

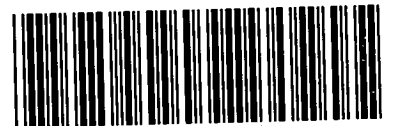
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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1051674

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2013
for**

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

R F Miller & Co
Chartered Accountants &
Statutory Auditors
Bellevue, Princes Street
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**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2013. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
03133015

Registered Charity number
1051674

Registered office
67 - 69 Cavendish Street
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria
LA14 1QD

Trustees

Mr C M Anderson
Mr D J Cannell
Mrs B M Crellin
Mr A S Hadley
Mr N A McKinnon
Mrs J Milburn
Mr G Postlethwaite
Mr A C Silver
Mr A S Todd
Mrs W J Robinson
Miss R Dean

- resigned 31/12/2013

- appointed 28/6/2013
- appointed 31/12/2013

Company Secretary
Mr W Proctor

Auditors

R F Miller & Co
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Statutory Auditors
Bellevue, Princes Street
Ulverston
Cumbria
LA12 7NB

Solicitors

Forresters Solicitors Ltd
Duke Street
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LA14 1XA

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9 Benson Street
Ulverston
Cumbria
LA12 7AU

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

HSBC plc
Duke Street
Barrow-in-Furness
Cumbria
LA14 1LR

Cater Allan Private Bank
9 Nelson Street
Bradford
BD1 5AN

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. As at the 31 December 2013 there were 10 members. The liability of each member in the event of the company being wound up is restricted to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of the Council of Management

The Society's Board of Directors is known as the Council of Management. As set out in the Articles of Association, the Council shall have power at any time to appoint any person to be a member of the Council up to the maximum number fixed in the Articles. Any member of the Council so appointed shall hold office only until the next following AGM and shall then be eligible for re-election but shall not be taken into account in determining the members of the Council who are to retire by rotation at such meeting.

Council of Management Induction and training

All new members of the Council of Management are given an information pack, a role and description outlining what the Society expects from a member.

Organisational structure

The Council of Management administers the Society. The Council of Management meet monthly and there is one sub-committee which covers finance and general purposes.

Related parties

There were no connected charities or branches during the year ended 31 December 2013.

Risk management

The Council of Management has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the Society is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. The Society has a register with all identified risks which is regularly monitored and assessed to evaluate identified risks and identify new risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the Society is to support visually impaired people who live within Barrow-in-Furness and the surrounding area. To achieve this, the organisation:

- a. provides information and advice to visually impaired people and to their families and carers;
- b. provides visually impaired people with a range of welfare support and social activities;
- c. helps visually impaired people of all ages to live independently;
- d. promotes awareness of sight loss issues;
- e. supports people within a residential home.

The Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Our Welfare Team helps support 637 blind and partially sighted people who require assistance with daily living skills. The team also ensures clients receive all allowances and services to which they are entitled.

Our residential home, Ostley House, is registered to accommodate 44 people and has facilities for day and respite care. We also have five supported accommodation bungalows within the grounds providing a safe environment for the tenants. The Society wishes to maintain high quality accommodation and a first class service in a friendly environment.

Throughout the area we provide social clubs, run craft classes and also provide a specialist support group for people who have combined sight and hearing loss. In addition, as part of the South Cumbria Low Vision service we provide two low vision clinics in Barrow-in-Furness and Grange-over-Sands.

Our retail shop in Barrow-in-Furness is also the administration centre and provides a valuable town centre presence. A studio here houses facilities enabling us to produce our fortnightly and monthly talking newspapers; distributing 210 and 30 CD's per issue respectively. Fundraising activities including flag days and envelope collections emphasise the fact that funds raised are all spent within our area.

We are agents for the Talking Book service and the Wireless for the Blind Fund, which provides, on free loan, a radio set for those with sight loss.

As the end of 2013 approached, Company Secretary Mr W Proctor announced that he would retire in April 2014 after 46 years' service with the Society. As part of continuation planning, Mr C F Hodge was recruited to succeed Mr W Proctor on his retirement. The Society will always remain indebted to the outstanding contribution Mr W Proctor has made to develop the Society over the years.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The major project during 2013 was a complete makeover of garden areas at Ostley House extending patio areas, re-modelling lawns, a new gazebo and two new parking bays. This has modernised front garden areas and the hard landscaping has been complemented by new planting schemes.

Ostley House Manager, Miss H Winward, and her staff have had a challenging year but efforts to maximise income and minimise overheads have been very successful. Comparing figures with 2012 total income increased by £35,372 whilst overheads reduced by £11,683. An additional £47,055 was a most welcome bonus for the Society.

Our Cavendish Street shop and offices give the Society a valuable town centre presence but shop sales, excluding the mobile unit, are static in common with many other high street retailers. During 2014 there will be a full review of the retail operation.

Our relationship with Furness General Hospital continues to develop and we now have a volunteer-based Eye Clinic Liaison Officer service. This is a development that has taken literally years to arrange and follow-up using our Activity Centre makes contact with newly registered visually impaired people more effective. We continue to make annual contact with virtually all our registered clients either by telephone or Welfare Team visits. The Activity Centre also hosts thriving social, craft and men's club weekly meetings.

We continue to explore residential care for dementia sufferers and now have outline planning permission to convert a block of existing rooms into a self-contained unit. Other dementia care units in our area command higher fees as this type of care is linked to another speciality like nursing care and the new Council building scheduled for completion next year could weaken demand in the short-term. Our thoughts have now turned to combining our visual impairment expertise with dementia care and thorough research continues before funds are committed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Our objective to maintain cash deposits at or above £150,000 remains unchanged.

Funds in deficit

The Society pension scheme is run by Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme and latest figures indicate a deficit of £58,000, down from £129,000 in 2012.

Our Income and Expenditure Account shows a change on the defined benefit scheme from £30,000 in deficit during 2012 to a surplus of £54,000.

Following the 2013 actuarial review, figures are based on underlying fund investments and therefore give a snapshot of our situation as at 31 March 2013. These figures could change dramatically before the next review in 2016.

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Investment policy and objectives

Our financial adviser is retained under a flexible arrangement whereby the Society will only pay for services utilised. However the Society's investment policy will always be based on a low risk strategy.

Grants Payable Policy

Grants payable by the Society are paid on a non-selective basis to clients registered with the Society. In addition, requests are considered on the basis of special needs

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Apart from the Dementia Unit no significant capital expenditure projects are being considered.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income

2013 has been a very good year with a £119,671 increase compared with 2012. Admittedly, Legacy and Donations income increased by £89,704 but an additional £30K from operational sources was good news. The £15,201 restricted fund income represents Dementia Fund donations received during the year.

Expenditure

Allied to an increase in income we have also managed to reduce expenditure by £9,356 despite higher staff numbers and costs detailed in Note 14. Resources expended are listed in detail on pages 17, 18 and 19. Most costs are fairly static but some areas merit comment:

- The shop closing stock valuation has increased by almost £6,000. This will be corrected during 2014.
- Light and heat reduced to £35,185 from £51,727. Figures are distorted following a change in suppliers.
- Grants to individuals reduced by £5,448 as we replaced a cash gift system with vouchers to spend in our shop.

Net incoming resources

The annual operating surplus has increased from £70,211 to £199,238 and although this does include gratefully received donations and legacies there are encouraging trends both in other income and the reduction in expenditure. Other gains and losses take the annual surplus to £255,596 compared with £41,089 in 2012. This is a most satisfactory outcome.

BALANCE SHEET

Fixed assets

Garden project costs amounting to £18,600 have been added to fixed assets that are now valued at £1,848,302 after £18,035 depreciation.

Current assets

Current assets increased by £214,832 to £479,538 and mirror the excellent year for Donation and Legacy income. The £243,775 investments are cash holdings with The Charity Bank and Furness Building Society that are subject to short-term notice of withdrawal whereby slightly higher interest rates are achieved.

Current liabilities

Creditors have increased by £33,159 and most of this is in Trade Creditors where timing difference create anomalies. There are no underlying situations worthy of comment.

Net assets

Our net assets have increased by £255,596, helped by the £71,000 reduction in the retirement healthcare benefits obligations. We must recognise our net worth includes £66,825 which is specifically restricted to the proposed Dementia Unit project.

With substantial cash balance and no long-term borrowing the Society is well placed to meet future challenges and has resources to maintain effective support for visually impaired people in our community.

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, R F Miller & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mrs W J Robinson - Chair

27 June 2014

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of The Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013 on pages seven to seventeen. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities set out on page five, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

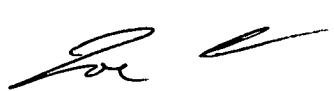
Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.


Joseph James Reay ACA BSc (Hons) (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of R F Miller & Co
Chartered Accountants &
Statutory Auditors
Bellevue, Princes Street
Ulverston
Cumbria
LA12 7NB

Date: 29 September 2014

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2013 Total funds £	2012 Total funds £
	Notes				
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	204,553	15,201	219,754	130,050
Activities for generating funds	3	88,337	-	88,337	81,962
Investment income	4	3,269	375	3,644	2,796
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Ostley House	5	907,499	-	907,499	872,127
Social welfare		<u>12,782</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,782</u>	<u>12,628</u>
Total incoming resources		1,216,440	15,576	1,232,016	1,099,563
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income	6	10,326	-	10,326	12,478
Administration and Retail Centre	7	36,697	-	36,697	43,639
Charitable activities					
Costs of administration and retail centre	8	28,204	-	28,204	26,216
Grants payable		4,852	-	4,852	10,300
Ostley House		793,849	-	793,849	805,532
Social welfare		90,843	-	90,843	96,139
Governance costs	11	<u>66,402</u>	<u>1,605</u>	<u>68,007</u>	<u>35,048</u>
Total resources expended		1,031,173	1,605	1,032,778	1,029,352
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		185,267	13,971	199,238	70,211
Other recognised gains/losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets		2,358	-	2,358	878
Actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit schemes		<u>54,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Net movement in funds		241,625	13,971	255,596	41,089
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,831,987	52,854	1,884,841	1,843,752
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>2,073,612</u>	<u>66,825</u>	<u>2,140,437</u>	<u>1,884,841</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2013**

	Not es	2013 £	2012 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	15	1,822,706	1,822,141
Investments	16	<u>25,596</u>	<u>23,238</u>
		1,848,302	1,845,379
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	17	27,184	22,182
Debtors	18	7,431	8,106
Investments	19	243,775	104,633
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>201,148</u>	<u>129,785</u>
		479,538	264,706
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	20	<u>(129,403)</u>	<u>(96,244)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>350,135</u>	<u>168,462</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,198,437	2,013,841
Retirement healthcare benefits obligations		<u>(58,000)</u>	<u>(129,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>2,140,437</u></u>	<u><u>1,884,841</u></u>
FUNDS	23		
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		308,907	138,846
Fixed asset fund		1,822,705	1,822,141
Pension reserve		<u>(58,000)</u>	<u>(129,000)</u>
		2,073,612	1,831,987
Restricted funds		<u>66,825</u>	<u>52,854</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>2,140,437</u></u>	<u><u>1,884,841</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 June 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs W J Robinson -Chair



Mr A S Todd - Finance Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statements of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charitable company qualifies as a small charitable company.

Incoming resources

Donations and legacies are accounted for when entitlement, certainty and measurement is known by the Society. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis as far as it is prudent to do so. Income includes income tax recoverable.

The Society receives the benefit of work carried out by volunteers, and receives the use of facilities and equipment. No amounts are in the financial statements for services donated.

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account when entitlement, certainty and measurement is known by the Society, unless related to a specific period, when it is placed in a restricted fund until used. Grants for capital expenditure are recognised in full in the SOFA when receivable in accordance with the SORP. The grant is placed in a reserve with a transfer made on an accrual basis equal to that of the depreciation on the capital item acquired.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and allocated to the various expense headings.

Grants payable are made on an annual basis and are allocated to the income and expenditure account in the period to which the expenditure relates. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs comprise costs for the running of the Society itself as an organisation. Where these costs cannot be directly attributed to any specific heading they are apportioned to governance, costs of charitable activities and costs of generating funds. The apportionment is based on the time and effort spent in these areas.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Plant and machinery	25% reducing balance
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Where donations are received for specific equipment, the donation is included in income, the asset is capitalised and depreciation is charged on the full amount.

No depreciation is provided on freehold land and buildings as in the opinion of the Council of Management the property is maintained in such a manner that its estimated residual value exceeds cost. An impairment review in accordance with FRS 11 is carried out to ensure that the net realisable value of the property is not lower than its carrying value.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Taxation

As a registered Charity the Company benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from corporation tax and capital gains tax, but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

Retirement benefits to some employees of Barrow & Districts Society for the Blind Limited are provided by the Local Government Pension Scheme. This is a defined benefit scheme and is externally funded. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in accordance with contributions due. The contributions are determined by qualified actuaries. This scheme ceased for new employees as of 1 November 2002. A group defined contribution pension scheme is now available to both new employees and existing employees not in the defined benefit scheme.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Market value is the market price on the balance sheet date. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are taken to the income and expenditure account. Income has been taken into account on the due date of payment.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2013 £	2012 £
Donations	146,988	77,707
Legacies - General	72,438	51,639
Donations - Ostley House	305	669
Payroll Giving	23	35
	<u>219,754</u>	<u>130,050</u>

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	2013 £	2012 £
Shop Income	53,514	50,748
Appeals donations	34	743
Boxes	1,795	2,584
Races, shows, sales etc	7,950	8,233
Flag days, envelope collections	5,020	5,319
Loose change appeal	432	483
Weather lottery	502	448
Jewellery recycling commission	-	33
Daily living aids sales	19,090	11,233
Jail & Bail	-	2,138
	<u>88,337</u>	<u>81,962</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2013 £	2012 £
Bank interest receivable	2,398	1,593
Other fixed asset invest - FII	1,246	1,203
	<u>3,644</u>	<u>2,796</u>

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2013 £	2012 £
Ostley House income	Ostley House	875,173	839,276
Bungalow rentals	Ostley House	31,270	32,851
Training allowance	Ostley House	1,056	-
Talking Books recharge - Cumbria County Council	Social welfare	<u>12,782</u>	<u>12,628</u>
		<u>920,281</u>	<u>884,755</u>

6. COSTS OF GENERATING VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2013 £	2012 £
Staff costs	9,270	10,666
Printing, stationery, advertising & postage	52	671
Materials	16	64
Travel expenses	920	1,077
Coronation Hall hire	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,326</u>	<u>12,478</u>

**7. ADMINISTRATION AND RETAIL
CENTRE**

	2013 £	2012 £
Opening stock	20,146	20,850
Purchases	27,308	27,942
Closing stock	(26,016)	(20,146)
Staff costs	11,552	11,204
Advertising	50	75
Sundries and cleaning	1,387	1,509
Vehicle insurance	685	667
Repairs & renewals	1,050	1,006
Bank charges	<u>535</u>	<u>532</u>
	<u>36,697</u>	<u>43,639</u>

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs £	Grant funding of activities (See note 9) £	Support costs (See note 10) £	Totals £
Ostley House	737,445	-	56,404	793,849
Social welfare	90,843	-	-	90,843
Grants payable	-	4,852	-	4,852
Costs of administration and retail centre	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,204</u>	<u>28,204</u>
	<u>828,288</u>	<u>4,852</u>	<u>84,608</u>	<u>917,748</u>

9. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2013 £	2012 £
Grants payable	<u>4,852</u>	<u>10,300</u>

**The Barrow & Districts Society for the
Blind Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2013**

10. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £
Governance costs	56,402
Costs of administration and retail centre Ostley House	28,204
	<u>56,404</u>
	<u>141,010</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Management

				2013	2012
	Governance costs £	Costs of administration and retail centre £	Ostley House £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Wages	38,642	19,321	38,642	96,605	84,977
Social security	3,213	1,607	3,213	8,033	7,515
Pensions	1,046	524	1,046	2,616	9,210
Rates and water	459	230	459	1,148	324
Insurance	3,277	1,639	3,277	8,193	4,939
Light and heat	984	492	985	2,461	3,041
Telephone	371	185	371	927	1,865
Postage and stationery	533	267	533	1,333	1,274
Sundries	1,317	659	1,318	3,294	1,954
Repairs & renewals	2,527	1,264	2,527	6,318	4,220
Travelling expenses	985	492	985	2,462	2,901
Computer maintenance	2,833	1,416	2,833	7,082	7,611
Cleaning	215	108	215	538	548
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	-	-	-	-	701
	<u>56,402</u>	<u>28,204</u>	<u>56,404</u>	<u>141,010</u>	<u>131,080</u>

11. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2013 £	2012 £
Legal and professional fees	3,240	780
Bank charges	1,889	2,137
Auditors' remuneration	5,798	5,215
Auditors' remuneration for non-audit work	678	700
Support costs	<u>56,402</u>	<u>26,216</u>
	<u>68,007</u>	<u>35,048</u>

12. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

	2013 £	2012 £
Auditors' remuneration	5,798	5,215
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>18,035</u>	<u>17,993</u>

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13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2013 nor for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2013 nor for the year ended 31 December 2012.

During the year, Mr A S Todd, the finance director, received an honoraria of £1,000.

14. STAFF COSTS

	2013 £	2012 £
Wages and salaries	656,813	642,731
Social security costs	38,009	37,012
Other pension costs	<u>3,531</u>	<u>10,911</u>
	<u>698,353</u>	<u>690,654</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2013	2012
Ostley House staff	46	42
Shop staff	1	2
Administration staff	5	4
Fund raising staff	1	1
Welfare team staff	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>57</u>	<u>52</u>

The majority of staff employed by the charity work on a part time basis.

No employee received remuneration above £60,000.

15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2013	1,750,000	403,070	2,153,070
Additions	<u>18,600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,600</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>1,768,600</u>	<u>403,070</u>	<u>2,171,670</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2013	-	330,929	330,929
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>18,035</u>	<u>18,035</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>-</u>	<u>348,964</u>	<u>348,964</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2013	<u>1,768,600</u>	<u>54,106</u>	<u>1,822,706</u>
At 31 December 2012	<u>1,750,000</u>	<u>72,141</u>	<u>1,822,141</u>

A valuation was carried out in February 2010 by an independent valuer Anthony R Bryson MRICS of HWM Surveyors and was based on market value with the benefit of vacant possession of freehold properties, occupied under the terms of a conventional shorthold tenancy.

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

If freehold property had not been revalued in 2010, it would have been included at the following historical cost:
£2,397,988.

16. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 January 2013	23,138	100	23,238
Additions	<u>2,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,358</u>
At 31 December 2013	<u>25,496</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>25,596</u>
 NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2013	<u>25,496</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>25,596</u>
At 31 December 2012	<u>23,138</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>23,238</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

17. STOCKS

	2013 £	2012 £
Stocks	<u>27,184</u>	<u>22,182</u>

18. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade debtors	2,779	3,336
Other debtors	951	972
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>3,701</u>	<u>3,798</u>
	<u>7,431</u>	<u>8,106</u>

19. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	2013 £	2012 £
Other	<u>243,775</u>	<u>104,633</u>

20. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2013 £	2012 £
Trade creditors	35,999	11,222
Social security and other taxes	9,363	6,376
VAT	1,806	248
Other creditors	11,271	5,945
Accruals and deferred income	<u>70,964</u>	<u>72,453</u>
	<u>129,403</u>	<u>96,244</u>

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21. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	2013 £	2012 £
Expiring:		
Within one year	-	5,851
Between one and five years	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,548</u>
	<u>1,548</u>	<u>7,399</u>

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2013 Total funds £	2012 Total funds £
Fixed assets	1,822,706	-	1,822,706	1,822,141
Investments	25,596	-	25,596	23,238
Current assets	412,713	66,825	479,538	264,706
Current liabilities	(129,403)	-	(129,403)	(96,244)
Retirement healthcare benefits obligations	<u>(58,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(58,000)</u>	<u>(129,000)</u>
	<u>2,073,612</u>	<u>66,825</u>	<u>2,140,437</u>	<u>1,884,841</u>

23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.13 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.13 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	118,209	190,698	308,907
Fixed asset fund	1,842,778	(20,073)	1,822,705
Pension reserve	<u>(129,000)</u>	<u>71,000</u>	<u>(58,000)</u>
	1,831,987	241,625	2,073,612
Restricted funds			
Dementia Unit	52,854	13,971	66,825
	<u>1,884,841</u>	<u>255,596</u>	<u>2,140,437</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,216,440	(1,028,100)	2,358	190,698
Fixed asset fund	-	(20,073)	-	(20,073)
Pension reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>71,000</u>
	1,216,440	(1,031,173)	56,358	241,625
Restricted funds				
Dementia Unit	15,576	(1,605)	-	13,971
	<u>1,232,016</u>	<u>(1,032,778)</u>	<u>56,358</u>	<u>255,596</u>

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined benefit scheme in the UK. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 March 2014 by a qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions used by the actuary were:

	At 2013	At 2012	At 2011
Rate of CPI inflation	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.9%	4.15%	4.05%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Discount rate	4.3%	3.7%	4.6%

The assets in the scheme and the expected rate of return were:

	Long term rate of return expected at 2013	Value at 2013	Long term rate of return expected at 2012	Value at 2012	Long term rate of return expected at 2011	Value at 2011
		£		£		£
Equities	7.00%	615,000	7.00%	540,000	7.00%	446,000
Bonds - Government	3.40%	161,000	2.80%	155,000	3.10%	138,000
Bonds - Other	4.30%	116,000	3.90%	154,000	4.10%	138,000
Property	6.20%	73,000	5.70%	55,000	6.00%	55,000
Cash/Liquidity	0.50%	61,000	0.50%	6,000	0.50%	14,000
Other	7.00%	<u>8,000</u>	7.00%	<u>65,000</u>	7.00%	<u>72,000</u>
Total market value of assets		1,034,000		975,000		863,000
Present value of scheme liabilities		(1,092,000)		(1,104,000)		(967,000)
Deficit in scheme		<u>(58,000)</u>		<u>(129,000)</u>		<u>(104,000)</u>
Related deferred tax liability		-		-		-
Net pension liability		<u>(58,000)</u>		<u>(129,000)</u>		<u>(104,000)</u>

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit

	2013 £	2012 £
Current service cost	(8,000)	(10,000)
Past service gain/(loss)	-	-
Total operating credit/(charge)	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>

Analysis of the amount charged to other pension costs

	2013 £	2012 £
Expected return on pension scheme assets	52,000	46,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	<u>(41,000)</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>
Net return	<u>11,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses

	2013 £	2012 £
Actuarial gains/(losses)	<u>54,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>

Movement in surplus during the year

	2013 £	2012 £
Deficit in scheme at beginning of the year	(129,000)	(104,000)
Movement in the year:		
Current service cost	(8,000)	(10,000)
Contributions	14,000	14,000
Past service gain	-	-

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS - continued

Other finance income	11,000	1,000
Actuarial losses	<u>54,000</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>
Deficit at end of year	<u>(58,000)</u>	<u>(129,000)</u>

The actuarial valuation at 31 March 2014 showed an decrease in the deficit from £129,000 to £58,000. Contributions were based on 17.4 % of pensionable pay plus an annual amount of £5,800, and this will continue next year.

FRS 17 requires the assets of defined benefit schemes to be measured at market value at each balance sheet date, and the liabilities to be measured using a specific valuation method and to be discounted using a corporate bond rate. Any resulting share of the pension scheme surplus or deficit is recognised on the society balance sheet. Any resulting gains and losses are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses rather than being recognised gradually in the income and expenditure account.

The scheme was closed to new employees from 1 November 2002. A new group defined contribution scheme is now available to new employees. There are currently three members of staff within this scheme. The charge for the year included within the SOFA is £1,820 and outstanding contributions at the year end amount to £158.

25. PURPOSES OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

Fixed asset fund

The fixed asset fund has been set up to assist in identifying those funds that are not free funds and it represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets. less related liabilities.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve has been set up to reflect the net pension liability.

Dementia Unit

The dementia unit fund represents the amounts received which has been set aside for the development of a specialist dementia care unit.