

## AGE CONCERN SYSTON CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2023

Another eventful year has passed. Lots of things have happened, some faces are missing from our family but lots of new members have joined over the year.

As usual our office has been extremely busy sometimes ending up with staff working well over their contracted hours. Due to health and safety concerns and to ensure staff never work alone we decided to close the office on a Friday on a temporary basis.

Our daycare has struggled on over the last few months due to illness and retirement. We would like to welcome into our family Raj, who starts in December as our new Day care Leader. Many thanks to Beryl for the many years she has run Day Care and wish her well in her retirement.

The minibus has had a few problems lately regarding where it will be parked. We have secured a safe place on a long term basis parking in D R Electricals car park. Thank you to Peter Bates and all our volunteer drivers it is clean, tidy, roadworthy enabling it to be well used.

Our coffee mornings just seem to be getting more and more popular so coming up with new ideas for Wednesday entertainment is getting very difficult. If you have any ideas please let us know but thank you to our kitchen staff for their service to you all.

Our trips have been limited due to the office being so busy, we've not really had time to organize them and driver availability has also been a headache at times.

That's enough from me but the biggest thank you to all our volunteers, we do all appreciate what you do for Age Concern Syston.

Jennie Angell

Chair

## Age Concern Syston Minibus Report

We currently have a team of 6 regular drivers who provide their time and expertise on a voluntary basis to support all our members, we would like to thank them all for their continued support. Sadly for us Keith has decided to retire after many years driving for us, thank you and we wish you well in your leisure pursuits. If you know anyone who may be interested in giving some time to drive for us, even if it's just once a month please give them our contact details.

The bus has just been taxed and MOT'd. With the support from Rob who has allowed us to park at the secure D R Electricals car park and the

continued support of our drivers we look forward to many interesting trips next year.

#### AGE CONCERN SYSTON MERTON GROUP REPORT 2023

Another year has flown by and the Merton Group are still going strong with a full bus (14 people) plus the driver who has taken us to some really nice places, pubs, tea rooms and garden center's in and around Leicestershire. Keith is our regular driver who unfortunately for us is retiring at the end of this year. We will miss him, but wish him well for the future. We are all looking forward to next year with new and old places to visit.

Marlene Cross Merton Group Leader

#### AGE CONCERN SYSTON DAYCARE GROUPS 1 AND 2

This year has seen lots of change within our daycare groups, some sad but lots of good news too. We started the year with 2 groups who went out twice a month on outings mostly for pub lunches or to a garden Centre. Sadly for us after a spell in hospital Beryl our Day care Leader decided it was time to retire. Beryl, your humor and kindness will be greatly missed and I would like to say thank you on behalf of everyone at Age Concern Syston for your years of support and I'm sure that you will still continue to volunteer with us in the future. We would also like to thank Jane who volunteered with you for many years who has moved on to pastures new.

Sadly we said goodbye to several long standing members but we have also welcomed new people to the group. During the time it has taken to advertise and recruit a new Day Care Leader there have been several changes. After a bit of negotiation we have been able to hire the Meeting Place at the Hub for our Friday groups with lunch being cooked for us during term time by students from Leicester College. Having a base rather than eating out at pubs every time, makes it more cost effective for members and enables us to do activities with the group such as games, quizzes exercise etc which better fits the 'ethos' of the group. We will still do occasional trips out as everyone enjoys them. During this transition period we have joined both daycare 1 and daycare 2 into one group to make working hours more manageable. We do now have quite a few people on our waiting list so these people will become a new group in January. We have successfully appointed a new daycare leader who some of you will have now met as he has joined us at several coffee mornings and the Christmas Craft Fayre, welcome to Age Concern Syston Raj!

Yvonne Derry Daycare Leader

#### AGE CONCERN SYSTON YOUNG AT HEART GROUP

Young at Heart is a long running group in Syston providing a hot lunch and entertainment on a weekly basis at the community Centre. We have had links with the group for many years as they hire our minibus to transport some of their members to and from the group. This year Judy who has been running the group for many years on a voluntary basis wanted support with the admin side of things. As there was no one who wanted to do this on a voluntary basis and rather than have the group cease, Age Concern Syston put together a bid for some funding so that we can now provide the admin support to enable Judy and her volunteers to continue with all their good work and to take Young at Heart under the Age Concern umbrella.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Age Concern Syston  
(Charity number 1012201)**

I report on the accounts of Age Concern Syston for the year  
ended 31st March 2023

**Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner.**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of 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 statement**

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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



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Financial Controller

25th August 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST. MARCH 2023

## ORGANISATION INFORMATION

Name of charity	Age Concern Syston
Charity registration number	1012201
Governing document	Constitution
Address of principal office	The Methodist Hall High Street Syston Leicester LE7 1GP

## Executive Committee members in year:

The members of the executive committee during the year were as follows:

J Winter	(Treasurer)	Y Derry	(non-voting)
J Angell	(Chairperson)	S Burditt	(non-voting)
A Toon	(Vice Chairperson)	B Hopwood	(non-voting)
M Cross		D Stanford	(non-voting)
M Fox			
C Palmer			
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J Buswell			

## Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc  
1272 Melton Road  
Syston  
Leicester  
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# AGE CONCERN SYSTON

## General Fund

### Receipts and payments account for the year to 31st March 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	18020		14500	
Donations	2714		1908	
Refreshments				
Fundraising	6661		4236	
Membership fees	640		430	
Misc			94	
Mini bus hire	2273		834	
DfT Minibus Grant	554		364	
ACS Trips	1152		1506	
Merton Group	661			
Day Care 1				
Day Care 2				
		32,674		23,872
<b>Payments</b>				
Salaries	13399		18122	
Rent/hall hire	2087		1125	
Refreshments	203			
Telephone	1844		1329	
Postage	27		196	
Stationery	309		295	
Photocopier	687		1472	
Insurance	2763		1480	
Fire Certificate	71		71	
DBS checks				
Repairs/Maintenance				
Computer equipment/software	3559		29	
Office Equipment	1345			
Pat Testing				
Sundries	273		198	
CTA Membership	50			
Bank Charges	124			
PPE				
Fuel	1406		787	
Maintenance	1639		621	
Trips	376		766	
Wreake Valley meals			43	
Merton	80			
		30,242		26,532
		2,432		-2,660
Net receipts/outgoings for the year		2,432		-2,660

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## AGE CONCERN SYSTON

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1) **Object of the Charity**

As stated in the Charity's Constitution, "The object of The Society shall be to promote the welfare of the aged in any manner which is now or hereafter may be deemed by law to be charitable, within the District of Charnwood".

2) **Review of the financial position of the Charity**

The total income is £32,674 which is a decrease of £8,802 compared to the previous year.

See below for a listing of grants and donations received in the year.

Total expenditure amounts to £30,242 which is an increase of £3,753 compared to the previous year.

There is an overall net increase in funds of £2,432

3) **Donations received**

Grants and Donations received during the year were:

	£
J A Cotton	300
W Moore	500
Goerge Walker	1,000
Misc Donations	914
Leicestershire County Council Grant	4,000
HA Taylor Grant	6,020
Edith Murphy	3,000
Baily Charity	5,000
	20,734

# AGE CONCERN SYSTON

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

Cash Funds	2023 £	2022 £
General Fund	22,589	20,157
Minibus Fund		
Day Care Fund		
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### Assets retained for Charity's own use

Computer and office equipment (cost £2,395 in 2015/16 & £4,904 in 2022/23))  
Minibus (cost £37,046 in September 2008, the current value, estimated at  
31st March 2016, is £4327 based on a notional depreciation  
rate of 25% on the reducing balance, sold for £6100 November 16)

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