



BATTLE AREA COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Directors' and Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st March 2024.

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Legal and Administrative Information

For the Year ended 31st March 2024

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Company Number	3564867
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Directors' and Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The trustees of the charity (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), who are also directors of the Company for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Objects of the Company, principal activities and organisation of our work

The Company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is, therefore, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The objects of the Company are to provide relief to the inhabitants of the town of Battle and its environs whom have need because of age, mental or physical disability, or poverty, and in particular but not as to limit the generality of the foregoing:-

- a) to provide and maintain non-profit community transport services; and
- b) to assist the charitable work of organisations and bodies engaged in promoting the relief of such persons through the provision of appropriate services.

The Company is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The day to day business was managed during the year by the trustees with the support of other volunteers including drivers, a part-time administrator, helpers and local organisations.

Developments, activities and achievements this year

The effects of the Covid pandemic continue to influence the passenger numbers, which together with increased prices for fuel. have inevitably caused some deterioration in the Company's results for the year. However, the Company remains committed to maintaining its services to the local community with the help of its' volunteer drivers and the generous donors to the Company's funds.

Transactions and financial position

The Statement of Financial Activities shows the Company's operating activities shows a deficit for the year amounting to £2,266, after charging depreciation of £204.

The Trustees are satisfied that the present level of funding is sufficient to support the day to day needs and commitments of the charity.

Tangible Fixed Assets for use by the Company

Details of movements in fixed assets are set out in note 3 to the accounts.

Investment policy and returns

Under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investment which the trustees see fit. Short term surplus funds are invested with the charity's bankers. The return on bank deposits increased marginally during the year, but the trustees continue to take the view that placement of the funds elsewhere is not appropriate at the present time.

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Risk Management

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current level will provide sufficient resources in the event of minor adversities.

Directors and Trustees

All the directors stated below were also trustees and served throughout the year unless otherwise stated.

Mr J.V.F.Ray
Mr B.I.Newman
Mr G.C.Sharman
Mr D.J.Pratt
Mrs C.Fyfe (Resigned 12th February 2024)
Mr I Clark
Mrs M Newman

Approval

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 18/4/24

B.I.Newman


Company Secretary

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
Incoming Resources	1.2				
Fares and Hire		-	15,161	15,161	15,431
Grants from Central and Local Government		-	17,952	17,952	16,588
Voluntary Donations Received	2	-	3,514	3,514	3,191
Investment and other Income		-	316	316	285
Total Incoming Resources		-	36,943	36,943	35,495
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure		-	17,250	17,250	15,185
Support Costs	1.4	-	20,220	20,220	20,924
Governance Costs	1.5	-	1,535	1,535	1,617
Depreciation	1.3	-	204	204	149
Total Resources Expended		-	39,209	39,209	37,875
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	8	-	(2,266)	(2,266)	2,380

The Notes on pages 6, 7 & 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	3		
Motor Vehicles		3	3
Furniture and Equipment		450	654
		<u>453</u>	<u>657</u>
Net Current Assets			
Debtors	4	4,766	6,523
Cash at Bank and in Hand		36,511	38,550
		<u>41,277</u>	<u>45,073</u>
Less: Creditors	5	(2,452)	(4,186)
		<u>38,825</u>	<u>40,887</u>
		<u>£39,278</u>	<u>£41,544</u>
Financed by:			
Share Capital	7	-	-
Reserves	8		
Unrestricted		13,045	15,311
Restricted		26,233	26,233
		<u>£39,278</u>	<u>£41,544</u>

The notes on pages 6, 7 & 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

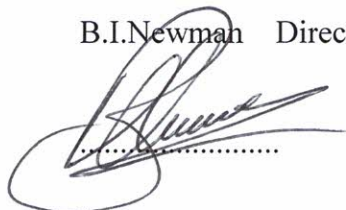
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024 (continued)

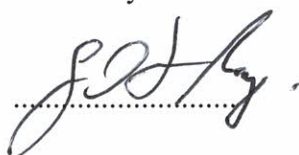
The Directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006. Shareholders holding 10% or more of the company's share capital have not issued a notice requiring an audit under Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the year in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the accounts so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 18/9/24

B.I.Newman Director



J.V.F.Ray Director



(Registration number 3564867)

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Income

Grants are recognised during the year to which they relate. Voluntary donations are credited in the year of receipt, unless specifically designated for a future period (see also Note 2).

1.3 Depreciation

Motor Vehicles	25% per annum on the straight line basis
Plant and Equipment	25% per annum on the straight line basis

1.4 Support Costs

Expenditure on support costs of the charity includes all expenditure not directly related to the charitable activity. This includes the costs of running the administration office.

1.5 Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise all costs of the charity for its compliance with regulation and good practice. These include accounting and legal fees of the charity.

2. Incoming Resource

Voluntary donations include:-	£
Parish Council Precepts	555
Other donations	2,959

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

3. Tangible Fixed Assets			
	Total	Motor	Office
	£	Vehicles	Equipment
		£	£
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1 April 2023	81,566	80,521	1,045
At 31 March 2024	81,566	80,521	1,045
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 April 2023	80,909	80,518	391
Add: Charge for the year	204	-	204
At 31 st March 2024	81,113	80,518	595
<u>Net Book Value at 31st March 2024</u>	453	3	450
<i>Net Book Value at 31st March 2023</i>	<i>657</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>654</i>
4. Debtors		2024	2023
		£	£
Grants receivable		1,736	3,078
Other Debtors		3,030	3,445
		4,766	6,523
5. Creditors: Amounts falling due in one year		2024	2023
		£	£
Other Creditors		2,452	4,186

6. Capital Commitments

There were no commitments of a capital nature at the Balance Sheet date.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 (continued)

7. Share Capital

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of winding up, is limited to £1.

8. Reserves

	2024 £	2023 £
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(a) Unrestricted:

Balance brought forward at 1 April 2023	15,311	17,691
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(2,266)	(2,380)
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Balance carried forward at 31 March 2024	13,045	15,311
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Note: These reserves represent the accumulated surpluses, less deficits, relating to the Company's day to day operations after charging depreciation.

(b) Restricted:

Balance brought forward at 1 st April 2023	26,233	26,233
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Balance carried forward at 31 st March 2024	26,233	26,233
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Note: These reserves represent those funds received specifically or otherwise relating to the purchase or replacement of motor vehicles or their related costs.

9. Transactions with Trustees

The Company repaid out-of-pocket expenses to Trustees during the year, totalling £ nil (2023: £410).

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Battle Area Community Transport For the year ended 31st March 2024

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of Report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under the Charities Act 2011, s.145 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under s.145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required in section 386 of the 2006 Act or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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