



WYMONDHAM DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Number: 1143347

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Charity Name:

Wymondham Dementia Support Group

Charity Registered Number:

1143347

Operational Address:

Fairland Church Centre, Fairland Hill, Wymondham, Norfolk, NR18 0AW

Patron:

The Lady Dannatt MBE

President:

T Brown

Trustees:

A E Scott (Chair to 25th October 2024)
P J Whiscombe (Hon Secretary)
M J Gibbins (Hon Treasurer)
T Barrett
S G Colk
A Rackham (Chair from 25th October 2024)
J Shorrocks
K Shorrocks

Independent Examiner:

P Goddard FCCA (Retired)

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Governing Document

Constitution adopted on 24th June 2011 as amended on 4th October 2013.

b. Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed either by the Charity in general meeting or by the other Trustees. They serve for a period of four years, being eligible to seek re-election for a further three years, after that they retire.

c. Risk management

Trustees have identified that the major risk to the organisation is its over dependence on funding by way of grants and donations. Consequently, the charity has attempted to increase the amount it raises from its own fund raising events to improve its financial sustainability. The Trustees will continue to monitor and review risk.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

a. Objectives

The following objects are for the benefit of people with dementia and their carers within the area of Wymondham and district in the county of Norfolk:

1. to promote and protect good health; and
2. to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving their conditions of life.

b. Activities

Dementia Support Group mainly serves the town of Wymondham and its surrounding villages, although some individuals with dementia and their carers come from other parts of Norfolk where the service we provide may not be available.

The objectives of the Charity have been met by providing a variety of activities for people living with dementia and their carers. Our main activity is the Pabulum Café held every Monday and Friday which provides a safe, friendly and understanding meeting place where refreshments and light lunches are served.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The demand for our services has shown no signs of diminishing during the year. The Friday Café's have been extremely busy with the Church premises being close to capacity at times. Following a Fire Risk Assessment we have been provided with the limits on numbers for all parts of the building and our booking system ensures we operate safely within these limits.

In addition to the twice weekly café's we have organised additional events, trips and treats to provide entertainment and variety to our members

- Childhood Days reminiscence sessions with Angela Bishop
- Visits from the pupils at Ashleigh School for singing and "Show and Tell"
- Christmas Party at Wymondham Rugby Club
- Music from the Wymondham Ukelele Band
- Performance of "Bah Humbug" by the Slow Theatre Company
- Cruise on the Norfolk Broads
- Afternoon Dance with the Tree fellas and Lady Byrds
- Cream Tea and trip on the Mid Norfolk Railway to Dereham and back
- Vintage and Classic Car Day
- Singing with Louise Elder
- Wymondham Open Gardens
- Bingo Sessions, Quizzes, Stretch and Relax and Fish and Chip lunches

As a result of the Covid pandemic and its aftermath we had been unable to carry out face to face training for the last few years. During the year we have made particular efforts to ensure all our Trustees and Volunteers received updated training on dementia awareness and safeguarding. We also carried out training for a selection of volunteers in the use of the defibrillator installed last year.

Ann Scott stepped down as our Chair at the 2024 Annual General Meeting after serving six years in the post. We would like to thank Ann for her leadership and steady hand guiding the Group through those years particularly the difficulties caused by the Covid pandemic. We are pleased that Ann will continue to serve as a trustee and that we will continue to benefit from her knowledge and experience. We were delighted to welcome Andy Rackham as our new Chair and wish him all success in the role.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

We were pleased to welcome Jo and Ken Shorrock as Trustees during the year and we sure they will bring valuable new skills to the group. In November one of our co-organisers Sarah Green retired, a sad day for all of us, we thank Sarah for all her hard work and commitment to the group and wish her all the best for the future. We are very pleased to welcome local resident Felicity "Fliss" Horne as our new Assistant Organiser to work alongside Deborah Anstee.

We also need to pass on our thanks to the local business community and the general public in Wymondham and South Norfolk who continue to support our activities so generously. We have run various arts and craft stalls and car boot sales during the year with events at Tacolneston Woodlands Club, Peter Beales Rose Festival. Mid Norfolk Railway, and Wymondham Garden Centre. We thank all those individuals who have produced, collected or donated the merchandise for the stalls and all those who have helped out at the events.

None of the support we provide to our members would be possible without the support of our loyal volunteers giving their time, experience and energy to deliver our services for which we thank them. We are also indebted to all our organisers during the year Deborah, Sarah and Fliss have gone above and beyond in managing our activities with great skill and efficiency – a hearty thanks from all of us.

Finally, we thank Lady Dannatt, our Patron, for her continued interest in and support of the Group throughout the year.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

a. Receipts and Payments

The charity reported net outgoing resources of £9,489 for the year (2024 net outgoing £21,825)

b. Balances

Our balances as at 31st March 2025 totalled £58,788 (£68,277 as at 31st March 2024).

c. Reserves Policy

The Trustees had previously determined that a reserve equivalent to at least twelve months expenditure would be prudent in view of the uncertain nature of the main income sources. The current level of reserves exceeds this primarily due to a large legacy received in 2020 and £27,000 received in 2022 from the closure of The Wymondham Day Care Centre. The trustees are comfortable with the current higher level of reserves, but will consider opportunities to develop services in the future as opportunities arise.

d. Principal Sources of Funds

Grants and donations are the Charity's main source of funds.

DECLARATION

This report was approved by the Trustees on 14th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by



A Rackham

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

I report on the accounts of the Wymondham Dementia Support Group for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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 the 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



27/6/2025

P Goddard FCCA (retired) - Corner Cottage, Church Road, Colby, Norfolk

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Other Funds £	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Grants	0.00		0.00	0.00
Donations	19889.44		19889.44	19468.70
Fund Raising	3561.03		3561.03	3202.60
Outings, Trips and Functions	2027.50		2027.50	860.00
Refreshments	3366.29		3366.29	3034.90
Miscellaneous Sales	172.00		172.00	708.00
Other Income	1509.64	2135.27	3644.91	414.70
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	30525.90	2135.27	32661.17	27688.90
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Wages	15728.20		15728.20	15104.50
Volunteer costs	1358.90		1358.90	259.22
Property expenses	11266.00		11266.00	9863.54
Outings, Trips and Functions	6527.77		6527.77	5294.68
Refreshments	2017.99		2017.99	1664.22
Administration	2306.35		2306.35	2480.20
Pabulum Café expenses	1653.03		1653.03	2965.30
Happiness Garden	209.75		209.75	9120.07
Purchases - clothing	21.60		21.60	921.12
Miscellaneous costs	1060.72		1060.72	1841.00
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	42150.31	0.00	42150.31	49513.85
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES	-11624.41	2135.27	-9489.14	-21824.95
Transfers from Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	-11624.41	2135.27	-9489.14	-21824.95
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	67197.44	1080.08	68277.52	90102.47
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	55573.03	3215.35	58788.38	68277.52
REPRESENTED BY				
Barclays Community Account			14203.83	14134.71
Barclays Savings Account			12140.71	21879.48
Cambridge and Counties Bank			30000.00	30000.00
Petty Cash			300.00	300.00
Cash in Hand			593.84	413.33
Wages Float			1550.00	1550.00
			58788.38	68277.52

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and assume that the Charity will remain a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Fixed assets

All expenditure on fixed assets is written off as a resource expended in the year that it is incurred.

Taxation

The Charity is not liable to pay tax on any surpluses generated. The Charity is not registered for Value Added Tax, and all figures shown in the accounts include this tax where appropriate.

Pensions

The Charity has complied with its obligation to offer a Workplace Pension Scheme. No employee has currently indicated that they wish to join such a scheme.

Fund Accounting

General Fund assets represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any Charity purposes at the discretion of the Trustees

Restricted Funds are resources which are to be applied for the specified purposes only.

Designated Funds are resources earmarked by the Trustees for specified future purposes to be applied at the Trustee's discretion

2 OTHER FUNDS

	Balance At 1/4/2024	Income	Expense	Transfer	Balance At 31/3/2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
Admiral Nurses	1080.08	2135.27			3215.35

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3 GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Thanks go to all individuals and organisations who made grants or donations in the year, including

A McDonald
C Tooke and S Roebuck
Catholic Womens League
D Wilkinson- MW Surfacing
East Of England Co-op
Ecclesiastical Insurance Co
F Squires
G Groom
J Reynolds and D Waymark
L and R Chalu
P Sparrow
R and B Peck
T Barrett
T Shepherd
Unite the Union
Wymondham and Attleborough Darts League
Wymondham Ex-Servicemens Club
Wymondham Fire Service
Wymondham Garden Centre
Wymondham Lions

Special thanks to the families who lost loved ones during the year and gave Wymondham Dementia Support Group as their named charity.