

## ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (continued)

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**Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:-**

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**Chairman**

Date: 29 May 2025

**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**SCOTTISH CHARITY NO. SC008915**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their Report.**

**Principal Policies to Achieve Objectives**

The Trust is using income to pay for aids for clients and for direct financial grants to clients with particular requirements, resulting from their blindness. The Society is also supporting the work of North East Sensory Services, who hold the contract to provide services to the blind and partially sighted in Angus, to ensure that the maximum benefit is achieved from the contract.

**Investment Policy and Performance**

The Trustees have the power of investment as is generally appointed to the Trustees and there are no specific policies laid down. The Society retains in the Bank/Building Society accounts, sufficient reserves to cover a year's expected costs. The balance of Liquid Reserves are invested in a low/medium risk Portfolio.

**Financial Information & Future Developments**

The provision of service for blind clients in Angus is the responsibility of Angus Council, who have contracted with North East Sensory Services to provide the service. Angus Society is in direct contact with the workers who submit requests for aids, grants etc and the Rehabilitation Worker meets regularly with the Trustees to update them of how the work is proceeding, and to discuss future needs for financial support for the clients. The Society also facilitates the work by provision of suitable office accommodation. A grant is given to NESS to pay part of the costs of a part-time Volunteer co-ordinator, who runs groups in various burghs in the County. The Society is also supporting the running of awareness sessions for volunteers, social workers etc.

**Reserves Policy**

The Society is aiming to preserve its Capital and utilise the income thereon to support the blind and partially-sighted people of Angus. The income for the year was all spent in payments to support the blind clients.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024  
(continued)**

SCOTTISH CHARITY No. SC.008915

**ADDRESS:**

[REDACTED]

**TREASURER & SECRETARY**

[REDACTED]

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

[REDACTED]  
Partner at Irvine Adamson  
Chartered Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers  
7 Malcom's Wynd  
Kirriemuir  
Angus  
DD8 4HB

**DIRECTORS:**

The Trustees for the past year were as follows:-

[REDACTED] (Chairman)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Governing Document**

The Trust is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the purposes and administrative arrangements are set out in our Constitution. The Trust was constituted on 14th September 2012, and took over the operation of Forfarshire Society for the Blind.

**Constitution and Objects**

The aim of the Trust is to enable blind and partially-sighted persons to achieve the maximum degree of independence, good physical and emotional adjustment to their disability and to compensate them, where appropriate by financial and social support.

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



Chairman

Date:

29 MAY 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
OF ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September, 2024 which are set out on pages 5 - 10.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(a) to (c) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44 (1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of the independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

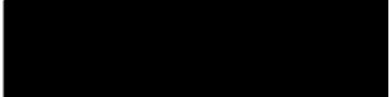

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended); and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations (as amended) have not been met

or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

  
  
Chartered Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers  
7 Malcolm's Wynd,  
Kirriemuir  
Angus  
DD8 4HB

Date: 29 MAY 2025

**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 30.9.24 £	Total Funds 30.9.23 £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Donations and Legacies	1	894	894	-
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>				
Other Income		-	-	-
<b>Investment Income</b>		36,138	36,138	32,873
<b>Total income</b>		<u>37,032</u>	<u>37,032</u>	<u>32,873</u>
<b>CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Payments to and on behalf of the Blind	2	67,450	67,450	44,705
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>67,450</u>	<u>67,450</u>	<u>44,705</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure before gains and losses on investments)</b>		<u>(30,418)</u>	<u>(30,418)</u>	<u>(11,832)</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		75,579	75,579	7,982
<b>Net movements in funds for the year</b>		45,161	45,161	(3,850)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		1,124,819	1,124,819	1,128,669
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>1,169,980</u>	<u>1,169,980</u>	<u>1,124,819</u>

**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	6	1,083,116	1,015,127
		<u>1,083,116</u>	<u>1,015,127</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	25,520	1,923
Cash at Bank and In Hand		66,106	112,556
		<u>91,626</u>	<u>114,479</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors falling due within one year	8	4,762	4,787
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		86,864	109,692
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,169,980</u>	<u>1,124,819</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted		1,169,980	1,124,819
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u>1,169,980</u>	<u>1,124,819</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29 MAY 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Chairman

**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

The principal accounting policies adopted, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year in dealing with items which are considered material to the accounts, are set out below.

**Basis of Accounts**

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 Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16/07/14 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**Fund Accounting**

Funds are classified either as restricted funds or unrestricted funds, defined as follows:  
Unrestricted funds are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. If parts of the unrestricted funds are earmarked at the discretion of the trustees for a particular purpose, they are designated as a separate fund. This designation has an administrative purpose only and does not legally restrict the trustees' discretion to apply the fund.

**Donations, Legacies & Similar Income**

Donations, general legacies and similar income are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource. Legacies bequeathed for specific purposes, on terms which create a binding trust, are accounted for as funds held for restricted purposes.

**Investment Income**

Income from Investments is recognised in the year in which it is receivable.

**Expenditure**

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended in the SOFA. The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

**Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value at the beginning and end of the financial year or, if purchased in the year, the difference between cost and market value at the end of the year. Realised gains and losses represent the difference between the proceeds on disposal and the market value at the start of the year or cost if purchased in the year.

**ANGUS SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
<b>1. Donations &amp; Legacies</b>		
Bequests, Legacies & Donations etc.	894	-
	894	-
<b>2. Payments to and on behalf of blind</b>		
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
Benevolence	740	1,394
Aids	12,720	13,651
Costs of generating funds	7,712	7,439
Contribution to Volunteer Co-ordinator	12,000	12,000
Office Expenses for NESS workers in Angus	7,160	6,710
Management and administration (see note 3)	1,611	2,797
Awareness Days etc	267	492
Governance cost (see note 4)	240	222
Contribution to YPSS and ITC Work done by NESS	25,000	-
	87,450	44,705
<b>3 Management and administration</b>		
Secretary/Treasurer's Salary	1,330	2,381
Posts, Stationery & Advertising	107	104
Travel Expenses	48	40
Meeting Expenses	126	120
Miscellaneous	-	152
	1,611	2,797
<b>4. Governance Costs</b>		
Independent Examiner's Fee	240	222
	240	222

**5. Trustees Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

Trustees are not remunerated for their services as trustees. During the year, Alison Scothern acted as secretary/treasurer and was paid £1,330 (£2381 - 2023) for her services, £30 (£40 in 2023) for mileage, and £92 (£104 in 2023) for telephone etc.

£15 was paid for Mileage etc (£0 in 2023) was paid to Mrs Jean Stevenson

A proposal will be put to the Annual General Meeting to re-appoint Mrs Scothern for a further year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	30.9.24	30.9.23
	£	£
<b>6. Fixed Asset Investments</b>		
Market Value brought forward	1,105,127	1,014,584
Add: Additions to investments at cost	64,633	82,306
Cash introduced/(withdrawn)	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	(45,119)	(51,566)
Net Gain (Loss) on Revaluation	48,475	59,803
Market Value at 30 September 2024	<u>1,033,116</u>	<u>1,105,127</u>
Listed UK Securities	1,021,806	1,098,227
Cash at Stock-Broker	11,310	6,900
	<u>1,033,116</u>	<u>1,105,127</u>
<b>7. Debtors</b>		
Investment Income	520	1,923
Prepaid contribution for YPSS and ITC	25,000	
	<u>25,520</u>	<u>1,923</u>
<b>8. Liabilities</b>		
Other Creditors and Accruals		
Others	4,763	4,787
	<u>4,763</u>	<u>4,787</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Balance at 30.9.23	Incoming Resourc es	Outgoing Resourc es	Gain on Reva- luation	Balance at 30.9.24
		£	£	£	£
<b>9. Movement in Funds</b>					
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General Funds	1,214,819	37,032	67,450	75,579	1,169,980
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>1,214,819</u>	<u>37,032</u>	<u>67,450</u>	<u>75,579</u>	<u>1,169,980</u>