

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 02450753 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1000903

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
CLARO ENTERPRISES**

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CLARO ENTERPRISES

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes and Aims

The charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are to:

- relieve poverty and distress among sufferers from schizophrenia and mental illness generally
- advance the education of persons suffering from schizophrenia or other mental illness and in particular to promote, provide and support schemes where such persons may receive training in a supportive and supervised environment.

The aims of our charity are to:

- improve the quality of life and self-esteem of those suffering from severe and enduring mental health problems
- listen to our service users and respond to their changing requirements
- support our service users by creating a working environment which is as realistic as possible
- fulfil obligations to service users as set out in the Community Care Agreement we have with North Yorkshire County Council.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities at least annually. We consider what we have achieved, what has not gone so well and what changes need to be considered to ensure we remain focused on our stated purposes.

A principal concern for the Trustees is to maintain our support for our present service users and to develop in a way which enhances the sustainability of our service.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives of the charity and enable it to meet its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The focus of our work

The present focus of our work is to:

- provide a community facility for those suffering from long term severe and enduring mental health problems including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder
- provide meaningful work related activity for sufferers
- provide information and support for sufferers and their carers
- support other organisations working in the same field

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on helping and supporting our service users.

In the year covered by this report Claro Enterprises provided the following activities and services for its beneficiaries:

- a variety of activities and opportunities to learn new skills, including woodworking, packaging and light assembly
- training and supervision on the use of equipment and machinery and first aid
- developed an externally accredited in-house training program for beneficiaries in Employment Skills
- through partnerships with other local charities engaged in similar and complementary activities
- a supportive and structured environment where beneficiaries gain genuine work experience and opportunities to socialise and gain confidence
- supported work experience to help beneficiaries access volunteering and employment in external businesses and organisations
- a forum for beneficiaries to discuss and share their ideas, concerns and future requirements
- accommodation, equipment, personnel, volunteers and training to maintain a Men's Shed and a Women's Shed facility for Starbeck
- Development of the Route 1 Partnership which consists of four local charities which provide a wide range of complementary activities and support services. Route 1 employs a coordinator who acts as a single point of referral for Social Prescribers based in GP practices and the Community Mental Health Team.
- employment of a dedicated mental health worker who focuses on building service user confidence and self esteem to support and encourage people to try activities, education or work which match interests, skills and experience.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our management and staff liaise closely with other agencies and charities to ensure that the needs of service users are met and that new potential service users are made aware of Claro and its services. One of the principal benefits of our work is reduced dependence on primary and secondary health care services by our service users.

Who used and benefited from our services

Claro has provided long-term support to over 30 people per week, supporting over 50 people over the year who have severe and enduring mental health issues. Claro continues to receive 25-30 referrals per year through the Route One mental health partnership some of whom require short term intervention whilst others require longer term support.

Route One expanded its referral pathways this year, there are now 4 pathways

- 1 Social Prescribers - based in GP surgeries
- 2 First Contact Mental Health Workers - Based in GP surgeries
- 3 Community Mental Health Team (Adult)
- 4 Community Mental Health Team (Older People)

Route One is currently being supported financially by Transforming Mental Health Funding via TEWV NHS trust, future funding for these pathways has not been confirmed but is expected to continue.

Wellbeing data is gathered by the Route One coordinator with 78% of people coming through showing an improvement in their wellbeing score during placements.

In early 2023 a survey of beneficiaries was completed. Over 80% of those attending regularly responded. In general responses were very positive and highlighted the importance of the services provided by Claro. The contribution and support from staff was highlighted for particular praise. Socialising and meeting new people rated highest as a benefit from attending Claro with improved mental health and improved confidence coming a close second. Interestingly a general trend emerged indicating that although those attending value and gain great benefit from the work environment at Claro they also gain wider consequential benefit in their lives from attendance and identify the stability Claro provides as essential to their wellbeing 92% of those responding indicated that attending Claro has reduced their dependence on mental health services either very much or quite a lot.

Comments included :

"This place is great. Claro is a safety net. People here are where you feel good about yourselfhelps me to accept my mental health"

"It has helped me, very much so....a friendly place and I would not change anything. I am getting better, worried that I could be turned away when fully well...I would miss it if I could not come."

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Our principal concern is the continued wellbeing of our service users and their development such that they can take up positions in the regular employment market. It is pleasing to report that two of Claro's supervisors were formerly service users, one has moved on from Claro and is now employed in another area of the county and another although still attending at Claro has taken up volunteering opportunities.

Claro is pleased to be able to extend its offer this year to include the provision of accredited qualifications to beneficiaries whilst on placement. The Masonic Charitable Foundation has supported this initiative with a £15,000 grant (£3,000 PA over 5 years) to establish an externally accredited learning program at Claro.

The Men's & Ladies Sheds are thriving and have at times throughout the year reached a maximum capacity level, a huge commendation to the volunteers who lead these groups and welcome new members. As a result of this over subscription the Men's Shed has developed a separate beginners woodworking group which has been very successful in training new members and integrating people who would otherwise not have had the confidence to become Men's Shed members

Trading income has continued to increase this year with income in excess of £60,000 although profits are still lower than pre-covid levels due to increased overheads and material costs. Claro has continued to explore opportunities to extend commercial income and is in the process of fundraising for an additional CNC machine which will enable a sustainable increase in commercial income

The management and Trustees continue to seek new customers and services both in woodwork and business services. Additional marketing support has been provided via one of the Trustees and more active engagement with local press, radio and television continues. Claro continues to develop new wood based products which it is actively marketing. The contribution from the Men's Shed in developing and producing new products is very beneficial. Claro remains active in seeking grant and external financial support to reduce the dependence on NYCC funding.

All involved with Claro were delighted to welcome HRH The Princess Royal, Princess Anne for a visit this year. She first visited Claro over 30 years ago and was impressed by the progress made since those early days. Princess Anne stressed the importance to the community of Claro and commended staff, beneficiaries and trustees for all that is done. The visit was hugely encouraging and greatly appreciated.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Core funding has been provided by North Yorkshire County Council. This funding has not kept pace with cost increases and its real value has been seriously eroded over the last few years. Following a period when the impact on Claro's financial position was minimal it is now apparent that the reduction in funding from this source is significantly lower in real terms.

Trustees and management have been active in engaging with NYCC to explore future funding and this effort has resulted in some helpful adjustments which have to some extent stemmed the ever downward funding from NYCC. However considering the overall financial position of NYCC, the trustees continue to have concerns about the ability of this source of funding to keep up with inflation and inevitable cost increases in areas such as wages and energy.

Claro continued to receive funding via Route One which supported the places allocated through this pathway. The funding was received from the 'Transforming Mental Health Care' programme. Claro's allocation is designed to integrate third sector organisations into mental health provision and is expected to be maintained over the next few years.

Claro has received grant funding from a number of funders this year. Major donations have been received from:

Liz & Terry Bramall Trust (£15,000) and Councillor Robert Windass (£2,000) - ongoing operational costs and supported unfunded places

Masonic Charitable Foundation (£15,000 - £3,000 pa x 5 years) - establishing Claro learning programme for beneficiaries

Two Ridings Foundation (Cost Of Living Fund £5,000 and Local Fund £3,000) - ongoing operational costs and Cooking on a Budget course

The Charity depends on its trading activities as its other main source of funding and this income ensures financial viability and the continuation of the Charity.

We are grateful for the valuable support provided by all our founders both large and small and for the orders for goods and services received from our customers. Without this support the Claro would not be able to support the number of people it does.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity does not have a formal investment policy. The Charity's principal asset is its building which it owns and the equipment which it contains.

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has, for many years, determined that reserves not invested in fixed tangible assets should cover at least the value of two years financial support received from NYCC. This is to mitigate against loss of core funding. Last year the Committee decided that with the falling value in real terms of the support from NYCC a more sustainable reserve policy would be to retain a sum of approximately two years of staff salaries plus an allowance for staff redundancy pay. The Committee considers that this is a prudent policy given the vulnerable nature of the beneficiaries as it ensures the continuation of the charity's work in the event that existing funding sources are lost. This policy is subject to regular review at least annually.

Reserves are held in a number of bank accounts and are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are below the threshold which is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

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FUTURE PLANS

In the present economic climate, including cost of living increases and financial pressures on all public services we believe that continuing to deliver our core service is important as our service users are among the most vulnerable in society and their well being is very dependent on the Charity's existence.

We recognise that national policy is emphasizing mental health needs . During the year we continued discussions with North Yorkshire County Council about how Claro might develop its service in order to help more people in a wider variety of ways and these discussions will continue.

Claro is aware that the closure of patient beds in Harrogate has put more pressure on the Community Mental Health and crisis teams and day facilities such as Claro will become even more important than at present. Claro staff and Trustees are working hard to develop relationships with the relevant areas of health management to discuss how we might help.

The Route One Partnership has continued to flourish, connecting Claro with the people who need support more effectively than ever through now established referral pathways via GPs across the district and Community Mental Health Services as well as internal referrals between partner organisations. Over the next year the Partnership will continue to consider extending the pathways to other referring organisations. It is also going to build on foundations set in place this year to take services into the rural communities in Harrogate District

The Trustees recognize that with the reduction in funding from NYCC, the increased cost of doing business due to inflation (such as staff costs, energy costs and insurance costs) and the continued downturn in commercial activity Claro may not be financially sustainable in the medium term (2 - 3 years) unless something changes. This represents an ongoing challenge for the charity and is kept under close review by the Trustees.

Claro continues to monitor national and local developments in the area of mental health and well being with the aim of modifying and enhancing its services where appropriate. In particular we wish to further develop our individually tailored short term programmes for service users who could use Claro as a stepping stone back into the regular employment market.

We will continue the work we have started to increase staff flexibility and organisational capability through development and training.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 11th December 1989 and registered as a charity on 13th November 1990. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 each.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Recruitment and appointment of management committee

The Directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee.

Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association one third of the Trustees, or the number closest to one third must resign at each AGM and may offer themselves for reelection if they wish.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. No expenses were reclaimed from the charity by Trustees during the year.

The Trustees are:

Mrs Maggie Archer reelected in October 2023 - due to resign 2026
Mr James Atkins reelected in October 2021 - due to resign 2024
Mr Chris Brown reelected in October 2021 - due to resign 2024
Mr Philip Brown appointed in May 2023 - due to resign 2026
Mrs Susan Brown reelected in October 2023 - due to resign 2026
Ms Victoria Oldham appointed in May 2023 - due to resign 2026
Mr Colin Reid reelected in October 2022 - due to resign 2025
Ms Pippa Robson appointed February 2022 - due to resign 2025

Office Bearers are:

Mr James Atkins was reelected as Chairman in October 2023
Mr Chris Brown was reelected as Deputy Chairman in October 2023
Mrs Susan Brown was reelected as Secretary in October 2023
Ms Victoria Oldham elected as Treasurer in October 2023

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Organisational structure

The Management Committee met ten times during the year using Microsoft Teams, as required, to enable attendance. Charity activities and finances are reviewed at these meetings.

The meetings are attended by:

- the trustees
- a representative of the service users
- Claro General Manager and other staff as required

Meetings between all Claro staff and at least three of the Trustees take place when requested by staff.

Minutes and the decisions made at these meetings are recorded.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

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 charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year.

In preparing those financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently
- made judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures being disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepared the financial statements on the "going concern" basis
- considered the thresholds requiring independent auditing of the accounts and have satisfied themselves that Claro Enterprises is not required by law to have its accounts independently audited but that independent examination is required.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the charity has appropriate systems of control - financial and otherwise. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. They are required to provide reasonable assurance that the charity is operating efficiently and its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition, that proper records are maintained and that financial information used within the charity and for publication is reliable and that the charity complies with all relevant laws and regulations.

Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee, who are Directors for the purpose of company law and Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on the first page of this report.

As the company's directors, we certify that :

- so far as we are aware there is no relevant information of which the company's independent examiners are unaware
- we have taken all the steps we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's independent examiners are aware of that information.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees undergo orientation to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Articles of Association, the Management Committee and decision making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. They are encouraged to attend suitable external training.

Risk management

The Trustees confirm that the major risks to which the charity is exposed have been reviewed and systems have been considered and, where appropriate, established to mitigate those risks to the extent that they can reasonably be mitigated.

The principal risks are:

Organisational capacity and flexibility

Of necessity the charity operates with staffing levels which ensure service user safety and maximize efficiency. As a consequence there is very little spare capacity. Most staff have been in position for a considerable number of years and have built deep levels of competence in their areas of responsibility. Prolonged periods of staff sickness or absence or staff resignations represent a significant risk to the charity as at present the flexibility of the staff is somewhat limited. There are some key roles which only one staff member can perform.

The Trustees are aware of this risk and during the year have provided training to supervisors - now business critical activities can be performed by at least two staff members. Ongoing consideration of required staff training and development to address this risk will continue through this coming year.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Financial

Any further reduction in core funding from North Yorkshire County Council would pose a significant risk to the charity. Continued liaison and cooperation with our funders help us to demonstrate to them the value our services provide and their positive feedback is an encouragement.

Our previous reserves policy is designed to enable the charity to continue for a two to three year period should core funding be lost completely. The Trustees are of the view that the changes to funding in September 2019 coupled with the ongoing challenging commercial environment will result in more financial pressure on Claro. Claro has now entered a period where alternative funding is being sought to ensure the charity's long term sustainability.

Although our trading income is not dependent on only one or two predominant customers this is an area, we continue to have work hard on to develop additional customers. We will continue to spread the customer base and thus further reduce exposure. We set our prices at a very competitive level and concentrate on delivering high quality goods. Customer feedback indicates a high level of satisfaction with our responsiveness, quality levels and value for money.

Cash flow is not an immediate risk given our reserves position. Management review potential bad debts on an ongoing basis and bring any concerns to the attention of the Trustees.

Accounts are subject to annual independent examination. The Management Committee review management accounts and the bank statements at each of their meetings.

Compliance, Safety and Security

Policies and procedures are reviewed by the staff and Trustees on an ongoing basis and are updated as and when required.

Our Health and Safety Policy is up to date and has again been reviewed and updated along with our current safety practices in detail during the year. An external review was carried out by an experienced HSE consultant and all recommendations acted upon.

Necessary insurances, fire and intruder alarms are in place and supported where relevant by service contracts. A CCTV system has been installed to improve premises security.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02450753 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

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CLARO ENTERPRISES (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02450753)

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Trustees

Christopher Bratton Brown
Frances Susan Brown
Margaret Jean Scott Archer
Colin William Reid
James Atkins
Pippa Jean Robson
Philip John Brown (appointed 17/5/2023)
Victoria Kathryn Oldham (appointed 17/5/2023)
David James Kettle (appointed 8/5/2024)

Company Secretary

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

James Atkins - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CLARO ENTERPRISES (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02450753)**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Claro Enterprises ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 your 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 Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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.

John Garbutt BA FCA

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18 November 2024

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	152,175	-	152,175	99,126
Charitable activities					
Manufacturing & services	4	81,466	-	81,466	76,135
Investment income	3	3,714	-	3,714	890
Total		<u>237,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>237,355</u>	<u>176,151</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Manufacturing & services		<u>229,819</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>229,819</u>	<u>188,685</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		7,536	-	7,536	(12,534)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		319,020	180,074	499,094	511,628
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>326,556</u></u>	<u><u>180,074</u></u>	<u><u>506,630</u></u>	<u><u>499,094</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

CLARO ENTERPRISES (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02450753)**BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10	60,238	180,074	240,312	237,612
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	5,469	-	5,469	5,524
Debtors	12	7,643	-	7,643	8,448
Prepayments and accrued income		4,547	-	4,547	3,650
Cash at bank and in hand		289,409	-	289,409	266,207
		<u>307,068</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307,068</u>	<u>283,829</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,474)	-	(3,474)	(4,526)
		<u>303,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,594</u>	<u>279,303</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>303,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>303,594</u>	<u>279,303</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		363,832	180,074	543,906	516,915
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME					
	14	(37,276)	-	(37,276)	(17,821)
		<u>326,556</u>	<u>180,074</u>	<u>506,630</u>	<u>499,094</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>326,556</u>	<u>180,074</u>	<u>506,630</u>	<u>499,094</u>
FUNDS					
	15			326,556	319,020
Unrestricted funds				180,074	180,074
Restricted funds				<u>506,630</u>	<u>499,094</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>506,630</u>	<u>499,094</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued
31 MARCH 2024

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 18 November 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

James Atkins - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Government Grant Income

Government grant income is recognised when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and that Claro Enterprises will comply with any conditions attached to the grant.

Grants are measured using the accruals model.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

Governance costs are included within support costs, and are wholly allocated to charitable expenditure.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are wholly allocated to the charitable activity of Claro Enterprises, which is the running of the workshop.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	5% - 33.3%
Fixtures and fittings	10% - 33.3%
Computer equipment	20% - 25%

An assessment on the appropriateness of calculating depreciation with reference to cost or with reference to net book value is made on an asset-by-asset basis.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold buildings are not depreciated; they are carried at cost less impairment. It is the company's policy to maintain the property in an continued state of sound repair. Accordingly the trustees consider that the life of the property is so long and the residual value, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, is so high that any depreciation would be immaterial.

Stocks

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

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Prepayments and accrued income

Prepayments are recognised when the associated payment has been made, until the associated goods or services have been received.

Accrued income is recognised as the charity becomes entitled to it and is measured at fair value.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents cash held and accessible immediately.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where there is 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 and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	7,523	8,965
Gift aid	2,359	1,042
Grants	142,293	89,119
	<u>152,175</u>	<u>99,126</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
North Yorkshire County Council	110,657	58,994
Other grants	27,469	30,125
National Lottery	4,167	-
	<u>142,293</u>	<u>89,119</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,714	890
	<u>3,714</u>	<u>890</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Woodworking income	35,529	32,683
Outwork income	25,375	23,200
Service charges	13,828	13,276
Men/Women in sheds	6,734	6,976
	<u>81,466</u>	<u>76,135</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Governance costs £ <u>5,041</u>
Manufacturing & services	

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

	2024 Manufacturing & services £	2023 Total activities £
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,965	1,970
Independent Examiner's remuneration for other work	<u>3,076</u>	<u>2,736</u>
	<u>5,041</u>	<u>4,706</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent Examiner's remuneration	1,965	1,970
Independent Examiner's remuneration for other work	3,076	2,736
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,632</u>	<u>2,430</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	129,746	114,843
Social security costs	5,080	4,009
Other pension costs	<u>6,288</u>	<u>5,300</u>
	<u>141,114</u>	<u>124,152</u>

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

	2024	2023
Employees	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

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8. STAFF COSTS - continued

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

In addition to the full time staff disclosed above, as part of Claro Enterprises' charitable activities, people with long term, severe and enduring mental health problems volunteer in our woodworking and outworking activities. These people are the beneficiaries of the charity and are referred to as our service users.

Service users are not employees and are excluded from the results above. In the year the charity provided support for an average of 80 service users (2023: 70) and service user expenses totalled £7,311 (2023: £6,596)

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	99,126	-	99,126
Charitable activities			
Manufacturing & services	76,135	-	76,135
Investment income	890	-	890
Total	<u>176,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,151</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Manufacturing & services	<u>188,685</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,685</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,534)	-	(12,534)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	331,554	180,074	511,628
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>319,020</u></u>	<u><u>180,074</u></u>	<u><u>499,094</u></u>

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10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	227,051	42,300	10,119	10,395	289,865
Additions	4,900	-	-	432	5,332
At 31 March 2024	<u>231,951</u>	<u>42,300</u>	<u>10,119</u>	<u>10,827</u>	<u>295,197</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	-	35,685	7,980	8,588	52,253
Charge for year	-	1,355	712	565	2,632
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>37,040</u>	<u>8,692</u>	<u>9,153</u>	<u>54,885</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	<u>231,951</u>	<u>5,260</u>	<u>1,427</u>	<u>1,674</u>	<u>240,312</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>227,051</u>	<u>6,615</u>	<u>2,139</u>	<u>1,807</u>	<u>237,612</u>

Freehold property relates entirely to the cost of the premises of Claro Enterprises and subsequent improvements.

£180,074 of the cost of the freehold property was provided by the National Lottery Fund and is restricted to the acquisition and refurbishment of the property occupied by the charity.

11. STOCKS

	2024 £	2023 £
Stocks	<u>5,469</u>	<u>5,524</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	4,942	8,229
VAT	2,701	219
	<u>7,643</u>	<u>8,448</u>

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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,221	2,415
Social security and other taxes	2,253	2,071
Other creditors	-	40
	<u>3,474</u>	<u>4,526</u>

14. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	37,276	12,931
Deferred government grants	-	4,890
	<u>37,276</u>	<u>17,821</u>

The government grant deferred income is grant payments relating to the first quarter of the year ended 31 March 2024.

	£	£
	2024	2023
Deferred income brought forward	-	4,832
Deferred income released in the year	-	(4,832)
Additional deferred income in the year	-	4,890
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,890</u>
Deferred income carried forward.	<u>-</u>	<u>4,890</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	307,203	7,536	314,739
Development fund	11,817	-	11,817
	<u>319,020</u>	<u>7,536</u>	<u>326,556</u>
Restricted funds			
Lottery fund	180,074	-	180,074
	<u>180,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,074</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>499,094</u>	<u>7,536</u>	<u>506,630</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	237,355	(229,819)	7,536
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>237,355</u>	<u>(229,819)</u>	<u>7,536</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	319,737	(12,534)	307,203
Development fund	11,817	-	11,817
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	331,554	(12,534)	319,020
Restricted funds			
Lottery fund	180,074	-	180,074
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>511,628</u>	<u>(12,534)</u>	<u>499,094</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	176,151	(188,685)	(12,534)
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>176,151</u>	<u>(188,685)</u>	<u>(12,534)</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	319,737	(4,998)	314,739
Development fund	11,817	-	11,817
	<u>331,554</u>	<u>(4,998)</u>	<u>326,556</u>
Restricted funds			
Lottery fund	180,074	-	180,074
	<u>180,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>180,074</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>511,628</u>	<u>(4,998)</u>	<u>506,630</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	413,506	(418,504)	(4,998)
	<u>413,506</u>	<u>(418,504)</u>	<u>(4,998)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>413,506</u>	<u>(418,504)</u>	<u>(4,998)</u>

The funds received from the National Lottery were specifically for use in the acquisition and refurbishment of the property occupied by the charity.

The development fund is designated to provide for the development of the company's aim to provide sheltered workshop facilities for the maximum number of sufferers in the future.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.