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LEGAL STATUS

Chariotts is registered with the Charity Commissioners under the Charities Act 2011.

CHARITY NUMBER

1067633

PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Unit 29
Whitegate Industrial Estate
Whitegate Road
WREXHAM
LL13 8UG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

Mike Griffiths & Partners
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the charity are:

To provide a community transport scheme for anyone living within the County Borough of Wrexham who is unable or has difficulty in using existing public transport because of disability or ill health.

To help people with disabilities/sensory impairment to retain independence and opportunities through transport appropriate to their individual needs.

The Charity has had due regards to the Charity Commission's published guidance on public benefit.

TRUSTEES

The Trustee's at 30th September 2023 were:

Mr Philip Hughes (Chairman)

Mr Keith Robinson (Treasurer)

Mr Alan Story (Fundraiser)

Other trustees who served in the year were:

Mr Ray Davies

Mrs Gillian Eastwood

New Trustee's recruited to the committee are fully appraised of their responsibilities to the Charity. They are issued with the Minutes from previous twelve months meetings and the Minutes from meetings preceding this are made available if required. All trustees will be issued with the Charities commission booklet CC3 – The essential Trustee: What we need to know.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have carried out a risk management review, which involved identifying the type of risks facing the Charity, prioritizing them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and identifying ways of mitigating the risks.

In the opinion of the Trustees the charity has resources and review systems in place which, under normal conditions, should show the risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

RESERVES POLICY

Funds are retained by the Charity in Reserves to provide for future expenditure needs. The Charity looks to hold free reserves at a level of £60,000 in order to meet future expenditure. It considers £40,000 sufficient reserves to hold in order to cover approximately 3 months running costs. The other £20,000 is held in order to replace vehicles with new or second hand as necessary.

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The last 12 months has brought a much welcome stability to our finances: our income versus expenditure is in its healthiest position since pre-COVID, fundraising activities have also contributed enormously to this achievement. So, thank you to our numerous benefactors for their contributions, every penny is appreciated.

Last year we only completed 42% of the total journeys completed in 2019, this clearly indicates the effect COVID has had, and is still having, on our charity, and demonstrates we still have a way to go to recover. Our focus for this coming year is to maintain financial stability, along with trying to make inroads into recovering our financial reserves, and hopefully begin our journey back to the operating levels of the pre-COVID era.

	TOTAL JOURNEYS REQUESTED	JOURNEYS COMPLETED	PASSENGERS CARRIED
Wheelchair Users	3502	2747	3346
Passengers Walking	<u>4984</u>	<u>4037</u>	<u>4189</u>
Total	8486	6784	7535

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE – 959

**P Hughes: Chairman
On behalf of the Trustees**

Date:

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARIOTTS

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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.

It is our 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 Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our 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 our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1). which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

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Date :

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023	Restricted funds 2023	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources:					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income					
Grants		53,735	-	53,735	30,463
Donations		1,966	-	1,966	2,968
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising		10,702	-	10,702	4,365
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		-	-	-	220
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Members Contributions		60,202	-	60,202	49,374
Membership fees		-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources		86	-	86	21
Total incoming resources		<u>126,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,691</u>	<u>87,410</u>
Resources Expended:					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Fundraising Costs		-	-	-	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	124,966	-	124,966	116,942
Governance Costs	5	480	-	480	462
Other Resources Expended		-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	6	<u>125,446</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,446</u>	<u>117,404</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		1,245	-	1,245	(29,994)
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds for the Year		1,245	-	1,245	(29,994)
Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 October 2022		<u>136,474</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,474</u>	<u>166,468</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward at 30 September 2023		137,719	-	137,719	136,474

The notes set out on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

CHARIOTTS**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		23,020		19,057
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		115,691		117,879	
		<u>115,691</u>		<u>117,879</u>	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	<u>480</u>		<u>462</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			115,211		117,417
NET ASSETS	10		<u>138,231</u>		<u>136,474</u>
RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		-		-
Unrestricted funds	11		137,719		136,474
			<u>137,719</u>		<u>136,474</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD ON:

P Hughes (Chairman)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

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

b) Income

Income is recognised in the financial statements as follows:

Grants:	Recognised in the period in which received and restricted where applicable.
Members' Contributions:	Includes money received from the members for use of the vehicles and money paid by them annually to use the service.
Donations and sundry income:	Recognised in the period received.
Investment income:	Recognised in the period in which received.

c) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided in equal amounts each year in order to write off the cost of fixed assets over their anticipated useful lives.

Anticipated useful lives are:

Fixtures and fittings	4 years
Motor vehicles	5 years

2. STAFF COSTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	66,731	62,870
Pension Contributions	-	-
Employers' National Insurance Contributions	1,519	2,484
	<u>4</u>	<u>65,354</u>
	<u>68,250</u>	<u>65,354</u>
The average number of full-time equivalent employees was	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received £60,000 per annum or more.

3. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of funds of the charity was paid or is payable for the year to any trustee.

No Re-imbursement of expenses occurred in the year (2022 - £nil) in respect of trustees and their expenses as voluntary drivers (travel and sundry expenses).

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4. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and employee costs	68,250	-	68,250	65,354
Office expenses	13,836	-	13,836	12,089
Training	-	-	-	-
Volunteers expenses	147	-	147	114
Motor expenses - Fuel only	13,645	-	13,645	15,087
Motor expenses	18,551	-	18,551	15,653
Depreciation	13,037	-	13,037	11,145
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	(2,500)	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
	<u>124,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>124,966</u>	<u>116,942</u>

5. GOVERNANCE

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Accountancy	480	-	480	462
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>462</u>

6. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	68,250	13,037	48,679	129,966	116,942
Governance costs	-	-	480	480	462
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>68,250</u>	<u>13,037</u>	<u>49,159</u>	<u>130,446</u>	<u>117,404</u>

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost:			
At 1 October 2022	11,952	63,960	75,912
Additions	-	17,000	17,000
Disposal	-	(8,500)	(8,500)
At 30 September 2023	<u>11,952</u>	<u>72,460</u>	<u>84,412</u>
Depreciation:			
At 1 October 2022	11,907	44,948	56,855
Charge for the year	45	12,992	13,037
Eliminated on disposals	-	(8,500)	(8,500)
At 30 September 2023	<u>11,952</u>	<u>49,440</u>	<u>61,392</u>
Net Book Values:			
At 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>23,020</u>
At 30 September 2022	<u>45</u>	<u>19,012</u>	<u>19,057</u>

8. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	<u>480</u>	<u>462</u>
	<u>480</u>	<u>462</u>

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10. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	-	-
Unrestricted fund	23,020	115,211	138,231
	<u>23,020</u>	<u>115,211</u>	<u>138,231</u>

11. RESERVES

	Balance 01.10.2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 30.09.2023 £
Restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted fund	136,474	126,691	(125,446)	-	137,719
	<u>136,474</u>	<u>126,691</u>	<u>(125,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,719</u>
Total funds	<u>136,474</u>	<u>126,691</u>	<u>(125,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>137,719</u>