

Royston & District Community Transport

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Company registration number: 06744379
Charity registration number: 1127052

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Royston & District Community Transport
Charity registration number	1127052
Company registration number	06744379
Principal office	Royston Hospital London Road Royston Herts SG8 9EN
Registered office	Royston Hospital London Road Royston Herts SG8 9EN
Trustees	Mr Dominic Reilly Mr Ronald Comben Mr Keith Parker Mr Peter Heath Mrs Patricia Johnson Mr Brian Johnson Mr Philip Rowe Mr Peter Worsey Mrs Kaylee Bonja Mrs Kathryn Farrow
Secretary	Mrs Helen Melville-Smith
Director	Mr Dominic Reilly Mr Ronald Comben Mr Keith Parker Mr Peter Heath Mrs Patricia Johnson Mr Brian Johnson Mr Philip Rowe Mr Peter Worsey Mrs Kaylee Bonja Mrs Kathryn Farrow

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Trustees' Report

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The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 7th November 2008, and registered as a charity on 4th December 2008. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. The scheme has taken out Trustee's Indemnity Insurance in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, with Zurich Insurance.

The directors of the charitable limited company are the trustees of the registered charity and the organisation is run in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Aims and Objectives

The scheme provides volunteer drivers using their own cars or minibus/MPV for transport of eligible persons for social and health reasons.

Our charities purposes as set out in the objects contained within the company's memorandum of association are to provide a community transport service for such of the inhabitants of Royston and the surrounding villages of North and East Hertfordshire and South Cambridgeshire ("the area of benefit") who are in need of such a service because of age, sickness or disability (mental or physical), or poverty, or because of a lack of availability of adequate and safe public passenger services.

The aims of the charity are to provide a low cost transport service for residents of Royston and the surrounding area who are eligible for reasons of age, impaired mobility or rural isolation.

Public Benefit

With full regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the Charity Commission, all our transport services are available to the community, with 5,650 journeys being done during this year, and while those journeys amounted to over 106,200 miles there were 967 cancellations which represents 17% of bookings (down from 21% last year). The journeys were undertaken by 62 drivers, and 82% of those journeys were categorised as Medical.

In Memoriam

During this 30th year of the charity year we sadly lost our Founder and Chairman, Dr John Hedges, who will be fondly remembered and greatly missed, and to whom the whole community owes a massive debt of gratitude.

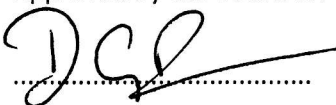
Financial Review

The scheme functions on a non-profit basis and liaises with local authority, health and social services, other statutory services and voluntary bodies. The charity does not operate a specific reserves policy and no funds are held by the charity as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 4th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Dominic Reilly
Chairman

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Royston & District Community Transport

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company 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 for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under 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.

Basis of independent examiner's report

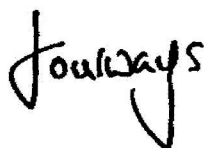
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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Chartered Accountants



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4th June 2024

Royston & District Community Transport
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
		Funds	Year ended	Year ended
	Note	£	2024	2023
			£	£
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Voluntary income	2	103,800	103,800	99,968
Total incoming resources		103,800	103,800	99,968
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	4	102,663	102,663	80,802
Total resources expended		102,663	102,663	80,802
Net movements in funds		1,137	1,137	19,166
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		131,030	131,030	111,864
Total funds carried forward		132,167	132,167	131,030

The notes on the following pages form an integral part of these financial statements.

Royston & District Community Transport
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023
	Note	£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	9		22,657	30,296
Current assets				
Debtors	10	7,098		4,995
Cash at bank and in hand		106,528		98,146
		<u>113,627</u>		<u>103,141</u>
 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	 11	 <u>(4,117)</u>		 <u>(2,408)</u>
 Net current assets/(liabilities)			 <u>109,509</u>	 <u>100,733</u>
Net assets			<u>132,167</u>	<u>131,030</u>

The funds of the charity:

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted income funds	132,167	131,030
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Total charity funds	<u>132,167</u>	<u>131,030</u>
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For the financial year ended 31st March 2024, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

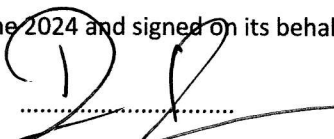
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Approved by the Board on 4th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs Helen Melville-Smith
Secretary


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Mr Dominic Reilly
Trustee

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Royston & District Community Transport
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), effective 1st January 2019, published in October 2019.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 14.

Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs of generating funds are the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery 25% declining balance basis monthly
including motor vehicles

2 Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 2024 £	Total Funds Year ended 2023 £
Donations and legacies			
Appeals and donations	14,465	14,465	11,458
Grants - other agencies	38,070	38,070	49,681
Interest on cash deposits	931	931	392
Primary purpose trading	50,334	50,334	38,438
	103,800	103,800	99,968

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3 Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds Year ended 2024 £	Total Funds Year ended 2023 £
Grants - other agencies	38,070	38,070	49,681

4 Total resources expended

	Donations and legacies £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs			
Cost of goods sold	24,829	24,829	26,882
Other direct costs	60	60	119
Employment costs	59,364	59,364	55,694
Insurance	956	956	938
Office expenses	6,536	6,536	5,316
Printing, posting and stationery	1,275	1,275	774
Loss to book value on sale of assets	100	100	(13,799)
Advertising and promotion	446	446	104
Staff Training	410	410	619
Professional fees	1,115	1,115	1,115
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,572	7,572	3,040
	<u>102,663</u>	<u>102,663</u>	<u>80,802</u>

5 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustees received any remuneration during the year.

6 Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

Year ended 2024 £	Year ended 2023 £
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Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,572	3,040
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7 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	Year ended 2024 £	Year ended 2023 £
Wages and salaries	59,364	55,694
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during this or the previous year.		

8 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is, therefore, exempt from taxation.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	30,000	7,390	37,390
Additions	-	33	33
Disposals	-	(3,020)	(3,020)
As at 31 March 2024	30,000	4,403	34,403
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	1,719	5,375	7,093
Charge for the year	7,070	502	7,572
Disposals	-	(2,920)	(2,920)
As at 31 March 2024	8,789	2,956	11,746
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	21,211	1,446	22,657
As at 31 March 2023	28,281	2,015	30,296

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

10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	5,589	3,348
Prepayments and accrued income	1,509	1,647
	<u>7,098</u>	<u>4,995</u>

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	152
Accruals and deferred income	4,117	2,256
	<u>4,117</u>	<u>2,408</u>

12 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

14 Analysis of funds

	At 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
Unrestricted income fund	131,030	103,800	(102,663)	<u>132,167</u>

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

15 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible assets	22,657	22,657	30,296
Current assets	113,627	113,627	103,141
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	(4,117)	(4,117)	(2,408)
Net assets	<u>132,167</u>	<u>132,167</u>	<u>131,030</u>

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