

Blind Children UK
Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Company limited by guarantee
registered in England and Wales number 03133018
registered charity in England and Wales number 1051607
registered charity in Scotland number SC042089

Blind Children UK

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Blind Children UK Letter from the Chairman

Blind Children UK became a subsidiary of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Guide Dogs) in 2013. Since January 2017, all the services previously offered by Blind Children UK have been provided by Guide Dogs and the income raised by Blind Children UK is given to Guide Dogs as a restricted grant for services for children and young people.

The need for these services has never been greater. There are 28,000 children (under 18) with sight loss in the UK and every day, around four more are registered blind or partially sighted. Guide Dogs is the UK's number one provider of services and the largest sole employer of specialists dedicated to helping children and young people with vision impairments. But our work only reaches approximately a small percent of the young visually impaired community today. We know we must reach more. We want every child and young person with sight loss to realise their full potential in life.

Buddy dogs

Our buddy dogs service, which brings a friendly, well-behaved dog into the lives of children with sight loss, has been a huge success. These are dogs that, after starting their training, are not quite suited to being a guide dog but make an ideal partner for a child, helping to improve their confidence and wellbeing. We matched 70 families with buddy dogs in 2021 (2020: 35).

Tech for All

Our digital services play a pivotal role in our strategy to reach more children with sight loss. We also know how vital assistive technology is to children with a vision impairment and, through our Tech for All pilot, provided families with 4,930 free digital devices.

Accessible technology helps children and young people with sight loss to connect socially and access educational materials at home, making a significant difference to their independence, wellbeing and quality of life. We expanded our current technology offer with a pilot digital service, Tech for All, in July 2021.

Tech for All encouraged families to apply for a free Apple iPad or iPhone for their visually impaired child, aged 3 to 18 years old. Each device was also accompanied by a programme of learning activities, created in collaboration with BT and Apple, including advice on staying safe online, educational topics and how to use apps such as iMovie and Books.

The pilot was originally set to provide 3,500 devices. However, due to demand, this was increased to 5,000. Of those applying, 77% were new to Guide Dogs, increasing our contact with children and young people eightfold. Of those we have spoken to, the majority have now accessed another service. This highlights how our digital services can be an excellent way of reaching more people and signposting them to other services.

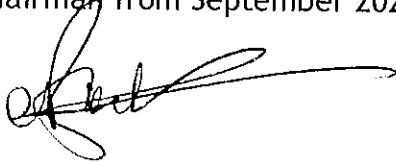
Blind Children UK Letter from the Chairman

Supporting more children and young people

80% of learning takes place using vision, so early intervention can be life changing. Many of our services for children and young people also went from strength to strength in 2021. My Life Skills, which sees our habilitation specialists help children learn and practise skills that are important for daily life, performed beyond expectations, while CustomEyes books doubled their target. Our Family and Education Support services are also thriving, exceeding, and hitting their targets respectively.

My Time to Play, which launched as a pilot in 2020 and provides fun and supportive group sessions for children aged four and under to develop a broad range of skills through play, continued to run as a virtual service. The first in-person sessions, led by our habilitation specialists, also started in September 2021.

I remain immensely proud to be Chairman of Blind Children UK, especially in what has been an incredibly challenging year following our return to providing face to face services following the United Kingdom's emergence from the Covid-19 pandemic. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has overcome obstacle after obstacle to continue supporting us in 2021. This will be my final report as I retire from the Board in September; Ranjit Sondhi will succeed me as Chairman from September 2022.



Clare E Black
Chairman
5 July 2022

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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021

A range of services to help children and their families every step of the way

Every day, four children in the UK are registered blind or partially sighted. In 2021 Blind Children UK provided a range of services to give them the skills, confidence and support to enable them to enjoy their childhood and reach their potential; this service is provided on behalf of Blind Children UK by Guide Dogs for the Blind (Guide Dogs).

Blind Children UK collects donations for the assistance of blind and partially sighted children. This income is granted to Guide Dogs with a restriction to children's services. In 2021, this amounted to £520,000 (2020: £361,000).

For more information on how the income gifted to Guide Dogs was spent, please refer to Guide Dogs Report and Financial Statements 2021.

Financial review

Overview

In 2021, funds raised by Blind Children UK were granted to Guide Dogs to use in a restricted manner on children's services.

Income

Income in 2021 totalled £534,000 (2020: £372,000), an increase of £148,000 on 2020. The primary reason for this increase was due to legacy income.

In 2021 BCUK did not engage in any proactive fundraising.

A summary of Blind Children UK's income streams is below:

Income

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Individual Giving	325	363
Legacies	209	9
Total	<u>534</u>	<u>372</u>

Expenditure

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Grant to Guide Dogs	520	361
Governance costs	14	11
Total	<u>534</u>	<u>372</u>

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Net income

Overall, net income is a surplus of £nil (2020: £nil).

Funds

The level of reserves has been maintained in 2021 as Blind Children UK decided to grant 2021 net income to Guide Dogs. It is likely that the organisation will continue to receive income for a number of years and, if so, this will be granted to Guide Dogs on a restricted basis to support children's services.

Restricted funds at the end of 2021 are £nil (2020: £nil).

Financial reserves policy

Blind Children UK hold a cash reserve to meet any known future liabilities as they fall due. As any net income collected by the charitable company is passed over to Guide Dogs to facilitate the provision of services, and the charitable company has no employees or outstanding liabilities, the reserve has continued to be held at £298,000 (2020: £298,000).

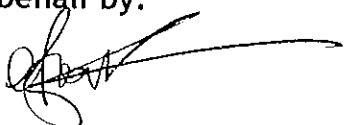
Going concern

The Trustees conclude that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of signing of the financial statements as the charitable company has no employees, negligible liabilities and future expenditure, and has adequate cash balances and reserves to continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Risk management and internal control

The Trustees consider the principal risk to be the proper use of the charitable funds donated to Guide Dogs. These risks are incorporated into the risk framework of Guide Dogs which is reviewed by the Board of Trustees of Guide Dogs at least four times a year to ensure effective and efficient systems have been established to manage these risks. The Trustees are satisfied that the arrangements for managing these risks, combined with the continual review of internal controls and the reserves policy, will ensure that sufficient resources are available to maintain services for the foreseeable future.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Clare E Black
Chairman

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (incorporating the Directors' Report)

The Board of Trustees of Blind Children UK presents its Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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).

Corporate information

Blind Children UK is a registered charity (number 1051607 in England and Wales and number SC042089 in Scotland) and was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (registered in England and Wales number 03133018 on 1 December 1995). Its Central Office which is also its Registered Office, is Hillfields, Reading Road, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3YG.

Blind Children UK is governed by its Articles of Association, which were last amended on 23 May 2014.

Blind Children UK is a charitable company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of the charitable company being wound up each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1) towards the costs of dissolution and liabilities of the Association.

Third party indemnity insurance for the Directors of the Company is covered by a policy for directors and officers insurance held centrally by Guide Dogs covering all companies in the group.

Public benefit

The Board has paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

The objects and aims of Blind Children UK fall within the subsection of the Charities Act 2011 related to the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage. No person who is blind or partially sighted is prohibited from applying for assistance from the services provided by Blind Children UK or Guide Dogs on the grounds of financial circumstances.

Relationship with Guide Dogs

During 2021, Blind Children UK continued to receive donations for supporting services to blind and partially sighted children. These funds were passed Guide Dogs to support their children's services, in the form of a restricted grant.

Blind Children UK Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (incorporating the Directors' Report)

Members of the Board

The members of the Board throughout the year and as at 5 July 2022, who are both Directors of the company and Trustees of the charity (the 'Trustees'), were as follows:

Clare Black BSc (Hons) - Chairman

Dr Michael L Nussbaum BSc, PhD, Honorary Doctor of the Open University- retired 14 September 2021

Catherine M Crofts Bsc, CIM, CAM - appointed 7 July 2021

Ranjit Sondhi - appointed 7 July 2021

The Trustees are elected by the members of Blind Children UK or appointed by the Board to fill any vacancies arising during the year. Recruitment takes place through Guide Dog's Nominations Committee, and candidates are sought to provide the Board with a full range of relevant skills relating to the business of the charitable company. Diverse applications are actively sought, particularly from people with a visual impairment.

Guide Dogs as sole member appoints Trustees to serve a three-year term of office before retiring and are eligible to stand for re-election for a maximum of two further three-year terms of office. Exceptionally, a fourth and final term may be served if there is a specific need, agreed by the Board. Both Clare Black and Michael Nussbaum were Trustees for the National Children's Society for the Blind before the charity was acquired by Guide Dogs; their period of tenure commenced in May 2013 when the charity became a subsidiary of Guide Dogs.

On appointment, all new Trustees have personalised induction programmes. These are designed to cover the main operational framework of the charitable company, including its finances, future plans and objectives. New Trustees are also encouraged to spend time with our front-line service delivery staff and are required to attend a staff and volunteer induction workshop, covering areas such as safeguarding. A review of trustee training requirements is undertaken annually, and appropriate training is undertaken to ensure the Trustees have the necessary skills and capabilities to guide and govern the Charity effectively.

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the activities of Blind Children UK, advised by the Chief Executive of Guide Dogs and Emma Foulds who was appointed Managing Director of Blind Children UK in April 2022.

The policy framework sets out the clear terms of reference for the committees and the Board receives regular reports on their activities. The Board has established a clear policy and procedures for dealing with conflicts and the authorisation thereof in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines.

Trustees of the Board and independent committee members do not receive any remuneration for their services to the charitable company.

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021 (incorporating the Directors' Report)

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees (who are also Directors of Blind Children UK for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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 adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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 auditor is unaware.
- 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 auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 December
2021 (incorporating the Directors' Report)**

Management

The Executive Directors of Guide Dogs are responsible for the day-to-day management of Blind Children UK, acting under delegated authority given to them by the Board of Trustees of Blind Children UK. The Executive Directors as at 5 July 2022 were:

Tom Wright, Chief Executive
Emma Foulds, Managing Director of Blind Children UK
Deborah Bourne - Fundraising and Commercial Director
Vijay Doshi - Chief Finance Officer
Kathryn Ward - People Director
Peter Osborne - Chief Operations Officer

The arrangements for setting the pay and remuneration for these personnel and their total remuneration are detailed in the Report and Financial Statements of Guide Dogs. No recharge is made for their services to Blind Children UK.

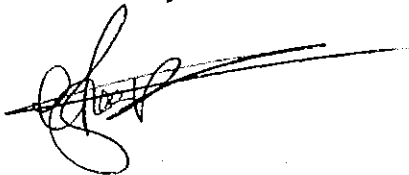
Related parties

Blind Children UK owns the entire issued share capital of Blind Children UK (Trading) Limited which has been dormant since 2013. Consolidated financial statements are not prepared because Blind Children UK's parent undertaking, Guide Dogs, prepares consolidated financial statements.

Re-appointment of Auditor

In accordance with s.485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting for reappointment of Deloitte LLP as auditor of the charitable company.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



**Clare E Black
Chairman**

Blind Children UK Principal Advisors

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Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements of Blind Children UK (the 'charitable company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulations 6 and 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- statement of financial activities incorporating an income and expenditure account
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of cash flow;
- the statement of accounting policies; and
- the related notes 1 to 10.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been appointed as auditor under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with those Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

EXTENT TO WHICH THE AUDIT WAS CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF DETECTING IRREGULARITIES, INCLUDING FRAUD

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the charitable company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charitable company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act, UK Companies Act and pensions legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity Commission) regulations, Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) regulations and Fundraising regulations.

Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

We discussed among the audit engagement team the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

As a result of performing the above, we identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas, and our specific procedures performed to address it are described below:

- Risk of fraud in revenue recognition is a presumed risk under International Auditing Standards. We focused on this risk more specifically on accrued legacy income as the income is recognised on a receivable basis when the charity is entitled to the legacy, receipt is probable and the value can be estimated with sufficient accuracy. This is subject to judgement around whether and when the recognition criteria are met.
- We tested a sample of accrued legacy income recognised and the treatment to the supporting legacy notifications and have assessed the judgements and estimates made by management in the recognition of this balance. In performing this, we tested that these have been accounted for in accordance with the Charities SORP (2019).

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal audit reports, and reviewing correspondence with HMRC, OSCR and Charity Commission.

Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

OPINIONS ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the strategic report and the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included within the trustees' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

Under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:


- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept;
- 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Independent Auditor's report to the Members and Trustees of Blind Children UK

USE OF OUR REPORT

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 and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees 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, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Jonathan Gooding (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
St. Albans, United Kingdom
6 July 2022

Deloitte LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor for the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Blind Children UK
Statement of financial activities
Incorporating income and expenditure account
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Income from:					
Donations and legacies		534	-	534	372
Total income	1	534	-	534	372
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(14)	-	(14)	(11)
Charitable activities					
Grant to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association		(520)	-	(520)	(361)
Total charitable expenditure		(520)	-	(520)	(361)
Total expenditure	2	(534)	-	(534)	(372)
Net income for the year		-	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 January		298	-	298	298
Fund balances at 31 December		298	-	298	298

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those listed above and the net income for the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

See note 10 for comparative Statement of Financial Activities analysed by funds.

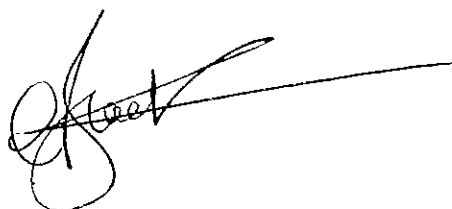
The accounting policies and notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Blind Children UK
Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	2020 £000
Current Assets			
Debtors	4	65	199
Cash at bank and in hand		473	106
Total current assets		538	305
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(240)	(7)
Total assets less current liabilities		298	298
Net assets		298	298
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		298	298
Total funds	6	298	298

The accounting policies and notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

The Financial Statements of Blind Children UK (registered company number 03133018) were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 5 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Trustee
 Clare E Black



Trustee
 Ranjit Sondhi

Blind Children UK
Statement of cash flow at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	2020 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	7	<u>367</u>	<u>(113)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>367</u>	<u>113</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		106	219
Increase in the year		<u>367</u>	<u>(113)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		<u>473</u>	<u>106</u>

The accounting policies and notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Accounting Policies

Company and charitable status

Blind Children UK, a public benefit entity, is incorporated in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee not having share capital. There are currently 2 trustees who are also the members of the charitable company. Each member has undertaken to contribute the assets in the event of winding up a sum not exceeding £1. Blind Children UK is a registered charity. The registered office and charity registration numbers are given on page 4.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows:

a. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2019)” applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), effective 1 January 2019; and the Companies Act 2006. Blind Children UK is a public benefit entity.

Blind Children UK owns the entire issued share capital of Blind Children UK (Trading) Limited which has been dormant since 2013. Consolidated financial statements are not prepared because Blind Children UK’s parent undertaking, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Guide Dogs), prepares consolidated financial statements.

b. Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Blind Children UK will continue to receive income from donations and legacies, and will grant this income to fund services to support blind and partially sighted children. The Trustees conclude that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least twelve months from the date of signing of the financial statements as the company has no employees, negligible liabilities and future expenditure, has received a letter of support from its parent undertaking Guide Dogs, and has adequate cash balances and reserves to continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

c. Income

Income is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

- i) Donation income is accounted for on a receivable basis.
- ii) Legacy income is accounted for when notification of the legacy is received, generally after grant of probate, providing the amount can be reliably ascertained and that ultimate receipt is probable.

Accounting Policies

d. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

e. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charitable company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

The charitable company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

f. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those which must be applied in accordance with the purpose specified by the donor. Expenditure relating to these purposes is therefore charged directly to the relevant fund.

The unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Such funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose. Transfers of funds from general unrestricted funds to designated funds are approved by the Trustees. Further details of each fund are disclosed in Note 6. Blind Children UK has no specific designated funds.

g. Taxation

Blind Children UK, as a registered charity, is exempt from corporation tax under Chapter 3 of Part 11 to the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of the Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that surpluses are applied to its charitable purposes. Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

h. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Accounting Policies

There is one key accounting estimate as follows:

Accrued legacy income (see note 4): The accrued legacy income amounts to £56,000 at 31 December 2021 (£54,000 at 31 December 2020). The legacy income is recognised on a receivable basis when the charity is entitled to the legacy, receipt is probable and the value can be estimated with sufficient accuracy. The critical judgement involved in the recognition of legacy income is around whether the recognition criteria are met. The key sources of estimation uncertainty are in relation to the value of the legacy, and the legal fees and other liabilities, which are estimated based on the best information available at the balance sheet date. Due to the uncertainty associated with such items, there is a possibility that, on conclusion of open matters at a future date, the final outcome may differ significantly.

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1. Income

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Income from:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	325	363
Legacies	209	9
Total income from donations and legacies	<u>534</u>	<u>372</u>
Total income	<u>534</u>	<u>372</u>

2. Expenditure

	Direct Costs £000	Support Costs £000	Total 2021 £000	Total 2020 £000
Cost of raising voluntary income				
Donor based fundraising	-	14	14	11
Cost of raising funds	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>
 Charitable expenditure				
Grant to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	520	-	520	361
Total Expenditure	<u>520</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>372</u>

Support costs in Blind Children UK are governance costs and allocated directly to 'raising funds' in 2020 and 2021 as this is the key activity.

Prior year comparatives:

	Direct Costs £000	Support Costs £000	Total 2020 £000
Cost of raising voluntary income			
Donor based fundraising	-	11	11
Cost of raising funds	<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
 Charitable expenditure			
Grant to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	361	-	361
Total Expenditure	<u>361</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>372</u>

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2. Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure includes:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Fees payable to the charitable company's auditor for: Statutory Audit	6	5

3. Trustee and employees

The Trustees and persons connected with them have not received, obtained or waived any remuneration or other financial benefits for the year directly or indirectly from Blind Children UK (2020: £nil). There were no travelling and subsistence expenses reimbursed in respect of 2 trustees who were in post during 2021 (2020: nil).

In 2021 and 2020 all charitable services are delivered by Guide Dogs and no management recharge is applicable.

Key management personnel are all employees of Guide Dogs and their remuneration is disclosed in that charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements. No amounts are recharged to Blind Children UK for services on the grounds of materiality.

4. Debtors

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Other Debtors	-	4
Intercompany balance due from Guide Dogs	-	132
Legacies	56	54
Gift Aid debtors	9	9
Total debtors	65	199

5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Accruals	6	-
Intercompany balance	234	7
Total creditors	240	7

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6. Fund balances

	At 1 January 2021 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	At 31 December 2021 £000
Unrestricted funds	298	534	(534)	298
Total funds	298	534	(534)	298

	At 1 January 2020 £000	Incoming Resources £000	Resources Expended £000	At 31 December 2020 £000
Unrestricted funds	298	372	(372)	298
Total funds	298	372	(372)	298

Analysis of net assets between funds

	2021 General Funds £000	2021 Total £000	2020 General Funds £000	2020 Total £000
Bank balances	473	473	106	106
Other Assets and Liabilities	(175)	(175)	192	192
Total net assets	298	298	298	298

7. Notes to statement of cash flow

Reconciliation of net income/expenditure to net cash outflow from operating activities

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	134	(102)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	233	(11)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	367	(113)

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8. Subsidiary company

Blind Children UK owns the whole of the issued share capital of Blind Children UK (Trading) Ltd which has been dormant since 2013. Consolidated financial statements are not prepared because Blind Children UK's parent undertaking, Guide Dogs, prepares consolidated financial statements.

Its registered office is Hillfields, Reading Road, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3YG.

The charitable company has taken advantage of the exemptions allowed by FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with related party undertakings which are wholly owned by the group.

9. Ultimate Parent Undertaking

The charitable company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (Guide Dogs), which is a charitable company registered in England and Wales. Guide Dogs has the ability to appoint or remove Blind Children UK trustees as it is a member of the charitable company.

Guide Dogs is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Berkshire, RG7 3YG or www.guidedogs.org.uk. (Company Registered in England and Wales number 291646. Registered charity in England and Wales number 209617, and Scotland number SCO38979. Registered Office is Hillfields, Reading Road, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3YG).

Guide Dogs provides mobility and related services to people with a visual impairment.

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10. Comparative statement of financial activities 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2020 £000
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	372	-	372
Total income	372	-	372
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	(11)	-	(11)
Charitable activities			
Grant to The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	(361)	-	(361)
Total charitable expenditure	(361)	-	(361)
Total expenditure	(372)	-	(372)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	-	-	-
Fund balances at 1 January	298	-	298
Fund balances at 31 December	298	-	298