FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

(A company limited by guarantee not having share capital)

Company number : 4154438

Charity number: 1091458

BENTLEY JENNISON
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
& REGISTERED AUDITORS

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Company Information

for the year ended 31 March 2005

DIRECTORS:

Chairman

P J W Evans

Vice Chairman J R Sparkes (resigned 9 August 2004)

Vice Chairman N Sandy

E M Bate

(appointed 9 August 2004)

(deceased 2 April 2005)

K Bailey

B Tranter

(resigned 26 October 2004)

C Denton

J L Allman

(resigned 24 January 2005)

A Sullivan

H Bayliss

P Hancock

(appointed 26 October 2004)

SECRETARY:

R G Sharp

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Centre for the Blind

North Walls

Stafford

ST16 3AD

REGISTERED NUMBER:

4154438 (England and Wales)

CHARITY NUMBER:

1091458

AUDITORS:

Bentley Jennison

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

3 Hollinswood Court

Stafford Park 1

Telford

Shropshire

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A registered charity (Number 1091458)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors, who are also trustees for the charitable activities of the company, have pleasure in submitting their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Staffordshire Blind is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered charity number 1091458, registered company number 4154438. The charity is governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is to promote the relief of blind and partially sighted people in the administrative County of Staffordshire, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by providing or paying for facilities which are calculated to promote such relief.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are required by company law to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the company for the period ending on that date. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

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

The Directors are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The results for the period show a deficit before investment gains and losses of £38,416. Unrestricted income is used for the purposes of supporting the charitable activities and maintaining the social centre, without which the charitable objectives would not be able to be achieved. Unrestricted funds are used to support the salaries of staff where grant aid has not been received.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to maintain sufficient reserves to continue its objectives for a period of at least twelve months.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees are responsible for the management of risks faced by the charity. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year. Through the appropriate risk management process that has been established, the trustees are satisfied that major risks are identified and have been adequately mitigated where necessary or possible.

INVESTMENT POWERS

The charity has to date invested any surplus funds into a variety of different types of investments in order to spread the risk, but maximise return. In view of the current economic climate it is proposed that the charity operates a more risk averse strategy and has taken advice regarding this change in policy from their investment managers.

DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

P J W Evans J R Sparkes (resigned 9 August 2004) J L Allman (resigned 24 January 2005)

K Bailey B Tranter (resigned 26 October 2004) A Sullivan

E M Bate (deceased 2 April 2005) C Denton H Bayliss

N Sandy (appointed 9 August 2004) P Hancock (appointed 26 October 2004)

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bentley Jennison, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with Section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 of Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the Board on 13 September 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

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- Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STAFFORDSHIRE BLIND

We have audited the financial statements of Staffordshire Blind for the year ended 31 March 2005 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditor's 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 directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the trustees, who are also directors of Staffordshire Blind for the purposes of company law are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 March 2005, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Bentley Jennison Registered Auditors

Date: 13 September 2005

3 Hollinswood Court Stafford Park 1 Telford Shropshire TF3 3BD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31 March 2005

N		estricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Total 31-Mar 2005 £	Total 31-Mar 2004 £
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INCOMING RESOURCES Donations from members and advertisers		12,522	_	_	12,522	11.179
Flag days and appeals		6,529	_	_	6,529	7,485
Health Authority grants	6	-	29,158	_	29,158	19,296
Other grants	6	9.260	18,219	-	27,479	27,594
Investment income and tax receivable	-	12,590	·-	-	12,590	13,762
Interest receivable		153	-	691	844	846
Charitable trading activities		19,703	-	-	19,703	19,666
Social Centre		8,364	-	-	8,364	11,392
Legacies		1,945	-	-	1,945	6,000
Sundry income		21	-	-	21	1,290
VAT refund		-	- 758	-	- 758	12,134
Lichfield Social Club		4 500		-	1,560	-
New Deal		1,560	-		1,500	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		72,647	48,135	691	121,473	130,644
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds						
Salaries and NI		51,345	40,623	-	91,968	91,283
Direct charitable purposes:						
Support costs for grants and activities						
Social club transportation costs and Christmas gi	fts	3,978	4,334	-	8,312	12,545
Home visit transport			3,540	-	3,540	3,326
Insurance		1,653	1,652	-	3,305	2,995
Cleaners and caretakers wages		2,646	-	-	2,646 4,573	540 5,181
Printing, stationery and advertising (incl. Annual r	ероп)	4,573 2,011	-	-	2,011	1,955
Heating and lighting		3,146	-	_	3,146	347
Repairs, replacements and waste disposal Telephone and postage		2,193	816	-	3,009	2,724
Water rates		116	-	_	116	126
Materials purchased adjusted for stock movemen	nt	18,766	-	-	18,766	19,679
Travelling expenses		4,544	-	_	4,544	5,903
Support for members in the Moorlands area		-	-	3,708	3,708	-
Resources expended on managing and admir	nisterin		ty			
Office staff salaries and NI		2,632	-	•	2,632	2,555
Salaries and accountancy fees		4,642	-	-	4,642	4,062 1,351
Audit fee		1,351	1 241	-	1,351 2,008	1,928
Depreciation of office equipment		767 1,52 4	1,241	-	1,524	3,524
Miscellaneous administrative costs						
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		105,887	52,206	3,708	161,801	160,024
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFER		(33,240)	(4,071)	(3,017)	(40,328)	(29,380)
Transfers between funds		(3,576)				
					(40.222)	(20, 280)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(36,816)	(495)	(3,017)	(40,328)	(29,380)
GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENT ASSETS:						
Realised		9,045	-	-	9,045	(351)
Unrealised		11,812			11,812	30,550
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS:		(15,959)	(495)	(3,017)	(19,471)	819
Fund balances brought forward		289,333	127,040	33,794	450,167	449,348
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD	10	273,374	126,545	30,777	430,696	450,167

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF NET INCOME

for the year ended 31 March 2005

	31-Mar 2005 £	31-Mar 2004 £
	~	~
Gross income		
General purposes fund	72,647	93,862
Restricted funds	48,135	36,222
Endowed funds	691	560
	121,473	130,644
Total expenditure		
General purposes fund	105,887	111,203
Restricted funds	52,206	48,821
Endowed funds	3,708	-
	161,801	160,024
Net(expenditure)/ income for the period	(40,328)	(29,380)

Net expenditure relates to the activity of the charity of the restricted and unrestricted funds.

Total income relates to both restricted and unrestricted funds. Net expenditure for the period comprises £33,240 net expenditure of unrestricted funds, £4,071 net expenditure of restricted funds and £3,017 net expenditure of endowed funds before transfers.

Detailed analysis of the expenditure is provided in the Statement of Financial Activities and the notes to the accounts.

The Net Income Statement is derived from the Statement of Financial Activities on page 3 which together with the notes to the accounts provides full information on the movements during the period on all the funds of the charity.

BALANCE SHEET

at 31 March 2005

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	Endowed funds £	Total 2005 £	Total 2004 £
FIXED ASSETS		~	_	-		~
Tangible assets Investments	3 4	53,047 219,133	99,409 -	<u>-</u>	152,456 219,133	153,957 222,698
		272,180	99,409		371,589	376,655
CURRENT ASSETS						
Trading materials in Demonstration stock Debtors Cash at Bank		8,946 4,676 3,196	- 2,565 - 24,571	- - - 30,777	8,946 7,241 3,196 55,348	9,538 7,124 3,196 57,620
Petty cash		70		-	70	679
		16,888	27,136	30,777	74,801	78,157
CREDITORS: amount due within one year	ts falling 9	(15,694)	-	-	(15,694)	(4,645)
NET CURRENT ASSE	TS	1,194	27,136	30,777	59,107	73,512
TOTAL ASSETS		273,374	126,545	30,777	430,696	450,167
REPRESENTED BY:						
Income funds: General purposes Restricted funds:	10	273,374	-	-	273,374	289,333
Stafford Round Tabl Social Club Co-ordin		-	2,043 808	<u>-</u>	2,043 808	2,043 285
Computer equipmen Eye Clinic fund	nt fund	-	3,216 20,741	-	3,216 20,741	3,431 20,814
Home visiting National Lottery Con Lichfield Social Club		- -	296 99,441 -	- - -	296 99,441 -	- 100,467 -
Endowed funds: Mrs Barton-Land	10	-	-	84	84	84
Leek & Moorlands				30,693 	30,693	33,710
		273,374	126,545	30,777	430,696	450,167

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part VII of the companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board on 13 September 2005 and signed on its behalf by:-

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The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments, and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and the Charities Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (Sorp), Accounting and Reporting by Charities, revised October 2000.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Gains and losses on disposal and revaluation of investments are charged or credited to the SOFA.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:-

Office equipment Freehold property

15%

reducing balance basis

not depreciated

Freehold property is not depreciated as the current market value exceeds the original cost.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for gross, and when incurred. Donations made are included in the year in which they are paid. Those expenses which are attributable to two or more expense headings are apportioned between those headings on an appropriate basis. Investment income arising from dividends is included in the income and expenditure account when declared at an amount which includes the tax credit recoverable from the Inland Revenue.

Donation of assets

Gifts of tangible assets are included in these accounts at an estimated valuation which approximates to cost. Donations are included in the income and expenditure account as such, and in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings.

Stocks

Stocks consist of items purchased for either resale or demonstration purposes. Each item of stock is stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

2 TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charity was paid to or is payable for the period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

The treasurer received £ nil (2004 : £704) reimbursed expenses during the period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Freehold property £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation	ı			
At 1 April 2004 Additions Disposals		141,993 - 	16,813 506	158,806 506
At 31 March 2005		141,993	17,319	159,312
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2004 Eliminated on disp Charge for the yea		- - -	4,849 - 2,008	4,849 - 2,008
At 31 March 2005			6,857	6,857
Net book value				
At 31 March 2005		141,993	10,462	152,455
At 31 March 2004		141,993	11,964	153,957
NBV Split -	Restricted Unrestricted	92,384 49,610	7,025 3,437	99,409 53,047

The current market value of freehold property is £165,000.

4 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

I IXED ASSET INVESTMENTS				
	As at 31 March 2005 As at 31 Marcl			rch 2004
	Unrestricted funds	Endowed funds	Unrestricted funds	Endowed funds
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Market Value at 1 April 2004	222,698	-	192,328	-
Less disposals at opening book value (proceeds £218,044)	(214,021)	-	(6,212)	-
Add Acquisition at cost	196,319	-	1,008	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation at 31 March 2005	11,812	-	30,550	-
Cash held for investment purposes	2,325		5,024	
Market Value at 31 March 2005	219,133	-	222,698	
Historical cost at 31 March 2005	200,569		159,869	

The net gain/ (loss) on revaluation is based on the market values of investments provided by BWD Rensburg who manage the fund on behalf of the trustees.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

5 CLASSIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO

	As at 31 Marc	h 2005	As at 31 Marc	h 2004
	£	%	£	%
UK Debenture and loan stock	23,441	11	82,450	37
Mineral Extraction	-	_	18,240	8
Financial Sector	-	-	28,639	13
International Investment Trusts	-	_	19,052	9
UK Investment Trusts	83,787	38	50,298	23
UK Equity funds and cash	111,905	51	22,067	10
	219,133	100	220,744	100

6	GRANTS RECEIVABLE		As at 31 Mar 2005 £	As at 31 Mar 2004 £
	Health Authority	- restricted	L	L.
	East Staffs Primary Care Cannock Primary Care C	cy - for North Staffs eye clinic Trust - for Burton eye clinic roup - for Stafford eye clinic are Trust - for Stafford eye clinic	12,352 9,750 3,528 3,528	9,750 3,028
			<u>29,158</u>	19,296
	Other	- restricted		
	•	for social club co-ordinator cil - for North Staffs eye clinic	14,500 3,210 509	3,131 497
	Midlands Society	- unrestricted	8,260 1,000	•
	Stafford Borough Council		1,000 	

7 EMPLOYEE'S REMUNERATION

Total remuneration (excluding employer's contributions) for the period amounted to £92,372.

No employee earned £40,000 p.a. or more

The average number of paid staff for the period were 15.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2005

As at 31 Mar

As at 31 Mar

8	DEBTORS				AS at 31 Mar 2005		2004		
					£		£		
	Prepayments				3,196		3,196		
					3,196		3,196		
					As at 31 Ma	г	As at 31 Mar		
9	CREDITORS				2005 £		2004 £		
	Amounts falling due within one Bank overdraft	year:			14,087		3,294		
	Trade creditors and Accruals				1,607		1,351		
					15,694		4,645		
10	FUNDS								
10	1 01120			Income	funds	Endowed fund	is		
			į	Jnrestricted General	Restricted funds	Mrs Barton-Land	Leek & Moorland		
			Total £	purposes £	£	gift £	£		
	Income Expenditure		121,473 (161,801)	72,647 (105,887)	48,135 (52,206)	-	691 (3,708)		
			(40,328)	(33,240)	(4,071)		(3,017)		
	Opening value of funds		450,167	289,333	127,040	84	33,710		
	Transfer to general fund		-	-	-	-	-		
	Transfer from general fund Gains/losses on Investment as	ssets	-	(3,576)	3,576	-	-		
	Realised Unrealised		9,045 11,812	9,045 11,812	-	-	-		
	Closing value of funds		430,696	273,374	126,545	84	30,693		
	•								
	Restricted funds		Home	Stafford Round	Eye Clinic	SCC Social Club	SCC Computer	Community Fund -	Lichfield Social
		Total £	visiting £	Table £	fund £	Co-ordinator		Lottery £	Ciub £
	Income	~ 48,135	14,500	-	29,667	3,210	~ .	-	758
	Expenditure	(52,206)	(14,204)		(29,740)	(2,687)	(215)	(1,026)	(4,334)
		(4,071)	296	-	(73)		(215)	(1,026)	(3,576)
	Opening value of funds	127,040	-	2,043	20,814	285	3,431	100,467	-
	Transfer to general fund Transfer from general fund	- 3,576	-	-	•	-	-	-	3,576
	Closing value of funds	126,545	296	2,043	20,741	808	3,216	99,441	
	Restricted funds represente Fixed assets	ed by: 99,409					1,216	98,193	
	Demo stock	2,565		2,043			1,210	522	
	Cash at bank	24,571	296	-,	20,741	808	2,000	726	

There have been no material events since the balance sheet date.