

# DEVON GENERAL OMNIBUS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1153451

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2013-08-19

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT AND IN PARTICULAR THE HISTORY OF THE DEVON GENERAL OMNIBUS & TOURING COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSORS THROUGH:A) ESTABLISHING AND PRESERVING FOR POSTERITY A REPRESENTATIVE COLLECTION OF PASSENGER SERVICE VEHICLES FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE COMPANY AND ITS SUCCESSORS IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON AND THE WIDER AREA COVERED BY THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND;B) FACILITATING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE COLLECTION BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO VIEW AND TRAVEL ON THE VEHICLES AND THEREBY EXPERIENCE AN EARLIER ERA OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN THE COUNTY OF DEVON;C) PROVIDING A FOCUS FOR RETENTION, DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES IN THE TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND SPECIALIST SKILLS REQUIRED FOR THE RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VEHICLES AND ASSOCIATED RELICS;D) ENABLING THE RAISING OF FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSES. IN DOING SO, THE CHARITY MUST NOT RAISE ANY SUBSTANTIAL PERMANENT TRADING ACTIVITY.

**Activities:** Advancement of public knowledge of the history and evolution of the Devon General Omnibus and Touring Company Limited and preservation of surviving former Devon General vehicles

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bournemouth
- Bristol City
- Cornwall
- Devon
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Plymouth City
- Somerset
- Torbay

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£50,565	£21,429	-	-
2024-04-05	£22,525	£18,169	-	-
2023-04-05	£11,262	£10,828	-	-
2022-04-05	£205,623	£36,177	-	-
2021-04-05	£27,091	£7,176	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Graham Jesse Bailey</b>	Chair	2019-05-23
Martin John White		2020-01-01
Paul Richard Jenkins		2018-07-03

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' annual report for the period

**From:** 6 April 2024      **To:** 5 April 2025

**Charity name:** Devon General Omnibus Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1153451

**Company number:** N/A

## Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Two of our buses took part in the Taunton Vintage Bus Day on Sunday 2nd June 2024, running between Taunton's old bus station and Wellington, calling en route at Sheppy's Cider Farm and – on the return trip – Rumwell Farm Shop. Some 700 passenger journeys were made on our buses – all free of charge. The buses that took part were our 1952 AEC Regent III NTT 661 and our 1957 AEC Regent V VDV 817; they also provided a feeder service to and from Exeter for members of the Devon General Society.

We were delighted to be invited to display one of our buses at the Tiverton Pannier Market on Saturday 6th July 2024, during the Farmers' Market Summer Festival. Our 1957 AEC Regent V VDV 817 attracted much interest and our team were happy to answer questions about the vehicle's history and the work of the Trust.

For the fourth year in a row we displayed buses from our collection at the Mid Devon Show at Tiverton on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024. This year it was the turn of our 1937/1953 AEC 'Light Six' ETT 995 and our 1957 AEC Regent V, VDV 817. The organisers reported a record attendance at this year's event.

We took our 1957 AEC Regent V VDV 817 along to the North Devon Festival of Transport on Sunday 11th August 2024. It was the second year for this event, held at Victoria Park in Bideford. We had great interaction with the visitors to our bus, answering questions about the work of the Trust and the history of the bus itself.

On Sunday 18th August 2024 our 1957 AEC Reliance VDV 798 attended a bus rally held to complement World Helicopter Day at the Helicopter Museum in Weston-super-Mare. The event was organised by our friends at the West Country Historic Omnibus & Transport Trust (WHOTT). VDV 798 was on display at the rally site for much of the day but also ran four trips on the free shuttle bus service WHOTT had laid on between the railway station and the museum, and the seafront and the museum.

Five buses from our collection took part in the 'Devon General Remembered' running day held in Tiverton on Sunday 1st September 2024. The event was organised by the Devon General Society and was based at Tiverton bus station. The DGOT buses were ETT 995, our 1937/1953 AEC 'Light Six'; NTT 661, our 1952 AEC Regent III; VDV 798, our 1957 AEC Reliance; VDV 817, our 1957 AEC Regent V; and 503 RUO, our 1964 AEC Regent V. In total, 684 passenger journeys were made on our buses, running free services on Tiverton town routes and out to Bampton, Thorverton and Tiverton Parkway. We are very grateful to all our volunteers for helping to make the day a success.

		<p>We finished the 2024 season by taking our 1965 AEC Regent V CTT 513C to Torquay on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to give a talk about Devon General to the Friends of the London Transport Museum. The next day we transported the party to Tiverton for the final leg of their Devon tour.</p> <p>Communicating via social media with our supporters and the general public continues to be a key activity. Our Facebook page now has over 1,140 followers, and our X/Twitter feed over 250 followers. These enable us to reach out to our audience even if they are unable to make it to see our buses at events.</p> <p>We are also committed to presenting a professional and informative face to the world via our website. This was viewed by around 1,700 users in the last 12 months.</p> <p>We are grateful for the continued generosity of our trustees and other interested parties who support our work, including the Devon General Society.</p> <p>We remain indebted to one of our trustees who has placed his own vehicle on loan to the Trust.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trustees readily acknowledge the huge contribution made by our volunteers.

	<p>This manifests in a variety of ways, such as undertaking the physical work in preparing and restoring our historic vehicles, assisting us when we attend events and assisting us with governance.</p> <p>During 2024/25 our volunteers and trustees contributed 1,585 hours of their time to the work of the Trust.</p> <p>Skills retention continues to rest with a relatively small group of volunteers.</p>
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## Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The trustees believe that the main achievements of the Trust during the year may be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to display our vehicles at public events and achieve good engagement with visitors. This is the main way for us to deliver our charitable objective of educating the public about the history of road passenger transport.</li> <li>• Some 1,384 passenger journeys were made on our buses at public running days, rekindling memories and offering new experiences.</li> <li>• We continued to receive a steady flow of donations from our supporters and claimed Gift Aid thereon.</li> <li>• We continued to maintain links with other groups where relationships can be of mutual benefit.</li> <li>• We continued our good relationship with the Devon General Society, ensuring that they remain fully supportive of the trust's activities (the DGS has 200+ members, all of whom share a common interest in the Devon General company and its activities). The work of the Trust is independent of the Society, but it is important that good relations are maintained. The Society is supportive of the Trust's objectives and assists on a regular basis by keeping members informed of our activities and publicising forthcoming events.</li> <li>• We continued to make use of our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter to inform followers (and the wider community) of progress on our restoration activities, upcoming events, etc.</li> <li>• We continued our good relationship with key personnel within Stagecoach South West (the modern-day successors of Devon General) who are fully supportive of our aims and objectives.</li> </ul>
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

### Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The out-turn for the year was a surplus of £29,135. In part this was due to the receipt of a legacy of £25,647.</p> <p>We remain conscious of the need to increase our regular income to cover our overheads and we are looking to attract new funding streams such as by giving talks.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The trustees maintain reserves in order to maintain financial security for future needs, opportunities, commitments, or risks. The level of reserves and their use is reviewed at each trustees' meeting. Use of reserves may include asset purchase and improvement to premises.</p> <p>The trustees may retain up to £10,000 in readily accessible accounts to cover two years' maintenance and standing costs (e.g. rent, insurance).</p> <p>In the event that surplus funds become available with little or no prospect of these being required for a period of at least 12 months, the trustees will consider whether longer term investment would produce more</p>

		<p>favourable returns than a simple deposit account.</p> <p>We anticipate that the 2021/22 legacy will be utilised mainly to secure improved premises to house our collection, and to this end we have drawn up an accommodation policy to guide our search. In the meantime, we are holding the legacy funds in reserve.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£228,844 as at 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit.	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Our investment policy sets out the likely calls on our funds over the short, medium, and long terms and takes a risk-averse approach to matching them with investments in interest-bearing accounts.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc.	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 6 April 2013.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	CIO.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Potential new trustees are identified by the existing trustees in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relations with the Devon General Society and with other bus-related groups remain active and strong.
Other		N/A

## Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Devon General Omnibus Trust
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1153451
Charity's principal address	22 Sandstone Road, Swindon SN25 2FE

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Bailey	Chairman		
2	Paul Jenkins	Treasurer		
3	Martin White			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	
None	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

N/A
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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

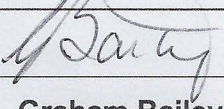
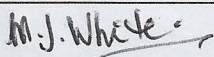
## Other optional information

None

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Bailey	Martin White
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chairman	Trustee

Date

12 NOVEMBER 2025



Devon General Omnibus Trust		1153451		CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	06-Apr-24	To	05-Apr-25	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (trustees)	3,208	-	-	3,208	3,039
Donations (unrestricted)	8,931	-	-	8,931	9,368
Donations (restricted)	-	25,647	-	25,647	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Refund of Business Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	-	-	10
Bank Interest	9,907	-	-	9,907	7,283
Sale of Items	425	-	-	425	208
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	2,447	-	-	2,447	2,638
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>24,917</b>	<b>25,647</b>		<b>50,565</b>	<b>22,526</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>					
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24,917</b>	<b>25,647</b>		<b>50,565</b>	<b>22,526</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	66	-	-	66	60
Zettle transaction fees	3	-	-	3	-
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	640	-	-	640	648
Container	550	-	-	550	-
Business Rates	353	-	-	353	130
Postage	27	-	-	27	21
Stationery & Printing	8	-	-	8	290
Sundry Expenditure	659	-	-	659	95
Trustees' Expenses	2,987	-	-	2,987	2,567
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	3,623	-	-	3,623	2,032
Vehicle Expenditure - CTT513C	215	-	-	215	22
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	1,190	-	-	1,190	1,226
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV817	1,814	-	-	1,814	1,297
Vehicle Expenditure - NTT661	1,549	-	-	1,549	1,435
Vehicle Expenditure - ETT995	1,334	-	-	1,334	1,136
Vehicle Expenditure - general	287	-	-	287	624
Volunteers' Expenses	5,494	-	-	5,494	6,450
Website	180	-	-	180	180
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,979</b>			<b>20,979</b>	<b>18,169</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital Expenditure	450	-	-	450	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>450</b>			<b>450</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>21,429</b>			<b>21,429</b>	<b>18,169</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,488</b>	<b>25,647</b>		<b>29,135</b>	<b>4,357</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	3,886	3,886	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	199,709	-	-	199,709	195,352
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>207,083</b>	<b>21,761</b>		<b>228,844</b>	<b>199,709</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Account	337	-	-
	CAF Gold Account	8,739	-	-
	CAF Charity Deposit Platform	198,007	21,761	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>207,083</b>	<b>21,761</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

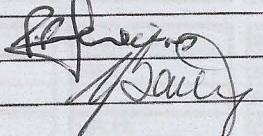
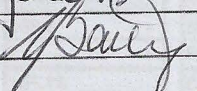
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Vehicle - 503RUO	Restricted	4,500	10,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Vehicle - VDV817	Restricted	8,500	10,000
	Vehicle - NTT661	Restricted	12,000	12,000
	Vehicle - ETT 995	Restricted	20,000	20,000
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	N/A	-	-
	Loans	N/A	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P R Jenkins	20-Jul-25
	G Bailey	20-Jul-25



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Devon General Omnibus Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5 April 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1153451

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2025.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

19 July 2025

**Name:**

T W Bennett

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACIB (retired)

**Address:**

16 Manor Close, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6RN

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>2023/24 saw the completion of the restoration of the vehicles in our collection, with the public debut of our 1964 AEC Regent V 503 RUO on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The bus carried a party of Devon General Society members and their guests on a Torbay Trams and Trains Tour, visiting sites with historic links to Torquay Tramways, and the Dartmouth Steam Railway's base at Churston.</p> <p>We were delighted to display our unique 'Light Six' ETT 995 at the Tiverton Pannier</p>

Market on Saturday 1st July 2023, on the occasion of the restarted Farmers' Market. It was great to present a piece of Devon General history and see it spark nostalgia, wonderment and curiosity amongst locals and visitors, young and old. We were pleased to welcome a couple of ex Devon General employees, too.

Two of our double deckers were displayed at the Mid Devon Show at Tiverton on Saturday 22nd July 2023. 1952 AEC Regent III NTT 661 and 1937/1953 AEC 'Light Six' Rebuild ETT 995 proved to be popular attractions, notwithstanding the rather wet weather.

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<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The out-turn for the year was a surplus of £4,356. In part this was due to the accrual of bank interest on our funds invested on the CAF Charity Deposit Platform.</p> <p>We remain conscious of the need to increase our regular income to cover our overheads and we are looking to attract new funding streams such as by giving talks.</p>
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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£199,708 as at 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

### Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relations with the Devon General Society and with other bus-related groups remain active and strong.
Other		N/A

**Reference and administrative details**

Charity name	<b>Devon General Omnibus Trust</b>
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	<b>1153451</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>22 Sandstone Road, Swindon SN25 2FE</b>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Bailey	Chairman		
2	Paul Jenkins	Treasurer		
3	Martin White			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

<b>Director name</b>	
None	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
None	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

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**Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

N/A
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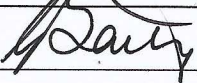

**Other optional information**

None

**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Bailey	Martin White
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chairman	Trustee

Date 7/11/24



Devon General Omnibus Trust		1153451	CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
For the period from	06-Apr-23	To	

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (trustees)	3,039	-	-	3,039	405
Donations (unrestricted)	9,368	-	-	9,368	5,308
Donations (restricted)	-	-	-	-	-
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Refund of Business Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Events	10	-	-	10	-
Bank Interest	7,283	-	-	7,283	3,145
Sale of Items	208	-	-	208	8
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	2,638	-	-	2,638	2,396
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>11,262</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,525</b>	<b>11,262</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	124
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	24
Insurance	648	-	-	648	655
Container	-	-	-	-	-
Business Rates	130	-	-	130	122
Postage	21	-	-	21	31
Stationery & Printing	290	-	-	290	16
Sundry Expenditure	95	-	-	95	584
Trustees' Expenses	2,567	-	-	2,567	-
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	2,032	-	-	2,032	1,491
Vehicle Expenditure - CTT513C	22	-	-	22	-
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	1,226	-	-	1,226	1,009
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV817	1,297	-	-	1,297	1,812
Vehicle Expenditure - NTT661	1,435	-	-	1,435	2,069
Vehicle Expenditure - ETT995	1,136	-	-	1,136	931
Vehicle Expenditure - General	624	-	-	624	-
Volunteers' Expenses	6,450	-	-	6,450	1,505
Website	180	-	-	180	180
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>10,553</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	275
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>275</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>10,828</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,357</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,357</b>	<b>434</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	195,352	-	-	195,352	194,918
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>199,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>199,709</b>	<b>195,352</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Account	571	-	-
	CAF Gold Account	8,551	-	-
	CAF Charity Deposit Platform	190,587	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>199,709</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

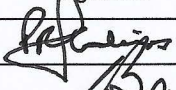
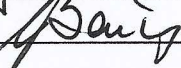
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Vehicle - 503RUO	Restricted	4,500	10,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Vehicle - VDV817	Restricted	8,500	10,000
	Vehicle - NTT661	Restricted	12,000	12,000
	Vehicle - ETT 995	Restricted	20,000	20,000
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	N/A	-	
	Loans	N/A	-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P R Jenkins	02-Nov-24
	G Bailey	02-Nov-24



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

Devon General Omnibus Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

5 April 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1153451

**Set out on pages**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

**Signed:**



**Date:**

11 October 2024

**Name:**

T W Bennett

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

ACIB (retired)

**Address:**

16 Manor Close, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6RN

**DEVON GENERAL OMNIBUS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153451

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' annual report for the period**

**From:** 6 April 2022 **To:** 5 April 2023

**Charity name:** Devon General Omnibus Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1153451

**Company number:** N/A

**Objectives and activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in the history of public road passenger transport and in particular the history of the Devon General Omnibus & Touring Company and its successors through: a) establishing and preserving for posterity a representative collection of passenger service vehicles formerly operated by the Company and its successors in the county of Devon and the wider area covered by the South West of England, b) facilitating public access to the collection by providing opportunities to view and travel on the vehicles and thereby experience an earlier era of public transport in the county of Devon, c) providing a focus for retention, development and training for students of all ages in the traditional crafts and specialist skills required for the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles and associated relics, and d) enabling the raising of funds for the above purposes. In doing so, the charity must not raise any substantial permanent trading activity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our efforts during 2022/23 have been focussed on completing the restoration of the vehicles in our collection and taking them to public events. This is reflected in lower levels of income and expenditure compared with last year. We have invested most of the legacy we received last year in deposit accounts using the CAF Bank Charity Deposit Platform, and this has led to the accrual of bank interest during the year. The trustees intend to prioritise the funds from the legacy for securing better accommodation for our

collection and we have drawn up an accommodation policy to guide us.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, our AEC Regent III NTT 661 took part in the Taunton Vintage Bus Running Day. It ran three round trips between Sheppy's Cider Farm (where the running day was based) and the West Somerset Railway at Bishop's Lydeard, calling en route at Castle Way in Taunton town centre. With sunny weather to start the day the free bus services were busy and we carried around 250 passengers.

Our 1957 AEC Regent V VDV 817 was on display in Exeter High Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 as part of the city's Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We were visited by a large number of people keen to see what travel on Devon General's Exeter city services looked like in the 1950s and 1960s. VDV 817 spent its career at Exeter depot up to withdrawal in 1971, and it typifies the open-platform rear-entrance double deckers used on the city services during that time.

Two vehicles from our collection attended the Mid Devon Show on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. NTT 661, our 1952 AEC Regent III, and VDV 798, our 1957 AEC Reliance, proved a popular attraction for visitors.

Two of our buses attended the Vintage Weekend at RHS Garden Rosemoor, near Great Torrington, on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022. NTT 661, our 1952 Weymann-bodied AEC Regent III, and VDV 798, our 1957 Weymann-bodied AEC Reliance, were accompanied by a 1971 MGB Roadster brought along by one of our volunteers.

DGOT contributed four buses to the 'Devon General Remembered' Running Day organised by the Devon General Society at Exmouth on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The event recreated local bus routes of the 1960s and added a circular town tour with open-top buses.

The vehicles concerned were NTT 661, our 1952 AEC Regent III; ETT 995, our 1953 AEC 'Light Six' Rebuild; VDV 798, our 1957 AEC Reliance; and VDV 817, our 1957 AEC Regent V. Free trips were run from Imperial Road – site of the former Devon General garage – out to Budleigh Salterton, Littleham, Lypstone and Woodbury.

		<p>Communicating via social media with our supporters and the general public continues to be a key activity. Our Facebook page now has 1,000 followers, and our Twitter feed 227 followers. These enable us to reach out to our audience even if they are unable to make it to see our buses at events.</p> <p>We are also committed to presenting a professional and informative face to the world via our website. This was viewed by around 1,800 users in the last 12 months.</p> <p>During 2022/23 we have continued to benefit from the 'Amazon Smile' charity fundraising campaign, which sees Amazon donate 0.05% of the net value of a shopper's spending at no cost to the shopper. Unfortunately, this small but useful addition to our income closed in May 2023.</p> <p>We are grateful for the continued generosity of our trustees and other interested parties who support our work, including the Devon General Society.</p> <p>We remain indebted to one of our trustees who has placed his own vehicle on loan to the Trust.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees are fully aware of the obligations imposed upon them by way of the Charities Act and Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the extent to which the trust is fulfilling its charitable objectives is reviewed at each trustees' meeting. These obligations remain paramount when planning activities for the forthcoming period and considering means by which the trust's other central objectives can be met.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trustees readily acknowledge the huge contribution made by our volunteers.

		<p>This manifests in a variety of ways, such as undertaking the physical work in preparing and restoring our historic vehicles, assisting us when we attend events and assisting us with governance.</p> <p>During 2022/23 our volunteers and trustees contributed 1,170 hours of their time at our Knowstone base.</p> <p>Skills retention continues to rest with a relatively small group of volunteers.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and performance

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Other		N/A

#### Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our income and expenditure returned to more normal levels in 2022/23, after last year's receipt of a large legacy and the purchase of a fifth bus for our collection.
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		<p>The out-turn for the year was a small surplus of £434.</p> <p>£180,450 of the legacy was invested on the CAF Charity Deposit Platform from August 2022. This was split between three banks, with each deposit covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme to remove financial risk. This investment is accruing bank interest.</p> <p>We remain conscious of the need to increase our regular income to cover our overheads and we are looking to attract new funding streams such as by giving talks.</p>
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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

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Other		N/A

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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>	
None	

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
None	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

N/A
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**Exemptions from disclosure**

**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

N/A
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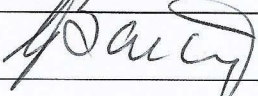
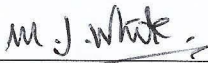
## Other optional information

None

## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Bailey	Martin White
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chairman	Trustee

Date

13/7/23



Devon General Omnibus Trust

1153451

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

06-Apr-22

To

05-Apr-23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (trustees)	405	-	-	405	3,185
Donations (unrestricted)	5,308	-	-	5,308	191,893
Donations (restricted)	-	-	-	-	5,679
Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Refund of Business Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Events	-	-	-	-	25
Bank Interest	3,145	-	-	3,145	140
Sale of Items	8	-	-	8	-
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	2,396	-	-	2,396	4,751
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>205,623</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,262</b>	<b>205,623</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	124	-	-	124	98
Meeting Expenses	24	-	-	24	47
Insurance	655	-	-	655	575
Business Rates	122	-	-	122	348
Postage	31	-	-	31	56
Stationery & Printing	16	-	-	16	278
Sundry Expenditure	584	-	-	584	531
Trustees' Expenses	-	-	-	-	2,654
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	1,491	-	-	1,491	993
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	1,009	-	-	1,009	1,802
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV817	1,812	-	-	1,812	1,234
Vehicle Expenditure - NTT661	2,069	-	-	2,069	1,647
Vehicle Expenditure - ETT995	931	-	-	931	1,232
Volunteers' Expenses	1,507	-	-	1,507	4,402
Website	180	-	-	180	180
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,553</b>	<b>16,077</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital Expenditure	275	-	-	275	20,100
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>20,100</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,828</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,828</b>	<b>36,177</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>169,446</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>194,918</b>			<b>194,918</b>	<b>25,473</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>195,352</b>			<b>195,352</b>	<b>194,919</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Account	4,804	-	-
	CAF Gold Account	7,053	-	-
	CAF Charity Deposit Platform	183,495	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>195,352</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

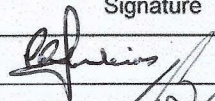
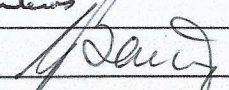
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Vehicle - 503RUO	Restricted	4,500	7,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Vehicle - VDV817	Restricted	8,500	8,500
	Vehicle - NTT661	Restricted	12,000	12,000
	Vehicle - ETT 995	Restricted	20,000	20,000
				-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	N/A	-	
	Loans	N/A	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P R Jenkins	30-Jun-23
	G Bailey	30-Jun-23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Devon General Omnibus Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

5 April 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1153451

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **5 April 2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

Signed:

Date:

13 July 2023

Name:

Terence William Bennett

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

N/A

Address:

16 Manor Close, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6RN

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None
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**DEVON GENERAL OMNIBUS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153451

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period**

**From:** 6 April 2021 **To:** 5 April 2022

**Charity name:** Devon General Omnibus Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1153451

**Company number:** N/A

**Objectives and activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in the history of public road passenger transport and in particular the history of the Devon General Omnibus & Touring Company and its successors through: a) establishing and preserving for posterity a representative collection of passenger service vehicles formerly operated by the Company and its successors in the county of Devon and the wider area covered by the South West of England, b) facilitating public access to the collection by providing opportunities to view and travel on the vehicles and thereby experience an earlier era of public transport in the county of Devon, c) providing a focus for retention, development and training for students of all ages in the traditional crafts and specialist skills required for the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles and associated relics, and d) enabling the raising of funds for the above purposes. In doing so, the charity must not raise any substantial permanent trading activity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	2021/22 has seen some semblance of our normal activity return. The easing of Covid restrictions during the Spring of 2021 enabled us to resume our volunteer work sessions at Knowstone and from July 2021 the trustees resumed meeting in person rather than on Zoom.  Although the lockdowns over the preceding year have inevitably slowed progress with the restoration of our collection, we were able to resume taking our buses to public events in 2021.

We also completed fundraising to acquire a fifth bus for our collection, and duly purchased 1953 AEC Rebuild ETT 995 on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We were delighted with the response to our fundraising appeal, with 70 individuals making donations, and we were particularly grateful to receive a very generous amount from one supporter. In total, the donations, plus Gift Aid, met 97% of the purchase price of ETT 995, with the balance coming from the Trust's funds.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, our AEC Regent V VDV 817 featured in a ceremony at the new Exeter bus station, when the Prince of Wales unveiled a commemorative plaque. There was extensive media coverage, and our bus was the backdrop to many photographs of Prince Charles. VDV 817 was back at the new bus station on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 for Stagecoach South West's Family Fun Day to mark the first day of operation. We are grateful to Stagecoach for inviting us to these events, and we are happy to continue to help the company celebrate its Devon General heritage, as it brings the work of the Trust to a wider audience.

We were able to field an entry of 4 buses, including newly-acquired ETT 995, in our first public event of the season – the Mid Devon Show at Tiverton, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This proved to be a great success, with a good number of visitors looking round our buses, helping us fulfil our charitable purpose of educating the public about the old Devon General bus company. We were pleased to hear grandparents describing to their grandchildren what it was like to travel on such buses when they were young.

We also contributed 4 buses to the 'Devon General Remembered' running day at Tiverton on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Organised by the Devon General Society, the event was based at Tiverton bus station and saw free bus services run by heritage vehicles to various local destinations served by the company in the 1960s. We were pleased that our 1957 AEC Reliance VDV 798 was able to make its debut at the event, and it was also the first opportunity for people to ride on ETT 995. In all, we carried over 500 passengers, including the Mayor of Tiverton and her civic party.

Later in the year we received a very generous legacy of £185,437 from a

		<p>supporter. The trustees are taking a risk averse view about safeguarding these funds whilst we consider how best to use them, and we have accordingly set up a Charity Deposit Platform with our bank, CAF Bank, which will see lump sums distributed around interest-bearing accounts, each protected by the FCA £85,000 compensation scheme.</p> <p>Communicating via social media with our supporters and the general public continues to be a key activity. Our Facebook page now has 865 followers, and our Twitter feed 215 followers. These enable us to reach out to our audience even if they are unable to make it to see our buses at events.</p> <p>We are also committed to presenting a professional and informative face to the world via our website. Since July 2021 – when we started to receive website analytics data – over 1,600 users have seen our redesigned website.</p> <p>During the year we joined the ‘Amazon Smile’ campaign to widen the range of ways in which supporters can donate to the Trust. This sees Amazon donate 0.05% of the net value of a shopper’s spending at no cost to the shopper and has added a steady if modest quarterly flow of funds to our income.</p> <p>We are grateful for the continued generosity of our trustees and other interested parties who support our work, including the Devon General Society.</p> <p>We remain indebted to one of our trustees who has placed his own vehicle on loan to the Trust.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are fully aware of the obligations imposed upon them by way of the Charities Act and Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the extent to which the trust is fulfilling its charitable objectives is reviewed at each trustees’ meeting. These obligations remain paramount when planning activities for the forthcoming period and considering means by which the trust’s other central objectives can be met.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The trustees readily acknowledge the huge contribution made by our volunteers. This manifests in a variety of ways: undertaking the physical work in preparing and restoring our historic vehicles; assisting us when we attend events; assisting us in organising events; preparing and delivering presentations to interest groups and the general public; and assisting with the governance of the CIO.</p> <p>During 2021/22 our volunteers contributed 1,270 hours of their time at our Knowstone base.</p> <p>Skills retention continues to rest with a relatively small group of volunteers.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	Para 1.20	<p>The trustees believe that the main achievements of the Trust during the year may be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were able to display our vehicles at public events, which is the main way for us to deliver our charitable objective of educating the public about the history of road passenger transport.</li> <li>• We improved our financial base significantly thanks to the receipt of a large legacy.</li> <li>• We continued to receive a steady flow of donations from our supporters and claimed Gift Aid thereon.</li> </ul>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We completed a successful fundraising campaign which enabled us to add a fifth bus to our collection. This bus was a particularly significant example of Devon General's policy in the 1950s of rebuilding old vehicles for further use.</li> <li>• We carried out further significant restoration work on our vehicles.</li> <li>• We continued to maintain links with other groups where relationships can be of mutual benefit.</li> <li>• We continued our good relationship with the Devon General Society, ensuring that they remain fully supportive of the trust's activities (the DGS has 200+ members, all of whom share a common interest in the Devon General company and its activities). The work of the Trust is independent of the Society, but it is important that good relations are maintained. The Society is supportive of the Trust's objectives and assists on a regular basis by keeping members informed of our activities and publicising forthcoming events.</li> <li>• We expanded our social media presence and used Facebook and Twitter to inform followers (and the wider community) of progress on our restoration activities, upcoming events, etc.</li> <li>• We continued our good relationship with key personnel within Stagecoach South West (the modern-day successors of Devon General) who are fully supportive of our aims and objectives.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Objective of raising £20,000 to purchase ETT 995 met.

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

## Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The receipt of a £185,437 legacy and the completion of our fundraising campaign to acquire ETT 995 have combined to produce the highest annual income the Trust has seen, at £205,623.</p> <p>Our expenditure reflects our higher level of activity compared with last year and included the purchase of ETT 995 for £20,000. 97% of this capital sum came from our fundraising appeal, but we are now bearing the costs of storing, insuring, maintaining and operating this bus.</p> <p>The out-turn for the year 6/4/21-5/4/22 was a surplus of £169,446. This is exceptional and unlikely to be repeated.</p> <p>The trustees are conscious that this surplus needs to be husbanded carefully and we are reviewing how best to employ the one-off funds in support of our charitable objectives. We foresee that the majority of our outgoings will switch from restoration work to maintenance in future years, the costs of which should be less onerous.</p> <p>However, we remain very conscious of the need to increase our regular income to cover our overheads and we will look to attract greater 'outside' funding (i.e. beyond that provided by the trustees and recognised supporters).</p> <p>As we have seen with our fundraising for ETT 995, any major one-off expenditure would best be met by an appeal for specific project funds.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Our policy is that, whilst significant vehicle restoration is ongoing, working capital of up to £10,000 is required to fund regular expenditure. Beyond this, surplus funds would be placed on low-risk bank deposit. We are currently reviewing how best to employ the one-off funds provided by the legacy.</p>

Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£180,000 as at 5 April 2022
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Our investment policy sets out the likely calls on our funds over the short, medium and long terms and takes a risk-averse approach to matching them with investments in interest-bearing accounts.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

### Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc.	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 6 April 2013.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	CIO.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more	Para 1.25	Potential new trustees are identified by the existing trustees in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

trustees		

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relations with the Devon General Society and with other bus-related groups remain active and strong.
Other		N/A

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	<b>Devon General Omnibus Trust</b>
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	<b>1153451</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>22 Sandstone Road, Swindon SN25 2FE</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Bailey	Vice Chairman / Chairman	Vice Chairman 6/4/21 to 14/10/21; Chairman 15/10/21 to 5/4/22	
2	Paul Jenkins	Treasurer		
3	Martin White			
4	Peter Murnaghan	Chairman	6/4/21 to 14/10/21	
5	Iain Tucker		6/4/21 to 26/7/21	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name	
None	

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)**

**Type of adviser      Name      Address**

N/A		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

N/A

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

### Other optional information

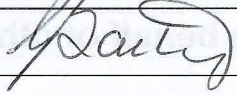
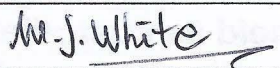
None

### Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Bailey	Martin White
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chairman	Trustee

Date

14/7/22



Devon General Omnibus Trust		1153451		CC16a
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	06-Apr-21	To	05-Apr-22	

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (trustees)	3,185	-	-	3,185	1,165
Donations (unrestricted)	191,893	-	-	191,893	2,449
Donations (restricted)	-	5,679	-	5,679	10,808
Grant	-	-	-	-	10,000
Refund of Business Rates	-	-	-	-	461
Events	25	-	-	25	-
Bank Interest	140	-	-	140	-
Sale of Items	-	-	-	-	-
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	4,751	-	-	4,751	2,209
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>199,944</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205,623</b>	<b>27,092</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>199,944</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>205,623</b>	<b>27,092</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	98	-	-	98	72
Meeting Expenses	47	-	-	47	-
Insurance	575	-	-	575	536
Business Rates	348	-	-	348	-
Postage	56	-	-	56	82
Stationery & Printing	278	-	-	278	83
Sundry Expenditure	531	-	-	531	410
Trustees' Expenses	2,654	-	-	2,654	509
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	993	-	-	993	1,034
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	1,802	-	-	1,802	830
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV817	1,234	-	-	1,234	1,591
Vehicle Expenditure - NTT661	1,647	-	-	1,647	779
Vehicle Expenditure - ETT995	1,232	-	-	1,232	-
Volunteers' Expenses	4,401	-	-	4,401	583
Website	180	-	-	180	667
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>16,077</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,077</b>	<b>7,176</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Capital Expenditure	20,100	-	-	20,100	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>36,177</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,177</b>	<b>7,176</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>163,767</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>169,446</b>	<b>19,916</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>16,487</b>	<b>16,487</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>25,473</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,473</b>	<b>5,557</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>205,727</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>194,919</b>	<b>25,473</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Account	199,727	- 10,808	-
	CAF 60 Day Notice Account	6,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>205,727</b>	<b>- 10,808</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


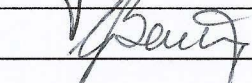
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Vehicle - 503RUO	Restricted	4,500	7,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Vehicle - VDV817	Restricted	8,500	8,500
	Vehicle - NTT661	Restricted	12,000	12,000
	Vehicle - ETT 995	Restricted	20,000	20,000
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<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	N/A	-	
	Loans	N/A	-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P R Jenkins	11-Jul-22
	G Bailey	11-Jul-22



**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

<b>Report to the trustees/ members of</b>	<b>Devon General Omnibus Trust</b>		
<b>On accounts for the year ended</b>	<b>5 April 2022</b>	<b>Charity no (if any)</b>	<b>1153451</b>
<b>Set out on pages</b>	<b>1 - 10</b>		

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<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 July 2022</b>
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Terence Bennett</b>		
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Address:</b>	<b>16 Manor Close. Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6RN</b>		

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

N/A

**DEVON GENERAL OMNIBUS TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153451

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 6 April 2020 To: 5 April 2021

Charity name: Devon General Omnibus Trust

Charity registration number: 1153451

Company number: N/A

### Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in the history of public road passenger transport and in particular the history of the Devon General Omnibus & Touring Company and its successors through: a) establishing and preserving for posterity a representative collection of passenger service vehicles formerly operated by the Company and its successors in the county of Devon and the wider area covered by the South West of England, b) facilitating public access to the collection by providing opportunities to view and travel on the vehicles and thereby experience an earlier era of public transport in the county of Devon, c) providing a focus for retention, development and training for students of all ages in the traditional crafts and specialist skills required for the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles and associated relics, and d) enabling the raising of funds for the above purposes. In doing so, the charity must not raise any substantial permanent trading activity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>2020/21 has been a year like no other for the Trust, due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Although physical meetings, volunteer work sessions and public events were all affected, we nevertheless managed to launch our new website and Facebook page, switch to conducting our trustees' meetings virtually, and carry out a major fundraising programme to acquire another Devon General bus.</p> <p>We suspended all work at our base at Knowstone during the three national lockdowns, as we did not consider this to be</p>

'essential' work, and mindful of their mature age profile, we did not wish to place our volunteers at risk.

In addition, all the public events we had hoped to take our buses to were cancelled, which meant there were no opportunities for the public to view or travel on our vehicles.

When restrictions were eased after the first lockdown in June 2020, the trustees took steps to make our volunteers' return to work as safe as possible by issuing guidance about social distancing and hygiene in the workplace and providing disposable masks and gloves and hand sanitiser. This state of affairs lasted from June to November 2020 and meant that some restoration work could continue. Several of the trustees gathered at Knowstone for a work day in October 2020.

With the second and third lockdowns that took place over the winter, only a brief period of voluntary work took place at Knowstone during December 2020, and it was not until the end of March 2021, having by then received their first doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, that our volunteers could return to work.

As a result of these circumstances there has inevitably been a hiatus in our plans to complete the restoration of our collection.

Skills retention continues to rest with a relatively small group of volunteers.

Public access to the collection has not been possible during the year, as virtually all events were cancelled. Similarly, no 'talks' were possible to local groups.

Notwithstanding these limitations, the trustees have continued to meet, initially by telephone conference and then by 'Zoom' video conference.

In August 2020 we launched our Facebook page, to complement our long-standing Twitter feed, and ensure we have some visibility amongst our audience even though there were no events for us to attend. We now have 540 followers.

In September 2020 we launched a redesigned website and changed our URL from dgot.co.uk to dgot.org.uk to better reflect our charitable status. The new

		<p>website is fully responsive – meaning it works properly on mobile devices as well as on personal computers – and now includes detailed profiles on each of our buses, along with the facility to donate to DGOT by debit or credit card.</p> <p>In November 2020 we launched a fundraising appeal to help us acquire ETT 995, the unique 1953 Saunders Roe-bodied AEC Rebuild. The appeal ran until March 2021 and we received an amazing response, with donations from 70 individuals. The trustees hope to conclude the purchase in the coming months.</p> <p>We are grateful for the continued generosity of our trustees and other interested parties who support our work, including the Devon General Society which kindly allowed us to send our fundraising leaflet for ETT 995 to all of its members.</p> <p>We remain indebted to one of our trustees who has placed his own vehicle on loan to the Trust.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees are fully aware of the obligations imposed upon them by way of the Charities Act and Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the extent to which the trust is fulfilling its charitable objectives is reviewed at each trustees' meeting. These obligations remain paramount when planning activities for the forthcoming period and considering means by which the trust's other central objectives can be met.</p>

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The trustees readily acknowledge the huge contribution made by our volunteers, particularly during the increased workload created by the Devon General centenary

		year in 2019. This manifests in a variety of ways: undertaking the physical work in preparing and restoring our historic vehicles; assisting us when we attend events; assisting us in organising events; preparing and delivering presentations to interest groups and the general public; assisting with the governance of the CIO.
Other		

## Achievements and performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>The trustees believe that the main achievements of the trust during the year may be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We maintained our secure financial base despite the coronavirus pandemic. This has again been based upon significant donations from our trustees and volunteers, and Gift Aid relief thereon, but in April 2020 we also applied for, and received, a £10,000 grant from North Devon Council under the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund.</li> <li>• Whilst there were no public events for us to attend, we maintained our public profile by launching a Facebook page and a new website.</li> <li>• We carried out further significant restoration work on our vehicles, particularly Reliance '798' which is now largely complete.</li> <li>• We continued to establish links with other groups where relationships can ultimately be of mutual benefit.</li> <li>• We continued our good relationship with the Devon General Society, ensuring that they remain fully supportive of the trust's activities (the DGS has 200+ members, all of whom share a common</li> </ul>
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		<p>interest in the Devon General company and its activities). The work of the trust is totally independent of the Society, but it is important that good relations are maintained. The Society is wholly supportive of the trust's objectives and assists on a regular basis by keeping members informed of our activities and publicising forthcoming events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our social media presence through Facebook and Twitter are actively used to inform followers (and the wider community) of progress on restoration activities as well as upcoming events, etc. Our Twitter feed has 171 followers; our Facebook page has 540 followers.</li> <li>• We are pleased with the ongoing relationships with key personnel within Stagecoach South West (the modern-day successors of Devon General) who are fully supportive of our aims and objectives.</li> </ul>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

**Financial review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end	Para 1.21	Our fundraising campaign to acquire ETT 995, plus the grant received from North
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of the period		<p>Devon Council, has this year resulted in the highest level of income the Trust has ever achieved, notwithstanding the lack of opportunity to fundraise at events. Coupled with a lower level of expenditure on restoration work due to the pandemic these factors have resulted in a surplus of £19,915 for the year 6/4/20 – 5/4/21.</p> <p>The trustees are conscious that this surplus will largely be committed to the purchase of ETT 995 during the 2021/22 financial year and are acutely aware that the £10,000 grant is a one-off.</p> <p>We foresee that the majority of outgoings will switch from restoration work to maintenance in future years, the costs of which should be less onerous.</p> <p>However, we remain very conscious of the need to increase our regular income to cover our overheads and we will look to attract greater 'outside' funding (i.e. beyond that provided by the trustees and recognised supporters).</p> <p>As we have seen with our fundraising for ETT 995, any major one-off expenditure would best be met by an appeal for specific project funds.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our policy is that, whilst significant vehicle restoration is ongoing, working capital of up to £10,000 is required to fund regular expenditure. Beyond this, surplus funds would be placed on low-risk bank deposit.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£10,000 as at 5 April 2021
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	N/A
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	N/A

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		N/A

## Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association etc.	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 6 April 2013.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company, unincorporated association, CIO	Para 1.25	CIO.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Potential new trustees are identified by the existing trustees in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Relations with the Devon General Society and with other bus-related groups remain active and strong.

Other		N/A

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	<b>Devon General Omnibus Trust</b>
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	<b>1153451</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>22 Sandstone Road, Swindon SN25 2FE</b>

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Murnaghan	Chairman		
2	Iain Tucker			
3	Paul Jenkins	Treasurer		
4	Graham Bailey		Vice Chairman 18/1/21 to 5/4/21	
5	Martin White			
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name	
None	

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

N/A
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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

### Other optional information

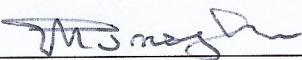

None

### Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Peter Murnaghan	Iain Tucker
Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Chairman	Trustee

Date 18/6/21



Devon General Omnibus Trust		1153451		
<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>				
For the period from	06-Apr-20	To	05-Apr-21	CC16a

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (trustees)	1,165	-	-	1,165	4,040
Donations (unrestricted)	2,449	-	-	2,449	8,702
Donations (restricted)	-	10,808	-	10,808	200
Grant	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Refund of Business Rates	461	-	-	461	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Items	-	-	-	-	-
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	2,209	-	-	2,209	75
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>16,283</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,091</b>	<b>15,445</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,283</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,091</b>	<b>15,445</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	60
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	536	-	-	536	341
Business Rates	-	-	-	-	460
Postage	82	-	-	82	-
Stationery & Printing	83	-	-	83	21
Sundry Expenditure	410	-	-	410	55
Trustees' Expenses	509	-	-	509	2,911
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	1,034	-	-	1,034	1,010
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	830	-	-	830	3,502
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV817	1,591	-	-	1,591	1,067
Vehicle Expenditure - NTT661	779	-	-	779	1,188
Volunteers' Expenses	583	-	-	583	4,304
Website	667	-	-	667	13
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>14,932</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,176</b>	<b>14,938</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>9,107</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,915</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,558</b>	<b>5,051</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>14,665</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,473</b>	<b>5,558</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF Bank Account	4,665	10,808	-
	CAF 12 month Fixed Rate Saver	10,000	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,665</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

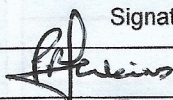
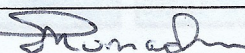
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Vehicle - 503RUO	Unrestricted	4,500	7,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	5,000	5,000
	Vehicle - VDV817	Unrestricted	8,500	8,500
	Vehicle - NTT661	Unrestricted	12,000	12,000
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	N/A	-	
	Loans	N/A	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	P R Jenkins	10-May-21
	P Murnaghan	10-May-21



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Devon General Omnibus Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

5 April 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1153451

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Signed:

Date:

12 June 2021

Name:

Terence Bennett

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

N/A

Address:

16 Manor Close. Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, DT9 6RN