

The social meetings held at Framwellgate Moor Community Centre are going strong with an average of 20 members attending each month.

Speakers we've had this financial year are:

Jim Welch talking about the panels and boards he sits on, on behalf of Blind Life in Durham in Durham. John Watts talking to us about Blood Bikes.

Cathie Burke and Mike Furguson who are Eye Care Liaison Officers talking about their roles and what they do. We had the Annual Review where members give feedback on what is happening within Blind Life in Durham in Durham. Rachel Smith from Durham County Council giving an update on Durham Bus Station David Hasting from the RNLI talking about his experiences and how the RNLI began. Sharon Vasey from Age UK talking about what services they offer.

We have also had our Christmas and Easter buffets and raffles.

Book Club

The book club held at St Andrews Methodist Church, Dawson Street, Crook didn't start up again after Christmas due to a fall in the numbers attending but we are hopeful that this is only a temporary measure.

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Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

Blind Veterans Life Together

The Blind Veterans Life Together group that meet monthly at the Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literacy Institute has continued. This group is run jointly by Blind Veterans UK and Blind Life in Durham and nearly everyone who attends is a member of both organisations.

Days Out

The days out covering this period were to the Auckland Project, which included a tour of the Spanish Art Gallery and a short tour round Auckland Castle. This was well attended with over 30 members and volunteers going along. We then had tea at the Bay Horse in Middridge.

We had a day out to Kirkleatham Museum near Redcar and that was a different experience learning about the steel industry. We had a tour of the museum and a handling session. This was followed up by tea in a nearby pub!

The third day out was on the Teesside Princess, a 3 hour cruise from Stockton to Yarm and back again. The weather this year was not too bad, but not as good as last year but we did have the boat all to ourselves.

Christmas Meal

We held another Christmas Meal in December 2022 and it was successful, and those that went seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Skype Chat Group

The Skype chat group continues to be held on a Tuesday evening with on average eight members taking part.

Alexa Workshops

This year we held 4 Alexa Workshops for members which was well received. It was basic but covered the main things that Alexa could do and gave the members confidence to try out some of the new skills available on it. Some members were thinking of getting one, some had one but didn't know a lot about what it could do, and some were quite well versed in using it, but still learnt something new.

Durham County Council Questionnaire

Tony Bentley, who was then a volunteer with Healthwatch, came and carried out a questionnaire/survey regarding the pros and cons of Durham County Council putting their Claims forms online and the problems arising for blind and partially sighted people.

"Being a totally blind person in a wheelchair, socialisation is very important to my quality of life and confidence and making new friends."

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

Sports

New Age Kurling

Great British Kurling Association (GBKA)

Blind Life in Durham entered the GBKA competition in October 2022 which were the Team event on the Saturday and Singles on the Sunday. Team B, which were Phil, Karen, Carole and Elaine, came second in the Consolation round. In the Singles, Phil came 2nd in the main round.

In May 2023, Blind Life in Durham entered again for the Pairs event on the Saturday and the Singles event on the Sunday. Phil and Karen came 4th in the Pairs consolation round and Phil came 3rd in the main round in the singles.

On this occasion, no-one went home empty handed as everyone got a Coronation Medal in celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.

In-House Competition

In October 2022, we also held our In House Competition and had 20 entrants. The prizes were awarded by a Councillor for Weardale, Anita Savory. The In-House Competition winner was Gemma and runner up was Rhona.

Ian won the Wednesday Night League and Jack was the Most Improved Player.

New Age Kurling Blind Awareness Competition

In May 2023, after two years, we held our New Age Kurling Blind Awareness Competition once again. We had 6 teams entered and the winners were the Moors Supporters United and the runners-up were the Wiggle'n'Giggles. The afternoon was full of fun and laughter. Councillor Anita Savory, once again presented the trophies. She also presented prizes to Jessica Taylor for the Best Blindfold and Stuart Lee for guessing the Cuddly Toy's birthday.

General New Age Kurling

We continue to hold sessions of New Age Kurling at two venues: St Pauls Centre, Spennymoor and Wolsingham Sports Centre, Wolsingham. These sessions are well attended, and the Wednesday Night League is back with a vengeance. The winner is the one with the most points scored at the Wednesday night sessions held over the spring/summer months.

"Blind Life has made a huge difference to my life, I have found friendship and company and met lots of lovely people. I greatly enjoy all the Blind Life activities, kurling, bowls, boccia etc and the day trips and meals out are a delight."

New Age Bowls

We continue to play New Age Bowls at the Community Centre, Stanley Crook, Crook, once a month on a Wednesday evening and has a steady number of members attending.

Boccia

Boccia is also played at the Community Centre, Stanley Crook, Crook, and that also has a steady number of members attending.

We also play boccia at the Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literacy Institute. This is played in an afternoon so that more members can enjoy the game and have a pleasant social event at the same time. During the winter it is played bi-monthly but between April and September it is once a month on the last Tuesday.

10 Pin Bowling via a Wii Games Console

We have also started playing 10 Pin Bowling, using a Wii Game Console at Stanley Crook, Crook and that has been successful and a lot of fun.

"I enjoy the meetings, sporting events and outings and the company of friendly people."

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

Fundraising Events

Over the year, Blind Life in Durham has raised the following amounts:

Event	Amount raised £
Membership	500.00
Fundraising	
Number Draw	270.00
Amazon Smile	18.41
Raffles	348.00
Tombola	142.25
Blind Awareness Competition	194.00
Greetings Page	88.50
Donations	
Funeral Donations	174.44
Small Change Donations	99.65
Members Donations	644.21
Sports Donations	2,560.84
Transport Donations	817.16
Other Donations	1,250.00
Total	7,107.46

"I like the work Blind Life does and it provides a lifeline to a lot of people and I am very happy to be part of that."

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

Newsletter

A monthly newsletter is produced and distributed to members in various formats. The newsletter gives information on upcoming events, equipment, local interests, history, gardening, a quiz, talking books and many other articles.

Website and Social Media

The website can be found at www.blindlifeindurham.org.uk and is a good place to go to see what upcoming events are available.

Our Facebook page has photographs from our various events.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We held our AGM in October 2022 and welcomed one new person onto the board as a director.

Our Volunteers

Once again, as part of Volunteering Week, we wanted to thank all our volunteers for all that they do for Blind Life in Durham as a charity and for our members. We had a luncheon where the volunteers and board members could meet each other and have a general chat. Everyone enjoyed the company and lunch!

"Grateful thanks to all who give their time, commitment and work hard to keep the charity moving forward, not forgetting our wonderful volunteers without who we could not function."

Volunteers Fair

Blind Life in Durham attended a Volunteers Fair organised by Durham Community Action and had a stand in Durham Market Place. There was interest in our volunteering opportunities, and we were also able to network with other organisations.

"I enjoy volunteering with Blind Life, because it's added another dimension and makes me feel like a useful member of society."

Training

There has been no official training taken place for the year under review.

Other meetings

We are continuing to be a pro-active voice for visually impaired people in County Durham and wider areas and to constructively network with organisations supporting visually impaired people.

Finally

Blind Life in Durham is glad to be back to normality and whilst not taking any risks with peoples health and wellbeing, striding on as before.

Blind Life in Durham would also like to take this opportunity to thank its staff, directors, volunteers, and members for working together and keeping the organisation operational.

"Best wishes to Blind Life and all members, long may it continue"

Financial Review

The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to cover running costs (including wages) under normal operating conditions (ie non-Covid) for 6 months plus any redundancy costs. This is estimated to be approximately £14,000. At 31st July 2023 free reserves totalled £30,131.

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

Structure, Governance and Management

Blind Life In Durham (BLIND) is a charitable company, limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 16th April 2008 with company number 6567582 and registered as a charity on 7th June 2008 with charity number 1124381.

On 1st August 2008 the assets and activities of the unincorporated charity of the same name (charity number 1110974) were transferred to the new charitable company.

The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 16th April 2008.

Recruitment, appointment and induction of trustees

Trustees are appointed from the membership of the charity and are elected at the AGM. New trustees will undertake a brief interview, DBS check and an induction involving a review of trustees' responsibilities and compliance with policies. IT training and Blind Awareness training is also available to new trustees.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration from the charity. No expenses were reclaimed from the charity during the year.

Public Benefit

Our main activities and who we help are described elsewhere in this report. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Committee have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit throughout the year when deciding on the activities of the charity.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name Blind Life In Durham

Charity registration number 1124381

Company registration number 6567582

Principal office and registered office 8 Brookside Avenue
Crook
County Durham
DL15 8LB

The Trustees

James Welch (Chair)
John McGrath
Margaret Welch (Treasurer)
Maureen Gandy
Michael Gandy
Karen McNair
Julie Kirkley

(Retired 1 October 2022)
(Appointed 1 November 2022)

Independent Examiner Jane Ascroft FCA-MA (Cantab)
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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on5/10/23..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

M Welch

Margaret Welch (Treasurer)
Trustee

Blind Life In Durham

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blind Life In Durham

Year Ended 31 July 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Blind Life In Durham ('the charity') for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company 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 as 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

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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

		Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	12,377	–	12,377	18,366
Charitable activities	6	500	5,500	6,000	21,461
Other trading activities	7	978	–	978	1,209
Investment income	8	72	–	72	1
Total income		<u>13,927</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>19,427</u>	<u>41,037</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	11,411	16,001	27,412	25,373
Total expenditure		<u>11,411</u>	<u>16,001</u>	<u>27,412</u>	<u>25,373</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>2,516</u>	<u>(10,501)</u>	<u>(7,985)</u>	<u>15,664</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		37,714	16,383	54,097	38,433
Total funds carried forward		<u>40,230</u>	<u>5,882</u>	<u>46,112</u>	<u>54,097</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Blind Life In Durham

Statement of Financial Position

31 July 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible fixed assets	15		99	124
Current Assets				
Cash at bank and in hand		46,373		54,333
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>360</u>		<u>360</u>
Net Current Assets			<u>46,013</u>	<u>53,973</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			<u>46,112</u>	<u>54,097</u>
Net Assets			<u>46,112</u>	<u>54,097</u>
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted funds			5,882	16,383
Unrestricted funds			<u>40,230</u>	<u>37,714</u>
Total charity funds	17		<u>46,112</u>	<u>54,097</u>


For the year ending 31 July 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 5.10.23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


James Welch (Chair)
Trustee

John McGrath
Trustee



The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 July 2023

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 8 Brookside Avenue, Crook, County Durham, DL15 8LB.

2. Statement of Compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investments measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

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

The entity is a Public Benefit Entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the purposes of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, any performance related conditions attached have been met or are fully within the control of the charity, the income is considered probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Donations and legacy income is received by way of donations, legacies, grants and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where legacies have been notified to the charity but the criteria for income recognition have not been met, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity, being the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Income from charitable trading activity is accounted for when earned.

Income from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Costs of raising funds comprise the costs associated with attracting donations, grants and legacies and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, as set out in the notes to the accounts.

Tangible Assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £250 are not capitalised.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year Ended 31 July 2023

3. Accounting Policies (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 20% reducing balance

Impairment of Fixed Assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

Debtors

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

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash 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.

Creditors

Creditors 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

The company is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the company is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3-Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

4. Limited by Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. At 31st July 2023 there were 6 members each of whom had undertaken to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of a winding up.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Weardale Councillor	140	—	140
Gulf garage	1,000	—	1,000
LEAPS	537	—	537
Other donations	7,460	—	7,460
Premises provided free of charge	3,000	—	3,000
Payroll services provided free of charge	240	—	240
	<u>12,377</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>12,377</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Friends of Durham	—	300	300
Weardale Councillor	—	100	100
Gift aid	175	—	175
Other donations	14,551	—	14,551
Premises provided free of charge	3,000	—	3,000
Payroll services provided free of charge	240	—	240
	<u>17,966</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>18,366</u>

6. Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	—	500	500
Sir James Knott Foundation	—	5,000	5,000
Membership	500	—	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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6. Charitable Activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	–	1,500	1,500
CDCF (2D Legacy)	–	1,976	1,976
PCP Happiness Hub	–	7,345	7,345
Sir James Knott Foundation	–	5,000	5,000
CDCF	–	5,000	5,000
Membership	640	–	640
	<u>640</u>	<u>20,821</u>	<u>21,461</u>

7. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fundraising events	<u>978</u>	<u>978</u>	<u>1,209</u>	<u>1,209</u>

8. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>72</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable activities (see page 22 for more details)	<u>11,411</u>	<u>16,001</u>	<u>27,412</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Charitable activities (see page 22 for more details)	<u>9,651</u>	<u>15,722</u>	<u>25,373</u>

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Charitable activities (see page 22 for more details)	<u>27,412</u>	<u>27,412</u>	<u>25,373</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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11. Net (Expenditure)/Income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>25</u>	<u>41</u>

12. Independent Examination Fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	360	360
Other financial services	<u>240</u>	<u>240</u>
	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

13. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	<u>9,165</u>	<u>9,152</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 2 (2022: 2). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Number of staff	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Trustees received no remuneration during the year or expenses during the year (2022 - Nil).

15. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 August 2022 and 31 July 2023	<u>2,143</u>	<u>2,143</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 August 2022	2,019	2,019
Charge for the year	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
At 31 July 2023	<u>2,044</u>	<u>2,044</u>
Carrying amount		
At 31 July 2023	<u>99</u>	<u>99</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>124</u>	<u>124</u>

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Year Ended 31 July 2023

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>360</u>	<u>360</u>

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	27,590	13,927	(11,386)	30,131
Capital fund	124	–	(25)	99
Premises fund	10,000	–	–	10,000
	<u>37,714</u>	<u>13,927</u>	<u>(11,411)</u>	<u>40,230</u>

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	17,384	19,816	(9,610)	27,590
Capital fund	165	–	(41)	124
Premises fund	10,000	–	–	10,000
	<u>27,549</u>	<u>19,816</u>	<u>(9,651)</u>	<u>37,714</u>

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17. Analysis of Charitable Funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 1 August 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2023
	£	£	£	£
CDCF	2,241	–	(2,241)	–
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	1,644	500	(1,568)	576
Friends of Durham	89	–	(89)	–
Sir James Knott Foundation	4,792	5,000	(4,486)	5,306
CDCF/2D legacy	272	–	(272)	–
PCP Happiness hub	7,345	–	(7,345)	–
	<u>16,383</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>(16,001)</u>	<u>5,882</u>

	At 1 August 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 July 2022
	£	£	£	£
CDCF	–	5,000	(2,759)	2,241
3 Towns AAP 1	554	–	(554)	–
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	958	1,500	(814)	1,644
3 Towns AAP 2	2,865	–	(2,865)	–
Spennymoor Councillors	495	–	(495)	–
Friends of Durham	–	300	(211)	89
Weardale Councillor	–	100	(100)	–
Sir James Knott Foundation	5,000	5,000	(5,208)	4,792
Durham Parish Council	440	–	(440)	–
Members' Fund	572	–	(572)	–
CDCF/2D legacy	–	1,976	(1,704)	272
PCP Happiness hub	–	7,345	–	7,345
	<u>10,884</u>	<u>21,221</u>	<u>(15,722)</u>	<u>16,383</u>

The restricted funds are for the following purposes:

Shakespeare Temperance Trust - Venue hire, transport and IT Equipment.
 Sir James Knott Foundation - Wages.
 Durham Parish Council - Venue hire and transport.
 3 Towns AAP 1 and 2 - Wages, phone, stationery, transport.
 CDCF - Venue hire and transport.
 CDCF (2D Legacy) - Utilities, insurance, phone, venue hire and chair.
 Spennymoor Councillors - Venue hire and transport.
 Members' Fund - Members' trips and outings.
 PCP Happiness hub - Venue hire, wages and days out.
 Weardale Councillor - Venue hire.
 Friends of Durham - Ink.

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18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	99	–	99
Current assets	40,491	5,882	46,373
Creditors less than 1 year	(360)	–	(360)
Net assets	<u>40,230</u>	<u>5,882</u>	<u>46,112</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	124	–	124
Current assets	37,950	16,383	54,333
Creditors less than 1 year	(360)	–	(360)
Net assets	<u>37,714</u>	<u>16,383</u>	<u>54,097</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Friends of Durham	–	300
Weardale Councillor	140	100
Gulf garage	1,000	–
LEAPS	537	–
Gift aid	–	175
Other donations	7,460	14,551
Premises provided free of charge	3,000	3,000
Payroll services provided free of charge	240	240
	<u>12,377</u>	<u>18,366</u>
Charitable activities		
Shakespeare Temperance Trust	500	1,500
CDCF (2D Legacy)	–	1,976
PCP Happiness Hub	–	7,345
Sir James Knott Foundation	5,000	5,000
CDCF	–	5,000
Membership	500	640
	<u>6,000</u>	<u>21,461</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	<u>978</u>	<u>1,209</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>72</u>	<u>1</u>
Total income	<u>19,427</u>	<u>41,037</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 31 July 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Expenditure		
Wages	9,165	9,152
Rent	3,000	3,000
Venue hire	2,021	2,264
Insurance	192	500
Trips and outings	851	1,575
Accountancy fees	618	600
Equipment and IT	1,418	1,517
Stationery, telephone and postage	1,350	1,251
Depreciation	25	41
Sports	1,652	—
Transport	4,314	4,172
Mentoring	110	150
Other costs	2,696	1,151
Total expenditure	27,412	25,373
Net (expenditure)/income	(7,985)	15,664