BucksVision
Sensory Loss Charity

Annual Report and Accounts

2025/2026



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Charity Reference and Administrative Details

for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

Charity Registration Number: 1147814

Company Registration Number: 08016572

Trustees

Chair	Valerie Caldwell (appointed 01/12/2025)
	Cristina Hadjez (resigned 30/11/2025)
Vice Chair	Vacant from 01/12/2025
	Valerie Caldwell (resigned 30/11/2025)
Treasurer	John Crowther
Trustees	Jan Antosiewicz
	Valerie Caldwell
	John Crowther
	David Cole (died 15/08/2025)
	Cristina Hadjez (resigned 30/11/2025)
	Dean Marks
	Jonathan Sidwell
	Sally Smith (appointed 15/09/2025)
	Ian Taylor

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31st March 2026

Introduction

The Trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (Revised 2019).

History

The charitable company was formed in 2012 to take over the operations of the unincorporated charity Buckinghamshire Association for the Blind (established 1911).

From 1 July 2014, BucksVision became a member of the RNIB Group and RNIB was BucksVision's sole corporate member until 2022.

From 1 April 2022, BucksVision separated from RNIB to become an independent charity, with RNIB thus ceasing to be Persons with Significant Control from that date.

Assessment of Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty, as set out in the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Trustees have had regard for the guidelines when reviewing the charitable company's aims and objectives and in planning for future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set and are of the opinion that the charity's current activities are for the public benefit of people with sensory loss in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

Aims and Objectives

BucksVision is a charitable company whose objects are to promote the better education, training, employment and welfare of blind and partially sighted people and people with sensory disabilities other than visual impairment, and generally to protect the interests of such people and to enable their independence.

We achieve this through the work of our staff and volunteers who provide social activities, training courses, equipment, advice and information services. The charity operates within the county of Buckinghamshire, which includes the local government boundaries of Buckinghamshire Council and Milton Keynes Council.



Chair's Report

I am honoured to have taken on the role of Chair and delighted to share the stories and impact that lie at the heart of the work that we do at BucksVision. I am pleased to introduce the report for 2025/26, which highlights BucksVision's achievements throughout the year and its financial position.

We have continued to work from the refreshed business plan developed last year, streamlining our volunteer recruitment processes to make it easier for people to volunteer with us. This has helped increase the number of new volunteers who joined us during the year to support our beneficiaries across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

I am particularly pleased to report that The National Lottery have awarded a substantial grant to the charity over a period of three years. This will enable us to improve our current suite of services and to develop several new ones. My sincere thanks to The National Lottery for their generous support, which will make a real difference to the charity and the people we are here to support.

We are also very pleased to continue delivering the Buckinghamshire Integrated Sensory Services (BISS) contract on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council, which has been extended to June 2027. Delivering these services alongside the social and practical support that BucksVision provides under its core services ensures that the charity is the primary point of contact for people affected by sensory loss.

I want to pass on my sincere thanks to Cristina Hadjez, our Chair who stepped down in 2025. Her efforts set the groundwork for a smooth transition when I succeeded her as Chair in December 2025 and the Board of Trustees are grateful for her significant contribution to the charity.

I also want to pass on my thanks and condolences to the family of David Cole, who died suddenly in August of last year. David had been a Trustee for several years and brought legal expertise as well as humour and insight to Board meetings. His death was a shock to us all and his presence is much missed.

As we look ahead to next year and beyond, market conditions remain challenging. Grant income levels have been significantly lower than anticipated, likely due to market pressures and demands on funds. The Board established a subcommittee this year, the Financial Oversight Group, to closely monitor our financial situation and make recommendations to the Board accordingly. We acknowledge that we will need to adapt to these changing times if these challenging financial conditions persist.

As has been the case since its inception over one hundred years ago, volunteers remain at the heart of the charity. I send my grateful thanks to all volunteers and divisional club leaders whose efforts enable us to continue to support our members. Sincere thanks also to all our financial supporters whose donations make a real difference to our charity, we really are grateful for your continued support.

Valerie Caldwell
Chair, BucksVision

Treasurer's Report, Financial Review and Reserves Policy



The financial year 2025/26 has turned out with an overall net deficit position of £127,909 before net gains on investments, reflecting the charity being in a substantial structural deficit position in the year.

Last year's comparable outturn was a surplus of £10,282 but this included an exceptional receipt in the year of £105,747 from the now closed Milton Keynes Reader Service to enable BucksVision to continue to deliver the service over a number of future years.

However, the awarding of The National Lottery Reaching Communities funding for three years beginning in January 2026 is transformational for our financial position and the first instalment of £61k has been recognized in these financial statements. While dealt with as a restricted fund, it will finance a wide range of existing activities as well as new and extended projects.

The charity's central operating deficit was £99k for the year exactly in line with budget. This is considered a satisfactory out-turn. Costs and income were both higher than budget by £20k representing funding grants for refurbishment projects which were expensed as repairs and maintenance. This deficit reconciles to the disclosed figure of £129k net unrestricted expenditure before investment gains via restricted grant income raised centrally but disclosed as restricted income.

The balance sheet position remains strong with total reserves at 31 March 2026 amounting to £803k (2025: £895k), only £274k of which however are unrestricted. This position nevertheless ensures compliance with the Reserves Policy outlined below which stipulates six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure as the minimum free reserves that BucksVision is required to hold. The reduction in reserves reflects the deficit in the year.

Total expenditure overall amounted to £707k (2024/25: £662k).

A central budget of £345k charitable expenditure excluding divisions and BISS has been agreed for 2026/27, resulting in a reduced budgeted deficit of £76k which is sustainable in view of our reserves position. This expenditure is a modest increase on the comparable 2025/26 budget (£311k) and actual (£330k), reflecting rising costs and proposed new activities.

The BISS contract has now been extended to 2027 and the out-turn last year was very close to budget. There was a deficit of £12k not entirely covered by funds brought forward, so the balance has been written off as unrestricted expenditure. As the contract is fixed income, it is increasingly difficult to provide the services entirely within budget.

Fundraising is clearly a key activity for the charity. The amount raised in 2025/26 amounted to £192k (2024/25 £165k), including legacies but excluding funds raised locally by divisions and activity clubs, although in fact there was no major legacy was received in the year. This figure of £192k reconciles to the disclosed figure of total income from Donations and Legacies of £245k via income raised locally by divisions of £53k.

The deficit indicates that fundraising is not yet in the position of supporting the current cost base.

Fundraising costs are disclosed separately from Charitable expenditure and these amounted to £60k (2024/25: £56k) giving a multiple of 3.2 for centrally fundraised income including legacies to fundraising costs.

The divisional and club treasurers continue to do an outstanding job. I would like to repeat my annual thank you for all of their help, including compliance with external audit requirements. Their hard work and collaboration have helped greatly in the smooth running of our financial operations and I am extremely grateful to them, particularly as they are all volunteers, many of long standing.

Our divisions and activity clubs, which we account for as restricted funds, recorded a net outflow of £15k (2025: £13k) before recognizing unrealized investment gains of £26k (2025: £6k). Total divisional reserves now total £387k.

Reserves need to be invested profitably and prudently bearing in mind likely timescales for use, inflation and available interest rates for bank deposits. Accordingly, divisions with available reserves have joined with the central charity to invest in a charity fund which offers a competitive yield and the prospect of capital growth over the years. The balance invested at 31 March 2026 was £293k with a market value of £344k.

In conclusion, while still in a deficit position, the funding secured from The National Lottery has greatly strengthened the charity's position in terms of risk factors and working capital and allows the charity to maintain its focus on service delivery, contract fulfilment and fundraising.

Reserves Policy

Summary of policy adopted by the Board on 10th August 2026

Reserves Policy since 2022 has been based on BucksVision's status as an independent charity which holds the Buckinghamshire Council Integrated Sensory Services (BISS) contract, and more recent restricted funding streams from The National Lottery and the Milton Keynes Reader Service.

BucksVision is in a position where it has relatively high levels of reserves and liquidity but enhanced risk factors surrounding its core and unrestricted funding. The risks relating to the BISS contract and The National Lottery Reaching Communities grant on the other hand relate primarily to service delivery and cost control.

General Reserves

The Investment Policy determined that BucksVision has a medium appetite for financial risk.

Accounts to 31 March 2026 show a figure for free reserves of £227k, (unrestricted reserves less capital designated reserves) not excluding the value of investments which are regarded as a further line of liquidity. This compares to budgeted central charitable expenditure of £345k for 2026/27 excluding BISS.

Looking at risk to future income streams, the charity's central budget for 2026/27 anticipates £269k of fundraised and other income (£126k from the National Lottery) and a deficit of £76k. Budgeted income represents an increase on actual amounts raised in 2025/26 (£229k).

As a mitigating factor, BucksVision's non-BISS operations are largely scaleable and there are low fixed costs. There is therefore an extremely low risk of insolvency. However, reduction of service levels is obviously undesirable and reserves can be used to smooth volatility in income levels.

Therefore, bearing in mind the different risks applicable to the charity's two main areas of activity, it has been decided to recognize the risk levels attaching to our evolving income sources by continuing to hold six months' unrestricted expenditure (that is, excluding expenditure under the BISS contract, which is funded) in free reserves. This would amount to approximately £120k and would sustain continuity of services for a minimum of six months, giving sufficient time to restructure if necessary.

Due to the levels of liquidity currently held, the charity would be compliant with this Reserves Policy stipulating six months of unrestricted expenditure in free reserves at 31 March 2026.

Designated Reserves

The Trustees allocate available funds to designated reserves to cover identified plans or requirements, including support for the charity's ability to continue operating for a particular period. These are internal designations and can be released back to general reserves if necessary.

Designated Reserves as at 31 March 2026 have been established as follows:

Capital Development Reserve	£33,500
Service Support Reserve	£204,000
Rent Reserve	£3,000
Property Reserve	£12,973
TOTAL	**£253,473**

The bulk of a previous exceptional legacy remains in a designated reserve which can be used to supplement fundraised income if necessary in future years to maintain service levels. The Rent Reserve covers the charity's commitments under the present lease and the Capital Development Reserve covers the revised cost of removing the Head Office portacabin if required at end of lease.

Restricted Reserves

Restricted reserves in contrast arise from restrictions imposed by donors and funders. It is the charity's policy to expend such funds in accordance with the donors' restrictions in a reasonable period of time after receipt. There are currently eleven restricted funds held by the charity centrally, of which four have a balance according to the financial statements at 31 March 2026, Befriending (£2,304), the MK Reader Service (£109,204), National Lottery (£30,742) and the nine divisions and activity clubs (£386,590).

John Crowther, FCA DChA
Treasurer, BucksVision

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure, Governance and Management

BucksVision is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered with the Charity Commission (Charity No. 1147814) and Companies House (Company No. 08016572). The organisation is governed by the Board of Trustees. The Chief Executive is responsible for the day-to-day operational activities under the supervision and guidance of the Board of Trustees.

The Board meet bi-monthly or quarterly, depending on the needs of the charity, and are responsible for the appointment of the Chief Executive. They steer the strategic direction and policy of the charitable company and manage risks and opportunities. At present, the Board comprises seven Trustees from a variety of professional backgrounds, three of whom are sensory impaired.

A subcommittee, the Financial Oversight Group, was established in October 2025 to carry out in-depth scrutiny of the charity's finances, to review the pipeline of potential income and raise any potential issues, e.g. cashflow, ahead of time to the Board of Trustees. The Group comprises the Chair, Treasurer, a Trustee (Jon Sidwell), the Chief Executive and Fundraising Manager, and meets bi-monthly or quarterly, in coordination with Board meetings.

The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that the charitable company delivers the services specified and that its objectives are met. The Chief Executive also has responsibility for day-to-day operational management of BucksVision property, recruitment and supervision of the staff team.

Steve Naylor has served as Chief Executive since his appointment in May 2015.

The Chief Executive was appointed as BucksVision's Company Secretary in April 2022, further to BucksVision's separation from RNIB. As Company Secretary, he is responsible for ensuring that BucksVision is governed effectively and complies with relevant charity and company law, including the filing of our annual accounts and important updates with the Charity Commission and Companies House as required.

The majority of our services are delivered by our dedicated team of volunteers, many of whom have served us faithfully for many years. In 2025/26 we had 272 active volunteers (2024/25: 230) supporting our work. We rely on our volunteers to help blind and partially sighted people across the county, particularly with running our club committees, managing social activities and helping our beneficiaries to access our various events and services.

Following the revision of our Association Agreement in April 2022, the Board of Trustees of BucksVision comprise the organisation's governing membership. Due to the nature of the charitable company's work, the members continue to seek to ensure that the charitable company is represented by a Board of Trustees that includes people with lived experience of sensory loss. The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are in turn selected by the Board of Trustees.

Trustees are recruited by working with the local Volunteer Centres and through events/ networking including LinkedIn. Potential candidates are interviewed by the Chair, at least one other Director, and by the Chief Executive.

Risk Management and Controls

The Board of Trustees has a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Board has examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charitable company faces and confirm that systems have been reviewed regularly and established to mitigate those risks.

The Board of Trustees has elected, in the light of the organisation's past dependence on RNIB for much of its income, to have a medium

financial risk appetite and funds are either held on deposit or in investments that the Board believes will generate a positive financial return over several years. The charity has distributed its reserves across several high interest accounts with NatWest bank and has investments in M&G Investments' Multi Asset Fund.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects, implementing robust policies as a matter of standard. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, service users and visitors to the centres, and also to ensure compliance with safeguarding standards.

In addition, internal controls ensure that the organisation complies with good "whistleblowing" practice and with the Bribery Act 2010. These procedures are periodically reviewed (annually or whenever there are legislative changes) by the Chief Executive to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity and are compliant with legislation and guidance.

The Board regularly review risk and risk management and have identified the following as being the principal risks to the fulfilment of the charity's strategy:

- Insufficient income generated through fundraising. Whilst this is partially mitigated by having an experienced fundraising team who have developed a broad range of income streams, grant income has been significantly lower than forecast in the first half of 2026/27. This structural deficit is not sustainable in the longer-term and will need addressing, e.g. through organisational restructuring.
- The BISS contract provides regular cashflow and strengthens the charity's core services. However, the lack of inflationary price increases in the last two years (of the contract extension to 2027) has resulted in difficulties breaking even. This will need careful review when the contract is retendered in 2027.
- We support older and vulnerable people across our local area. Safeguarding / health and safety issues continue to be a key priority, mitigated through regular training and effective policies.

- Cybercrime is an increasing concern for charities and organisations across the country. We will continue to ensure that our IT systems are protected and that third parties holding our data have good security controls. We have been made aware that one of our suppliers, Beacon CRM, has experienced a data breach and have contacted our stakeholders to advise them of this, as well as producing a guide on how to avoid being scammed.

Transactions with Related Parties

We are not aware of any transactions with Trustees, staff or their immediate families.

Delivering services to people with sensory loss



Achievements and Performance

We have continued to deliver our essential existing services to people with sight, hearing and dual sensory loss across our local area, as well as developing several new services as a result of funding from The National Lottery.

From practical assistance to social engagement, our wide-ranging services continue to help individuals maintain their independence and enhance their overall wellbeing. Thanks to the commitment of our incredible volunteers, we've reached communities across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes, ensuring vital support remains accessible to those who need it most.

A key part of our work continues to include the Buckinghamshire Council-funded Buckinghamshire Integrated Sensory Service (BISS). This service offers specialist support to both adults and children, including sensory assessments, provision of assistive equipment, registration for sight and hearing loss, and personalised enablement services to support mobility and everyday living.

Together, these efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to ensuring that people with sensory impairments across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes are empowered to live healthy, fulfilling, and independent lives.

Providing Advice and Information

Providing clear, practical guidance is central to what we do. We aim to ensure that individuals with sensory loss are not only supported directly but are also well-informed about the range of services and resources available to help them live independently and confidently.

> **I now subscribe to the BucksVision audio magazine which has helped me get to know and keep up to date with local news and issues of interest.**
>
> – Comment from client after receiving our newsletter

Our website received over **4,700** visitors.

1,600+ blind and partially sighted individuals received at least one service from BucksVision.

People contacted BucksVision on **945** occasions for information and advice.

We dealt with **777** enquiries from members of the public and **168** enquiries from professionals.

1,697 people were sent our bi-annual newsletter.



Practical Support with Aids and Equipment

Our resource centre offers a diverse selection of aids, gadgets, and assistive devices, giving individuals with sensory loss the opportunity to explore and test equipment before making a purchase.

Equally important, these appointments provide a safe and supportive space for individuals and their carers or family members to talk openly about their experiences and concerns. This ensures we can offer tailored advice and emotional reassurance alongside practical solutions.





78 blind and partially sighted people attended appointments at our resource centre this year.

Thank you ever so much for the time you spent with me on Monday. I really appreciated the breadth of your knowledge of the sources of information available via BucksVision and BISS.

– Comment from client after receiving advice and information

Social Activities

Social and Activity Clubs

Living with sensory loss can often result in people feeling cut off from their communities, particularly when everyday activities such as driving or socialising become more difficult. The emotional impact of changing vision or hearing can lead to uncertainty and a gradual loss of confidence.

To help counter this, we offer a wide range of social opportunities designed to foster connection, companionship, and peer support. These gatherings are about more than just getting out of the house – they provide a vital sense of belonging.

Our local social clubs, run by our dedicated volunteers, create warm and inclusive spaces where people can relax, enjoy entertainment, refreshments, and above all, feel understood by others facing similar challenges.



Our volunteer-led social clubs supported **273** beneficiaries during the year and our physical activity groups supported **67** beneficiaries.

> **I've joined lots of different groups, before that I was sitting at home doing nothing, I can't thank you enough for the difference it's made to my life.**
>
> – Social club attendee

Experience Days



Our Experience Days continued to offer enjoyable days out this year for people of all ages living with sensory loss.

These outings provide more than just a change of scenery – they help build confidence, lift spirits, and create lasting memories.

- Our activities this year included visits to Chiltern Open Air Museum, Chiltern Valley Wine Distillery, the Fair Organ Museum, MÓTUS dance, The Science Museum, and Sulgrave Manor and the Christmas pantomime at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

The feedback we receive speaks volumes about the positive impact these activities have and how deeply our support is valued by those who take part.

> **Thank you for the trip to Sulgrave Manor, I really enjoyed the time spent there. The weather was so perfect for us. I will give you a GOLD STAR for sure!**
>
> – Sulgrave Manor attendee





Home Support Services (Befriending, Reading, and Shopping)



For individuals with sensory loss who are unable to leave their homes or are experiencing loneliness, our home support services offer a vital lifeline.

Whether through friendly phone calls or face-to-face visits, our compassionate team of volunteers provides regular contact, reassurance, and practical support ensuring no one feels forgotten or alone.

We were delighted to continue the brilliant work of Milton Keynes Reader Service, which closed in July 2025, supporting their members across Milton Keynes. Thanks to an extremely generous donation from them, we are confident that we will be able to continue to deliver this service for several years to come.

70 people were supported throughout the year via home visits, help with reading and shopping, and befriending calls across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

> **I could not have continued to be relatively independent without the help of a lovely lady called [home befriender] who has helped me so much and takes me out... She guides me round the supermarket and reads all the labels for me. She is a real joy to be with both mentally & physically.**
>
> – Member supported by a volunteer shopper

Volunteers are at the heart of our work

Our incredible volunteers are the backbone of BucksVision, playing a crucial role in delivering many of our services – especially our social clubs and home support.

Their dedication, kindness, and commitment make all the difference, bringing warmth and companionship to those we support every day.

> **I most enjoy Meeting up with members and other volunteers and realising that we really do make a difference in people's lives**
>
> – BucksVision Volunteer



In 2025/26 we had over **270** volunteers supporting our activities and recruited **91** new volunteers.

The National Lottery Community Fund

We were delighted to receive a multi-year grant from The National Lottery which will enable us to continue to deliver and improve our core services, as well as developing new services which we know are much needed, including:

Support into Employment

We are working in partnership with Thomas Pocklington Trust's (TPT) **Works For Me** programme, to provide training and support to help blind and partially sighted individuals into employment. This service provides comprehensive support with the job search process, including help with writing cover letters and CVs, interview tips and practice, as well as support from an experienced career coach.

Help with Accessibility Technology and Smart Glasses

We are working with **Alternate Visions Coaching** to help members with Meta AI Glasses and all things accessibility and technology related. The service includes a comprehensive assessment and demonstration of the latest technological advancements, including using Smart Glasses and digital search assistants.

In-person Counselling Services

We are working with **Buckinghamshire New University** to provide in-person counselling services to blind and partially sighted people who need emotional support as a result of the impact of losing their vision. We are currently discussing the logistics of delivering the service but hope to run the first sessions later this year (Q3 2026/27).

Supporting ethnically diverse communities

In recent years, we have made significant progress improving and modernising our services. However, we have not had the opportunity to set up groups specifically to meet the needs of ethnically diverse communities. This is a concern as some of these communities are disproportionately affected by serious eye conditions such as glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy. We hope to set up services or activities specifically to meet the needs of these communities and are currently evaluating the best way to do this.



Buckinghamshire Integrated Sensory Service (BISS)



BucksVision continues to proudly deliver the Buckinghamshire Integrated Sensory Service (BISS) on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council. This all-age service supports individuals with sensory loss by providing comprehensive sensory assessments, specialist equipment, enablement services, and habilitation support tailored to both adults and children.

BISS addresses a wide range of sensory conditions, from common age-related sight and hearing loss to more complex needs such as profound deafness, blindness, and combined sensory impairments. The service aims to help people live independently and safely in their own homes, with personalised support that includes mobility training, risk assessments in educational settings, and daily living skills development for young people.

In partnership with local health, education, and social care teams, as well as community organisations, BISS offers a holistic approach to care. Support also includes specialist provision for Deaf children and adults, including British Sign Language interpretation and lessons through collaboration with Young Deaf Activities.

Referrals come from diverse sources, including self-referrals, local eye clinics, and Bucks Social Care services, ensuring accessibility to all who need the service.

The service is an all-age service with no minimum or maximum age limit and is free for service users to access. The service has separate delivery elements for adults and children:

- Adults are aged 26 years and above.
- Children and young people (CYP) are aged 25 years and below.

Sensory loss varies widely in its causes and impact; the BISS service supports people with all types of sensory loss including:

- Adults with age-related sensory loss, including macular degeneration (vision loss) and presbycusis (hearing loss).
- Adults and children with sensory loss caused by genetic conditions such as retinitis pigmentosa (vision impairment) and inherited deafness (hearing loss).
- Adults and children who have significant sensory loss, including those who are severely sight impaired (blind) and Deaf (profoundly Deaf).
- Deafblind (DB) adults who have combined vision and hearing loss.
- Multi-sensory impaired (MSI) children who have combined vision and hearing loss (and often have additional needs).

As a result, the BISS team work closely with colleagues in the Council's Education, Health, and Social Care teams, and with other local organisations.

BISS Support



BISS provides a broad range of support to people with sensory loss to enable them to remain independent for as long as possible and to live safely in their own homes. People referred to the service are initially assessed by telephone to confirm the next steps. For most referrals, this will be a visit from one of our specialists to the person at home to discuss their sensory loss and what aids, adaptations and services might help that person.

The service is able to provide a wide range of equipment to people with sensory loss:

- For vision impairment, we provide items such as UV shields to reduce glare, daylight lamps to help with reading and daily tasks, talking watches, liquid level indicators, and canes to help with mobility.
- For hearing impairment, we provide flashing doorbells, smoke alarms with flashing receivers and vibrating pads, and amplified telephones.

We provide mobility training for adults and children to ensure that they can walk safely to the shops, school and community settings, with cane technique (if appropriate) so that they understand how to use a cane properly. We also carry out risk assessments at schools to ensure that adaptations are made as required to ensure that children with sensory loss are able to navigate safely around the school building and grounds.

Habilitation training is provided to children to ensure that they can become as independent as possible, learning daily living skills such as preparing food and drinks, handling money, and washing clothes. A key aspect of our work is to ensure that children are supported during times of transition, such as changing school or going to college. We provide support prior to the change so that the child or young person is familiar with the route and layout of their new setting.

In addition, the service supports profoundly Deaf children and adults. We are delighted to work in partnership with Young Deaf Activities, whose Home Communication Club provides BSL support to families so that they can communicate with their Deaf children. For adults, we provide appointments with one of our specialists supported by a BSL interpreter.

Referrals to the service come from a wide range of sources including self-referrals, hospital ophthalmology and audiology clinics, social care, occupational therapy and social prescribers.

> **The service you provide is excellent, an enormous improvement from the past. You have made a significant difference to our lives, enabling us to move forward.**
>
> – Comment from service user





Financial Supporters and Donors

We are extremely grateful to the individuals, organisations and grant giving bodies who financially supported our work this year:

- Aylesbury Vale Crematorium
- The Alpkit Foundation
- The Anson Charitable Trust
- The Beatrice Laing Trust
- The Buckinghamshire Masonic Centenary Fund
- The Carrington Charitable Trust
- The Childwick Trust
- The Clare Foundation
- The Doris Field Charitable Trust
- The DWF Foundation
- The E M MacAndrew Trust
- Fairhive Homes Ltd
- The Grace Trust
- Heart of Bucks
- The Hedley Foundation
- Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust
- The Marsh Charitable Trust
- The Michael Bishop Foundation
- The Masonic Charitable Foundation
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Nora Smith Charitable Settlement
- The Payne-Gallwey Charitable Trust
- The Roland Callingham Foundation
- The Rothschild Foundation
- The Shanly Foundation
- The Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
- Tesco Stronger Starts, Groundworks UK

Please note that these are the largest grants and community donations that we received in 2025/26. It is not an exhaustive list of all donations, the sums of which are reflected in the accounts below.

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to Financial Statements

Charity law requires the Directors (who are its 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 its financial activities for the period. 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; state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at the time the financial position of the charitable company and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. The Directors ensure that any financial information that is published on the organisation's website is accurate and properly maintained.

The Board of Trustees confirm that the accounts accompanying this report comply with the statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102

(Revised 2019).

So far as each Director is aware:

There is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

Each director has taken all steps s/he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/ herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by the Chair:



Valerie Caldwell

Date: 19th October 2026

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of BucksVision

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BucksVision (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2026 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheets and Statements of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2026, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 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 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.

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 the 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 trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement [set out on page 30], the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, 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.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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.

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 have considered:

- the nature of the charity and sector, control environment and operating performance;
- the charity's own assessment, including assessments made by key management, of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error;
- any matters we identified having reviewed the charity's policies and procedures relating to:
    - → identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
    - → detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and

- → the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed amongst the audit engagement team.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas in which management is required to exercise significant judgement, such as the recognition of income. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Companies Act and tax legislation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

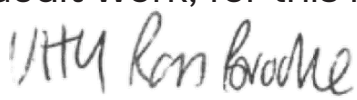
A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at:

https://www.frc.org.uk/library/standards-codes-policy/audit-assurance-and-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit/.

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



UHY Ross Brooke Statutory Auditor

26/10/2026

UHY Ross Brooke is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

UHY Ross Brooke

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

		2026			2025
Income & Endowments from:	**Notes**	**Unrestricted Funds (£)**	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**
Donations and legacies	3	62,737	182,047	**244,784**	**335,915**
Charitable activities:	4				
Resource Centre		13,980	630	**14,610**	**12,596**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)		-	294,492	**294,492**	**294,496**
Investments	5	10,067	11,543	**21,610**	**22,400**
Other		1,748	1,903	**3,651**	**6,404**
		88,532	**490,615**	**579,147**	**671,811**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(59,094)	(666)	**(59,760)**	**(56,044)**
Charitable activities:	6				
Resource Centre		(15,688)	-	**(15,688)**	**(16,212)**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)		-	(306,130)	**(306,130)**	**(301,109)**
Charitable activities		(143,172)	(182,306)	**(325,478)**	**(288,164)**
		(217,954)	**(489,102)**	**(707,056)**	**(661,529)**

		2026			2025
Expenditure on:	**Notes**	**Unrestricted Funds (£)**	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**
Net (expenditure)/income before investment (losses)/gains		(129,422)	1,513	**(127,909)**	**10,282**
Net gains on investments		9,505	26,053	**35,558**	**7,282**
Net (expenditure)/Income		**(119,917)**	**27,566**	**(92,351)**	**17,564**
Transfers between funds	19	(17,757)	17,757	**-**	**-**
Net Movement in Funds		**(137,674)**	**45,323**	**(92,351)**	**17,564**
Reconciliation of Funds:					
Total funds brought forward		411,347	483,517	**894,864**	**877,300**
Total Funds Carried Forward	19	**273,673**	**528,840**	**802,513**	**894,864**

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

(including Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 31 March 2026

		2025		
Income & Endowments from:	**Notes**	**Unrestricted Funds (£)**	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**
Donations and legacies	3	112,939	222,976	**335,915**
Charitable activities:	4			
Resource Centre		11,999	597	**12,596**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)		-	294,496	**294,496**
Investments	5	12,630	9,770	**22,400**
Other		3,379	3,025	**6,404**
		140,947	**530,864**	**671,811**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	6	(54,977)	(1,067)	**(56,044)**
Charitable activities:	6			
Resource Centre		(16,212)	-	**(16,212)**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)		-	(301,109)	**(301,109)**
Charitable activities		(150,473)	(137,691)	**(288,164)**
		(221,662)	**(439,867)**	**(661,529)**

		2025		
Expenditure on:	**Notes**	**Unrestricted Funds (£)**	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**
Net income before investment gains		(80,715)	90,997	**10,282**
Net gains on investments		1,516	5,766	**7,282**
Net Income		**(79,199)**	**96,763**	**17,564**
Transfers between funds	19	12,897	(12,897)	**-**
Net Movement in Funds		**(66,302)**	**83,866**	**17,564**
Reconciliation of Funds:				
Total funds brought forward		477,649	399,651	**877,300**
Total Funds Carried Forward	19	**411,347**	**483,517**	**894,864**

Balance Sheet at 31 March 2026

		2026			2025
Fixed assets	**Notes**	**Unrestricted Funds (£)**	**Restricted Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**	**Total Funds (£)**
Tangible Assets	12	12,973	-	**12,973**	**21,577**
Investments	13	93,284	270,051	**363,335**	**335,777**
		106,257	**270,051**	**376,308**	**357,354**
Current assets					
Stocks	14	2,141	-	**2,141**	**1,632**
Debtors	15	6,801	639	**7,440**	**40,665**
Cash at bank and in hand		330,585	105,471	**436,056**	**520,151**
		339,527	**106,110**	**445,637**	**562,448**
Creditors					
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	16	(7,988)	(11,444)	**(19,432)**	**(24,938)**
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)		**331,539**	**94,666**	**426,205**	**537,510**
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		**437,796**	**364,717**	**802,513**	**894,864**
Net Assets		273,673	528,840	**802,513**	**894,864**
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted Funds				**528,840**	**483,517**
Unrestricted Funds				**273,673**	**411,347**
Total Funds	19			**802,513**	**894,864**

Balance Sheet - Continued

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) 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.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with FRS 102 (Revised 2019).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19th October 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

V. Caldwell

Valerie Caldwell
Chair, BucksVision

Registered Charity Number: 1147814
Company Registration Number: 08016572

Cashflow Statement

for the Year Ended 31 March 2026

Cash flows from operating activities:	Notes	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Net cash used in operations	1	(113,705)	(19,115)
Net cash used in operating activities		**(113,705)**	**(19,115)**

Cash flows from investing activities:

Purchase of tangible assets		-	(22,279)
Purchase of other fixed asset investments		-	(33,001)
Proceeds from disposal of other fixed asset investments		8,000	-
Interest received		12,042	10,402
Dividends received		9,568	11,998
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		**29,610**	**(32,880)**

Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(84,095)	(51,995)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2	520,151	572,146
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	**2**	**436,056**	**520,151**

1. Reconciliation of (expenditure)/income to cash used in operations:

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Net (expenditure)/income	(92,351)	17,564
Adjustments for:		
Interest income	(12,042)	(10,402)
Income from investments	(9,568)	(11,998)
Depreciation of tangible assets	8,604	4,922
Net fair value gains recognised in profit or loss	(35,558)	(7,282)
Movements in working capital:		
Increase in stocks	(509)	(22)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other debtors	33,225	(10,152)
Decrease in trade and other creditors	(5,506)	(1,745)
Net cash (used by) provided by operating activities	**(113,705)**	**(19,115)**

2. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents, as stated in the Statement of Cash Flows, relates to the following items in the Balance Sheet:

	2026 (£)	2025 (£)
Cash at bank and in hand	436,056	520,151

3. Analysis of changes in net funds

	As at 1 April 2025 (£)	Cash flows (£)	As at 31 March 2026 (£)
Cash at bank and in hand	520,151	(84,095)	436,056

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2026

1. Company Information

BucksVision supports people with sensory loss across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes, helping them to retain their independence and maintain their wellbeing through a range of services and activities.

The charity (registered number 08016572 and charity number 1147814) is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is BucksVision, Aylesbury Resource and Training Centre, 143 Meadowcroft, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP19 9HH.

2. Accounting Policies

Statement of accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgement and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of these financial statements are as set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the recognition of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (Revised 2019). They also conform to the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

BucksVision meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in the Charities Act 2011. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised

at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

In the view of the Trustees, there exist no material uncertainties that will impact the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months.

Income

Incoming resources are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the following conditions are met:

- The charitable company becomes entitled to the resources
- The receipt is probable; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure both income and expenditure are shown gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grant, donations and legacies are only included in the SOFA when the charitable company has unconditional entitlement to the resources. Grants received in this year and the preceding year are measured on an accrual basis.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual income and performance related grants are only included in SOFA in compliance with the contract terms.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charitable company or the amount actually recognised.

Donated services and facilities are only included in incoming resources where the benefit to the charitable company is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material.

Volunteer help - the value of volunteer help is not included in the accounts but the role of volunteers is described in the Report of the Trustees.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment gains and losses include any gain or loss on the sale of any investment and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments at the end of the year.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charitable company to pay out resources.

Costs of charitable activities comprise all costs identified as wholly or mainly attributable to achieving the charitable objects of the charity, including staff costs and the costs of disseminating information in support of charitable activities.

Governance costs include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the cost of Directors' meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Where the charitable company gives a grant with conditions, these are only recognised when the specific conditions have been satisfied.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accrual basis. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are recorded at cost, including irrecoverable VAT, or where donated, open market valuation at the time of donation. The minimum threshold for capitalisation is £1,500.

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets as follows:

- Land and buildings
    - → Depreciated in line with residual duration of property lease (i.e. until March 2028)
- Computer Equipment
    - → 20% per annum on a straight-line basis

Fixed asset residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is recognised in the SOFA in the year in which it occurs. Fixed assets are also reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities.

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.

Funds structure

The charitable company's funds include funds held for the purpose of the divisions and clubs which are used to meet the general charitable objects of the charitable company in local areas for the carrying out of the specific tasks as part of those general charitable objects. These funds are regarded as restricted funds.

Designated funds are those which are set aside to meet an essential need or future purpose that the Directors identify as requiring a specific contingency or resource.

All other funds are held for the general purposes of the charitable company and are unrestricted.

Reserves

The charitable company's reserves are assessed on a monthly basis and subject to formal annual review by the Board of Trustees, to ensure sufficient funds are available to enable the charitable company to continue operating for a period of at least one year. Trustees have designated a proportion of the charitable company's resources to meet

this requirement and to establish a fund to cover contingencies that might affect the charitable company's ability to continue at any time during this period.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investments are included at directors' best estimate of market value.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised where there is an obligation that will result in the transfer of funds to the charity and the amount owing can be measured.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party, and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	2026			2025		
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Donations and gifts	24,430	63,794	**88,224**	25,432	40,731	**66,163**
Legacies	3,907	1,991	**5,898**	27,008	2,006	**29,014**
Grants	34,400	116,262	**150,662**	60,499	180,239	**240,738**
	62,737	**182,047**	**244,784**	**112,939**	**222,976**	**335,915**

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	2026			2025		
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Resource Centre	13,980	630	**14,610**	11,999	597	**12,596**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)	-	294,492	**294,492**	-	294,496	**294,496**
	13,980	**295,122**	**309,102**	**11,999**	**295,093**	**307,092**

5. Investment Income

	2026			2025		
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)
Bank interest receivable	6,197	5,845	**12,042**	9,339	1,063	**10,402**
Dividends from other fixed asset investments - unlisted	3,870	5,698	**9,568**	3,291	8,707	**11,998**
	10,067	**11,543**	**21,610**	**12,630**	**9,770**	**22,400**

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	2026			
	Activities undertaken directly (£)	**Grant funding of activities (£)** (see note 7)	**Support costs (£)** (see note 8)	**Total (£)**
Raising funds	59,760	-	-	**59,760**
Resource Centre	15,688	-	-	**15,688**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)	280,996	-	25,134	**306,130**
Charitable Activities	233,485	1,880	90,113	**325,478**
	589,929	**1,880**	**115,247**	**707,056**

	2025			
	Activities undertaken directly (£)	**Grant funding of activities (£)** (see note 7)	**Support costs (£)** (see note 8)	**Total (£)**
Raising funds	56,044	-	-	**56,044**
Resource Centre	16,212	-	-	**16,212**
Local Authority Contract (BISS)	276,917	-	24,192	**301,109**
Charitable Activities	222,052	874	65,238	**288,164**
	571,225	**874**	**89,430**	**661,529**

7. Grants Payable

	2026	2025
	Grants to Individuals (£)	Direct Costs (£)
Charitable Activities	1,880	874

Grants payable are included in direct costs within expenditure on charitable activities in the statement of financial activities.

8. Support Costs

	2026			2025		
	Local Authority Contract (BISS)	Charitable Activities	Total	Local Authority Contract (BISS)	Charitable Activities	Total
Premises expenses	1,080	35,335	**36,415**	1,019	14,406	**15,425**
General administration	24,054	31,701	**55,755**	23,173	31,686	**54,859**
Depreciation	-	8,604	**8,604**	-	4,922	**4,922**
Interest payable	-	932	**932**	-	1,115	**1,115**
Governance costs	-	13,541	**13,541**	-	13,109	**13,109**
	25,134	**90,113**	**115,247**	**24,192**	**65,238**	**89,430**

9. Auditor's Remuneration

Remuneration received by the charitable company's auditors and their associates during the year was as follows:

	2026	2025
Audit Services	£	£
Audit of the company's financial statements	**8,700**	**8,400**

10. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	411,625	400,171
Social security costs	39,608	30,311
Other pension costs	21,412	19,552
	472,645	**450,034**

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The cost of key management personnel amounted to £98,607 (2025: £99,305).

BucksVision had 17 members of staff, 13.13 FTE (2025 11.9 FTE)

11. Average Number of Employees

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

	2026	2025
Fundraising	2	2
Charitable Activities	9	10
Administration	6	4
	17	**16**

12. Tangible Assets

	Land & Property Leasehold	Plant & Machinery	Total
Cost	**£**	**£**	**£**
As at 1 April 2025	52,479	5,876	**58,355**
As at 31 March 2026	**52,479**	**5,876**	**58,355**
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2025	30,902	5,876	**36,778**
Provided during the period	8,604	-	**8,604**
As at 31 March 2026	**39,506**	**5,876**	**45,382**
Net Book Value			
As at 31 March 2026	12,973	-	**12,973**
As at 1 April 2025	**21,577**	**-**	**21,577**

13. Investments

	Unlisted
Cost or Valuation	**£**
As at 1 April 2025	**335,777**
Disposals	**(8,000)**
Revaluations	**35,558**
As at 31 March 2026	**363,335**

Provision	
As at 1 April 2025	**-**
As at 31 March 2026	**-**

Net Book Value	
As at 31 March 2026	**363,335**
As at 1 April 2025	**335,777**

14. Stocks

	2026	2025
	£	**£**
Stocks	2,141	1,632

15. Debtors

	2026	2025
Due within one year	**£**	**£**
Trade debtors	**250**	**25,558**
Prepayments and accrued income	**7,190**	**15,107**
As at 31 March 2026	**7,440**	**40,665**

16. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2026	2025
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,350	1,019
Other creditors	2,298	2,989
Taxation and social security	-	10,641
Accruals and deferred income	11,784	10,289
	19,432	**24,938**

17. Other Commitments

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as following:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Not later than one year	1,500	1,500
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,500	3,000
	3,000	**4,500**

18. Pension Commitments

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £21,412 (2025: £19,552).

At the balance sheet date contributions of £NIL were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

19. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 April 2025	Income	Expend-iture	Gains and Losses	Transfers	As at 31 March 2026
Unrestricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General funds:						
General unrestricted fund	157,770	88,532	(217,954)	9,505	(17,653)	20,200
Designated:						
Capital Development Reserve	23,500	-	-	-	10,000	33,500
Net Book Value Of Property And Equipment Assets	21,577	-	-	-	(8,604)	12,973
Rent Reserve	4,500	-	-	-	(1,500)	3,000
Service Support Reserve	204,000	-	-	-	-	204,000
	253,577	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(104)**	**253,473**
Total unrestricted funds	**411,347**	**88,532**	**(217,954)**	**9,505**	**(17,757)**	**273,673**

	As at 1 April 2025	Income	Expend-iture	Gains and Losses	Transfers	As at 31 March 2026
Restricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Befriending	-	16,500	(14,196)	-	-	2,304
BISS	1,219	294,492	(305,911)	-	10,200	-
Experience Day	2,830	-	(5,458)	-	2,628	-
Divisions & Clubs	375,539	55,331	(70,333)	26,053	-	386,590
MK Reader Service	103,929	34,803	(29,528)	-	-	109,204
Office Refurb	-	11,000	(3,136)	-	(7,864)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund (Core)	-	61,483	(30,741)	-	-	30,742
The National Lottery Community Fund (Refurb)	-	8,700	(20,840)	-	12,140	-
Volunteers	-	5,400	(6,040)	-	640	-
Computer Hardware	-	1,856	(1,869)	-	13	-
Walking Group	-	1,050	(1,050)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	**483,517**	**490,615**	**(489,102)**	**26,053**	**17,757**	**528,840**
Total funds	**894,864**	**579,147**	**(707,056)**	**35,558**	**-**	**802,513**

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expend-iture	Gains and Losses	Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
Unrestricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
General funds:						
General unrestricted fund	239,929	140,947	(221,662)	1,516	(2,960)	157,770
Designated:						
Capital Development Reserve	23,500	-	-	-	-	23,500
Net Book Value Of Property And Equipment Assets	4,220	-	-	-	17,357	21,577
Rent Reserve	6,000	-	-	-	(1,500)	4,500
Service Support Reserve	204,000	-	-	-	-	204,000
	237,720	**-**	**-**	**-**	**15,857**	**253,577**

Total unrestricted funds	**477,649**	**140,947**	**(221,662)**	**1,516**	**12,897**	**411,347**

	As at 1 April 2024	Income	Expend-iture	Gains and Losses	Transfers	As at 31 March 2025
Restricted funds	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Befriending	-	31,087	(31,087)	-	-	-
BISS	7,832	294,496	(301,109)	-	-	1,219
Experience Day	5,000	5,000	(7,170)	-	-	2,830
Divisions & Clubs	380,919	55,534	(68,135)	5,766	1,455	375,539
MK Reader Service	-	105,747	(1,818)	-	-	103,929
Office Refurb	5,900	18,500	(3,649)	-	(20,751)	-
Volunteers	-	500	(6,899)	-	6,399	-
Advice and Information	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	**399,651**	**530,864**	**(439,867)**	**5,766**	**(12,897)**	**483,517**

Total funds	**877,300**	**671,811**	**(661,529)**	**7,282**	**-**	**894,864**

The National Lottery Community Fund programme name is “Reaching Communities/ Partnerships”

BucksVision provided administrative support to MK Reader Service prior to the charity’s formal closure in July 2025. BucksVision received a donation (£92.5k) from MK Reader Service in March 2025 and a further £10.7k in the 2025/2026 financial year, to continue to deliver these services going forward.

The Divisions and Clubs of BucksVision are managed by individual management committees and deliver social activities in defined geographical areas. These activities (and associated income and expenditure) are restricted to helping people in their local areas only.

The LA contract (BISS) is delivered on behalf of Buckinghamshire Council to support people with sensory loss across the county.

Advice and information are provided to support people contacting the charity for help, including support with aids and equipment.

Befriending services provide volunteer in-person and telephone befrienders to people with sight loss to reduce social isolation.

Experience days are run across the charity’s local area to ensure that people with sight loss are not isolated at home and can enjoy a wide range of interesting days out with their peers.

Office refurbishment is for refurbishment of BucksVision’s office in Aylesbury and covers improving insulation, lighting and decorative repair of the premises.

Volunteer services include the running of social clubs and activities across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

20. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Travel	324	599

Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses during the year was 5 (2025: 1)

Visually impaired directors receive services on the same basis and terms as those provided to all visually impaired members.

21. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.