# Telephones for the Blind Fund

# Trustees Report and Financial Statements For the Year Ending 31st December 2025

President **Alan Titchmarsh**
Registered Charity Number **255155**

# Telephones for the Blind Fund

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Registered Charity No. 255155

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# Telephones for the Blind Fund

## Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2025

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ending 31st December 2025.

### STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### Registration

Telephones for the Blind Fund is registered under the Charities Act 1960. The registered charity number is 255155.

#### Governing Document

The Fund is governed by a written constitution which sets out the rules and objectives under which they may operate. This was adopted on 18th January 1968. There have been four amendments, all of which have been notified to, and approved by, the Charity Commissioners.

#### Governing Body

A committee of trustees whose powers and responsibilities are defined in the constitution coordinates the activities of the Telephones for the Blind Fund. The trustees also decide on the general policy to be adopted in pursuance of the objectives of the Fund. The committee of trustees during the financial year being reported on are set out on page 1.

Trustees are elected for a period of one year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Fund. They are eligible for re-election at the next and subsequent AGM. In addition, the Trustees may co-opt up to two Trustees between Annual General Meetings but their appointment must be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting.

#### Organisational Management

The Trustees determine the strategic policy of the Fund and review its overall management and control for which they are legally responsible. They meet regularly throughout the year.

#### Risk Management

The Trustees are responsible for the risks faced by the Fund. A review of the Risk Analysis of the Fund's activities is carried out annually so that preventative measures can be taken to minimise any areas of risk identified.

# Telephones for the Blind Fund

## Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2025 (Continued)

### OBJECTS, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

### Objects

The objects of the Telephones for the Blind Fund are the relief of the blind or visually impaired and in furtherance thereof

a) to provide telephones for the benefit of the blind or visually impaired residents and
b) to raise funds for the above purposes.

### Aim

The aim of the Committee of Trustees is to contribute towards quarterly telephone rental costs, and where a new telephone line installation is required, the Committee currently pays 100% of the cost. To provide a free, user friendly, mobile phone suitable for use by Blind persons, to existing and new clients.

### Objectives

The Trustees' objectives for the year were to maintain the current criteria for eligibility for payment of a contribution, grant or provision of a free mobile phone. These criteria are that the applicant must be:

1. Registered blind or visually Impaired
2. Usually living alone, often alone, or living with a partner also handicapped by disability or age. In a Care Home, the applicant must be in his or her own room.
3. Cannot be expected to afford a telephone from own or family resources.
4. Must have been refused assistance by the Local Authority under the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act.

Applications by email for grants must be submitted by a rehabilitation or social worker on the charity's grant application form which requires endorsement by the sponsor. This arrangement minimises the possibility of fraudulent applications. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

### Grant making

Decisions on eligibility are delegated to a sub-committee consisting of three committee members. Day to day responsibility for payments for telephone rentals and installation is delegated to the Treasurer.

### Fundraising

The charity generates income from sundry donations from individuals and other organisations.

### RESERVES POLICY

### General Reserves

Reserves are built up in order to maintain continuing costs of new installations of telephone lines, provision of mobile phones and the line rental charges for our existing clients.

### Bank/Cash Reserves

A cash balance is maintained to ensure that the Fund can maintain its efficient level of service to existing clients to whom it is committed for as long as its support is needed.

### REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

### Organisational Performance

The fund continues to receive donations and these are passed on to Individual Technology Solutions Ltd.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Total income during 2025 was £57,132 (2024: £10,661) and the net expenditure for the year was £34,120 which includes donations of £33,520 to our related charitable company (2024: £10,104). During the year, the charity received a legacy of £56,000 from the estate of Mrs Hindmarsh. At 31st December 2025, the charity had reserves of £31,412 (2024- £8,400).

### FUTURE PLANS

The investment portfolio was transferred to its related organisation, Individual Technology Solutions Limited in January 2023, a charitable company which has the same aims and objectives as Telephones for the Blind. The trustees of Telephones for the Blind are also trustees of Individual Technology Solutions Limited.

The charity continues to receive legacy donations from various individuals and organisations, and these will continue to be passed on to Individual Technology Solutions.

### PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have complied with the requirement of the Charities Acts to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

# Telephones for the Blind Fund

## Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st December 2025 (Continued)

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

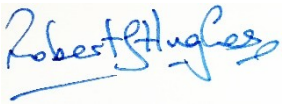
Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare statements of account for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at any time, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and ensuring their proper application in accordance with charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud or other irregularities.

### APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on …….. and signed on their behalf.



**R Hughes**
**Chairman**

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

# Telephones for the Blind Fund

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 9 and 10. .

**Responsibilities and basis of report**
As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as required under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in any material respect:

(i) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
(ii) That the accounts do not accord with those records
(iii) That the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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David Wheeler FCCA
Independent examiner

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Date ……..

# Telephones for the Blind Fund
## Statement of financial activities
## (including income and expenditure account)
## for the year ended 31st December 2025

## GENERAL FUND

| | Notes | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **INCOME** | | **£** | **£** |
| **Income and endowments from** | | | |
| Donations | | 1,050 | 10,622 |
| Legacies | | 56,000 | - |
| Bank interest | | 82 | 39 |
| **TOTAL INCOME** | | 57,132 | 10,661 |
| **EXPENDITURE** | | | |
| **Expenditure on:** | | | |
| **Charitable Activities** | | | |
| Donation to associated charity | | 33,520 | 9,250 |
| Governance costs | 2 | 600 | 496 |
| Other | | - | 358 |
| | | 34,120 | 10,104 |
| **NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)** | | 23,012 | 557 |
| **NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR** | | 23,012 | 557 |
| **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** | | | |
| Funds brought forward 1st January 2025 | | 8,400 | 7,843 |
| **FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 31st DECEMBER 2025** | | 31,412 | 8,400 |

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts

# Telephones for the Blind Fund

## Balance sheet as at 31st December 2025

| | Notes | 2025 £ | 2024 £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | | |
| Bank accounts | | 32,012 | 8,880 |
| **TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS** | | 32,012 | 8,880 |
| **CREDITORS:** **Amounts falling due within one year** | | 600 | 480 |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | | 31,412 | 8,400 |
| **TOTAL NET ASSETS** | | £31,412 | £8,400 |
| **FUNDS OF THE CHARITY** | | | |
| **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS** | | £31,412 | £8,400 |

Approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:



..... R Hughes - Chairman



K Bridge - Hon. Treasurer

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these accounts.

# Telephones for the Blind Fund
## Notes to the accounts
## 31st December 2025

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The charity is registered in England and Wales.

1.1 **Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011. The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 **Income**

Income is recognised in the accounts when due and receivable.

1.3 **Expenditure**

Expenditure is allocated to expense headings on a direct cost basis. VAT is not recoverable by the charity and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.4 **Fixed asset Investments**

Investments are revalued to market value as at the balance sheet date and the surplus or deficit of this revaluation is shown as unrealised gains or losses on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the sales proceeds and the opening market value or their purchase value if acquired the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value.

### 2. GOVERNANCE COSTS

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Independent examiner's fee | 600 | 480 |
| | 600 | 480 |

The average number of employees in the year was nil (2024 – Nil).

## 3. TRUSTEES' EXPENSES & REMUNERATION

None of the trustees claimed any expenses during the year, nor did any receive any remuneration.

## 4. BANK ACCOUNTS

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank current account | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Bank deposit account | 24,512 | 1,380 |
| | 32,012 | 8,880 |

## 5. CURRENT LIABILITIES

| | 2025 | 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ |
| Accrued expenses | £600 | £480 |

## 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Telephones for the Blind Fund transferred their operations to Individual Technology Solutions Ltd in January 2023. The trustees of Telephones for the Blind are also directors of Individual Technology Solutions Ltd.

Telephones for the Blind Fund received a legacy of £56,000 in the year and donations of £33,520 were made to Individual Technology Solutions Limited in the year.

A further donation of £20,000 to Individual Technology Solutions Limited was made shortly after the year end.