



making a difference since 1899

Southampton Sighth

120 years supporting people living with sight loss

1899
2019

Annual Report 2018/19

Southampton Sighth (Southampton Society for the Blind) is a local charity providing a range of practical help and advice for people living with sight loss, with the aim of promoting independence, wellbeing and choice.

915 people with sight loss supported by Southampton Sighth

46 young people and children attended activities at the centre

60 volunteers gave us 5,076 hours of time equivalent to £39,745

169 social activity sessions (2067 contacts)

199 people were better informed about their rehabilitation



294 people attended assistive technology sessions

308 people were better informed of their independent living needs

16 people accessed the audio library

915 people accessed information, advice and equipment demonstrations

12 activity bulletins per annum sent to 626 members

2027 People attended 68 sight loss awareness sessions. This includes 14 Care Homes, 19 Primary Schools, 352 Medical Students at Southampton University Hospital Trust, local groups and businesses in Southampton.

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Message from the Chief Executive

2018/19 has been an interesting year at the Society. In August 2018 our new landlords took ownership of the site and we embarked on a long list of maintenance and improvements to our building. These are still ongoing but as we have a lease until 2043, necessary. We will now have 10 allocated parking places on the site which are included in our new lease. We continued our services from our centre and are very pleased with our partnership with Southampton City Council Sensory Services and NHS Low Vision Service. This year we extended our provision of independence skills courses whilst maintaining all existing services. Our sight loss awareness provision has expanded, and we are particularly pleased with the work in primary schools and at the hospital delivering sight loss awareness as a mandatory provision for 4th year medical students. We intend to expand this programme in the hospital in 2019/20. As usual I must thank all our supporters and donors, our wonderful volunteers and the staff for their contribution to our work. Our focus this year is to ensure that we continue to expand the opportunities for visually impaired people as a core offer whilst maintaining our existing provision. **Jackie Powers**

Southampton Sight Finances

Income totalled **£358,896** in 2018/19, which was £80,658 higher than the previous year. This includes 2 legacies (£242,608) that we had not received by 31 March 2019 but have been included in our accounts as per FRS102 SORP paragraph 5.33 which states that the income should be accrued in the accounts where the payment has been received after the year end but before the accounts are authorised for issue. As both legacies would be received before our AGM in November 2019 we have complied with the guidance.

Reserves totalled **£491,761** at the year-end:

General Reserves	£286,708
Restricted Funds	£ 66,822
Designated Funds*	£138,231

(*£50,933 Building Fund and £87,298 Low Vision Rehabilitation Hub)

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