

VOLUNTEER FRIENDS
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST MARCH, 2024

Charity Number 1098366
Company Number 4609837

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The trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Reference and administrative information

Charity Name	Volunteer Friends (formerly known as Volunteer Centre – Nuneaton & Bedworth)	
Charity Registration Number	1098366	
Company Registration Number	4609837	
Registered Office and Operational Address	Darlaston House 4 School Road Bulkington Warwickshire CV12 9JB	
Trustees	R. T. Smith D.S. Williamson L. R. Snow P. Monaghan M. S. Newman L. S. Smith	Chair
Lead Officer	M. Kalsi	
Company Secretary	R. T. Smith	
Bankers	NatWest Bank plc 1 Market Place Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 4YY	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ
Accountants	Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited Chartered Accountants Gethin House 36 Bond Street Nuneaton Warwickshire CV11 4DA	

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Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5th December 2002 and registered as a charity on 4th July 2003. It is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Statement of Public Benefit

Objects of the charity, principal activities and organisation of the work

The Charity's objects and principal activities are to be performed for those within the Borough of Nuneaton & Bedworth and its surrounding districts.

The objects are to:

- benefit the general population of Nuneaton & Bedworth and surrounding areas by providing services and community recreation and to encourage community action and social cohesion within the locality.
- inspire and facilitate the support and training of people of all ages, abilities and interests to serve and engage with their community by providing , friendship and community recreation as deemed fit and necessary to fulfil and enhance the lives and wellbeing of residents in the Area of Benefit.
- for the public benefit,encouraging social inclusion in all our activities by promoting voluntary service and community action for all people including those not in full time employment or unwaged individuals, people from diverse background and cultures through the continued development of their individual capabilities, competences , skills and understanding in social cohesion.
- to hold forums, produce exhibitions, talks and other public events, as deemed appropriate.
- to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by challenging discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown and poor housing.

Developments, activities and achievements this year

- **Medicar**

Medicar Transport has been busy this year with our pool of volunteer drivers continuing to undertake medical related trips, vaccine trips and social trips. The social trips have mainly been to attend Volunteer Friend's social activities. We have also been fortunate in welcoming a few new drivers to our drivers' team.

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The volunteer drivers' undertook journeys in 2023/24 covering over 31,572 miles and contributing 2,838 hours of their time.

- **Supported Shopping Service**

Our supported shopping service which takes place every Wednesdays to ASDA, Nuneaton has been busy and popular. We take up to 7 shoppers on a fortnightly basis to do their shopping, with the support of up to 5 volunteer escorts.

In total, our volunteers gave 1,141 hours of their time to help us deliver this valuable service.

- **WMAS Dialysis Trips**

We have a small team of volunteer drivers undertaking medical transport for renal patients requiring dialysis treatments. Since April 2022, our drivers have transported 6 patients to their treatments on a weekly basis.

In total, our volunteers did 573 return trips, and 175 one-way trips covering 8,537 miles and contributing 681 hours of their time.

- **Singing with Dementia**

Our Singing with Dementia group meet in Bulkington on Thursdays for a good sing song, refreshments and lots of cake! During the year, we had 84 members attend at least one session and the group has been supported by 15 volunteers over the year.

- **Friendship Group**

Our Friendship Group lunches have been very popular. Our volunteer cooks have been making delicious, traditional meals such as cottage pie, roast chicken dinners, chicken casserole and lasagne. The groups enjoy a weekly quiz and a game or two of bingo after their two-course lunch. We also run a Friday morning coffee and craft group where service users enjoy a cuppa and chat, and some will knit or crochet.

- **Woodcrafting Centre**

Our workshop space is a multi-purpose workshop suitable for wood craft and wood turning. Thanks to our team of enthusiastic and skilled volunteers, we are able to teach those who would like to learn new skills in woodcraft. The members have made some lovely items that Volunteer Friends has been able to sell to help generate some much-needed funds for the charity.

- **3D Printing**

We have been running 3D design and print sessions for young people. We are still in the early stages of this project, however, the feedback has been great.

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- **Disclosure and Barring Service**

We have continued to provide DBS guidance and processing service for a number of organisations and community groups.

This has been another successful year for Volunteer Friends which has seen all our service areas full to capacity, serving those in need in our communities, at times our Friendship Groups and Supported Shopping Service having a waiting list of clients eager to join.

During the year we have continued to work with young people by offering training sessions in 3D design and print, an area we are keen to expand, so plans are underway to work with partners to offer this service more widely.

Sustainability is always an issue for small charities however this year has seen us strengthen our reserves with a successful Lottery Grant bid and some strong fundraising events that will guarantee support for our work over the next few years.

Working with the local Primary Care Network Social Prescribers, has provided a constant flow of new client referrals in need of our services, and this clearly demonstrates the value of partnership working to identify those in need and provide them with support, this has included providing food packages for those still struggling with the current cost of living crisis, an issue that is affecting many in our communities.

We continue to attract and maintain a great team of volunteers supported by our excellent staff and the indications are looking good for another strong performance in 2024/25 helping those most in need in our communities.

Transactions and financial position

- The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income of £28,960 and reserves of £165,812.
- Transfers between funds were in accordance with financial standing orders

Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the Charity and which are not designated for particular purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The Exit Costs reserve has been designated by the directors to provide for 3 months running costs to enable the Charity to cease its activities in the event of a significant drop in funding.

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Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or which have been raised by the Charity for specific purposes. Details of the aims and use of each restricted fund are set out in note 16 and note 17 to the accounts.

Allocation of Costs

The Statement of Financial Activities shows costs allocated according to the purpose of the expenditure:-

Costs of generating voluntary income represents the staff time spent making funding applications and reporting to funders.

Charitable activities are the core and project activities of the Centre.

Governance Costs are expenditure on governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the Charity. These activities provide the governance infrastructure which allows the Charity to operate and to generate the information required for public accountability. They include the strategic planning processes that contribute to future development of the Charity.

Investment powers

In accordance with the Memorandum, the company invests monies, not immediately required, in short-term Bank and Building Society deposits.

Donations and grants

Details of grants and donations received in the year are set out in note 2 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

The Management Committee has established a policy of setting aside 3 months running costs in reserve fund, as exit costs, to enable the Charity to cease its activities in the event of a significant drop in funding. Equipment purchased which is fully funded by project grants is not capitalised but a sum equivalent to the cost is transferred to the Fixed Asset Replacement fund. For Motor Vehicles which are fully funded, the grants received for their purchase are treated as Restricted Funds and the annual depreciation charge is taken from that Restricted Fund until the vehicle is fully written down.

Risk Management

The charity aims to manage risk at all levels of the organisation and has written policies on Health and Safety, Child Protection and Volunteers. Risk management is actively carried out in relation to governance, finance, health and safety, equal opportunities and volunteer and staff safety.

Future Development

The charity is now seeking to identify gaps in its service and develop new projects to meet the needs of its clients. Existing projects are also being evaluated to determine the future strategy.

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Directors and Trustees

Members of the Management Committee, who are directors of the Charity for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report, are set out in the Reference and Administrative Information of this report. One third of board members are subject to retirement by rotation at each Annual General Meeting.

Potential new Directors/Trustees are identified on the basis of interest shown in volunteering and on the basis of relevant skills. Candidates are given the opportunity to find out in detail about the work of the Centre before being formally appointed by the Trustees. Newly appointed Trustees are supported in becoming familiar with the policies and detailed working of the organisation.

Statement of Directors' and Trustees' responsibilities

The directors and trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources, and application of resources including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors and Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in existence.

The directors and trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approval

This report was approved by the directors and trustees on 14 November 2024 and signed on their behalf.



R. T. Smith, Chairperson

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 20.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by 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.



Jane Biggs
Chartered Certified Accountant
Armstrongs Bishop Simmons Limited
Chartered Accountants
Gethin House, 36 Bond Street
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
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Date: 14 November 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and grants	2	3,874	102,078	105,952	87,532
Activities for Raising funds	2	10,187	-	10,187	14,292
Income from investments	2	1,982	-	1,982	177
Income from Charitable activities	2	24,690	37,561	62,251	48,907
Other income		-	-	-	-
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Total income and endowments		40,733	139,639	180,372	150,908
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Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on Raising funds	3	353	6,861	7,214	5,995
Expenditure on Charitable activities	4	6,612	124,578	131,190	107,956
Governance costs	5	2,075	10,933	13,008	10,906
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Total expenditure		9,040	142,372	151,412	124,857
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Net income		31,693	(2,733)	28,960	26,051
Transfers between funds		(102)	102	-	-
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Net movement in funds		31,591	(2,631)	28,960	26,051
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		101,001	35,851	136,852	110,801
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Total funds carried forward		132,592	33,220	165,812	136,852
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

	Note	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible Assets	10	-	292
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	12,095	15,028
Cash at bank and in hand		156,806	124,512
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		168,901	139,540
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,089)	(2,980)
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Net Current Assets		165,812	136,560
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Net Assets	13	165,812	136,852
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Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds		92,592	72,001
Designated funds		40,000	29,000
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		132,592	101,001
Restricted funds		33,220	35,851
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Total Funds	16	165,812	136,852
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 2024 - continued

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small company's regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 14 November 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



- R. T. Smith, Chairperson



- L. Snow

Company Registration No 04609837

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

1. Accounting Policies

- a) The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
 The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.
 The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.
- b) The charity is a company limited by guarantee in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements.
- c) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- d) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they are receivable.
- e) Incoming resources from fundraising and from investments is included when receivable.
- f) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT, which cannot be recovered.
- g) Expenditure on governance of the charity includes all expenditure not directly relating to the charitable activity.
- h) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:
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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Office & Workshop Equipment - | 25% Straight Line |
| Computer Equipment - | 33.3% Straight Line |
| Building Refurbishment - | Over the remainder of the lease |
| Vehicles (New)/(Second Hand) - | 25%/33.3% Straight Line |
- The purchase of Office, Workshop and Computer equipment from project grants is written off in the year of purchase against the relevant restricted fund and not subjected to depreciation. Depreciation of the Minibuses is charged against the grants received with the balance of grants being carried forward to cover future depreciation charges.

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

- i) Where funds are received which apply to subsequent accounting periods, these are shown in the balance sheet as deferred income until the date at which they are classed as income, at which time they are transferred to income.
- j) The cost of providing pension and related benefits is charged to the SOFA as incurred.
- k) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- l) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure, which meets these criteria, is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.
- m) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- n) Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they fall due.

2. Analysis of income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from donations				
Donations	3,874	320	4,194	3,524
Grants				
Medicar (WCC)	-	4,050	4,050	4,050
Supported Shopping Service (WCC)	-	4,319	4,319	4,299
Accelerate (Coventry & Warwickshire)	-	-	-	25,195
The National Lottery-Friendship Group	-	56,618	56,618	-
VASA (Hardship/Community Transport)	-	19,995	19,995	30,000
Cost of Living-Food Packages	-	2,100	2,100	-
Bulkington Volunteers	-	400	400	775
Bulkington Volunteers-Greenshoots	-	-	-	1,500
Severn Trent Water	-	-	-	10,000
Bulkington Health Support Charity	-	-	-	2,000
Nuneaton Round Table	-	-	-	1,339
Councillor Grant	-	350	350	-
WCC Cost of Living	-	1,000	1,000	-
3D Printing Project (Bedworth Lions)	-	-	-	500
WCC Loneliness & Social Isolation	-	-	-	1,200
WCC Cost of Living Grant (Food Packages)	-	-	-	350
WCC Household Support Grant	-	3,846	3,846	-
Woodcrafting Centre - Adults	-	3,289	3,289	800
Friendship Group (Meals & Social Activities)	-	-	-	2,000
History Hub	-	5,791	5,791	-
	<u>3,874</u>	<u>102,078</u>	<u>105,952</u>	<u>87,532</u>

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2. Analysis of income (continued)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Activities for Raising funds				
Fundraising events	3,851	-	3,851	4,758
Project management charges	980	-	980	3,463
Disclosure & barring service checks	5,356	-	5,356	4,471
Room hire	-	-	-	1,600
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	10,187	-	10,187	14,292
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Income from investments				
Bank and Building Society Interest received	1,982	-	1,982	177
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Income from Charitable activities				
Medicar charges	-	22,029	22,029	12,885
Training fees received	-	-	-	1,394
Supported shopping service contributions	-	2,982	2,982	2,305
West Midlands Ambulance Service dialysis transport	-	12,550	12,550	13,444
The friendship group	16,160	-	16,160	14,257
Singing with Dementia	3,838	-	3,838	-
Woodcrafting centre sales	4,662	-	4,662	4,432
Sales (Direct)	30	-	30	190
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	24,690	37,561	62,251	48,907
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3. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Salaries, national insurance and pension Contributions	353	6,861	7,214	5,995
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4. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Volunteer expenses	-	24,259	24,259	16,055
Salaries, national insurance and pension				
Contributions	2,765	53,698	56,463	47,398
Staff expenses	1	-	1	-
Rent and room hire	383	10,924	11,307	9,000
Telephone and internet	30	1,800	1,830	1,581
Office expenses and equipment maintenance	-	2,290	2,290	3,188
Utilities	33	4,450	4,483	4,415
Training expenses	-	-	-	126
Insurance	5	955	960	1,128
Project costs	860	24,873	25,733	19,020
Event and meeting costs	-	249	249	103
DBS checks	2,456	-	2,456	2,298
Subscriptions	79	200	279	235
Management charges	-	588	588	3,117
Depreciation	-	292	292	292
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	6,612	124,578	131,190	107,956
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5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff salaries, national insurance and pension contributions	415	8,053	8,468	6,558
Rent and room hire	192	-	192	1,000
Telephone and internet	15	-	15	176
Office expenses	186	-	186	355
Utilities	16	-	16	491
Insurance	2	-	2	125
Professional fees – Accountancy etc	1,204	2,473	3,677	1,782
Bank charges	45	15	60	73
Management charges	-	392	392	346
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	2,075	10,933	13,008	10,906
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6. Staff costs and numbers

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries and wages	61,863	51,595
Employers National Insurance	-	-
Employers Pension costs	10,281	8,356
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	72,144	59,951
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

Average monthly number of full time equivalent employees in the year.

	2024	2023
Fundraising	0.2	0.2
Charitable activities	2.0	2.0
Governance	0.1	0.1
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	2.3	2.3
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7. Taxation

As a Charity, Volunteer Friends is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

8. Trustees remuneration and expenses

No remuneration was paid to trustees in the year. £Nil (2023 £Nil) was reimbursed for trustee expenses.

9. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	1,450	1,380
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10. Fixed Assets

Cost	Office & Workshop Equipment	Unrestricted		Vehicles	Total
		Computer Equipment	Building Refurbishment		
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 st April 2023	2,976	710	17,382	-	21,068
Additions in the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	2,976	710	17,382	-	21,068
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2023	2,684	710	17,382	-	20,776
Provided in the year	292	-	-	-	292
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2024	2,976	710	17,382	-	21,068
Net Book Value					
At 31st March 2023	292	-	-	-	292
At 31st March 2024	-	-	-	-	-

11. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	4,903	11,134
Prepayments	7,192	3,894
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	12,095	15,028
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12. Creditors and Accruals

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	470	414
Other taxes and social security	(603)	(1,179)
Accruals and deferred income	3,222	3,745
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	3,089	2,980
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13. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Funds	Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	134,704	34,197	168,901
Current Liabilities	(2,112)	(977)	(3,089)
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Funds Balance	132,592	33,220	165,812
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The purpose of the designated funds (included in unrestricted funds above) is outlined in the trustees report.

14. Pension Scheme

The Charity operates a Stakeholder Pension Scheme, i.e. defined contribution, for the benefit of the employees. The pension charge for the year was £10,281 (2023 £8,356). At 31st March 2024 £470 (2023 £414) was outstanding.

15. Lease Commitments

The Charity has non-cancellable operating leases with an annual commitment expiring:

	Buildings	Office
	£	Equipment
		£
Within two to five years	16,000	<u>Nil</u>

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16. Statement of Funds

	As at 1 st April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	As at 31 st March 2024 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Fund	72,001	40,733	9,040	(11,102)	92,592
Designated Fund:					
Exit Costs Reserve	20,500	-	-	9,500	30,000
Redundancy Reserve	8,500	-	-	1,500	10,000
Total Unrestricted Funds	101,001	40,733	9,040	(102)	132,592
Restricted Funds:					
Medicar	392	26,399	22,905	-	3,886
Supported Shopping	35	7,301	5,185	-	2,151
The National Lottery-Friendship	-	56,618	49,462	-	7,156
Renal	-	12,550	9,679	-	2,871
WCC Vaccine Delivery	1,284	-	309	-	975
VASA Hardship	18,957	-	18,957	-	-
VASA Community Transport	-	10,995	11,037	42	-
VASA Community Transport	-	9,000	-	-	9,000
Cost of Living – Food Packages	-	2,100	1,390	-	710
Bulkington Volunteers	553	400	1,007	54	-
Bulkington Vol-Greenshoots	1,500	-	1,133	-	367
Severn Trent Water	7,743	-	7,747	4	-
Bulkington Health Support	2,000	-	2,000	-	-
Councillor Grant	-	350	350	-	-
WCC Cost of Living	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Bedworth Lions 3D Printing	330	-	330	-	-
WCC Household Support	-	3,846	3,533	-	313
Woodcrafting Centre - Adults	880	3,289	4,169	-	-
WCC (Friendship Garden)	2,000	-	2,002	2	-
WCC (Cost of Living Grant)	177	-	177	-	-
History Hub	-	5,791	-	-	5,791
Total Restricted Funds	35,851	139,639	142,372	102	33,220
Total Funds	136,852	180,372	151,412	-	165,812

The projects financed by the restricted funds help to meet the objects of the Charity as outlined in the Trustees report.

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17. Purposes of Restricted Funds

Project	Purpose	Funders
Medi-car	Transport to medical appointments.	Warwickshire CC £4,050
Supported Shopping Service	Supported shopping for elderly and disabled people.	Warwickshire CC £3,800, Dept of Transport £519
The National Lottery Friendship Group	To combat social isolation	The National Lottery Community Fund £56,618
Renal	To help with non-emergency passenger journeys to the Renal Unit.	West Midlands Ambulance Service £12,550.
WCC Vaccine Delivery (Covid 19)	To cover transport costs for Covid vaccinations.	Funds brought forward
VASA Hardship	To provide community transport to support those in greatest need to access vital medical appointments and social support groups.	Funds brought forward
VASA Community Transport	To provide core costs for transport services	Voluntary Action Stratford £19,995
Cost of Living	Food packages	Warwickshire CC £2,100
Bulkington Volunteers	Provide food packages	Funds brought forward and £400 in year
Bulkington Volunteers - Greenshoots	For planting in the village of Bulkington.	Funds brought forward.
Severn Trent Water	Towards core costs.	Funds brought forward.
Bulkington Health Support	Towards friendship group and 3D printing.	Funds brought forward.
Councillor Grant	Friends to Turn To Project to support those struggling with bereavement	Warwickshire CC £350
WCC Cost of Living	Bulkington Volunteers towards food packages	Warwickshire CC £1,000
WCC Household Support	Help towards food packages	Warwickshire CC £3,846
Woodcrafting Centre	To enhance woodcrafting skills.	Heart of England Community Foundation – CBS £3,289
Friendship Garden	To create a sensory garden on the patio area.	Funds brought forward.
History Hub	To develop a future History related project	History Hub Limited £5,791