

LOWESTOFT SHOPMOBILITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1100208

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2003-10-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND INDEPENDENCE OF PERSONS WITH IMPAIRED MOBILITY IN THE TOWN OF LOWESTOFT AND IN THE WAVENEY DISTRICT BY:A) PROMOTING EASE OF ACCESS TO LOCAL FACILITIES THROUGH PROVISION OF DIRECT SERVICES AND THROUGH WORKING WITH OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS TO IMPROVE TO LOCAL, BUILT AND ATTITUDINAL ENVIRONMENT.B) PROVIDING FOR HIRE OR LOAN ELECTRIC AND MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS TO ENABLE ACCESS TO THE SHOPS, BUSINESSES AND PLACES OF INTEREST IN LOWESTOFT AND ITS ENVIRONS.

Activities: To provide manual and powered wheel-chairs and powered scooters for loan to people with impaired mobility enabling them to Socialise, Shop and visit local amenities, thereby promoting the Welfare and Independence of those people

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE TOWN OF LOWESTOFT AND IN THE WAVENEY DISTRICT
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£49,598	£47,023	-	-
2024-03-31	£62,150	£46,624	-	-
2023-03-31	£41,968	£47,789	-	-
2022-03-31	£33,882	£51,208	-	-
2021-03-31	£46,297	£48,598	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARGARET ANN OLDHAM	Chair	
Hassan Abdullah		2015-08-03
LES OLDHAM		
Mitchell Webber		2024-07-30
Susan Rachael Chapman		2024-07-30
Theresa Gandy		2025-03-12

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1100208

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Lowestoft Shopmobility

CUNNINGHAMS
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote the welfare and independence of persons with impaired mobility in the town of Lowestoft and in the Waveney District by:

(a) Providing for hire or loan electric and manual wheelchairs and scooters to enable access to the shops, businesses and places of interest in Lowestoft and its environs.

(b) Promoting ease of access to local facilities through provision of direct services and through working with other groups and organisations to improve local built and attitudinal environment.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Since our beginnings in 1996, we have had 23,454 hires, with 687 last year reducing to 586 this year. The reduction of 101 has been caused by two things:-

First of all, we lost our Outreach service in Southwold, when David and Penny Balls who ran the Boating Lake Café decided to retire. We were so grateful for all the help they have given us over the years and realise that they have truly earned their retirement. This Outreach regularly resulted in £3,000 profit for Lowestoft Shopmobility. Unfortunately, the new people who took over the Boating Lake Café decided that they could not take on the Outreach service at all. We do still have a few customers who stay in Southwold, but they have to either pick up the scooters from us in Lowestoft or pay for us to transport them to Southwold for them. The days of loaning out wheelchairs or scooters for day use has finished. We tried many places to see if they would take over the service, but no-one was willing.

Then after Christmas 2024, Pakefield Holiday Park (which used to be Pontins) closed to visitors. We had many visitors to this holiday venue, and we had scooters going out on a weekly basis from Easter to October and beyond. Again, this service used to generate an income of around £3,000 profit for Lowestoft Shopmobility. The reason given for this closure was that Sizewell were taking it on to house the workers who will be moving into the area to build their facility. We don't know now whether this is going to happen, as the venue remains closed. Sizewell did promise that if any firms or charities were impacted by their development, they would receive a grant, but even though we discussed this with them, they refused to help us saying we were outside their area. Some of the customers which used to go there have changed to other holiday venues in the area, but we have lost the majority.

We know that we now do more for visitors to the town than for local people. This all helps tourism in the town and adds to the local economy, but it is different than the support of local people with disabilities which was our original aim. Our local membership has reduced as well, and we now only have 13 people locally who regularly use our service. We would not want to change anything though, as we get such lovely comments in our annual User survey from visitors who use our service. 50% of them say they would not come to Lowestoft for a holiday if it was not for our service.

Using a mobility scooter or a powered wheelchair to get out and about helps people in so many ways. It increases their independence and overcomes feelings of isolation. It helps both physically and mentally. It enables them to do things which other people take for granted, like doing their own shopping, visiting the Bank or the Post Office, going to the hairdressers or having a coffee and cake with friends. We are the only place in town where someone can hire a wheelchair or a scooter, so if someone breaks a leg or has had an operation and is finding it difficult to get about, even just because of advancing years, they can come to us. In March 2025 we had 35 mobility scooters, 4 powered wheelchairs and 19 manual wheelchairs.

We were sorry to lose one of our long-standing trustees in July 2024, as Moya Armes had been on the committee since Lowestoft Shopmobility began in 1996 and we thank her very much for all the time she has given to the charity. We have had the addition of three new trustees since July 2024 as you can see from the list on the next page.

We are members of Shopmobility UK who give us their accreditation and support us with a monthly newsletter. They publicised the "Scootsafe Day" which we held in March last year and which we are going to do again on the 11th of July this year, with the help of East Suffolk Communities Team, the Police, Disability Advice North East Suffolk, the Waveney Disability Forum and "Freedom" who service all of our scooters and wheelchairs for us. We will try again to educate local people about the rules and regulations of using a mobility scooter in Lowestoft town centre by handing out flyers to explain this, as we are concerned that there may be more accidents in the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements show an overall surplus for the year of £2,575 (2024: surplus of £15,526).

The charity's unrestricted reserves as at 31st March 2025 were £63,488 (2024: £60,913) and restricted reserves were £nil (2024: £nil).

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity dated 20 August 2003.

The trustees elected to the management committee are elected for three years. One third of the members of the committee shall retire annually. The management committee may co-opt members onto the committee for one year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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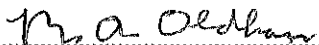
Trustees

Mrs M Oldham M.B.E (Chairperson)
Mr L Oldham (Vice Chairman)
Mr H Abdullah (Treasurer)
Mr J Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mrs B Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mrs M Armes (resigned 30.7.24)
Mr M Webber (appointed 30.7.24)
Mrs S Chapman (appointed 30.7.24)
Cllr T Gandy (appointed 12.3.25)

Independent Examiner

Ms Rachel Garnham
CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
Alexandra Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24th JUNE 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs M Oldham M.B.E - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lowestoft Shopmobility**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lowestoft Shopmobility

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lowestoft Shopmobility (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Ms Rachel Garnham
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Date: 25 / 6 / 2025

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Grants and donations		1,363	-	1,363	13,614
Operating activities	2	46,105	-	46,105	46,543
Investment income	3	<u>2,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>1,993</u>
Total		<u>49,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,598</u>	<u>62,150</u>
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>47,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,023</u>	<u>46,624</u>
NET INCOME		2,575	-	2,575	15,526
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>60,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,913</u>	<u>45,387</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>63,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63,488</u>	<u>60,913</u>

The following grants were received:

	£	£
Kirkley Poor's Land Trust	1,000	

The notes form part of these financial statements

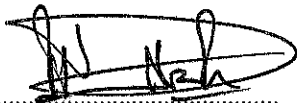
Lowestoft Shopmobility

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
31 March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Assets retained for charity's own use		
Laptop computer, extra screen and printer		
Photocopier		
Cash drawer and safe		
Key safe		
Office equipment		
35 mobility scooters		
4 powerchairs		
19 manual wheelchairs		
5 Rollators		
2 Tri-walkers		
CASH FUNDS:		
COIF account	45,115	42,986
Barclays current account	18,373	17,927
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>63,488</u>	<u>60,913</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Shop stock	3,644	3,921
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>67,132</u>	<u>64,834</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent examiners fee	635	605
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>635</u>	<u>605</u>

All assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 JUNE.....2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr H Abdullah - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP. The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	40,130	39,059
Sale of disability goods	5,975	7,029
Utilities refund	<u>-</u>	<u>455</u>
	<u>46,105</u>	<u>46,543</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>2,130</u>	<u>1,993</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,913	2,575	63,488
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,913</u>	<u>2,575</u>	<u>63,488</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,598	(47,023)	2,575
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,598</u>	<u>(47,023)</u>	<u>2,575</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,161	15,752	60,913
Restricted funds			
Lowestoft Town Council	225	(225)	-
Central England Co-op	<u>1</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>-</u>
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	226	(226)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,387</u>	<u>15,526</u>	<u>60,913</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	60,150	(44,398)	15,752
Restricted funds			
Lowestoft Town Council	-	(225)	(225)
Central England Co-op	-	(1)	(1)
Suffolk Community Foundation - David and Jill Simpson Fund	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(2,226)</u>	<u>(226)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,150</u>	<u>(46,624)</u>	<u>15,526</u>

Description, nature and purpose of fund:

Lowestoft Town Council

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Central England Co-op

Towards the costs of equipment.

Suffolk Community Foundation - David & Jill Samson Fund

In respect of coping with increasing core costs.

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations		
Donations	363	10,614
Grants	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	1,363	13,614
Operating activities		
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	40,130	39,059
Sale of disability goods	5,975	7,029
Utilities refund	<u>-</u>	<u>455</u>
	46,105	46,543
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>2,130</u>	<u>1,993</u>
Total incoming resources	49,598	62,150
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	19,805	16,151
Insurance	1,379	1,336
Utilities	1,067	1,711
Scooter repairs and transport	13,585	13,363
Goods for resale	2,221	2,835
Property expenses	5,900	6,183
Equipment purchases	<u>-</u>	<u>1,635</u>
	43,957	43,214
Support costs		
Management and administration		
Office costs and telephone	1,073	2,133
Sundries	236	394
Independent examination fee	605	576
Subscriptions	50	50
Card processing charges	<u>1,102</u>	<u>257</u>
	3,066	3,410
Total resources expended	<u>47,023</u>	<u>46,624</u>
Net income	<u>2,575</u>	<u>15,526</u>

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Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The management committee has considered the level of reserves required and deem that £15,000 is an appropriate level. This is based upon approximately 50% of operating costs. This policy is in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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Trustees

Mrs M Oldham M.B.E (Chairperson)
Mr J.L. Oldham (Vice Chairperson)
Mr J Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mr A Bennett (Deceased Autumn 2023)
Mrs M Armes
Mrs B Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mr D.H Abdullah (Treasurer)

Shopmobility Co-ordinator

Miss Jacqueline Hall (from May 2023)

Volunteer

Mr P Walpole (from January 2024)

Independent Examiner

Ms Rachel Garnham
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on12th July.....2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....*M. A. Oldham*.....
Mrs M Oldham M.B.E - Trustee

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
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Date: 15 / 7 / 2024

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Grants and donations		11,615	2,000	13,615	2,022
Operating activities	2	46,542	-	46,542	39,321
Investment income	3	<u>1,993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,993</u>	<u>625</u>
Total		<u>60,150</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>62,150</u>	<u>41,968</u>
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>44,398</u>	<u>2,226</u>	<u>46,624</u>	<u>47,789</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		15,752	(226)	15,526	(5,821)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>45,161</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>45,387</u>	<u>51,208</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>60,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,913</u>	<u>45,387</u>

The following grants were received:

	£	£
SCF – David & Jill Simpson Fund		2,000
Kirkley Poor's Land Trust	1,000	

Lowestoft Shopmobility

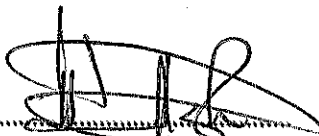
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Assets retained for charity's own use		
Laptop computer, extra screen and printer		
Photocopier		
Cash drawer and safe		
Key safe		
Office equipment		
33 battery chargers		
33 mobility scooters		
3 powerchairs		
15 manual wheelchairs		
4 Rollators		
4 Tri-walkers		
CASH FUNDS:		
COIF account	42,986	40,993
Barclays current account	17,927	4,394
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>60,913</u>	<u>45,387</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Shop stock	3,921	1,150
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>64,834</u>	<u>46,537</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent examiners fee	605	576
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>605</u>	<u>576</u>

All assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12th July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mr H Abdullah - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	39,058	32,807
Sale of disability goods	7,029	6,446
Utilities refund	<u>455</u>	<u>68</u>
	<u>46,542</u>	<u>39,321</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>1,993</u>	<u>625</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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Restricted funds			
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,150</u>	<u>(46,624)</u>	<u>15,526</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	50,787	(5,821)	195	45,161
Restricted funds				
Lowestoft Town Council	225	-	-	225
Central England Co-op	1	-	-	1
East Suffolk Council	<u>195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>226</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>51,208</u></u>	<u><u>(5,821)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>45,387</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,468	(47,289)	(5,821)
Restricted funds			
East Suffolk Council	<u>500</u>	<u>(500)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>41,968</u></u>	<u><u>(47,789)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,821)</u></u>

Description, nature and purpose of fund:

Lowestoft Town Council

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Central England Co-op

Towards the costs of equipment.

East Suffolk Council

Towards the costs of a new laptop, including transfer of data from the old desktop, as well as the cost of 6 months membership subsidies.

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Suffolk Community Foundation - David & Jill Simpson Fund

In respect of coping with increasing core costs.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

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6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations and grants		
Donations	10,614	524
Grants	<u>3,001</u>	<u>1,498</u>
	13,615	2,022
Operating activities		
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	39,058	32,807
Sale of disability goods	7,029	6,446
Utilities refund	<u>455</u>	<u>68</u>
	46,542	39,321
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>1,993</u>	<u>625</u>
Total incoming resources	62,150	41,968
PAYMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Wages	16,151	15,470
Insurance	1,336	1,284
Utilities	1,711	1,187
Scooter repairs and transport	13,363	15,110
Goods for resale	2,835	3,146
Property expenses	6,183	5,552
Equipment purchases	<u>1,635</u>	<u>800</u>
	43,214	42,549
Support costs		
Management and administration		
Office costs and telephone	2,133	2,991
Advertising	-	450
Sundries	394	145
Independent examination fee	576	540
Subscriptions	50	220
Card processing charges	<u>257</u>	<u>894</u>
	<u>3,410</u>	<u>5,240</u>
Total resources expended	<u>46,624</u>	<u>47,789</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>15,526</u>	<u>(5,821)</u>

LOWESTOFT SHOPMOBILITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1100208

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023
for
Lowestoft Shopmobility

CUNNINGHAMS
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Lowestoft Shopmobility

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Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote the welfare and independence of persons with impaired mobility in the town of Lowestoft and in the Waveney District by:

- (a) Providing for hire or loan electric and manual wheelchairs and scooters to enable access to the shops, businesses and places of interest in Lowestoft and its environs.
- (b) Promoting ease of access to local facilities through provision of direct services and through working with other groups and organisations to improve local built and attitudinal environment.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

We thought that 2021 to 2022 was a busy year, but in comparison, this year has been our busiest ever! Local residents still seem rather wary about going out and doing their own shopping, but visitors to the town seem to be celebrating with a lot of holiday bookings.

Since our beginnings in 1996, we have had 22,170 hires, increasing from 420 last year to 548 this year. We know that we now do more for visitors to the town than for local people. This all helps tourism in the town and adds to the local economy, but it is different than the support of local people with disabilities which was our original aim. We would not want to change anything though, as we get such lovely comments in our annual User survey from visitors who use our service. 50% of them say they would not come to Lowestoft for a holiday if it was not for our service. Local holiday venues now tell people about our service when people book with them, and this last week we have had two bookings for March 2024!

Using a mobility scooter or a powered wheelchair to get out and about helps people in so many ways. It increases their independence and overcomes feelings of isolation. It helps both physically and mentally. It enables them to do things which other people take for granted, like doing their own shopping, visiting the Bank or the Post Office, going to the hairdressers or having a coffee and cake with friends. We are now the only place in town where someone can hire a wheelchair or a scooter, so if someone breaks a leg or has had an operation and is finding it difficult to get about, even just because of advancing years, they can come to us. In March 2023 we had 29 mobility scooters, 3 powered wheelchairs and 15 manual wheelchairs.

We are members of Shopmobility UK who give us their accreditation and support us with a monthly newsletter and training opportunities. They publicised the "Scootsafe Day" which we held in March, which tried to educate local people to the rules and regulations about using a mobility scooter in Lowestoft town centre by handing out flyers to explain this. Unfortunately, we chose a very wet and windy day, which ended up in a snowstorm, so we had to finish at lunchtime, but we are hoping to repeat this in August or September. Another unfortunate happening was that we lost our Co-ordinator during March 2023, due to a worsening health condition, so Trustees had to run the charity for a couple of months following this.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements show an overall deficit for the year of £5,821 (2022: surplus of £2,610).

The charity's unrestricted reserves as at 31st March 2023 were £45,161 (2022: £50,787) and restricted reserves were £226 (2022: £421).

Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The management committee has considered the level of reserves required and deem that £15,000 is an appropriate level. This is based upon approximately 50% of operating costs. This policy is in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity dated 20 August 2003.

The trustees elected to the management committee are elected for three years. One third of the members of the committee shall retire annually. The management committee may co-opt members onto the committee for one year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1100208

Principal address

15 Station Square
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR32 1BA

Trustees

Mrs M Oldham M.B.E (Chairperson)
Mr L Oldham (Vice Chairman)
Mr J Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mr A Bennett (Treasurer to 31.08.2022)
Mrs M Armes
Mrs G Brough (deceased March 2023)
Mrs B Perring (Joint Secretary)
Mrs J Ford (resigned 20.07.2022)
Mr H Abdullah (Treasurer from 01.09.2022)

Shopmobility Co-ordinator

Mrs Hazel Clouting (resigned March 2023)

Independent Examiner

Ms Rachel Garnham
CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
Alexandra Road
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on*6th July*.....2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....*M. A Oldham*.....
Mrs M Oldham M.B.E - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lowestoft Shopmobility**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lowestoft Shopmobility

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lowestoft Shopmobility (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

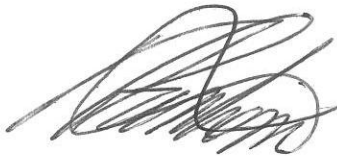
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Ms Rachel Garnham
CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
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Date: 6 / 7 / 2023

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Grants and donations		1,522	500	2,022	4,908
Operating activities	2	39,321	-	39,321	28,521
Investment income	3	<u>625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>13</u>
Total		<u>41,468</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>41,968</u>	<u>33,442</u>
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		<u>47,289</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>47,789</u>	<u>30,832</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	5	<u>(5,821)</u> <u>195</u>	<u>-</u> <u>(195)</u>	<u>(5,821)</u> <u>-</u>	<u>2,610</u> <u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(5,626)	(195)	(5,821)	2,610
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Cash funds brought forward		<u>50,787</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>51,208</u>	<u>48,598</u>
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>45,161</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>45,387</u>	<u>51,208</u>

The following grants were received:

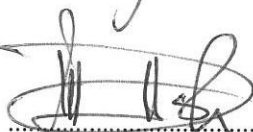
	£	£
East Suffolk – Publicity grant	-	500
Kirkley Poor’s Land Estate	1,000	-

Lowestoft Shopmobility
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
31 March 2023

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Assets retained for charity's own use		
Laptop computer, extra screen and printer		
Photocopier		
Cash drawer and safe		
Key safe		
Office equipment		
29 mobility scooters		
29 battery chargers		
3 Powerchairs		
15 manual wheelchairs		
4 rollators		
4 tri-walkers		
CASH FUNDS:		
COIF account	40,993	30,368
Barclays current account	4,394	20,840
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>45,387</u>	<u>51,208</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Shop stock	1,150	1,270
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,537</u>	<u>52,478</u>
LIABILITIES		
Independent examiners fee	576	498
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>576</u>	<u>498</u>

Apart from one scooter and one powered wheelchair, all assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds, with the exception of £226 of restricted funds within cash balances.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



 Mr H Abdullah - Trustee

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP. The financial statements have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	32,807	22,877
Sale of disability goods	6,446	5,356
Utilities refund	<u>68</u>	<u>288</u>
	<u>39,321</u>	<u>28,521</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>625</u>	<u>13</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. **TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

5. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	50,787	(5,821)	195	45,161
Restricted funds				
Lowestoft Town Council	225	-	-	225
Central England Co-op	1	-	-	1
East Suffolk Council	<u>195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>421</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(195)</u>	<u>226</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>51,208</u></u>	<u><u>(5,821)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>45,387</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	41,468	(47,289)	(5,821)
Restricted funds			
East Suffolk Council	500	(500)	-
	<u>41,968</u>	<u>(47,789)</u>	<u>(5,821)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>41,968</u></u>	<u><u>(47,789)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,821)</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. **MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	48,372	2,415	50,787
Restricted funds			
Lowestoft Town Council	225	-	225
Central England Co-op	1	-	1
East Suffolk Council	-	195	195
	<u>226</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>421</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>48,598</u>	<u>2,610</u>	<u>51,208</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,342	(29,927)	2,415
Restricted funds			
East Suffolk Council	1,100	(905)	195
	<u>33,442</u>	<u>(30,832)</u>	<u>2,610</u>

Description, nature and purpose of fund:

Lowestoft Town Council

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Central England Co-op

Towards the costs of equipment.

East Suffolk Council

Towards the costs of a new laptop, including transfer of data from the old desktop, as well as the cost of 6 months membership subsidies.

Towards the costs of advertising material.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations		
Donations	524	303
Grants	<u>1,498</u>	<u>4,605</u>
	2,022	4,908
Operating activities		
Hire of vehicles and wheelchairs	32,807	22,877
Sale of disability goods	6,446	5,356
Utilities refund	<u>68</u>	<u>288</u>
	39,321	28,521
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>625</u>	<u>13</u>
Total incoming resources	41,968	33,442
PAYMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Wages	15,470	11,311
Insurance	1,284	1,220
Utilities	1,187	1,108
Scooter repairs and transport	15,110	5,790
Goods for resale	3,146	736
Property expenses	5,552	6,091
Equipment purchases	<u>800</u>	<u>1,037</u>
	42,549	27,293
Support costs		
Management and administration		
Office costs and telephone	2,991	1,474
Advertising	450	423
Sundries	145	122
Independent examination fee	540	498
Subscriptions	220	325
Card processing charges	<u>894</u>	<u>697</u>
	<u>5,240</u>	<u>3,539</u>
Total resources expended	<u>47,789</u>	<u>30,832</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(5,821)</u>	<u>2,610</u>

LOWESTOFT SHOPMOBILITY

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Lowestoft Shopmobility
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for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote the welfare and independence of persons with impaired mobility in the town of Lowestoft and in the Waveney District by:

- (a) Providing for hire or loan electric and manual wheelchairs and scooters to enable access to the shops, businesses and places of interest in Lowestoft and its environs.
- (b) Promoting ease of access to local facilities through provision of direct services and through working with other groups and organisations to improve local built and attitudinal environment.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

2021 to 2022 developed into one of our busiest years. People with disabilities who had been housebound due to the Covid pandemic wanted to get out and about, and many had holidays or days out in Lowestoft rather than go farther afield.

Since our beginnings in 1996, we have had 21,624 hires, so hopefully we have made a big difference to the lives of many people with mobility problems. There was a total of 420 hires during this year, in comparison with 125 last year. Of these, 368 were holiday hires, so we know that we now do more for visitors to the town than for local people. This all helps tourism in the town and adds to the local economy, but it is different than the support of local people with disabilities which was our original aim. So many of the local people liked the freedom and independence given to them by the use of a scooter, that they then went out and bought one for themselves. We have such good access in the town and on the seafront that many scooters and wheelchairs can be seen on every day of the week, and one visitor was heard to say that Lowestoft must be the scooter capital of England!

Hazel Clouting has now completed a full year as our Co-ordinator. She settled in really well and has managed to cope with our busiest year up to date. She has also managed to double our membership up to 26 local members. We have also had a volunteer, Andy, who cleans the vehicles and deals with minor repairs to any of the scooters or wheelchairs which are returned to us in need of repair. He also cleans and repairs any equipment donated to us, making it ready for sale, as all money raised in this way helps with the core costs of running Lowestoft Shopmobility.

The scheme has 29 mobility scooters, 3 powerchairs, 15 manual wheelchairs, 4 Rollators and 4 Tri-Walkers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements show an overall surplus of £2,610 (2021: £24,151).

The charity's unrestricted reserves as at 31st March 2022 were £50,787 (2021: £48,372) and restricted reserves were £421 (2021: £226).

Reserves policy

The management committee has considered the level of reserves required and deem that £15,000 is an appropriate level. This is based upon approximately 50% of operating costs. This policy is in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity dated 20 August 2003.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1100208

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Principal address

15 Station Square
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Trustees

Mrs M Oldham M.B.E (Chairperson)
Mr H Abdullah (Vice Chairperson)
Mr L Oldham
Mr J Perring (Secretary)
Mr A Bennett (Treasurer)
Mrs M Armes
Mrs G Brough
Mrs B Perring
Mrs J Ford

Shopmobility Co-ordinator

Mrs Hazel Clouting

Independent Examiner

Ms Rachel Garnham
FCCA
CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
Alexandra Road
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Suffolk
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14th. JULY.....2022 and signed on its behalf by:

M. A. Oldham

.....
Mrs M Oldham M.B.E - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lowestoft Shopmobility**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lowestoft Shopmobility

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lowestoft Shopmobility (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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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.



Ms Rachel Garnham
FCCA
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Number Sixty One
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Date: 14/7/2022

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £
RECEIPTS				
Donations	303		303	171
Grants	3,505	1,100	4,605	36,709
Operating activities	28,961	-	28,961	9,393
Investment income	<u>13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>
Total	32,782	1,100	33,882	46,297
PAYMENTS				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	30,367	905	31,272	22,146
NET INCOME	2,415	195	2,610	24,151
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Cash funds brought forward	48,372	226	48,598	24,447
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>50,787</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>51,208</u>	<u>48,598</u>

The following grants were received:

	£	£
East Suffolk – COVID -19 Restart	2,667	
Lowestoft Town Council	338	
East Suffolk – Community Restart Grant		1,100
Kirkley Poor's Land Estate	500	
	<u>3,505</u>	<u>1,100</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility


Statement of Assets and Liabilities
31 March 2022

	31.3.22	31.3.21
FIXED ASSETS:		
Assets retained for charity's own use:		
Computer and office equipment		
Shop fittings		
29 Scooters		
29 Battery chargers		
3 Powerchairs		
15 Manual Wheelchairs		
4 Rollators		
4 Tri-walkers		
CASH FUNDS:		
COIF account	30,368	30,355
Barclays current account	20,840	18,244
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>51,208</u>	<u>48,599</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Shop stock	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,785</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Independent examiners fee	498	498
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>498</u>	<u>498</u>

Apart from one scooter and one powered wheelchair, all assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds, with the exception of £421 of restricted funds within cash balances.

No valuation has been placed on fixed assets, in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14th JULY.....2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr A Bennett - Trustee

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	48,372	2,415	-	50,787
Restricted funds				
Lowestoft Town Council	225	-	-	225
Central England Co-op	1	-	-	1
East Suffolk Council	-	195	-	195
	<u>226</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>421</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>48,598</u>	<u>2,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,208</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	32,782	(30,367)	2,415
Restricted funds			
East Suffolk Council	1,100	(905)	195
	<u>33,882</u>	<u>(31,272)</u>	<u>2,610</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Description, nature and purpose of fund:

Lowestoft Town Council

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Central England Co-op

Towards the costs of equipment.

East Suffolk Council

Towards the costs of a new laptop, including transfer of data from the old desktop, as well as the cost of 6 months membership subsidies.

4. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	31.3.22 £	31.3.21 £
RECEIPTS		
Donations and Grants		
Donations	303	169
Grants	<u>4,605</u>	<u>36,711</u>
	4,908	36,880
Operating activities		
Vehicles and wheelchairs	22,895	5,543
Membership and hire fees	422	129
Sale of disability goods	5,356	2,921
Utilities refund	<u>288</u>	<u>800</u>
	28,961	9,393
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>13</u>	<u>24</u>
Total incoming resources	33,882	46,297
PAYMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Wages	11,311	6,711
Insurance	1,220	2,295
Utilities	1,108	646
Scooter repairs and transport	5,790	2,277
Goods for resale	736	1,237
Property expenses	6,091	5,460
Refunds	440	472
Equipment purchases	<u>1,037</u>	<u>-</u>
	27,733	19,098
Support costs		
Management and administration		
Office costs and telephone	1,474	1,314
Advertising	423	399
Sundries	122	120
Independent examination fee	498	480
Subscriptions	325	233
Barclaycard charges	<u>697</u>	<u>502</u>
	3,539	3,048
Total resources expended	<u>31,272</u>	<u>22,146</u>
Net income	<u><u>2,610</u></u>	<u><u>24,151</u></u>

LOWESTOFT SHOPMOBILITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1100208

Accounts

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
for
Lowestoft Shopmobility

CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
Alexandra Road
Lowestoft
Suffolk
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Lowestoft Shopmobility

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To promote the welfare and independence of persons with impaired mobility in the town of Lowestoft and in the Waveney District by:

- (a) Promoting ease of access to local facilities through provision of direct services and through working with other groups and organisations to improve local built and attitudinal environment.
- (b) Providing for hire or loan electric and manual wheelchairs and scooters to enable access to the shops, businesses and places of interest in Lowestoft and its environs.

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

This year has been a very difficult one all round, for all charities and businesses alike. We had to close for five months of the year, so our service to people with disabilities was vastly affected. In the remaining seven months we were allowed to open as long as we kept to the Covid guidelines, but many people were not coming out due to the pandemic.

The hire of scooters and wheelchairs happened whenever we were open. Our members and visitors to the town were given access to the town centre, the seafront and the surrounding area. Since we began, we have had 22,002 hires, so hopefully we have been able to make a difference to many people's lives. There was a total of 125 hires during this year, with 59 of these being holiday hires. The holiday hires were slightly increased through our outreach at The Boating Lake Café in Southwold, but not as much as usual, as they too were closed for part of the time.

We were without a Co-ordinator from the end of October 2020 to the beginning of March 2021, as Edward Davey decided to retire. This meant that during December, the service was run by the Trustees. In March, we began to employ our new Co-ordinator, Hazel Clouting. With the assistance of grant funding, the charity was able to pay the rent and utilities. The Management Committee always investigate various funding sources and apply for grants whenever there is a possibility of receiving additional funding. We also continued to source and buy disability goods, with the aim of reselling these to aid in running the organisation.

The scheme has 32 scooters, 5 powered wheelchairs and 22 manual wheelchairs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements show an overall surplus of £24,151 for the year compared with an overall deficit of £1,640 for the year ended 31st March 2020.

The charity's unrestricted reserves as at 31st March 2021 were £48,372 (2020: £24,221) and restricted reserves were £226 (2020: £226).

Reserves policy

The management committee has considered the level of reserves required and within unrestricted funds £1,500 is reserved to cover rent liability. The management committee regularly reviews the level of reserves required and considers the reserves at 31 March 2021 to be adequate but is working to increase the level of reserves to ensure continued financial stability

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity dated 20 August 2003.

The trustees elected to the management committee are elected for three years. One third of the members of the committee shall retire annually. The management committee may co-opt members onto the committee for one year.

Lowestoft Shopmobility
Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1100208

Principal address

15 Station Square
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR32 1BA

Trustees

Mrs M Oldham M.B.E (Chairperson)
Mr H Abdullah (Vice Chairperson)
Mr L Oldham
Mr J Perring (Secretary)
Mr A Bennett (Treasurer)
Mrs M Armes
Mrs G Brough
Mrs B Perring
Mrs J Ford

Shopmobility Co-ordinator

Mr Edward Davey (resigned October 2020)
Mrs Hazel Clouting (appointed March 2021)

Independent Examiner

Ms Rachel Garnham
FCCA
CUNNINGHAMS
Number Sixty One
Alexandra Road
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR32 1PL

Approved by order of the board of trustees on30th JUNE.....2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....M. A. Oldham.....
Mrs M Oldham M.B.E - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lowestoft Shopmobility**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lowestoft Shopmobility

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lowestoft Shopmobility (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Ms Rachel Garnham
FCCA
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Date: 1/7/2021

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
RECEIPTS					
Donations		171	-	171	2,978
Grants		21,907	14,802	36,709	7,024
Operating activities	2	9,393	-	9,393	19,014
Investment income	3	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>113</u>
Total		31,495	14,802	46,297	29,129
PAYMENTS					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		7,344	14,802	22,146	30,769
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)		24,151	-	24,151	(1,640)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Cash funds brought forward		24,221	226	24,447	26,087
CASH FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>48,372</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>48,598</u>	<u>24,447</u>

The following grants were received:

	£	£
Suffolk Community Foundation:		
Coronavirus Community Fund		5,000
Reviving Our Community Fund		5,000
East Suffolk Council – Small business grant	10,000	
East Suffolk Council – Business support grant	9,907	
Job Retention Scheme		2,177
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust		2,625
Kirkley Poor’s Land Estate	2,000	
	<u>21,907</u>	<u>14,802</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
31 March 2021

	31.3.21	31.3.20
FIXED ASSETS:		
Assets retained for charity's own use:		
Computer and office equipment		
Shop fittings		
32 Battery chargers		
32 Mobility scooters		
5 Powered wheelchairs		
22 Manual wheelchairs		
3 Four-wheeled rollators		
4 Tri-walkers		
CASH FUNDS:		
COIF account	30,355	20,330
Barclays current account	18,244	3,992
Cash in hand	-	125
TOTAL CASH FUNDS	<u>48,599</u>	<u>24,447</u>
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Shop stock	<u>1,785</u>	<u>1,712</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Independent examiners fee	498	480
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>498</u>	<u>480</u>

Apart from one scooter and one powered wheelchair, all assets and liabilities relate to unrestricted funds, with the exception of £226 of restricted funds within cash balances.

No valuation has been placed on fixed assets, in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30th June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr A Bennett - Trustee

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,221	24,151	48,372
Restricted funds			
Lowestoft Town Council	225	-	225
Central England Co-op	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>226</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,447</u>	<u>24,151</u>	<u>48,598</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,495	(7,344)	24,151
Restricted funds			
Suffolk Community Foundation	10,000	(10,000)	-
Job Retention Scheme	2,177	(2,177)	-
Julia and Hans Rausing Trust	<u>2,625</u>	<u>(2,625)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>14,802</u>	<u>(14,802)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>46,297</u>	<u>(22,146)</u>	<u>24,151</u>

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

3. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Description, nature and purpose of fund:

Suffolk Community Foundation

Coronavirus Community Fund – Towards core running costs.
Reviving Our Community Fund - Towards core running costs.

Lowestoft Town Council

Towards the costs of advertising material.

Central England Co-op

Towards the costs of equipment.

Job Retention Scheme

Towards the cost of wages for furloughed staff.

Julia and Hans Rausing Trust

Towards core running costs.

4. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Lowestoft Shopmobility

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Donations and Grants		
Donations	171	2,979
Grants	<u>36,709</u>	<u>7,023</u>
	36,880	10,002
Operating activities		
Vehicles and wheelchairs	5,543	11,941
Membership and hire fees	129	289
Sale of disability goods	2,921	6,784
Utilities refund	<u>800</u>	<u>-</u>
	9,393	19,014
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>24</u>	<u>113</u>
Total incoming resources	46,297	29,129
PAYMENTS		
Charitable activities		
Wages	6,711	9,392
Insurance	2,295	1,397
Utilities	646	566
Scooter repairs and transport	2,277	3,962
Goods for resale	1,237	2,758
Property expenses	5,460	5,762
Refunds	472	1,282
Equipment purchases	-	2,150
Fundraising expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>36</u>
	19,098	27,305
Support costs		
Management and administration		
Office costs and telephone	1,314	1,555
Advertising	399	400
Sundries	120	89
Independent examination fee	480	579
Subscriptions	233	220
Barclaycard charges	<u>502</u>	<u>621</u>
	<u>3,048</u>	<u>3,464</u>
Total resources expended	<u>22,146</u>	<u>30,769</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>24,151</u>	<u>(1,640)</u>