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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 Limited
The Yew Tree Inn
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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 2024 were:

His Honour Robert Philip Hughes (Chairman)

Mr Keith Robinson (Treasurer)

Mr Alan Story (Fundraiser)

Mrs Gillian Eastwood (Secretary)

Mr Ray Davies (Trustee)

Mr Stephen Harvey (Co-opted Trustee)

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 £80,000 to meet future expenditure. It was decided in the year to raise the threshold of restricted funds from £40,000 to £60,000 in consideration to sufficiently cover approximately 3 months running costs. The other £20,000 is held to replace vehicles with new or second hand as necessary.

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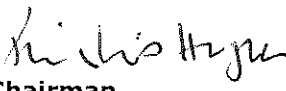
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

This last year was challenging in terms of Chariotts finances, unfortunately despite our best efforts, we were unable to maintain the stability of our previous 12 months. Our income versus expenditure deficit increased, and we had to spend more to keep the service running than we earned. As mentioned last year, demand for the service has decreased in recent years and we still operate below capacity, although there are some early signs of an upturn in journey requests from our wheelchair user members.

Alan Story has done a sterling job with his fundraising efforts, in what has become a very competitive and challenging environment. Through his endeavours we have been able to maintain our fleet upgrade program. In these next 12 months, we will be working to re-establish financial stability; applying to various trusts and organisations for funding support to help us meet our financial objectives. On behalf of our membership and everyone involved with Chariotts, thank you to Wrexham County Borough Council for their ongoing financial support, which is vital to our existence. Thank you, also, to all our benefactors over the last year, your donations are most gratefully received, every penny helps and is very much appreciated.

	TOTAL JOURNEYS REQUESTED	JOURNEYS COMPLETED	PASSENGERS CARRIED
Wheel Chair Users	3225	2575	3261
Passengers Walking	<u>4917</u>	<u>4043</u>	<u>4179</u>
Total	8142	6618	7440

MEMBERSHIP TO DATE – 984


P Hughes: Chairman
On behalf of the Trustees

Date: 3.12.2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHARIOTTS

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

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.



James Denton FCCA

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Date :

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Incoming Resources:		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
Voluntary Income					
Grants		36,219	-	36,219	53,735
Donations		2,744	-	2,744	1,966
Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising		16,227	-	16,227	10,702
Investment Income					
Bank Interest		-	-	-	-
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities					
Members Contributions		59,710	-	59,710	60,202
Membership fees		-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources		40	-	40	-
Total incoming resources		<u>114,940</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,940</u>	<u>126,605</u>
Resources Expended:					
Cost of Generating Funds					
Fundraising Costs		-	-	-	-
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	127,502	-	127,502	124,350
Governance Costs	5	498	-	498	498
Other Resources Expended		-	-	-	-
Total Resources Expended	6	<u>128,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>124,848</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		(13,059)	-	(13,059)	1,757
Gross Transfers Between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net Movements in Funds for the Year		(13,059)	-	(13,059)	1,757
Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 October 2023		<u>138,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,231</u>	<u>136,474</u>
Fund Balances Carried Forward at 30 September 2024		<u>125,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,171</u>	<u>138,231</u>

The notes set out on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		24,760		23,020
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		100,909		115,691	
		<u>100,909</u>		<u>115,691</u>	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR					
	9	498		480	
			100,411		115,211
	10		<u>125,171</u>		<u>138,231</u>
RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		-		-
Unrestricted funds	11		125,171		138,231
			<u>125,171</u>		<u>138,231</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD ON: 3rd 10 2024

Paul G Hughes

P Hughes (Chairman)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

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 the 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 amount each year in order to write off the cost of fixed assets over the anticipated useful lives.

Anticipated useful lives are:

Fixtures and fittings	4 years
Motor vehicles	5 years

2. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,713	66,731
Pension Contributions	-	-
Employers' National Insurance Contributions	2,261	1,519
	<u>74,974</u>	<u>68,250</u>
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The average number of full-time equivalent employees was	2	2

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, and they all gave their time freely.

No re-imbursement of expenses occurred in the year (2023 - £nil) in respect of trustees and their expenses as voluntary drivers (travel and sundry expenses).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. COST OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and employee costs	74,974	-	74,974	68,250
Office expenses	14,388	-	14,388	12,862
Training	-	-	-	-
Volunteers expenses	324	-	324	553
Motor expenses - Fuel only	12,367	-	12,367	13,645
Motor expenses	16,189	-	16,189	18,503
Depreciation	12,260	-	12,260	13,037
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	(3,000)	-	(3,000)	(2,500)
	<u>127,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,502</u>	<u>124,350</u>

5. GOVERNANCE

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Accountancy	498	-	498	480
Bank Charges	-	-	-	18
	<u>498</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>498</u>	<u>498</u>

6. TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cost of generating funds	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of charitable activities	74,974	9,260	43,268	127,502	124,350
Governance costs	-	-	498	498	498
Other resources expended	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>74,974</u>	<u>9,260</u>	<u>43,766</u>	<u>128,000</u>	<u>124,848</u>

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost:			
At 1 October 2023	11,952	72,460	84,412
Additions	-	14,000	14,000
Disposal	-	(11,160)	(11,160)
At 30 September 2024	<u>11,952</u>	<u>75,300</u>	<u>87,252</u>
Depreciation:			
At 1 October 2023	11,952	49,440	61,392
Charge for the year	-	12,260	12,260
Eliminated on disposals	-	(11,160)	(11,160)
At 30 September 2024	<u>11,952</u>	<u>50,540</u>	<u>62,492</u>
Net Book Values:			
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>24,760</u>	<u>24,760</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>23,020</u>	<u>23,020</u>

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8. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE
WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	498	480
	<u>498</u>	<u>480</u>

10. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS

	Fixed assets £	Net current assets £	Total £
Restricted funds	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	24,760	100,411	125,171
	<u>24,760</u>	<u>100,411</u>	<u>125,171</u>

11. RESERVES

	Balance 01.10.2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 30.09.2024 £
Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted fund	138,231	114,940	(128,000)	-	125,171
	<u>138,231</u>	<u>114,940</u>	<u>(128,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,171</u>
Total funds	138,231	114,940	(128,000)	-	125,171
	<u>138,231</u>	<u>114,940</u>	<u>(128,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,171</u>