



Blackpool Carers Centre

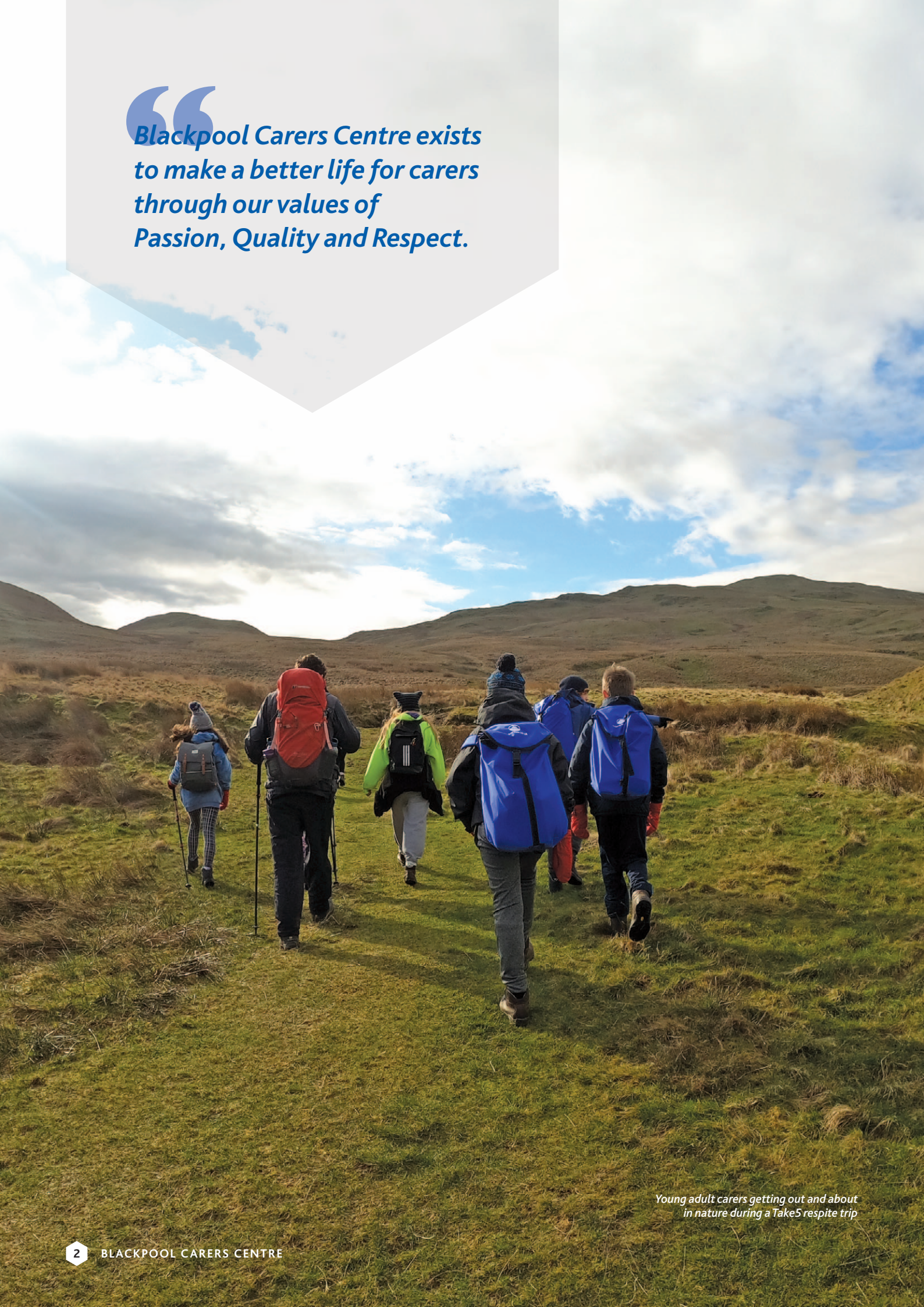
Quality • Passion • Respect

Charity No. 1114558

2023-24 ANNUAL REVIEW

MAKING A BETTER LIFE FOR CARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

“*Blackpool Carers Centre exists to make a better life for carers through our values of Passion, Quality and Respect.*”



Young adult carers getting out and about in nature during a Take5 respite trip

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Carers and loved ones enjoying festive fayre, playing games and making decorations at our dementia carers' Christmas Party

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2023/24 Annual Review from Blackpool Carers Centre. This year has been one of growth and progress, with new carers and families accessing our services and an increasing number of supporters joining us in making a difference to carers' lives.

It is our privilege to present this year's review, which highlights another successful year for the Carers Centre. We owe a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and students, whose passion, quality, and respect are the driving force behind the positive impact we achieve. Their commitment ensures that carers across Blackpool receive the very best support.

We are also immensely grateful for the growing number of individuals and corporate supporters who continue to raise awareness of unpaid carers and their challenges across various

organisations and communities. Your contributions help to keep carers' needs a priority on the agenda across the town

This year has been marked by hard work, significant achievements, and the continued development of our services. We remain deeply thankful to our funders, supporters, and donors, whose generosity and belief in our mission enable us to make a meaningful difference. Together, we have reached more isolated carers of all ages, creating better lives for many in Blackpool.



You meet all sorts on our respite trips! One of our carers' particular favourites is Barton Grange.



Local primary school pupils had lots of fun during a visit to Beaverbrooks House

Sarah Lambert
Chair of Trustees

Tom McMurdo
Director of Finance & Resources



BBC Breakfast with Jayne McCubbin reporting from Beaverbrooks House, to find out "who cares for the carers?"



Young carer reaching new heights during a Take5 respite trip to Clip 'n' Climb

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2015 (frsse).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name

Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd

Registered Company number

05633524 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1114558

Registered office

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J Topping
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S Howarth
S Leighton
B Reilly

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Mrs Danielle Barnett
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Mr Clive Hirst

KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The Trustees delegate responsibility for the day-to-day management of the charity to the following senior employees:

- Nigel McMurdo - Director of Operations
- Tom McMurdo - Director of Finance and Resources
- Alison Brown - Director of Young Carers

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charitable Company (hereafter referred to as "the Charity") is controlled by its governing document, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the board of trustees comprises not less than three trustees but not more than 12 trustees.

The Board is responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new Trustees. Each year a skills audit is undertaken and if gaps are identified, a recruitment process takes place. The recruitment process has been developed in order to attract a diverse group of

trustees with appropriate skills, knowledge and experience.

Occasionally potential trustees register an interest in the organisation.

Following this, a meeting is arranged with the Chair and a Director and the trustee is held on a waiting list until an appropriate vacancy arises.

Induction and training of new trustees

Once a decision has been made to take up a Board position, Trustees receive an induction pack containing the annual report, strategy and business plan and detailed information about the organisation and the personal commitment required. Trustees are invited to visit Beaverbrooks House and shadow workers in order to ensure a detailed understanding of the work carried out.

Each year a Board Development Day is held, when trustees, supported by senior staff, take part in governance training and review the strategy, developing new ideas and learning about each other's roles.

Organisational structure

The activities of the organisation are governed by the board of trustees, all of whom are directors. The board has established an Audit and Governance Sub-Committee.

Board meetings are held quarterly, and a board assurance framework has been established in order to guide the board and sub-committee agenda.

The Treasurer works closely with the finance team to provide assurance to the board around organisational finance.

The Board of Trustees appoints the Board of Directors who report to the Board on the operational running of the organisation.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Trustees' attendance at board meetings

Trustee	09.05.23	14.08.23	13.11.23	12.02.24
Sarah Lambert (Chair)	x	✓	✓	✓
Alison Gilmore (Treasurer)	x	✓	x	✓
John Topping	✓	x	✓	✓
Sian Howarth	x	x	✓	x
Anthony Ward	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tracy Jackson (Vice Chair)	✓	✓	✓	x
Sarah Leighton	x	✓	✓	✓
Ben Reilly	✓	✓	✓	✓

Related parties

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefits from their work with the charity. Trustees are invited to declare any relevant interests at each board meeting, and formally requested to submit an annual register of interests form.

Blackpool Carers' Centre Ltd is a network partner of Carers Trust.

Remuneration policy

The board is responsible for considering the remuneration of all staff, taking account of the skills and experience required, as well as the sector norms for charities of this size. Staff pay is reviewed by the board of trustees and a full pay review has been conducted with a new salary structure in place.

Risk management

The board follows a comprehensive risk management policy which clearly defines the roles of the board, audit committee and staff in identifying and managing risks, and how the register of risks should be used as a live document.

The board has a risk matrix to identify all major risks. Each risk is scheduled for attention according to the severity of its potential impact and the Audit and Governance Sub-Committee manages the risk process.

MarkSafety Limited has been employed to manage Health and Safety.

Relationships with funders are maintained and regarded as high priority in order to develop sustainable and diverse funding streams.

Quality

Blackpool Carers Centre holds the Trusted Charity Level 1 Quality Mark and is a Carers Trust Centre of Excellence.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Charity's objects as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are:

- For the public benefit, to relieve the stresses experienced by carers and the families of people with physical, mental, sensory impairment or substance misuse problems, within the family or home, through the provision of support services and the promotion of the needs of carers on the Fylde Coast and surrounding areas.
- To advance public education concerning carers.
- To undertake any other charitable activity in connection with the above.

Purpose

The charity has a clear and easily understandable purpose which is to make 'A Better Life for Carers'.

Public Benefit

The trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in setting its strategy and when planning for the future. The charity supports carers from age of 5 who live, attend school/college or have a GP in Blackpool. A wide variety of support is offered to carers, families and professionals without charge.

We provide:

- One to one intensive support plans;
- Respite activities including youth clubs, trips and activities- age specific
- Beaverbrooks House as a venue for respite and ad hoc support
- Benefits advice
- School liaison
- Information and advice
- Volunteering opportunities
- Dementia training
- Substance Misuse project
- Mental Health support
- Emergency and small grants
- Whole family support
- Hospital based service
- Magazine

In order to ensure that resources are allocated effectively and to reduce dependency on services, initial assessments identify carers who are in the highest need according to a 'red/amber/green' status. The most complex families receive time limited, intensive packages of support intended to improve the quality of their lives. At the end of the support plan, carers are able to access peer or volunteer led support alongside organised events and activities.

Beaverbrooks House is open 5 days a week from 8.00am to 6.00pm with activities also taking place most weekends. Carers can call into Beaverbrooks House at any time to use facilities, gardens, take part in activities or seek advice and support. By embedding ourselves in our community, we are able to introduce the concept of caring and its potential impact on individuals/ families and educate all our stakeholders in the services that we offer.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

Charitable activities

In order to deliver our purpose, we have developed a strategy focusing on four areas and this is reviewed annually. With the use of an operational plan, we review how our activities have performed against outputs and outcomes. We report on impact and ensure that all planned activities will achieve our purpose. Regular reviews allow trustees to build on the successes and learn when things go wrong in order to feed into a cycle of continuous development.

A. Carers

We will:

- Deliver excellent carer-led, time-limited and outcome focussed support to carers and their families
- Be the Single Point of Access for all carers in Blackpool
- Identify hidden carers each year.
- Increase the understanding of carers within the local community each year

B. People - Developing a high-quality team of staff, volunteers, students and partners and be an employer of choice.

We will:

- Provide a values driven, performance based learning culture for our team
- Grow our own workforce; providing excellent training with opportunities for progression and continuous development.
- Increase our capacity through providing a safe, supportive and stimulating placement for staff, students and volunteers
- Be an employer of choice.

C. Resources – Developing a sustainable future.

We will:

- Develop and maintain strong relationships with a diverse range of funders and partners, focusing on unrestricted income streams
- Develop a sustainable and vibrant carers centre
- Achieve net carbon neutrality
- Deliver excellence in governance and financial management.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Over 2023/24:

For adult carers:

- 460 carers were signposted to partner services;
- 2,426 1:1 support sessions were provided;
- 1,094 adult carers accessed support;
- 567 referrals for support;
- 1,010 welfare checks made for adult carers;
- 260 training places provided for carers caring for those suffering from dementia;
- 248 face-to-face benefits reviews, applications and appeals;
- £363,405.88 is the total value of benefits that have been accessed for carers.

For young carers:

- 253 referrals for support;
- 505 young carers accessed support;
- 5,428 instances of support provided;
- 790 instances of partnership working;
- 111 multiagency meetings attended on behalf of young carers

For young adult carers

- 32 YACs were signposted to partner organisations;
- 287 instances of support provided;
- 28 referrals for young adult carer support;
- 111 young adult carers specific respite sessions have taken place.

Resources

We are particularly indebted to the many funders who have provided vital support this year. We are indebted to The Beaverbrooks Charitable Trust, who have not only provided Beaverbrooks House at a peppercorn rent for 20 years, but also provide the funding for our Volunteer Coordinator.

In addition to monetary support we have been fortunate to benefit from many pro bono supporters who provide professional guidance and corporate resources.

We very much appreciate the kindness of all our supporters who so generously fundraise and volunteer to make a better life for carers.

Passion, Quality, Respect

As part of our commitment to our staff, students and volunteers, we have introduced a values-based performance management system. This has seen the end of annual appraisals with monthly live time feedback, matched against our values.

Donations

We make every penny count. For every £1 we spend on fundraising, we bring in £20.60 to support more local carers (2023: £18.95).

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial review and reserves

The results of the Group are summarised on the Statement of Financial Activities.

The closing reserves are shown on the Balance Sheet.

The group has reserves of £1,316,547 at the year end.

Of this total; £1,011,356 are designated funds which represent the net book value (after depreciation) of donated assets received in respect of leasehold improvements during the DIYSOS: BBC Children in Need Big Build in 2016 and the capital expenditure on the annexe development during 2023. There are also designated funds of £250,000 for young carers, £131,555 towards the Hospital Project and £199,715 for the Family Focus Project. This leaves a balance of £305,191 constituting free reserves.

The Charity's reserves policy is to hold a level of 3-6 months free reserves equating to the unrestricted direct charitable costs for the year, being approximately £51,446 per month.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES continued

The free reserves of £305,191 currently represent around 6 months' worth of those costs.

The Trustees will endeavour to retain this level in the future.

Investment policy and objectives

The Charity is holding £200,000 in a deposit Bond for safekeeping.

Future Developments

During 2024 we will be focusing on:

- developing our work to offer the most holistic support possible to carers, by building new avenues of work with our statutory partners ;
- identifying more carers at an early stage in their caring role by improving our external communications with professionals, families, businesses and the public generally;
- improving the service offer to our Young Adult Carers;
- securing long term funding for our Family Focus project, supporting young carers affected by parental mental ill health and substance misuse.

Importantly, as the Health and Social Care landscape shifts, we will develop new ways of working that align with the priorities of our statutory partners.

OUR FUNDRAISING PRACTICE

Blackpool Carers Centre Ltd has moved away from a heavy reliance on statutory funding from the local authority. Instead, the Charity is developing and widening its income streams to ensure a sustainable future.

Our approach to fundraising is based on building and maintaining key relationships. We take this approach seriously, ensuring that donors feel fully involved in our work and able to see clearly why their donations are making a better life for carers. Whilst we accept single donations, we do not actively seek them. Our best fundraisers are the service delivery team who deliver excellence in their daily work.

Passionate, committed donors who understand the value of unpaid carers will often become informal ambassadors. We aim to connect with donors and help them to understand why donations are important and how their money will be used. We offer our donors choice and focus on the impact of their donations. We consult with donors regularly. Many donors accept recognition whereas some of our donors request anonymity.

Our Head of Fundraising holds the MInstF (Cert) qualification from the Institute of Fundraising (IoF). We have subscribed to the IoF's Code of Fundraising Practice and pro-actively adhere to the code by training all staff and volunteers in its contents.

As a result of our relationship approach, we do not approach individuals for donations and we have not received any fundraising complaints. There is a clear process to deal with complaints.

GOING CONCERN

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, which the Trustees consider to be appropriate having considered the foreseeable future. The Charitable Company holds reserves which are sufficiently in line with its reserves policy.

MEASURING PERFORMANCE

The charity employs a number of tools to measure the performance of each of its projects. All carers across the service receive a pre and post intervention assessment, enabling a measure to be taken of the impact achieved by each project, both collectively and individually with carers and their families.

Quantitative information is generated through each contact made, with a range of key performance indicators, including referral numbers, instances of 1:1 support and activity attendances, all being regularly assessed to ensure quality throughout the service.

Qualitative information, most frequently communicated through case studies, is used to give a holistic picture of a case, both internally to measure performance and externally to inform our partners.

EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The charity's policy is to promote equality of opportunity to all in employment and throughout the selection process, irrespective of their gender, race, ethnic origin, disability, age, nationality, sexuality, marital status and social class. Blackpool Carers oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination.

All employees, students and volunteers are treated fairly and equally. Selection for employment, promotion, training and any other benefits is on the basis of aptitude and ability. All employees are helped and encouraged to further develop to their full potential and the talents and the resources of the workforce are fully utilised to maximise the efficiency of the organisation.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Blackpool Carers Centre Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to 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 auditors are unaware; and
- 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 auditors are aware of that information.

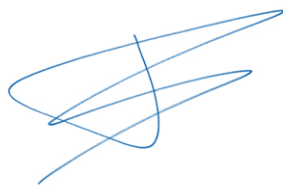
AUDITORS

The auditors, Champion Accountants LLP will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



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A Gilmore - Trustee



.....
Mr T W McMurdo - Secretary

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackpool Carers Centre Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31st March 2024 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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 Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- 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.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees 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.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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 Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charitable company's / Group's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's / Group's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' 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/Group and the Charitable Company's / Group's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31st March 2024 (incorporating income and expenditure account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	173,021	424,083	597,104	532,674
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable activities	5	460,166	6,116	466,282	385,160
Other trading activities	3	97,913	-	97,913	88,043
Investment income	4	14,486	-	14,486	5,376
Total		<u>745,586</u>	<u>430,199</u>	<u>1,175,785</u>	<u>1,011,253</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	6	57,056	-	57,056	53,345
Charitable activities					
Direct charitable activities	7	617,354	430,199	1,047,553	1,010,108
Total		<u>674,410</u>	<u>430,199</u>	<u>1,104,609</u>	<u>1,063,453</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS					
		71,176	-	71,176	(52,200)
Gross transfers between funds	19	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME		<u>71,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,176</u>	<u>(52,200)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>1,297,571</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>

The consolidated figures above include the results of the Charity which had income for the year of £1,157,217 (2023: £1,000,157) and a net surplus of £72,921 (2023: -£51,866).

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEETS

as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	Consolidated		Charity	
		2024 Group £	2023 Group £	2024 Charity £	2023 Charity £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14	430,086	474,378	424,586	467,044
Investments	15	-	-	100	100
		<u>430,086</u>	<u>474,378</u>	<u>424,686</u>	<u>467,144</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock - raw materials		2,326	3,690	2,326	3,690
Debtors	16	81,364	142,753	80,062	153,038
Investments	17	831,623	646,588	831,623	646,588
Cash at bank		161,765	105,861	152,608	85,205
		<u>1,077,078</u>	<u>898,892</u>	<u>1,066,619</u>	<u>888,521</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(190,617)</u>	<u>(127,899)</u>	<u>(189,177)</u>	<u>(126,458)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>886,461</u>	<u>770,993</u>	<u>877,442</u>	<u>762,063</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,316,547	1,245,371	1,302,128	1,229,207
NET ASSETS		<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>1,302,128</u>	<u>1,229,207</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds:	19				
General fund		305,191	423,160	298,104	414,328
Designated fund – leasehold improvements donated*		1,011,356	822,211	1,004,024	814,879
		<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>1,302,128</u>	<u>1,004,024</u>
Restricted fund		-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>1,302,128</u>	<u>1,229,207</u>

*The designated fund represents the net book value (after depreciation) of donated assets received in respect of leasehold improvements. This does not represent available liquid resources.

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 the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on

and were signed on its behalf by:



A Gilmore -Trustee

Registered Company Number: 05633524 (England and Wales); Charity Number: 1114558

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>227,203</u>	<u>(42,078)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>227,203</u>	<u>(42,075)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(751)	(17,232)
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Interest received		<u>14,486</u>	<u>5,376</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>13,735</u>	<u>(11,856)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		240,939	(53,934)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>752,449</u>	<u>806,383</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>993,388</u></u>	<u><u>752,449</u></u>

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	71,176	(52,200)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	45,042	52,098
Interest received	(14,486)	(5,376)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	1,364	(3,117)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	61,389	(79,607)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	62,718	46,124
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	<u>227,203</u>	<u>(42,078)</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st March 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Group Financial Statements

These Financial Statements consolidate the results of the charity, and its subsidiary: Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Limited on a line by line basis. Details of the relationship between these entities are included in the notes to the Financial Statements.

Income

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

Grants are credited to income (voluntary income; where no conditions are attached) as they are received except where there is confirmation from the donor that these should be deferred, to be matched against future costs.

Expenditure

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

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.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs

There is only one charitable activity heading, and a very small proportion of charitable activities are attributed to fund raising, therefore to reallocate support costs to this heading would be meaningless and the figures involved immaterial.

Only costs formerly included in governance are shown as support costs and allocated to charitable activities. Since there is only one charitable activity heading, all costs are included there.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold improvements	- 5% straight line over the life of the lease
Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

Donated assets and services

In accordance with the Charity SORP, donated services are included in the accounts at the value they would have otherwise have been if paid for by a customer. Donated goods are included at the cost to the donor. The resulting amount is shown within donation income on the Statement of Financial Activities, with a corresponding cost heading within charitable activities. Items that would normally be capitalised are included as fixed assets and depreciated over the life of the asset as noted above. The value of volunteer labour is not included within the Accounts except as a narrative note valued by taking the amount of time given multiplied by a reasonable rate per hour (such as national minimum wage). Goods donated for re-sale, especially those that are difficult to place a value on, are not included within the accounts (as income or stock) until the items are sold when the price sold for is recorded as income.

Investments

Investments are shown at market value.

Stock

Stocks are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES – Charity and Group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	70,772	95,512
Grants	494,367	404,975
Donated services	31,965	32,187
	<u>597,104</u>	<u>532,674</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Beaverbrooks Charitable Trust	28,000	21,000
Blackpool CCG - Connect 5	25,350	25,350
Blackpool Council – Cost of Living	-	24,188
Blackpool Council – Home Recovery	-	25,000
Blackpool Council – Household Support	-	5,500
Blackpool Council – Managing Challenging Behaviour	26,575	26,575
Cares Trust – Making Carers Count	39,540	39,540
Carers Trust – Employability	15,000	-
Carers Trust – Time for Me	-	5,135
Children in Need	39,878	40,729
Eric Wright Charitable Trust	30,000	48,500
Henry Smith	39,570	-
ICB – VCFCE Transformation	70,284	-
Individual grant	9,912	12,049
The National Lottery Community Fund – RC North West Region	99,181	99,181
The National Lottery Community Fund – Know Your Neighbourhood	22,494	-
RISE	8,500	-
St James' Place Charitable Trust	4,375	7,500
UK Community Foundations	35,708	-
Vera Wolstencroft Trust	-	24,728
	<u>494,367</u>	<u>404,975</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising and events - charity	79,344	76,947
Trading - subsidiary	18,569	11,096
	<u>97,913</u>	<u>88,043</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME - Charity & Group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	14,486	5,376
Interest receivable – trading	-	-
	<u>14,486</u>	<u>5,314</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES - Charity & Group

	2024	2023
	£	£
	Activity	
Social work, student placements	Direct charitable activities	8,020
Contract income	Direct charitable activities	361,496
Support services	Direct charitable activities	15,644
	<u>466,282</u>	<u>385,160</u>

	2024	2023
	£	£

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

Blackpool CCG - Adult Carers' Support	193,873	193,873
Blackpool CCG - Carers Break and Relief Fund	10,312	10,312
Blackpool CCG - Dementia Support	77,343	77,343
Blackpool CCG - Young Carers' Support	64,968	64,968
Blackpool Council - Early Help	35,000	8,750
Blackpool Council - HAF	6,115	-
ICB - TOCH	56,250	6,250
	<u>443,861</u>	<u>361,496</u>

6. RAISING FUNDS - Charity & Group

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising costs - Charity	36,741	41,914
Charity shops and trading - subsidiary	20,315	11,431
	<u>57,056</u>	<u>53,345</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS - Charity & Group

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (see note 8)	Support costs (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£	
Direct charitable activities	<u>1,024,766</u>	<u>12,446</u>	<u>10,341</u>	<u>1,047,553</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

8. GRANTS PAYABLE - Charity & Group

Grants paid to individuals amount to £12,446 (2023: £20,089).

9. SUPPORT COSTS – Group

	Governance costs £
Direct charitable activities - Charity	<u>10,341</u>

10. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) - Group

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration – charity	8,280	7,920
Accountancy fees – subsidiary	1,440	1,440
Depreciation – owned assets	12,542	18,607
Depreciation – donated assets	32,500	32,500

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses in the year ended 31 March 2024.

12. STAFF COSTS - Charity & Group

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	651,476	602,988
Social security costs	55,627	53,426
Other pension costs	<u>19,566</u>	<u>19,124</u>
	<u>726,669</u>	<u>675,538</u>

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

	2024	2023
Charity	24	23
Subsidiary	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Group total	<u>24</u>	<u>23</u>

The key management personnel of the Charity are noted in the Trustees Report. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £151,449 (2023: £144,518).

No member of staff was paid more than £60,000 during the year (being the reportable limit specified by the Charity Commission).

There are pension contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date of £46 (2023: £811).

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13. GRANT INCOME IN ADVANCE – Charity (note 18)

	As at 1/4/23 £	Movement £	As at 31/3/24 £
National Lottery Community Fund - Reaching Communities	32,116	(15,136)	16,980
Blackpool Council - Early Help	26,250	-	26,250
Children in Need	6,663	(20)	6,643
Henry Smith	-	28,231	28,231
The Community Foundation - Moore & Smalley	-	3,933	3,933
ICB - TOCH	18,750	(18,750)	-
ICB - VCFSE Transformation	-	74,540	74,540
St James' Place Charitable Trust	4,375	(4,375)	-
	<u>88,154</u>	<u>68,423</u>	<u>156,577</u>
Group total	<u>88,154</u>	<u>68,423</u>	<u>156,577</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

14 a) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - Group

	Leasehold Improvements (Donated) £	Improve- ments Property £	Plant to Machinery £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Vehicles £	Totals £
COST						
At 1st April 2023	580,234	8,987	137,948	55,250	31,540	813,959
Additions/(Disposals)	-	-	751	-	-	751
At 31st March 2024	580,234	8,987	138,699	55,250	31,540	814,710
DEPRECIATION						
At 1st April 2023	155,808	4,951	110,632	39,027	29,162	339,580
Charge for year	32,500	1,008	6,884	4,056	595	45,043
At 31st March 2024	188,308	5,959	117,516	43,083	29,757	384,623
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31st March 2024	391,926	3,028	21,183	12,167	1,783	430,086
At 31st March 2023	424,426	4,035	27,316	16,223	2,378	474,378

14 b) TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - Charity

	Leasehold Improvements (Donated) £	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicle £	Totals £
COST					
At 1st April 2023	580,234	137,948	48,794	31,540	798,516
Additions/Disposals	-	751	-	-	751
At 31st March 2024	580,234	138,699	48,794	31,540	799,267
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st April 2023	155,808	110,632	35,870	29,162	331,471
Charge for year	32,500	6,884	3,231	595	43,209
At 31st March 2024	188,308	117,516	39,101	29,756	374,681
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31st March 2024	391,926	21,183	9,693	1,784	424,586
At 31st March 2023	424,426	27,316	12,924	2,378	467,044

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

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15. SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

The Charity has one trading subsidiary: Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales which is consolidated into the results of the Charity. The Charity owns the entire share capital of the trading subsidiary, being 100 £1 ordinary shares.

The audited Financial Statements of Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd for the year ended 31st March 2024 are filed with the Registrar of Companies. A summary of the trading results of Blackpool Carers Centre Trading Ltd are shown below:

	2024 £
Turnover	18,569
Cost of sales	<u>(2,909)</u>
Gross profit	15,660
Administrative and finance costs	(15,573)
Depreciation	<u>(1,833)</u>
Net Profit for the year	<u><u>(1,746)</u></u>

The aggregate of assets, liabilities and reserves is:

	2024 £
Fixed Assets	5,500
Current Assets	11,083
Current Liabilities	<u>(2,064)</u>
Total reserves	<u><u>14,519</u></u>

16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	65,624	131,021	63,698	130,390
Inter company account	-	-	624	10,916
Other debtors	6,704	2,392	6,704	2,392
Prepayments	<u>9,036</u>	<u>9,340</u>	<u>9,036</u>	<u>9,340</u>
	<u><u>81,364</u></u>	<u><u>142,753</u></u>	<u><u>80,062</u></u>	<u><u>153,038</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

17. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Unlisted investments - bonds and deposits	831,623	646,526	831,623	646,526

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	8,195	28,599	8,195	28,599
Social security and other taxes	14,265	811	14,265	811
Accruals and deferred income (note 13)	156,577	88,154	156,577	88,154
Accrued expenses	11,580	10,334	10,140	8,894
	<u>190,617</u>	<u>127,899</u>	<u>189,177</u>	<u>126,458</u>

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - Charity & Group

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Designated fund - Charity	814,879	72,921	-	887,800
General fund - Charity	414,328	-	-	414,328
Designated fund - Subsidiary	7,332	(1,832)	-	5,500
General fund - Subsidiary	8,832	87	-	8,919
	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>71,176</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund - Charity & Group	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,245,371</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds: Group

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets	-	430,086	430,086
Current Assets	-	1,077,078	1,077,078
Current Liabilities	-	(190,617)	(190,617)
Net Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>	<u>1,316,547</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued

for the year ended 31st March 2024

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - Charity & Group - Continued

Analysis of net assets between funds: Charity

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets and Investments	-	424,686	424,686
Current Assets	-	1,066,619	1,066,619
Current Liabilities	-	(189,177)	(189,177)
Net Assets	-	1,302,128	1,302,128

Designated funds are allocated as follows: £430,086 is a designated fund which represents the net book value (after depreciation) of leasehold improvements donated in 2017 and for further assets purchased in 2023), £250,000 is designated for specific elements of the Young Carers programme, £131,555 is designated for hospital discharge and rehabilitation and £199,715 is designated for Family Focus. This leaves a balance of £305,191 constituting general / free reserves.

The transfer from restricted funds to unrestricted funds represents costs incurred in head office and central activities relating to restricted projects which have been re-charged by way of a management recharge.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the charity incurred net income totalling £14,000 in relation to the trading subsidiary. The balance owed by the trading subsidiary at the year end, and shown within debtors is £624 (2022 creditors: £32,776).

21. DONATED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The figure recognised as income/expenditure relating to donated services and facilities may be summarised as follows:

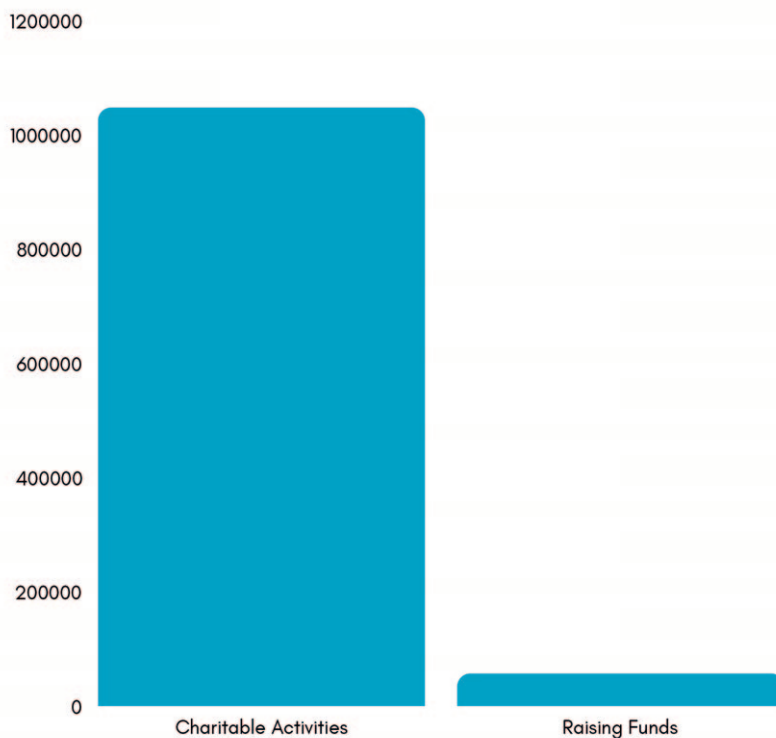
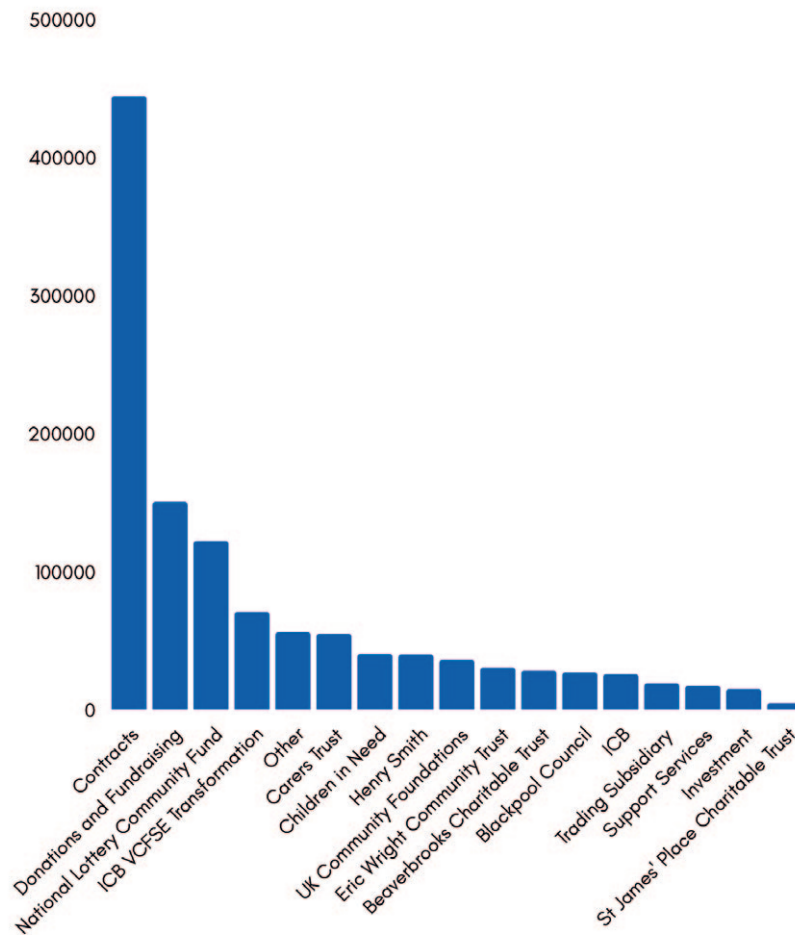
General donations	£ 11,966
Notional annual rent- Beaverbrooks House	20,000
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	31,966

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Comparative figures for the year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	130,894	401,780	532,674
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable activities	385,160	-	385,160
Other trading activities	88,043	-	88,043
Investment income	5,376	-	5,376
Total	<u>609,473</u>	<u>401,780</u>	<u>1,011,253</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	53,345	-	53,345
Charitable activities			
Direct charitable activities	<u>608,328</u>	<u>401,780</u>	<u>1,010,108</u>
Total	<u>661,673</u>	<u>401,780</u>	<u>1,063,453</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE TRANSFERS	(52,200)	-	(52,200)
Gross transfers between funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME	(52,200)	-	(52,200)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,297,571</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,297,571</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>1,245,371</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,245,371</u></u>

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