

## WELCOME to the new British Wireless newsletter.



Firstly I want to send my best wishes to all of you. I hope that you have stayed safe and well during these difficult times. As we at British Wireless have strived to keep our service up and running I have thought of you often.

The months of separation in 2020 taught us that staying in touch is more important than ever, so I hope this newsletter will allow me to connect with even more of you - sharing some of our charity's history and, of course, our future direction.

After more than 30 years with the charity myself I am still extremely proud that we have continued to support so many people for so long. Even through the recent pandemic we have continued our vital work, albeit with an adapted delivery and follow-up phone service.

Our aim remains the same today as it was when we formed in 1928 – through radio technology we are committed to alleviating the isolation and loneliness that sight loss can bring.

I hope you enjoy learning a little more about British Wireless, as I look forward to keeping in touch with each of you.

**Margaret Grainger**  
Chief Executive

## Here for you...

**"I've had over a million hours of listening with my British Wireless sets over the last 50 years."** Ray Jones, long-standing beneficiary



## Who are we?

Established by a blinded Boer War veteran in 1928, today we are a national charity with our Head Office in Maidstone, Kent.

With a small team of just 14 staff we simply wouldn't be able to continue our work without the support and loyalty of the wonderful volunteers who work on our behalf in your communities. We cannot thank them enough for all they do for us - and for you.

Although in recent months our sets have been delivered by our trusted courier service our work is still supported by volunteers and agents all over the country. You have probably met one of them!

Your set may have been delivered by a local blind association, a council team or even a single volunteer looking after your area - but it is British Wireless who fund all radio provisions and the day-to-day running of the charity.

**If you know someone who would benefit from one of our radios please let them know about our work so we can start supporting them straight away.**

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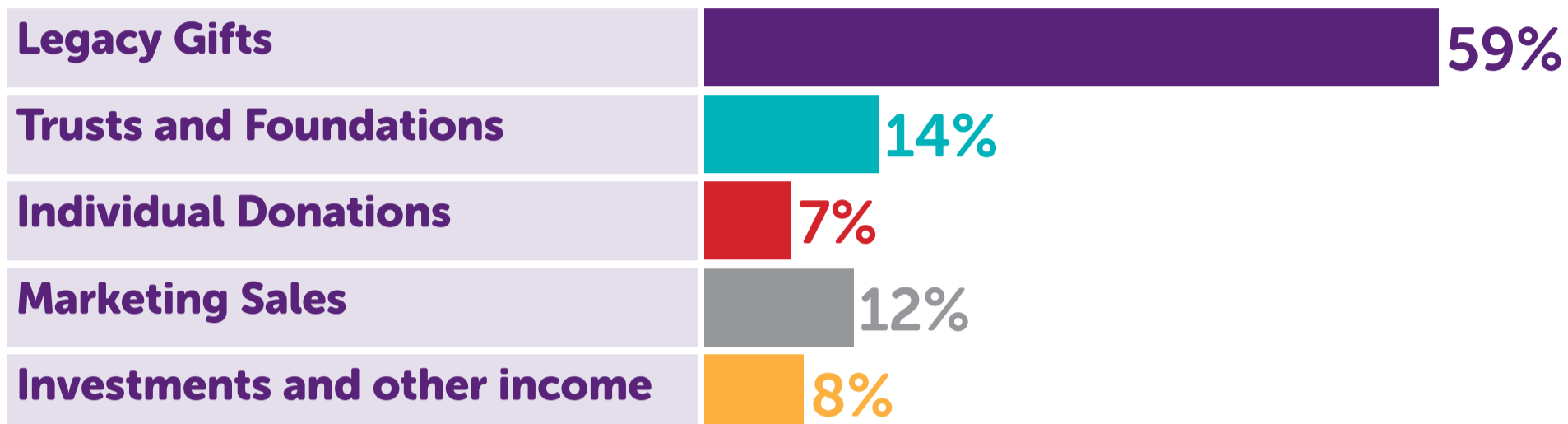
## How do we do it?

### 2019 Financial Information

As a charity we receive no government funding and rely on the generosity of the great British public to support our work.

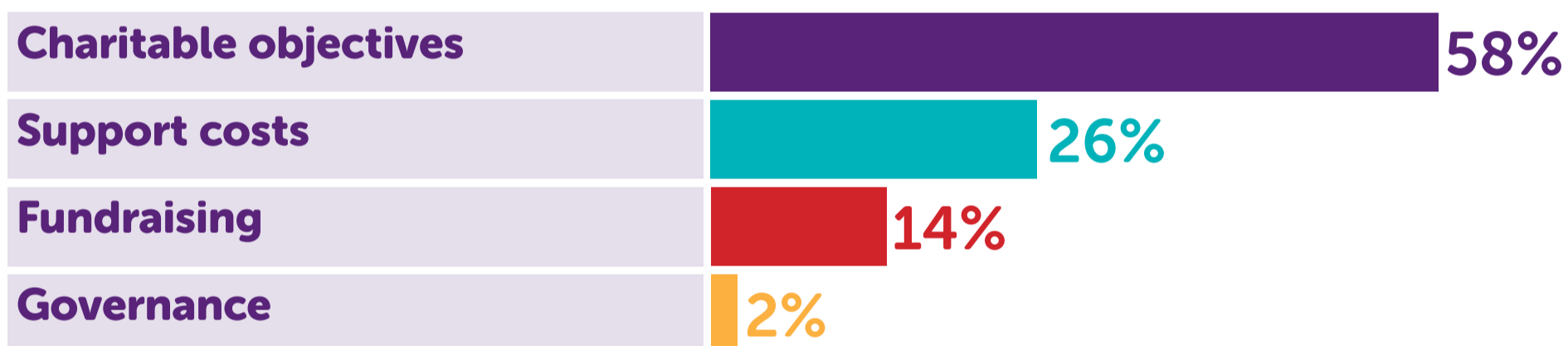
#### How do we raise your funds?

**Total Income £1,176,280**



#### How do we spend your funds?

**Total Expenditure £1,912,4876**



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## Stay in touch with us

We hope that you get many hours of enjoyment from your radio.

Of course if you have any queries or would like more information about British Wireless please get in touch with us using any of the below details:

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