

VOLUNTEER FRIENDS
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH, 2025

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 2025.

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 (Nuneaton) 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 Transport Service**
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 VF's social activities. We have also been fortunate in welcoming a few new drivers to our drivers' team.

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Medicar Stats:	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Number of Volunteer Miles	22,121	31,572	32,192
Number of Volunteer Hours	1,978	2,838	3,151

- **WMAS Dialysis Trips**

We have a small team of volunteer drivers undertaking medical transport for renal patients requiring dialysis treatment. Since April 2024, our drivers have transported 5 patients to their treatments on a weekly basis.

WMAS Stats:	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Number of Volunteer Trips (return)	626	573	483
Number of Volunteer Trips (one-way)	77	175	47
Number of Volunteer Miles	14,684	8,537	12,462
Number of Volunteer Hours	665	681	1,048

- **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.

Shopping Stats:	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Number of Volunteer Hours	1,046	1,141	1,201

- **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 62 members attend at least one session and the group has been supported by 16 volunteers over the year.

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- **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 lasagna. 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, whilst knitting and croqueting.

- **Woodcrafting Centre**

Our workshop 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 VF 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.

- **Disclosure and Barring Service**

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

Volunteer Friends has achieved another successful year, operating all service areas at full capacity. We are proud to have served so many in need across our communities, with demand for our Friendship Groups and Supported Shopping Service often resulting in a waiting list.

We continued our commitment to youth engagement by providing training sessions in 3D design and print. This is a growth area, and we are currently developing partnerships to expand the service's reach.

Financial sustainability was significantly strengthened this year. A successful Lottery Grant bid the previous year, combined with strong fundraising events, has enabled us to thrive and provide much needed services for our local community. Additionally, we successfully secured a late-year grant to purchase a smaller vehicle, enhancing our operational flexibility. Furthermore, income generation increased through the sale of woodcraft items and a significant rise in Medicar trips. These successes guarantee support for our vital work over the next few years.

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Our partnership with the local Primary Care Network Social Prescribers has proven invaluable, providing a consistent flow of new client referrals. This collaboration highlights the power of partnership working to identify and support those in need, including providing essential food packages to residents struggling with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

Supported by our dedicated staff, we continue to attract and retain a great team of volunteers. Looking ahead, we anticipate another strong performance in 2025/26 as we continue to help those most in need in our communities.

Transactions and financial position

- The Statement of Financial Activities shows net income of £51,887 and reserves of £217,699.
- 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.

Saying Our Thanks

Our Funders

The National Lottery Community Fund – Reaching Communities
Awards for All National Lottery England
Warwickshire County Council - Medicar and Supported Shopping Service
Warwickshire County Council (lead organisation VASA)
Warwickshire County Council – Household Support Fund
Warwickshire County Councillor - Councillor Grant
Department of Transport
Bulkington Health Support Charity
Coventry and Warwickshire Charitable Trust

Thank you to R K Hughes for a generous donation of £3,000.
Also, thank you to everyone who kindly donated to the charity.

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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 10 December 2025 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 2025 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 (Nuneaton) Limited
Chartered Accountants
Gethin House, 36 Bond Street
Nuneaton
Warwickshire
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DATE: 10 December 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and grants	2	11,090	118,831	129,921	105,952
Activities for Raising funds	2	10,357	-	10,357	10,187
Income from investments	2	2,195	-	2,195	1,982
Income from Charitable activities	2	27,432	38,744	66,176	62,251
Other income		-	-	-	-
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Total income and endowments		51,074	157,575	208,649	180,372
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Expenditure on:					
Expenditure on Raising funds	3	1,034	5,984	7,018	7,214
Expenditure on Charitable activities	4	14,832	122,197	137,029	131,190
Governance costs	5	1,923	10,792	12,715	13,008
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Total expenditure		17,789	138,973	156,762	151,412
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Net income		33,285	18,602	51,887	28,960
Transfers between funds		(52)	52	-	-
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Net movement in funds		33,233	18,654	51,887	28,960
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		132,592	33,220	165,812	136,852
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Total funds carried forward		165,825	51,874	217,699	165,812
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 2025

	Note	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible Assets	10	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	11	10,784	12,095
Cash at bank and in hand		210,320	156,806
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		221,104	168,901
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,405)	(3,089)
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Net Current Assets		217,699	165,812
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Net Assets	13	217,699	165,812
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Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds		118,325	92,592
Designated funds		47,500	40,000
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		165,825	132,592
Restricted funds		51,874	33,220
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Total Funds	16	217,699	165,812
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BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH, 2025 - continued



For the year ended 31 March 2025, 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 10 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

 - R. T. Smith, Chairperson
 - L. Snow
Company Registration No 04609837

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2025

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:

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 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income from donations				
Donations	11,090	139	11,229	4,194
Grants				
Asda – Foodie Friends	-	400	400	-
Awards for All – Foodie Friends	-	19,933	19,933	-
Bulkington Health Support Charity	-	4,500	4,500	-
Bulkington Volunteers	-	3,244	3,244	400
Cost of Living-Food Packages Councillor Grant	-	-	-	350
Coventry & Warwickshire Charitable Trust	-	1,329	1,329	-
History Hub	-	-	-	5,791
The National Lottery-Friendship Group	-	57,668	57,668	56,618
VASA Community Transport Cost of Living	-	12,095	12,095	19,995
WCC Cost of Living	-	-	-	1,000
WCC Cost of Living Food Packages	-	544	544	2,100
WCC Councillor Grant	-	2,100	2,100	-
WCC Medica	-	4,050	4,050	4,050
WCC Household Support Grant	-	8,451	8,451	3,846
WCC Supported Shopping Service	-	4,378	4,378	4,319
Woodcrafting Centre - Adults	-	-	-	3,289
	<u>11,090</u>	<u>118,831</u>	<u>129,921</u>	<u>105,952</u>

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2. Analysis of income (continued)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Activities for Raising funds				
Fundraising events	4,184	-	4,184	3,851
Project management charges	-	-	-	980
Disclosure & barring service checks	6,173	-	6,173	5,356
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	10,357	-	10,357	10,187
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Income from investments				
Bank and Building Society Interest received	2,195	-	2,195	1,982
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Income from Charitable activities				
Medicar charges	-	23,134	23,134	22,029
Training fees received	120	-	120	-
Supported shopping service contributions	-	3,475	3,475	2,982
West Midlands Ambulance Service dialysis transport	-	12,135	12,135	12,550
The Friendship group	16,698	-	16,698	16,160
Singing with Dementia	4,971	-	4,971	3,838
Woodcrafting centre sales	5,623	-	5,623	4,662
Sales (Direct)	20	-	20	30
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	27,432	38,744	66,176	62,251
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3. Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Salaries, national insurance and pension Contributions	1,034	5,984	7,018	7,214
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4. Expenditure on Charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Volunteer expenses	-	28,110	28,110	24,259
Salaries, national insurance and pension				
Contributions	7,680	47,567	55,247	56,463
Staff expenses	-	-	-	1
Rent and room hire	20	15,980	16,000	11,307
Telephone and internet	270	1,754	2,024	1,830
Office expenses and equipment maintenance	850	3,544	4,394	2,290
Utilities	929	4,000	4,929	4,483
Training expenses	-	-	-	-
Insurance	388	500	888	960
Project costs	1,564	20,456	22,020	25,733
Event and meeting costs	-	-	-	249
DBS checks	3,131	-	3,131	2,456
Subscriptions	-	286	286	279
Management charges	-	-	-	588
Depreciation	-	-	-	292
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	14,832	122,197	137,029	131,190

5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff salaries, national insurance and pension contributions	1,623	6,292	7,915	8,468
Rent and room hire	-	-	-	192
Telephone and internet	-	-	-	15
Office expenses	-	-	-	186
Utilities	-	-	-	16
Insurance	-	-	-	2
Professional fees – Accountancy etc	235	4,500	4,735	3,677
Bank charges	65	-	65	60
Management charges	-	-	-	392
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	1,923	10,792	12,715	13,008
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6. Staff costs and numbers

	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff costs were as follows:		
Salaries and wages	67,049	68,918
Employers National Insurance	-	-
Employers Pension costs	3,131	3,226
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	70,180	72,144
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000.

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

	2025	2024
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 (2024 £Nil) was reimbursed for trustee expenses.

9. Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	1,524	1,450
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10. Fixed Assets

Cost	Office & Workshop Equipment	Unrestricted Computer Equipment	Building Refurbishment	Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 st April 2024	2,976	1,891	17,382	-	22,249
Additions in the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	2,976	1,891	17,382	-	22,249
Depreciation					
At 1st April 2024	2,976	1,891	17,382	-	22,249
Provided in the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	2,976	1,891	17,382	-	22,249
Net Book Value					
At 31st March 2024	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	-	-	-	-	-

11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	3,237	4,903
Prepayments	7,547	7,192
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	10,784	12,095
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12. Creditors and Accruals

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	470	470
Other taxes and social security	(90)	(603)
Accruals and deferred income	3,025	3,222
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	3,405	3,089
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13. Analysis of Net Assets by Fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	168,696	52,408	221,104
Current Liabilities	(2,871)	(534)	(3,405)
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Funds Balance	165,825	51,874	217,699
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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 £3,131 (2024 £3,226). At 31st March 2025 £470 (2024 £470) 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 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	As at 31 st March 2025 £
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Fund	92,592	51,074	17,789	(7,552)	118,325
Designated Fund:					
Exit Costs Reserve	30,000	-	-	5,000	35,000
Redundancy Reserve	10,000	-	-	2,500	12,500
Total Unrestricted Funds	132,592	51,074	17,789	(52)	165,825
Restricted Funds:					
Asda – Foodie Friends	-	400	399	(1)	-
Awards for All – Foodie Friends	-	19,933	8,113	2	11,822
Bulkington Health Support Charity	-	4,500	3,485	(1)	1,014
Bulkington Volunteers	-	3,244	3,244	-	-
Bulkington Volunteers – Greenshoots	367	-	367	-	-
Coventry & Warwickshire Charitable Trust	-	1,329	1,381	52	-
History Hub	5,791	-	-	-	5,791
Renal	2,871	12,135	12,922	-	2,084
The National Lottery - Friendship Group	7,156	57,668	50,312	-	14,512
VASA Community Transport – Cost of Living	9,000	12,095	18,047	-	3,048
WCC Cost of Living	710	544	1,254	-	-
WCC Councillor Grant	-	2,100	343	-	1,757
WCC Medicar	3,886	27,323	26,925	-	4,284
WCC Household Support Grant	313	8,451	3,976	-	4,788
WCC Supported Shopping	2,151	7,853	7,914	-	2,090
WCC Vaccine Delivery	975	-	291	-	684
Total Restricted Funds	33,220	157,575	138,973	52	51,874
Total Funds	165,812	208,649	156,762	-	217,699

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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Project	Purpose	Funders
Asda – Foodie Friends	Providing food packages	ASDA Community Foundation
Awards for All – Foodie Friends	Providing food packages	National Lottery Awards for All England
Bulkington Health Support	Providing food packages and core costs	Bulkington Health Support Charity
Bulkington Volunteers	Provide food packages	Bulkington Volunteers
Bulkington Volunteers - Greenshoots	For planting in the village of Bulkington.	Funds brought forward
Coventry & Warwickshire Charitable Trust	Equipment Funding	Coventry & Warwickshire Charitable Trust
History Hub	To develop a future History related project	History Hub Limited
Renal	To help with non-emergency passenger journeys to the Renal Unit.	Funds brought forward.
The National Lottery - Friendship Group	To combat social isolation	The National Lottery Community Fund
VASA Community Transport	To provide core costs for transport services	Voluntary Action Stratford
WCC Cost of Living	Food packages	Warwickshire CC
WCC Councillor Grant	Cooking with confidence – Healthy eating cooking session	Warwickshire Councillor Grant
WCC Medi-car	Transport to medical appointments.	Warwickshire CC
WCC Household Support	Help towards food packages	Warwickshire CC
WCC Supported Shopping Service	Supported shopping for elderly and disabled people.	Warwickshire CC
WCC Vaccine Delivery (Covid 19)	To cover transport costs for Covid vaccinations.	Funds brought forward