

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

The Association is constituted by Deed of Trust and is a registered charity, No. 220639, which is supported by voluntary contributions

REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ended 31st March 2018
125th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 11th July, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.
In the Victoria Suite of the Cliffs Hotel

BUSINESS

To receive the REPORT and BALANCE SHEET of the work of the Association for the past twelve months.

To elect the Executive Committee "en bloc" for the current year.

To transact such other business as the Meeting may deem proper.

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEE

President: Councillor Mrs M. Coleman (The Mayoress)

Chairman: Mrs Shirley Appleby, "Rochelle" 53a North Park Drive, Blackpool

Honorary Treasurer

Mr G. Goldstone-Creasey, 281 Fleetwood Road, Thornton Cleveleys

Joint Honorary Secretaries

Mrs P. Dimuantes, 22 James Avenue, Marton, Blackpool

Ms D. Halsted, 7 Salop Avenue, Bispham

Auditor: Mr D. A. Harben, BSc FCA

Honorary Solicitor: Mr P. Atkin

Executive Committee

Mrs C. Ardron, 149 Hardhorn Road, Poulton-le-Fylde

Mrs M. Gregson, 9 Village Way, Bispham

Mrs I. Henshaw, 11 Village Way, Blackpool

Mrs J. Jones, 6 Boston Avenue, Blackpool

Mrs N. Lynch, 75 Salmesbury Avenue, Blackpool

Mrs E. Morris, 24 Leys Road, Blackpool

Mrs A. O'Hara, 57 Headroomgate Road, St. Annes-on-Sea

Mrs J. Pickering, 49 Layton Road, Blackpool

Trustees

Mrs I. Henshaw

Miss J. Priestley

Mrs E. Robinson

Mr R. A. Shaw

Mrs J. Wells

(Appointed 08/05/17)

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

REPORT

TO THE DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS OF THE BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

Wow! How many local charities can say they have been working through 3 centuries and still going strong? 125 years of giving support and care for people in Blackpool who are in need! Amazing!

How proud would the founder ladies be of this achievement? The hundreds of thousands of pounds that have been raised. However equally important is the time and effort the ladies have given distributing the relief. This is at the heart of everything we do. This year it has again been wonderful to receive letters and cards of thanks from some of the people who have benefitted from our help at a critical time in their lives.

This has all been achieved by the generosity of all the patrons that have supported our events and the hard work of the ladies organising these events. The year started with the August Sunset Supper at North Shore Golf Club. This year not only was the meal delicious but we enjoyed a lovely sunset!

Our week at the Methodist Charity Shop in September made an exceptional profit, but this took a lot of very hard work from the ladies to achieve this.

The 125th Anniversary Dinner was the spectacular event at The Imperial Hotel, that did justice to the 125 years it was celebrating. Sir Richard and Lady Toni Henriques were our guests of honour. Sir Richard treated us to a very entertaining speech, that had us reminiscing with him about the life and times of Blackpool during his youth. Those of us of a certain age were drawn into things we all enjoyed in a much busier holiday town during the last half of the 20th Century. He had us laughing and sharing the good times he had as a child in Blackpool and the Fylde Coast. This event was not intended to be a fundraiser, but thanks to the generosity of the people present it made a healthy profit.

On Valentines Day we were treated to a lovely Fashion Show with Afternoon Tea at North Shore Golf Club. We saw the models swishing around in their lovely outfits, then enjoyed the delicious Afternoon Tea and the raffle raised a good amount for our coffers.

In mid April saw us enjoy a Spring Lunch at the Cliff's Hotel. We were taken to see the Wildlife on 7 Continents, when Dr Stephen Cushing gave a talk illustrated with his wonderful photography. The event again raised a healthy sum.

Whilst it has been a year of celebration it has to be a year of reflection. When founded the ladies faced a Blackpool with a pub on every corner, places to smoke drugs, poverty, deprivation of housing, child and adult abuse, whilst the years have moved on, the challenges that face us remain very similar. From Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth 2 two very awesome ladies to the 125 years of awesome ladies of BLSPA. All have done sterling work that has improved and continues to improve the lives of so many.

We had some times of deep sadness during this year, with the deaths of Mrs Barbra Whalley, Mrs Nancy Lynch and Mrs Beryl Mann. All were wonderful ladies who supported us tirelessly. They are sadly missed. Our sincere condolences go to their families and friends.

We would like to thank the Mayoress Mrs Mavis Coleman for being our President for the year. Unfortunately she was unable to attend many of our events due to ill health. However Cllr Kath Rawson deputised well. We hope our President is now enjoying renewed health and wish her well for the future.

We have moved into the 21st Century, using technology designed to involve people. We have a website presence and a Facebook page. (Blackpool Ladies Sick Poor Association BLSPA), which is used as a diary of events and an archive for photographs.

So despite the possibly old-fashioned name, Blackpool Ladies Sick Poor Association continues to move with the times and to move on to our next milestone, still helping many people of Blackpool when they are at a low ebb in their lives. We warmly thank you all for your continuing support.

Dianne Halsted

BLSPA Minutes Secretary

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

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BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity name	Blackpool Ladies Sick Poor Association
Charity number	220639
Trustees	Mr R A Shaw Mrs I Henshaw Mrs E Robinson Miss J Priestley, Chair of Trustees Mrs J. Wells (Appointed 08/05/17)
Bankers	Royal Bank of Scotland Talbot Road Blackpool FY1 1LE
Accountant	Beckett Rawcliffe Beckett House Sovereign Court Wyrefields Poulton le Fylde Lancashire FY6 8JX
Investment Advisor	Gore Brown Investment Management LLP Belvedere House 2 Victoria Avenue Harrogate HG1 1EL

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018 TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee of Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Reference and administrative details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of committee of trustees and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

The Committee of Trustees

The Committee of Trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Mr R A Shaw

Mrs E Robinson

Mrs I Henshaw

Miss J Priestley

Mrs J Wells

Structure, governance and management

The trustees of the Association are fully responsible for the overall management of the Association and they meet regularly to manage its affairs.

The Charity Commission requires trustees, within their Annual Report, to sign a declaration that during the year there were no serious incidents or other matters that may impair the activities, beneficiaries, property, work or reputation of the Association and that should have been brought to the attention of the Commission but have not. (sections 11 and 48 Charities Act 1993).

The trustees actively review the major risks which the Association faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at their current levels, combined with an annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The trustees have also examined operational and business risks faced by the Association and confirm that they have established systems to identify, mitigate and duly report any significant risks.

The future responsibility for recording any serious events or the potential problems will lie with the Secretary of the Association in liaison with the Chair of Trustees.

The Trustees confirm that there have been no serious risks identified or brought to their attention during the year

Under the trust deed the association has the power to make investments as the trustees see fit.

Objectives and activities

Also for the protection of the deserving poor within the said borough and their relief in cases of unavoidable misfortune or of extreme or temporary distress.

These objects assist to safeguard the public against vagrancy and imposture.

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION

YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(Continued)*

Review of the Year

The year was the 125th Anniversary of the charity. Although the type of aid provided by the charity has changed, the needs of the residents of the Borough for food, fuel and household goods remains the same over 125 years later.

The trustees express their sincere thanks to:

all members past and present who have given the charity practical support
the financial supporters over the years without whom our efforts would be severely limited
those potential members who might join us in the years ahead to enhance and maintain the work of the charity

The very special anniversary for the charity was commemorated with a Dinner at the Imperial Hotel. The event gave members and their guests the chance to celebrate the work and achievements of the Charity.

There have been many changes for the Trustees, firstly Tony Shaw finally succeeded in stepping down as Chair of the Board of Trustees after more years than Tony cares to remember. Everyone is grateful to Tony for his leadership and support.

One new Trustee was appointed, Mrs Joanne Wells. Mr Graham Goldstone-Creasey agreed to move to the vacant position of Treasurer. Since the financial year end Graham has regretfully had to relinquish his post as Treasurer due to personal commitments after 1 years tenure. He will be missed and we wish him well.

The Trustees met three during the year and two of the meetings were attended by Directors of Gore Browne our Investment Managers (GBIM Ltd). During the year the Trustees reviewed the investment policy and concluded no changes were necessary..

The value of our investment portfolio decreased by 4.1% (from £422,669 to £400,105 an decrease of £22,564) This was largely due to the fall in many markets since the end of January 2018 and was not unexpected. Investment income was £12,599.

The Trustees have agreed that it is important that Association maintains, as far as possible, the value of our investments as the returns which they provide (£11,744) as this is a major part of the income required to fund the support offered to clients. In this respect the Trustees would like to express appreciation to our Investment Advisors (GBIM of Harrogate) who keep a careful watch on our portfolio and attend meetings of the Trustees to personally deliver their advice and support.

The Trustees remain grateful to those members of the Entertainments Committee who this year generated a splendid £11,488 (2016-17 £10,286) as a result of their hard work and efforts.

The Association is grateful to the many donors who support our good work.

We continued to benefit from the John Slater Foundation, St Annes Church PCC, Blackpool South Trefoil Guild, Barbara Hardy, Mr & Mrs Fairhurst, Mr & Mrs Wilkinson, Fulfilling Lives, Mr & Mrs Simmons, GBIM and donations in memory of Barbara Whalley.

To all of the, both corporate and individual, we are most grateful.

During the year we provided support to the sick and poor of Blackpool to the tune of £27,404 The majority of this (£20,300) was in the form of food vouchers and fuel payments with the balance (£6,744) in the form of material help with household items and living costs.

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT *(Continued)*

Plans for future periods

The economic climate will continue to make huge demands on the local Council, NHS Services and other support agencies in the Borough. The Association will do their best provide instant and short term support from those in urgent need that are referred to them.. The increasing number of agencies supporting the needy in the area is raising concerns for the Association.

The Association continues to seek opportunities wider support both financial and practical.

Membership of the Association is declining due to natural causes.. This situation will be addressed in the future.

Approved by the Trustees on 20 June 2018 and signed on their behalf by:

Miss Jean Priestley
Trustee

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018
INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 11 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with 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 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave 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.



Mr David A Harben BSc FCA
Beckett Rawcliffe, Chartered Accountants
Beckett House, Sovereign Court, Wyrefields
Poulton le Fylde, Lancashire FY6 8JX

Date: 20th June 2018

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	2	14,164	14,164	15,197
Investment income	4	11,774	11,774	11,842
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	11,448	11,448	10,286
Total incoming resources		<u>37,386</u>	<u>37,386</u>	<u>37,325</u>
Resources expended				
Charitable activities	6	35,256	35,256	35,728
Governance costs	6	5,058	5,058	5,437
Total resources expended		<u>40,314</u>	<u>40,314</u>	<u>41,165</u>
Net outgoing resources before other recognised gains and losses		(2,928)	(2,928)	(3,840)
Other recognised gains/losses				
(Losses)/gains on investment assets		<u>(17,237)</u>	<u>(17,237)</u>	<u>31,897</u>
Net movement in funds		(20,165)	(20,165)	28,057
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>433,236</u>	<u>433,236</u>	<u>405,179</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>413,071</u>	<u>413,071</u>	<u>433,236</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2017		2016	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		400,105		422,669
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand:		13,806		11,371	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(840)		(804)	
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Net current Assets			12,966		10,567
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Net assets			413,071		433,236
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The funds of the charity:					
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			413,071		433,236
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Total charity funds			413,071		433,236
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Approved by the Board on 20 June 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

Miss Jean Priestley
Trustee
Chair of the Trustees and Acting Treasurer

The notes on pages 13 to 16 form part of these financial statements

BLACKPOOL LADIES' SICK POOR ASSOCIATION
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005)', issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 12.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

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

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are included at market value at the balance sheet date.

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the statement of the financial activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year end.

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2	Voluntary income	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
£		£	£	
	Donations and legacies			
	Appeals and donations	5,789	5,789	7,047
	Grants - other agencies	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Subscriptions	375	375	40
	Income from listed investments	—	—	104
	Gift aid payments from group undertakings	—	—	6
		<u>14,164</u>	<u>14,164</u>	<u>15,197</u>
3	Grants receivable			
	Grants - other agencies	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
4	Investment income			
	Income from listed investments	<u>11,774</u>	<u>11,774</u>	<u>11,842</u>
5	Incoming resources from charitable activities			
	Shop & Fundraising			
	Sales of donated goods	723	723	552
	Other income	10,725	10,725	9,734
		<u>11,448</u>	<u>11,448</u>	<u>10,286</u>
6	Total resources expended			
		Shop & Fundraising	Governance	Total
		£	£	£
	Direct costs			
	Fundraising costs	8,212	—	8,212
	Establishment costs (insurance)	—	363	363
	Office expenses	—	488	488
	Accountancy fees	—	852	852
	Legal and professional costs	—	3,351	3,351
	Bank charges	—	4	4
		<u>8,212</u>	<u>5,058</u>	<u>13,270</u>
	Support costs			
	General relief	20,300	—	20,300
	Special relief	6,744	—	6,744
		<u>27,044</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>27,044</u>
		<u>35,256</u>	<u>5,058</u>	<u>40,314</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2018
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

8 Investments held as fixed assets

	Listed investments £	Cash deposits £	Total £
Market value			
As at 1 April 2017	387,411	35,258	422,669
Revaluation	(21,130)	—	(21,130)
Additions	16,499	27,623	44,122
Disposals	(17,060)	(28,496)	(45,556)
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As at 31 March 2018	365,720	34,385	400,105
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2018	365,720	34,385	400,105
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As at 31 March 2017	387,411	35,258	422,669
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All investment assets were held in the UK.

	2018 £	2017 £
9 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals and deferred income	840	804
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	840	804
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10 Related parties
Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

11 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2017 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/losses £	At 31 March 2018 £
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	433,236	37,386	(40,314)	(17,237)	413,071

12 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Investments	400,105	400,105	422,669
Current assets	13,806	13,806	11,371
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(840)	(840)	(804)
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Net assets	413,071	413,071	433,236
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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mrs S. Appleby

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Mrs L. Cocker

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