

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1153790

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2013-09-12

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY THE PREVENTION OF CRIMINAL ACTS AND THE REDUCTION OF THE FEAR OF CRIME IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF HOME SECURITY FOR ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF BURGLARY.

**Activities:** The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust secures the homes of the over 60s, or with a registered disability or those who are victims of domestic abuse living in Wiltshire and Swindon who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime, cyber-crime, and domestic violence. Full home security assessments are carried before fitting appropriate security devices; security on online safety is given

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Accommodation/housing
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- Swindon
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£240,369	£327,600	-	-
2024-03-31	£319,757	£326,544	-	-
2023-03-31	£255,981	£322,241	-	-
2022-03-31	£230,235	£288,160	-	-
2021-03-31	£248,423	£257,578	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Philip Coward</b>	Chair	2024-10-29
ANDREW BOWRING WIMBLE		2025-02-28
Catherine Roper		2023-07-01
Christopher Bromfield		2025-03-21
Emily Tulloch		2019-10-21
JOHN NOKES		2013-07-24
Marion Elizabeth Deegan		2019-12-10
Susan Lucy Hamil Spence		2025-08-01

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

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# Accounts

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# **The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**

Charity registration no. 1153790

## **Trustees' report and unaudited accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Legal and administrative information

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**Patron** Her Majesty the Queen

**Vice Patrons** The Marchioness of Lansdowne  
Mrs Annette Lynton Mason

**Trustees** Philip Coward (appointed 29 October 2024)  
Peter Begg  
Henry Colthurst  
Marion Deegan  
John Nokes  
Emily Tulloch  
Chief Constable Catherine Roper  
Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken  
Andrew Bowring Wimble (appointed 28 February 2025)  
Christopher Bromfield (appointed 21 March 2025)  
Susan Lucy Hamil Spence (appointed 1 August 2025)

**Director** Jennie Shaw

**Operators**

Kathleen Williams	Co-ordinator
Sally Raubenheimer	Co-ordinator (retired 11 October 2024)
Celia Wheeler	Co-ordinator (appointed 28 October 2024)
Julia Manley	Co-ordinator (appointed 18 November 2024)
Doug Batchelor	Van operator
Mick Leighfield	Van operator
Vincent Logue	Van operator (appointed 14 October 2024)
Toni Evans	Stay Safe Online Manager (appointed 1 April 2024)
Richard Meek	Stay Safe Online Co-ordinator (appointed 1 April 2024)
Susanna Thorpe	PA to Director (appointed 1 April 2024)

**Charity number** 1153790

**Charity office** Hazeland Mill  
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# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Legal and administrative information

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**Registered office**      Wiltshire Constabulary  
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# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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The Trustees present their report and the independently examined accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and accounts of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

The charity information is detailed on the legal and administrative information page of the accounts.

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Robert Hiscox DL - Chairman (resigned 29 October 2024)

Philip Coward - Chairman (appointed 29 October 2024)

Lucinda Baker LVO (resigned 18 June 2024)

Peter Begg

Henry Colthurst

Marion Deegan

John Nokes

Emily Tulloch

Chief Constable Catherine Roper

Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken

Andrew Bowring Wimble (appointed 28 February 2025)

Christopher Bromfield (appointed 21 March 2025)

### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust protects the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire and Swindon by providing physical security to the homes of the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime. The Trust also supports people experiencing domestic abuse. Recognising the increasing threat of online scams and cyber-crime, the Trust also delivers its Stay Safe Online initiative. This offers vital education and reassurance to those who may feel left behind in the digital age, and who are particularly vulnerable to online fraud.

The 'Bobby' operators carry out full home security and fire risk assessments before fitting the appropriate hardware for each client. This service and the equipment are provided free to all eligible clients. They secure approximately 1,500 homes each year thereby reducing the fear of crime, the incidence of crime or re-victimisation and allowing people to live with a feeling of safety in their own home.

The Stay Safe Online team, now made up of 10 dedicated volunteers, provide fraud protection advice, guidance and education to clients on all aspects of online safety. Support is offered both through home visits and group presentations. As digital access becomes increasingly essential to daily life, many of our clients are particularly vulnerable to online threats, including fraud, deception and financial exploitation. Our work aims to empower them with the knowledge and confidence to use technology safely and to recognize and avoid potential risks.

### **Public benefit**

The objects of the charity are to promote the protection of people and property, the prevention of criminal acts and the reduction of the fear of crime. The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aims and objects and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides. The Charity exercises no exclusion or discrimination within our client remit.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### Strategic report

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to fill vacancies arising through the resignation or death of an existing trustee or to strengthen the committee having identified the mix of skills and experience the Trust needs to lead the charity.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Bobby operators have visited 1,364 homes in the past financial year; 238 of these were in response to a crime being committed; 365 domestic abuse victims, a drop of 10% on the previous year and 761 homes were secured on pro-active visits to elderly and vulnerable people who didn't feel they had adequate security to feel safe, a drop on the previous year.

In addition, Bobby Van operators attended 64 community events, giving talks on staying safe in the home and personal safety or having stands highlighting our service, to the Wiltshire/Swindon communities, a drop of just over 20% on the previous year.

Please note the fall in figures is a result of only have two operators in place for 6 months of the financial year.

In the past financial year, the Stay Safe Online (SSO) team have received 132 referrals. Of these, 70 were for Fraud Protect Awareness, helping clients avoid falling victim to scams or fraud, and 62 were Victim Protect visits, supporting clients who had already experienced fraud or cyber-crime and helping prevent them from becoming repeat targets. Research shows that once someone has been targeted, they are four times more likely to be targeted again, highlighting the rising threat from fraudsters and scammers.

In addition to individual visits, the team delivered 15 group talks, with an average attendance of 22 participants, allowing the team to reach a wider audience and educate more clients on staying safe online.

#### **Financial review**

Over the period the Charity's total income amounted to £240,369 compared to £319,757 in the previous year, a decrease of 24.8%. Expenditure amounted to £327,600 which was a decrease of 7.6% compared to the previous year when expenditure totalled £354,576.

The trustees conservatively believe that there may be extra costs in the future following the separation from Wiltshire Police so have allocated a fund of £300,000 towards them out of general reserves. Although reasonable general reserves remain, this is the stimulant to increased fundraising.

As crime prevention has moved into the need for additional technology, costs will continue to rise. The trustees are preparing the charity for such increased costs. This is also an important consideration when looking at the level of reserves currently held.

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## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### **Financial reserves policy**

The Trust's assets represent an amount allocated by the Trustees to secure the long-term future of the Charity by ensuring there are adequate resources to meet anticipated charitable obligations. The Charity distributes in excess of its income every year so no income retained as unrestricted funds. The reserve balance at the end of the year decreased from £722,828 in March 2024 to £642,089 in March 2025 (a decrease of £80,739).

The Trustees monitor investment performance and continue to set the Investment Manager the task of producing the best financial return with an acceptable level of risk. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold a core of investments and cash assets to generate an income and ensure sufficient reserves are available for future years' expenditure and for short term unforeseen events.

The investment strategy has been revised in April 2025, subsequent to the Charity's accounting year end, whereby a higher proportion of assets are invested into lower risk assets and cash, thereby strengthening the reserves position.

### **Going concern**

As a result of the reserves position the Trustees remain confident that the Charity will remain a going concern. The Trustees consider the value of the investment portfolio and the forecast investment income, together with fund raising campaigns will be sufficient to sustain the Charity in the next twelve months and the longer term.

### **Pension liabilities**

Under the terms of an Agreement dated 1 April 2023 the contracts of employment of five individuals formerly employed by Wiltshire Police were transferred to WBVT with effect from that date in accordance with the TUPE Regulations. The staff transferring to WBVT have been permitted, under the terms of a separate Pension Admission Agreement with Wiltshire Council, to remain members of and to accrue active membership of the Wiltshire Police sub-fund of the Local Government Pensions Scheme, which is administered by Wiltshire Council. However, WBVT assumes responsibility for the payment of all their employment and pension expenses, including salary, NI, tax and pension contributions.

For all actuarial calculation purposes, a pooled funding arrangement with Wiltshire Police applied under the Scheme and the notional pension funding positions of WBVT and Wiltshire Police are treated as one for the purpose of calculating the appropriate employer contribution rate.

WBVT assumes responsibility under the Agreement for all costs of membership of the scheme including any incremental costs arising from any discretion exercised or decision taken by WBVT in respect of transferring staff. For example, if WBVT were to permit any of them to draw benefits prior to normal pension age, or to grant any additional period of membership, or to waive any early retirement reduction WBVT would be required to pay Wiltshire Council an additional sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pension Fund attributable to the exercise of that discretion.

Equally, if WBVT were to make any of them redundant, WBVT would be responsible for any redundancy costs and any sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pensions Fund. However, Wiltshire Police remains responsible for any incremental pension costs not arising from a decision made or action taken by WBVT, including any pension cost incurred as a result of ill health of any of the transferring staff resulting in an early pension credit (but only to the extent the strain is not met through the employer contribution rate).

If the Agreement were terminated for any reason, a broadly comparable scheme would have to be made available to the transferring staff.

All WBVT employees who joined on or after 1 April 2024 are automatically enrolled in the government-backed NEST pension scheme.

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## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### ***Investment management***

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. The objective of the investment portfolio is the preservation of capital with an overall return balanced between capital growth and income. The Trustees have the authority to delegate discretionary powers of investment and all investments held by the Charity are managed in accordance with these powers. The Trustees, through the Finance Committee, consisting, during the accounting year, of Philip Coward and Henry Colthurst, delegated the investment management powers to Evelyn Partners.

The Trustees continue to keep the management of their investments under regular review and, subject to satisfactory service and performance, the Charity's Investment Managers are reappointed on an annual basis. Periodically the Trustees will consider an independent review.

Quarterly valuations and minutes of meetings are circulated to all Trustees, and the Chair of the Finance Committee reports on the Charity's investments to the Board of Trustees at their meetings throughout the year.

### ***Investment policy and objectives***

The financial objective of the Charity is to maintain the real value of the capital assets whilst generating a stable and sustainable return to fund the operations of the Charity.

The assets were invested during the year for Total Return and the Trustees' aim was to maximise Total Return while mitigating risk to the real value of any distributions at a rate the Trustees believe, in consultation with their Investment Manager, is consistent over the medium term whilst at least maintaining the real value of the fund, net of fees.

### ***Investment policy statement***

The Trustees have discussed an Investment Policy Statement (IPS) to be put in place with the Investment Manager that takes into consideration the Charity's mission and Charity Commission guidance, and sets out the long-term investment objective, risk profile, strategic asset allocation and investment restrictions. It is reviewed and updated annually, firstly by the Finance Committee and then approved by the Board of Trustees.

### ***Investments***

A record number of elections took place across the world in 2024, including in the US, UK, India and Mexico, heightening political uncertainty, shifting global alliances and adding to volatility in financial markets. The Republican victory in the November US Presidential elections and the return of Donald Trump, boosted US equity markets. They were led by the artificial intelligence stocks dubbed the 'Magnificent 7', the US stock market powering to new highs, contributing to the majority of the +20% return posted by global equities in 2024. Central banks, including the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England, maintained a hawkish stance through the year, delaying the anticipated easing until the fourth quarter 2024 when economic data showed an easing of inflationary pressures, resulting in a relatively flat performance for bond markets over the period.

However, the first quarter of 2025 saw an end to the US equity market euphoria. A weakening in US economic data, the scale and impact of President Trump's tariff policies and the launch of DeepSeek, a Chinese generative AI model, prompted a sharp and sustained sell off in US equities – particularly technology stocks. Bond yields fell reflecting a larger number of expected interest rate cuts and the gold price reached new highs. Despite a challenging economic outlook, and tariff uncertainties, UK equities outperformed and European equities began to close the valuation gap with the rest of the world.

At the end of an extremely volatile 12 months for global financial markets global equities (MSCI all-country world) returned +5.3% (US equities +5.9%, UK equities +10.9%, Japanese equities 3.8%), US bond +4.5%, UK bonds -1.8% and gold, the investor choice in times of uncertainty, was the standout performer, returning +41%.

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Against this backdrop, the Charity, which has a long-term performance target of CPI+4% over a rolling 7-year period, alongside composite benchmarks for short-term performance monitoring. Evelyn Partners classify the investment strategy as 'Strategy 5 Medium Risk'. The portfolio's performance over the year rose by 1.84%, net of portfolio management costs (total costs 1.90%), resulting in a year end value of £554,757 (2024: £659,109).

### ***The future***

On 1 April 2024, the Charity began its first year of trading as an independent organisation following its transition away from Wiltshire Police, employing its own staff to administer the operational side of the business. We continue to work in close collaboration with Wiltshire Police to ensure the continued success of our activities in protecting the most vulnerable people across Wiltshire and Swindon.

In March 2025, as part of our ongoing commitment to support victims of burglary and domestic abuse, we launched our Digital Doorbell Campaign. Through this initiative, we have begun fitting doorbell cameras free of charge in areas where parish council funding is available. Working closely with Neighbourhood Policing Teams, we are identifying those most at risk and prioritising support for individuals and families who would benefit most from enhanced home security. Since the subsequent success of this campaign we have now extended this as part of day to day normal service for clients within our remit at a nominal charge.

### ***Risk management***

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that proper systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to foreseeable risks.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Approval

In approving the Trustees' Report, we also approve the Strategic Report included therein.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



[Philip Coward \(Jan 12, 2026 12:56:33 GMT\)](#)

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Philip Coward  
Chairman of Trustees

12/01/2026  
Dated: .....

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

  
Lucy Dixon (Jan 12, 2026 13:75:31 GMT)

**Lucy Dixon FCA**  
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Hampshire  
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12/01/2026  
Date: .....

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and gifts	2	49,957	42,117	92,074	113,813
Fundraising events		104,573	-	104,573	168,093
Sales of security items		21,712	6,509	28,221	19,131
Investment income	3	15,501	-	15,501	18,720
<b>Total income</b>		<b>191,743</b>	<b>48,626</b>	<b>240,369</b>	<b>319,757</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Costs of raising funds	4	31,426	-	31,426	41,705
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	223,352	46,769	270,121	284,839
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>254,778</b>	<b>46,769</b>	<b>301,547</b>	<b>326,544</b>
Governance costs	5	26,053	-	26,053	28,032
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>280,831</b>	<b>46,769</b>	<b>327,600</b>	<b>354,576</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income before gains on investments</b>		<b>(89,088)</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>(87,231)</b>	<b>(34,819)</b>
Net gains on investment assets	6	6,492	-	6,492	40,773
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(82,596)</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>(80,739)</b>	<b>5,954</b>
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2024		719,685	3,143	722,828	716,874
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2025</b>		<b>637,089</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>642,089</b>	<b>722,828</b>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of the accounts.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Quoted investments	9		554,757		659,109
Tangible assets	10		3,763		-
			<u>558,520</u>		<u>659,109</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock - goods for resale or charitable activities		27,987		19,497	
Debtors	11	3,286		1,025	
Cash at bank and in hand		61,688		51,389	
			<u>92,961</u>	<u>71,911</u>	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,392)		(8,192)	
				<u>71,911</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>83,569</u>		<u>63,719</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>642,089</u>		<u>722,828</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Unrestricted income funds:</b>					
General Fund			293,920		379,858
Designated Revaluation Reserve Fund			43,169		39,827
Designated Contingency Reserve Fund			300,000		300,000
			<u>637,089</u>		<u>719,685</u>
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			<u>5,000</u>		<u>3,143</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	13		<u>642,089</u>		<u>722,828</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Philip Coward (Jan 12, 2026 12:56:33 GMT)

Philip Coward  
Chairman of Trustees

12/01/2026

Dated: .....

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of the accounts.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 General information

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust ("the charity") is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The Charity number is 1153790, its registered office address is Wiltshire Constabulary, Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN.

#### 1.2 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) Section 1A and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

#### 1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the balance sheet date with any gain or loss being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.7 Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

#### 1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Computer and office equipment	-	33.33% straight line
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Any assets purchased of a capital nature are capitalised, regardless of their cost.

#### 1.9 Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 2 Donations and gifts

	General funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Personal	16,230	-	16,230	20,882
Trusts	11,066	18,685	29,751	58,300
Business and Sponsorship	898	1,000	1,898	9,981
Clubs and Societies	4,329	1,824	6,153	2,691
Parish Councils	5,423	2,105	7,528	825
County, Town and District Councils	-	18,503	18,503	8,319
Gift Aid tax refunds	6,824	-	6,824	6,840
Fire and rescue	3,220	-	3,220	2,820
Commercial	130	-	130	1,000
Other	1,837	-	1,837	2,155
	<u>49,957</u>	<u>42,117</u>	<u>92,074</u>	<u>113,813</u>

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 3 Investment income

	2025 £	2024 £
Interest receivable	197	117
Dividends receivable	15,304	18,603
	<u>15,501</u>	<u>18,720</u>

### 4 Total resources expended

	General Funds Charitable activities £	Restricted Funds Charitable activities £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<b>Costs directly allocated to activities:</b>				
Security hardware:				
Opening stock	19,497	-	19,497	31,500
Purchases in year	12,948	13,688	26,636	29,561
Closing stock	(27,987)	-	(27,987)	(19,497)
	<u>4,458</u>	<u>13,688</u>	<u>18,146</u>	<u>41,564</u>
Hollie Guard Vouchers Purchased	-	643	643	1,357
Salaries and pensions	139,556	24,377	163,933	153,499
Van leasing and expenses	5,693	7,788	13,481	25,094
Sundry expenses	7,016	15	7,031	2,259
Insurance	1,476	-	1,476	1,398
Consultancy fees and expenses	47,183	-	47,183	49,084
Computer consumables	16,637	258	16,895	10,584
Depreciation	1,333	-	1,333	-
	<u>223,352</u>	<u>46,769</u>	<u>270,121</u>	<u>284,839</u>
<b>Costs on raising funds:</b>				
Publicity, promotions and event costs	26,327	-	26,327	33,090
Investment management fees	5,099	-	5,099	8,615
	<u>254,778</u>	<u>46,769</u>	<u>301,547</u>	<u>326,544</u>

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### 5 Costs of governance

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	4,632	5,796
Independent examiner's fees	1,200	1,200
Consultancy fees	20,221	21,036
	<u>26,053</u>	<u>28,032</u>

All support costs are considered to be costs of governance.

### 6 Other recognised gains and losses

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gains on revaluation of investments	3,342	40,891
Gains/(losses) on disposal of investments	3,150	(118)
	<u>6,492</u>	<u>40,773</u>

### 7 The Wiltshire Police Authority met the following costs on behalf of the trust:

Insurance  
Uniforms  
Office accommodation  
Heating and lighting  
Printing, postage and stationery  
Vehicle running costs

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

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### 8 Staff costs and numbers

As of 1 April 2024, all staff are employed by Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust since the transition away from Wiltshire Police and are line managed by Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust and adhere to Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust's procedures and policies.

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and pensions (including employer's national insurance)	<u>139,556</u>	<u>153,499</u>

The average number of employees during the year was seven (2024: five) and the average number of key management personnel was two (2024: two).

No employee or key management personnel of the charity earned more than £60,000 during the year.

### 9 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Valuation</b>		
Market value at 1 April 2024	659,109	663,848
Additions at cost	197,693	40,413
Disposals at valuation	(305,387)	(86,043)
Gain on revaluation	3,342	40,891
<b>Market value at 31 March 2025</b>	<u>554,757</u>	<u>659,109</u>
<b>Cost of listed investments at 31 March 2025</b>	<u>494,875</u>	<u>619,282</u>
<b>Material investments (greater than 5% of portfolio)</b>		
Vanguard Investments UK Limited	109,947	
UK Government 0.125% Bonds 31/01/2026	79,180	
Vanguard Funds	<u>65,126</u>	

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## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

10	Tangible fixed assets	Computer and office equipment £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
	At 1 April 2024	-	-	-
	Additions	5,096	5,096	-
	<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>5,096</b>	<b>5,096</b>	-
	<b>Depreciation</b>			
	At 1 April 2024	-	-	-
	Charge for the year	1,333	1,333	-
	<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>1,333</b>	-
	<b>Net book value</b>			
	<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<b>3,763</b>	<b>3,763</b>	-
	At 31 March 2024	-	-	-
11	Debtors and prepayments		2025 £	2024 £
	Trade debtors		3,286	822
	Prepayments and accrued income		-	203
			<b>3,286</b>	1,025
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2025 £	2024 £
	Trade creditors		2,953	1,210
	Accruals and deferred income		6,439	6,982
			<b>9,392</b>	8,192

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

### 13 Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other gains and losses £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General Fund	379,858	191,743	(280,831)	3,150	293,920
Designated funds:					
Revaluation Reserve Fund	39,827	-	-	3,342	43,169
Contingency Reserve Fund	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Hollie Guard Fund	643	-	(643)	-	-
Stay Safe Online	-	11,908	(11,908)	-	-
Safer Streets	-	11,685	(11,685)	-	-
Digital Doorbells	-	6,530	(1,530)	-	5,000
Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund	2,500	10,000	(12,500)	-	-
Domestic Abuse Services in Wiltshire Fund	-	8,503	(8,503)	-	-
Total funds	<u>722,828</u>	<u>240,369</u>	<u>(327,600)</u>	<u>6,492</u>	<u>642,089</u>

#### Purpose of Designated Funds

##### Revaluation reserve fund

The revaluation reserve fund represents the amount by which the fair value of investments exceed their historical cost, being unrealised gains.

##### Contingency reserve fund

The trustees have designated sufficient funds in the contingency reserve to cover redundancy and other costs in the event that the charity has to be discontinued through lack of funding.

#### Purpose of Restricted Funds

##### Hollie Guard Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of providing Hollie Guard, a personal safety app, for which voucher codes are purchased and given to individuals allowing them to download and access the app. The remaining vouchers were issued during this financial year.

##### Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the domestic abuse services provided in Swindon.

##### Domestic Abuse Services in Wiltshire Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the domestic abuse services provided in Wiltshire.

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### 13 Movement in funds

(Continued)

#### Stay Safe Online

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the cost of salaries for the Manager and Coordinator role, the IT equipment purchased for the volunteers and the vetting and expenses incurred during their tenure.

#### Safer Streets

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the safer street program provided in Wiltshire and Swindon.

#### Digital Doorbell

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of purchasing and installing the doorbell in the designated areas funded by the Parish Councils.

### 14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investments	211,588	343,169	-	554,757
Tangible assets	3,763	-	-	3,763
Current assets	87,961	-	5,000	92,961
Current liabilities	(9,392)	-	-	(9,392)
	<u>293,920</u>	<u>343,169</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>642,089</u>

### 15 Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year (2024: none).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2024: none).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1153790

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# Accounts

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# **The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust**

Charity registration no. 1153790

## **Trustees' report and unaudited accounts**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Legal and administrative information

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<b>Patron</b>	Her Majesty Queen Camilla
<b>Vice Patrons</b>	The Marchioness of Lansdowne Mrs Annette Lynton Mason
<b>Trustees</b>	Philip Coward (appointed 29 October 2024) Peter Begg Henry Colthurst Marion Deegan John Nokes Emily Tulloch Chief Constable Catherine Roper (appointed 1 July 2023) Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken
<b>Director</b>	Jennie Shaw
<b>Operators</b>	Kathleen Williams      Co-ordinator Sally Raubenheimer      Co-ordinator Doug Batchelor      Van operator Mick Leighfield      Van operator Will Todd      Van operator
<b>Charity number</b>	1153790
<b>Charity office</b>	Hazeland Mill Bremhill Calne Wiltshire SN11 9LJ
<b>Registered office</b>	Wiltshire Constabulary Headquarters London Road Devizes Wiltshire SN10 2DN
<b>Independent examiner</b>	James Angus Burnett ACA CTA Martin and Company 25 St Thomas Street Winchester Hampshire SO23 9HJ
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 38 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire SN10 1JD

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# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

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The Trustees present their report and the independently examined accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and accounts of the charity.

### **Reference and administrative details**

The charity information is detailed on the legal and administrative information page of the accounts.

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Robert Hiscox DL - Chairman (resigned 29 October 2024)

Lucinda Baker LVO (resigned 18 June 2024)

Peter Begg

Henry Colthurst

Marion Deegan

John Nokes

Emily Tulloch

Chief Constable Catherine Roper (appointed 1 July 2023)

Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken

### **Objectives and activities**

The Trust protects the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire and Swindon by providing physical security to the homes of the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime or domestic abuse. We also provide advice on avoiding cyber-crime which has become a major threat, especially to elderly and vulnerable people.

The 'Bobby' operators carry out full home security and fire risk assessments before fitting the appropriate hardware for each client. This service and the equipment are provided free to all eligible clients. They secure approximately 1,500 homes each year thereby reducing the fear of crime, the incidence of crime or re-victimisation and allowing people to live with a feeling of safety in their own home.

The Stay Safe Online team of 7 volunteers advise and educate our clients on all aspects of online safety either at their own home or at group talks. The use of computers is often essential to our clients and they are very vulnerable to exploitation by theft and by deceit from unscrupulous fraudsters.

### **Public benefit**

The objects of the charity are to promote the protection of people and property, the prevention of criminal acts and the reduction of the fear of crime. The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aims and objects and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides. The Charity exercises no exclusion or discrimination although the elderly and vulnerable are prioritised.

### **Strategic report**

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to fill vacancies arising through the resignation or death of an existing trustee or to strengthen the committee having identified the mix of skills and experience the Trust needs to lead the charity.

#### **Achievements and performance**

The Bobby operators have visited 1,491 homes in the past financial year; 248 of these were in response to a crime being committed; 406 domestic abuse victims were visited an increase of 3% from the previous year and 837 homes were secured on pro-active visits to elderly and vulnerable people who didn't feel they had adequate security to feel safe, an increase of 6% on the previous year.

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In addition, Bobby Van operators attended 86 community events, giving talks on staying safe in the home and personal safety or having stands highlighting our service, to the Wiltshire/Swindon communities, an increase of 34% on the previous year.

The Stay Safe Online (SSO) team have returned to normality since the pandemic and are back visiting clients at home on a 1:1 basis. The SSO team have received 69 referrals in the past financial year, 52 were Protect Awareness i.e. had not been subject to a scam and 12 were Victim Protect i.e. were previous victims of a scam. 11 Group Talks were also undertaken in addition to the 58 individual visits.

### **Financial review**

Expenditure exceeded income in the last three years as expected, but with the growth in activities and the separation from Wiltshire Police, we have now stepped up fundraising again. Fundraising income was up 66%.

Expenses over the period have been stable. The value of investment assets has also remained stable. With effect from 15 June 2022 the investments have been managed by Evelyn Partners and the return since then has been + 2.84%.

The trustees conservatively believe that there may be extra costs in the future following the separation from Wiltshire Police so have allocated a fund of £300,000 towards them out of general reserves. Although reasonable general reserves remain, this is the stimulant to increased fundraising.

As crime prevention has moved into the need for additional technology, costs will continue to rise. The trustees are preparing the charity for such increased costs. This is also an important consideration when looking at the level of reserves currently held.

### **Financial reserves policy**

The Trust's reserves policy is one of maintaining a capital reserve to meet and respond to the needs of the community which it serves. As a result, it must be prepared to vary its method of operation to meet new challenges with the emphasis often for immediate response and action knowing that funds are already available to support such intervention. This has occurred with the separation from Wiltshire Police. Reserves must also be held to include purchase of capital equipment as well as employment of additional staff which may also carry liabilities for future pensions. In addition, reserves are being held to meet extra demands and needs of the cybercrime team whose future strategy is currently being set.

### **Pension liabilities**

Under the terms of an Agreement dated 1 April 2023 the contracts of employment of five individuals formerly employed by Wiltshire Police were transferred to WBVT with effect from that date in accordance with the TUPE Regulations. The staff transferring to WBVT have been permitted, under the terms of a separate Pension Admission Agreement with Wiltshire Council, to remain members of and to accrue active membership of the Wiltshire Police sub-fund of the Local Government Pensions Scheme, which is administered by Wiltshire Council. However, WBVT assumes responsibility for the payment of all their employment and pension expenses, including salary, NI, tax and pension contributions.

For all actuarial calculation purposes, a pooled funding arrangement with Wiltshire Police applied under the Scheme and the notional pension funding positions of WBVT and Wiltshire Police are treated as one for the purpose of calculating the appropriate employer contribution rate.

WBVT assumes responsibility under the Agreement for all costs of membership of the scheme including any incremental costs arising from any discretion exercised or decision taken by WBVT in respect of transferring staff. For example, if WBVT were to permit any of them to draw benefits prior to normal pension age, or to grant any additional period of membership, or to waive any early retirement reduction WBVT would be required to pay Wiltshire Council an additional sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pension Fund attributable to the exercise of that discretion.

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## **Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Equally, if WBVT were to make any of them redundant, WBVT would be responsible for any redundancy costs and any sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pensions Fund. However, Wiltshire Police remains responsible for any incremental pension costs not arising from a decision made or action taken by WBVT, including any pension cost incurred as a result of ill health of any of the transferring staff resulting in an early pension credit (but only to the extent the strain is not met through the employer contribution rate).

If the Agreement were terminated for any reason, a broadly comparable scheme would have to be made available to the transferring staff.

### ***Investment policy and performance***

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. All investment opportunities are chosen with due regard to the level of risk and ethical considerations.

The current aim is preservation of capital with an overall return balanced between capital growth and income. The Finance Committee consisting of Robert Hiscox and Henry Colthurst appointed Evelyn Partners to manage the investments and the portfolio is discussed at each meeting of the Trustees. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance.

### ***The future***

On 1 April 2023, the charity separated from the Wiltshire Police whilst remaining in very close collaboration with them. The restructuring of the WBVT to be an independent organisation, employing its own staff to administer the operational side of the business, is a natural progression. There were significant cultural differences between the WBVT and Wiltshire Police and often prohibitive risk restrictions imposed on Wiltshire Police which had unintended consequences when enforced on WBVT staff. We look forward with confidence that, working in tandem with Wiltshire Police, we will continue to grow our successful activities protecting the more vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

### ***Risk management***

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that proper systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to foreseeable risks.

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## Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.


The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of accounts may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Approval

In approving the Trustees' Report, we also approve the Strategic Report included therein.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
[Henry Colthurst \(Jan 14, 2025 16:22 GMT\)](#)  
Henry Colthurst  
Trustee

Dated: 14/01/2025

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since your charity's income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

  
Angus Burnett (Jan 14, 2025 16:31 GMT)

### James Angus Burnett ACA CTA

Martin and Company  
25 St Thomas Street  
Winchester  
Hampshire  
SO23 9HJ

Date: 14/01/2025  
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# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and gifts	2	113,813	-	113,813	100,329
Fundraising events		168,093	-	168,093	130,156
Sales of security items		19,131	-	19,131	8,700
Investment income	3	18,720	-	18,720	16,796
<b>Total income</b>		<b>319,757</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>319,757</b>	255,981
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Costs of raising funds	4	41,705	-	41,705	22,865
Expenditure on charitable activities	4	283,482	1,357	284,839	279,142
<b>Total charitable expenditure</b>	4	<b>325,187</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>326,544</b>	302,007
Governance costs	5	28,032	-	28,032	20,234
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>353,219</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>354,576</b>	322,241
<b>Net expenditure before gains and losses on investments</b>		<b>(33,462)</b>	<b>(1,357)</b>	<b>(34,819)</b>	(66,260)
Net gains/(losses) on investment assets	6	40,773	-	40,773	(58,822)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>7,311</b>	<b>(1,357)</b>	<b>5,954</b>	(125,082)
Fund balances brought forward at 1 April 2023		712,374	4,500	716,874	841,956
<b>Fund balances carried forward at 31 March 2024</b>		<b>719,685</b>	<b>3,143</b>	<b>722,828</b>	716,874

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of the accounts.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Quoted investments	9		659,109		663,848
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock - goods for resale or charitable activities		19,497		31,500	
Debtors	10	1,025		5,960	
Cash at bank and in hand		51,389		66,745	
			71,911	104,205	
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(8,192)		(51,179)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			63,719		53,026
<b>Net assets</b>			722,828		716,874
<b>Represented by:</b>					
<b>Unrestricted income funds:</b>					
General Fund			379,858		407,221
Designated Revaluation Reserve Fund			39,827		5,153
Designated Contingency Reserve Fund			300,000		300,000
			719,685		712,374
<b>Restricted income funds</b>			3,143		4,500
<b>Total funds</b>	12		722,828		716,874

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

  
Henry Colthurst (Jan 14, 2025 16:22 GMT)  
Henry Colthurst  
Trustee

Dated: 14/01/2025

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of the accounts.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 General information

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust ("the charity") is a registered charity with the Charity Commission. The Charity number is 1153790, it's registered office address is Wiltshire Constabulary, Headquarters, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN.

#### 1.2 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) Section 1A and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

#### 1.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

#### 1.6 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the balance sheet date with any gain or loss being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.7 Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

#### 1.8 Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 2 Donations and gifts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Personal	<b>20,882</b>	32,984
Trusts	<b>58,300</b>	50,950
Business and Sponsorship	<b>9,981</b>	2,279
Clubs and Societies	<b>2,691</b>	993
Parish Councils	<b>825</b>	1,440
County, Town and District Councils	<b>8,319</b>	5,348
Gift Aid tax refunds	<b>6,840</b>	5,645
Fire and rescue	<b>2,820</b>	690
Commercial	<b>1,000</b>	-
Other	<b>2,155</b>	-
	<b>113,813</b>	100,329

### 3 Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	<b>117</b>	4,161
Dividends receivable	<b>18,603</b>	12,635
	<b>18,720</b>	16,796

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 4 Total resources expended

	General Funds Charitable activities £	Restricted Funds Charitable activities £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Costs directly allocated to activities:</b>				
Security hardware:				
Opening stock	<b>31,500</b>	-	<b>31,500</b>	31,207
Purchases in year	<b>29,561</b>	-	<b>29,561</b>	31,620
Closing stock	<b>(19,497)</b>	-	<b>(19,497)</b>	(31,500)
	<b>41,564</b>	-	<b>41,564</b>	31,327
Hollie Guard Vouchers Purchased	-	<b>1,357</b>	<b>1,357</b>	-
Salaries and pensions	<b>153,499</b>	-	<b>153,499</b>	153,515
Van leasing and expenses	<b>25,094</b>	-	<b>25,094</b>	23,328
Sundry expenses	<b>2,259</b>	-	<b>2,259</b>	1,567
Charitable donations	-	-	-	25,524
Insurance	<b>1,398</b>	-	<b>1,398</b>	1,254
Consultancy fees and expenses	<b>49,084</b>	-	<b>49,084</b>	38,100
Computer consumables	<b>10,584</b>	-	<b>10,584</b>	4,527
	<b>283,482</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>284,839</b>	279,142
<b>Costs on raising funds:</b>				
Publicity, promotions and event costs	<b>33,090</b>	-	<b>33,090</b>	19,100
Investment management fees	<b>8,615</b>	-	<b>8,615</b>	3,765
	<b>325,187</b>	<b>1,357</b>	<b>326,544</b>	302,007

### 5 Costs of governance

	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy fees	<b>5,796</b>	3,906
Independent examiner's fees	<b>1,200</b>	-
Consultancy fees	<b>21,036</b>	16,328
	<b>28,032</b>	20,234

All support costs are considered to be costs of governance.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 6 Other recognised gains and losses

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investments	<b>40,891</b>	(12,638)
Losses on disposal of investments	<b>(118)</b>	(46,184)
	<b>40,773</b>	(58,822)

### 7 The Wiltshire Police Authority met the following costs on behalf of the trust:

Insurance  
Uniforms  
Co-ordinators' travel expenses  
Staff training, supervision and support  
Office accommodation  
Heating and lighting  
Telephone  
Printing, postage and stationery  
Office equipment repairs and renewals  
Vehicle running costs

### 8 Staff costs and numbers

All staff are employees of Wiltshire Police, they are line managed by Wiltshire Police and adhere to Police procedures and policies.

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Salaries and pensions (including employer's national insurance)	<b>153,499</b>	153,515

The average number of employees during the year was five (2023: five) and the average number of key management personnel was two (2023: two).

No employee or key management personnel of the charity earned more than £60,000 during the year.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 9 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Valuation</b>		
Market value at 1 April 2023	<b>663,848</b>	784,630
Additions at cost	<b>40,413</b>	633,957
Disposals at valuation	<b>(86,043)</b>	(742,101)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation	<b>40,891</b>	(12,638)
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<b>Market value at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>659,109</b>	663,848
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<b>Cost of listed investments at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>619,282</b>	658,695
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<b>Material investments (greater than 5% of portfolio)</b>		
Vanguard Investments UK Limited	<b>106,890</b>	71,698
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### 10 Debtors and prepayments

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	<b>822</b>	622
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>203</b>	5,338
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	<b>1,025</b>	5,960
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### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	<b>1,210</b>	48,679
Accruals and deferred income	<b>6,982</b>	2,500
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	<b>8,192</b>	51,179
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# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

### 12 Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other gains and losses £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General Fund	407,221	319,757	(353,219)	6,099	379,858
Designated funds:					
Revaluation Reserve Fund	5,153	-	-	34,674	39,827
Contingency Reserve Fund	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
<b>Restricted funds:</b>					
Hollie Guard Fund	2,000	-	(1,357)	-	643
Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
Total funds	<u>716,874</u>	<u>319,757</u>	<u>(354,576)</u>	<u>40,773</u>	<u>722,828</u>

#### Purpose of Designated Funds

##### Revaluation reserve fund

The revaluation reserve fund represents the amount by which the fair value of investments exceed their historical cost, being unrealised gains.

During the prior year, there was a change in the Investment Portfolio from Non-Managed funds to Managed funds. This crystallised both gains and losses, arising from historic revaluation.

##### Contingency reserve fund

The trustees have designated sufficient funds in the contingency reserve to cover redundancy and other costs in the event that the charity has to be discontinued through lack of funding.

#### Purpose of Restricted Funds

##### Hollie Guard Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of providing Hollie Guard, a personal safety app, for which voucher codes are purchased and given to individuals allowing them to download and access the app. During the year, 88 were issued.

##### Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the domestic abuse services provided in Swindon.

# The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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### 13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Investments	319,282	339,827	-	659,109
Current assets	68,768	-	3,143	71,911
Current liabilities	(8,192)	-	-	(8,192)
	<u>379,858</u>	<u>339,827</u>	<u>3,143</u>	<u>722,828</u>

### 14 Trustees' remuneration and related party transactions

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year (2023: none).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2023: none).

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153790

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# Accounts

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST  
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number:- 1153790**

**The Alanbrookes Group Ltd  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor**

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**  
**Charity Information**

<b>Organisation Type</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation	
<b>Patron</b>	Her Majesty Queen Camilla	
<b>Vice Patrons</b>	The Marchioness of Lansdowne Mrs Annette Lynton Mason	
<b>Trustees</b>	Robert Hiscox DL – Chairman Lucinda Baker LVO Peter Begg Henry Colthurst Marion Deegan John Nokes Emily Tulloch Chief Constable Catherine Roper (appointed 26 June 2023) Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken Chief Constable Kier Pritchard (resigned 26 February 2023) Mark Cann (resigned 26 February 2023)	
<b>Director</b>	Jennie Shaw	
<b>Operators</b>	Kathleen Williams Sally Raubenheimer Doug Batchelor Mick Leighfield Will Todd	Co-ordinator Co-ordinator Van operator Van operator Van operator
<b>Charity Number</b>	1153790	
<b>Charity Office</b>	Hazeland Mill Bremhill Calne Wiltshire, SN11 9LJ	
<b>Operation Office</b>	Devizes Police Station New Park Street Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1DZ Tel:- 01225 256867    Email:- bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	The Alanbrookes Group Ltd 24, Glove Factory Studios Holt Wiltshire BA14 6RL	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 38 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1JD	

## THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (Including Strategic Report)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees present their report and the and the independently examined financial statements of the charity for the for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

#### **Reference and Administration Details**

The charity information and list of trustees who have served during the year are detailed on page 1.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The Trust protects the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire and Swindon by providing physical security to the homes of the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime or domestic abuse. We also provide advice on avoiding cyber-crime which has become a major threat, especially to elderly and vulnerable people.

The 'Bobby' operators carry out full home security and fire risk assessments before fitting the appropriate hardware for each client. This service and the equipment are provided free to all eligible clients. They secure approximately 1,500 homes each year thereby reducing the fear of crime, the incidence of crime or re-victimisation and allowing people to live with a feeling of safety in their own home.

The Stay Safe Online team of 7 volunteers advise and educate our clients on all aspects of online safety either at their own home or at group talks. The use of computers is often essential to our clients and they are very vulnerable to exploitation by theft and by deceit from unscrupulous fraudsters.

The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aim and objectives and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides.

#### **Public Benefit**

The objects of the charity are to promote the protection of people and property, the prevention of criminal acts and the reduction of the fear of crime. The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides. The Charity exercises no exclusion or discrimination although the elderly and vulnerable are prioritised.

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### Strategic report

##### Structure, Governance and Management

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to fill vacancies arising through the resignation or death of an existing trustee or to strengthen the committee having identified the mix of skills and experience the Trust needs to lead the charity.

##### Achievements and Performance

The Bobby operators have visited 1,491 homes in the past financial year; 248 of these were in response to a crime being committed; 406 domestic abuse victims were visited an increase of 3% from the previous year and 837 homes were secured on pro-active visits to elderly and vulnerable people who didn't feel they had adequate security to feel safe, an increase of 6% on the previous year.

In addition, Bobby Van operators attended 86 community events, giving talks on staying safe in the home and personal safety or having stands highlighting our service, to the Wiltshire/Swindon communities, an increase of 34% on the previous year.

The Stay Safe Online (SSO) team have returned to normality since the pandemic and are back visiting clients at home on a 1:1 basis. The SSO team have received 69 referrals in the past financial year, 52 were Protect Awareness i.e. had not been subject to a scam and 12 were Victim Protect i.e. were previous victims of a scam. 11 Group Talks were also undertaken in addition to the 58 individual visits.

##### Financial Review

The trustees made the decision in recent years to restrain fundraising activities due to the high level of reserves. Expenditure exceed income in the last two years as expected, but with the growth in activities and the separation from Wiltshire Police, we have now stepped up fundraising again. Fundraising income was up 47%.

Expenses over the period have been stable. The reduced value of investment assets was due to £51,000 being withdrawn for running expenses and a small drop in the value of investments. With effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the investments have been managed by Evelyn Partners and the return since then was + 2.56%.

The trustees conservatively believe that there may be extra costs in the future following the separation from WP so have allocated a fund of £300,000 towards them out of general reserves. Although reasonable general reserves remain, this is the stimulant to increased fundraising.

##### Financial Reserves Policy

The Trust's reserves policy is one of maintaining a capital reserve to meet and respond to the needs of the community which it serves. As a result, it must be prepared to vary its method of operation to meet new challenges with the emphasis often for immediate response and action knowing that funds are already available to support such intervention. This has occurred with the separation from WP.

Reserves must also be held to include purchase of capital equipment as well as employment of additional staff which may also carry liabilities for future pensions. In addition, reserves are being held to meet extra demands and needs of the cybercrime team whose future strategy is currently being set.

## THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

### TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

##### **Pension liabilities**

Under the terms of an Agreement dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the contracts of employment of five individuals formerly employed by Wiltshire Police were transferred to WBVT with effect from that date in accordance with the TUPE Regulations. The staff transferring to WBVT have been permitted, under the terms of a separate Pension Admission Agreement with Wiltshire Council, to remain members of and to accrue active membership of the Wiltshire Police sub-fund of the Local Government Pensions Scheme, which is administered by Wiltshire Council. However, WBVT now assumes responsibility for the payment of all their employment and pension expenses, including salary, NI, tax and pension contributions.

For all actuarial calculation purposes, a pooled funding arrangement with Wiltshire Police applied under the Scheme and the notional pension funding positions of WBVT and Wiltshire Police are treated as one for the purpose of calculating the appropriate employer contribution rate.

WBVT assumes responsibility under the Agreement for all costs of membership of the scheme including any incremental costs arising from any discretion exercised or decision taken by WBVT in respect of transferring staff. For example, if WBVT were to permit any of them to draw benefits prior to normal pension age, or to grant any additional period of membership, or to waive any early retirement reduction WBVT would be required to pay Wiltshire Council an additional sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pension Fund attributable to the exercise of that discretion.

Equally, if WBVT were to make any of them redundant, WBVT would be responsible for any redundancy costs and any sum representing the actuarial strain on the Pensions Fund. However, Wiltshire Police remains responsible for any incremental pension costs not arising from a decision made or action taken by WBVT, including any pension cost incurred as a result of ill health of any of the transferring staff resulting in an early pension credit (but only to the extent the strain is not met through the employer contribution rate).

If the Agreement were terminated for any reason, a broadly comparable scheme would have to be made available to the transferring staff.

##### **Investment Policy and Performance**

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. All investment opportunities are chosen with due regard to the level or risk and ethical considerations.

The current aim is preservation of capital with an overall return balanced between capital growth and income. The Finance Committee consisting of Robert Hiscox, Mark Cann and Henry Colthurst appointed Evelyn Partners to manage the investments and the portfolio is discussed at each meeting of the Trustees. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**The future**

On April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, the charity separated from the Wiltshire Police whilst remaining in very close collaboration with them. The restructuring of the WBVT to be an independent organisation, employing its own staff to administer the operational side of the business, is a natural progression. There were significant cultural differences between the WBVT and WP and often prohibitive risk restrictions imposed on WP which had unintended consequences when enforced on WBVT staff.

We look forward with confidence that, working in tandem with WP, we will continue to grow our successful activities protecting the more vulnerable people in Wiltshire.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that proper systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to foreseeable risks.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (Continued)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the [Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed.

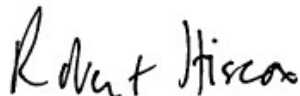
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Approval**

In approving the Trustees' Report, we also approve the Strategic Report included therein.

This report was approved by the trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## Report of the Independent Examiner To The Trustees of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether any 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 Commissioners.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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.

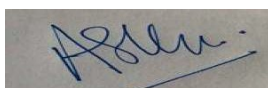
### Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, a matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in a material respect, the requirement to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, has not been met.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

2. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
3. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....  
Andrew Fisher BA FCA  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
The Alanbrookes Group Ltd  
24, Glove Factory Studios  
Holt Wiltshire  
BA14 6RL

THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(incorporating an income and expenditure account)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Notes				
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:-</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Donations and Gifts	2	100,329	-	100,329	120,529
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>					
Fundraising Events		130,156	-	130,156	84,859
Sales of security items		8,700	-	8,700	5,003
Investment Income	3	16,796	-	16,796	19,844
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>255,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,981</u>	<u>230,235</u>
<b>Resources Expended:-</b>					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>					
Investment Management Costs	4	3,765	-	3,765	2,374
Charitable Activities	4	295,148	7,000	302,148	268,065
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>		<u>298,913</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>305,913</u>	<u>270,439</u>
Governance Costs	4	16,328	-	16,328	17,721
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>315,241</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>322,241</u>	<u>288,160</u>
<b>Net (Outgoing) Resources before Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b>		(59,260)	(7,000)	(66,260)	(57,925)
Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)	5	(58,822)	-	(58,822)	34,788
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>(118,082)</u>	<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(125,082)</u>	<u>(23,137)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>830,456</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>841,956</u>	<u>865,093</u>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<u><u>712,374</u></u>	<u><u>4,500</u></u>	<u><u>716,874</u></u>	<u><u>841,956</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form an integral part of the accounts

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	8	663,848	784,630
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock – goods for resale or charitable activities		31,500	31,207
Debtors and Prepayments	9	5,960	1,675
Cash at Bank and in Hand		66,745	78,564
		104,205	111,446
<b>Creditors:</b> Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	10	(51,179)	(54,120)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		53,026	57,326
<b>Net Assets</b>		716,874	841,956
<b>Represented by:-</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:-</b>			
General Fund		407,221	192,103
Designated Revaluation Fund		5,153	338,353
Designated Contingency Reserve		300,000	300,000
		712,374	830,456
<b>Restricted Income Funds</b>		4,500	11,500
<b>Total Funds</b>	11	716,874	841,956

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form an integral part of the accounts

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

##### 1.1. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) Section 1A and the Charities Act 2011.

##### 1.2. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

##### 1.3. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

##### 1.4. Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

**1.5. Fixed Assets**

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the balance sheet date with any gain or loss being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**1.6 Stock**

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

**1.7 Accounting estimates and key judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant.

Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**2. Donations and Gifts**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Personal	32,984	24,897
Trusts	50,950	61,740
Business and Sponsorship	2,279	9,724
Clubs and Societies	993	587
Parish Councils	1,440	2,295
County, Town and District Councils	5,348	15,020
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	5,645	3,186
Fire and Rescue	690	3,080
	<u>100,329</u>	<u>120,529</u>

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**3. Investment Income**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	4,161	6,892
Dividends receivable	12,635	12,952
	16,796	19,844
	16,796	19,844

**4. Total Resources Expended**

	General Funds		Total	Total
	Charitable	General Funds	2023	2022
	Activities	Governance	£	£
	£	£		
<b>Costs Directly Allocated To Activities</b>				
Security Hardware:-				
Opening Stock	31,207	-	31,207	31,089
Purchases in the Year	31,620	-	31,620	25,044
Closing Stock	(31,500)	-	(31,500)	(31,207)
	31,327	-	31,327	24,926
Hollie Guard Voucher Purchases (from Restricted funds)	-	-	-	7,000
Hollie Guard Vouchers Released	(7,000)	-	(7,000)	-
Salaries and Pensions (Including Employer's National Insurance)	153,515	-	153,515	145,848
Van Leasing and Expenses	23,328	-	23,328	27,291
<b>Costs on:</b>				
Raising funds:				
Publicity, Promotions and Event Costs	19,100	-	19,100	21,140
Charitable activities:				
Sundry Expenses	1,567	-	1,567	811
Charitable Donations	25,524	-	25,524	600
Accountancy	3,906	-	3,906	1,764
Insurance	1,254	-	1,254	771
Consultancy Fees and Expenses	38,100	16,328	54,428	53,190
Computer Consumables	4,527	-	4,527	2,445
Investment Management Fees	3,765	-	3,765	2,374
	298,913	16,328	315,241	288,160
	298,913	16,328	315,241	288,160

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**5. Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Investments	(25,277)	32,375
Gains/(Losses) on Disposal of Investments	(33,545)	2,413
	(58,822)	34,788

**6. The Wiltshire Police Authority met the following costs on behalf of the trust:**

Insurance  
Uniforms  
Co-ordinators Travel Expenses  
Staff Training, Supervision and Support  
Office Accommodation  
Heating and Lighting  
Telephone  
Printing, Postage and Stationery  
Office Equipment Repairs and Renewals  
Vehicle Running Costs

**7. Staff Costs and Numbers**

All staff are employees of Wiltshire Police, they are line managed by Wiltshire Police and adhere to Police procedures and policies.

Staff costs were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and Pensions (including employer's national insurance)	153,515	145,848

The average number of employees during the year was five (2022 – five) and the average number of key management personnel was two (2022 – two).

No employee or key management personnel of the charity earned more than £60,000 during the year.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**8. Fixed Asset Investments**

		<b>Listed Investments £</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>		
As at 1 April 2022		784,630
Additions at cost		633,957
Disposal at valuation		(742,101)
(Losses)/Gains on revaluation		(12,638)
		<u>663,848</u>
As at 31 March 2023		<u><u>663,848</u></u>
 <b>Historical cost:</b>		
As at 31 March 2023		<u><u>658,695</u></u>
 As at 31 March 2022		<u><u>446,277</u></u>
 <b>Carrying amount as at 31 March</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Smith & Williamson investment portfolio: non-managed	-	784,630
Evelyn Partners investment portfolio: managed (formerly Tilney, Smith & Williamson)	663,848	-
	<u>663,848</u>	<u>784,630</u>
	<u><u>663,848</u></u>	<u><u>784,630</u></u>

**9. Debtors and Prepayments**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Debtors	622	1,360
Prepayments and accrued income	5,338	315
	<u>5,960</u>	<u>1,675</u>
	<u><u>5,960</u></u>	<u><u>1,675</u></u>

**10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	48,679	43,687
Accruals and Deferred Income	2,500	10,433
	<u>51,179</u>	<u>54,120</u>
	<u><u>51,179</u></u>	<u><u>54,120</u></u>

THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11. Movement in Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Other Gains & Losses £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds:-</b>						
General Fund	192,103	255,981	(315,241)	(58,822)	333,200	407,221
<i>Designated funds:</i>						
Revaluation Reserve	338,353	-	-	-	(333,200)	5,153
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
<b>Restricted Funds:-</b>						
Hollie Guard Fund	9,000	-	(7,000)	-	-	2,000
Domestic Abuse in Swindon Fund	2,500	-	-	-	-	2,500
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>841,956</u>	<u>255,981</u>	<u>(322,241)</u>	<u>(58,822)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>716,874</u>

**Purpose of Designated Funds**

Revaluation Reserve Fund

The revaluation reserve fund represents the amount by which the fair value of investments exceed their historical cost, being unrealised gains.

During the year, there was a change in the Investment Portfolio from Non-Managed funds to Managed funds. This crystallised both gains and losses, arising from historic revaluation.

Contingency Reserve Fund

The trustees have designated sufficient funds in the contingency reserve to cover redundancy and other costs in the event that the charity has to be discontinued through lack of funding.

**Purpose of Restricted Funds**

Hollie Guard Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of providing Hollie Guard, a personal safety app, for which voucher codes are purchased and given to individuals allowing them to download and access the App. During the year, 88 were issued.

Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the domestic abuse services provided in Swindon.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**12. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Investments	358,695	305,153	-	663,848
Current Assets	99,705	-	4,500	104,205
Current Liabilities	(51,179)	-	-	(51,179)
	<u>407,221</u>	<u>305,153</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>716,874</u>

**13. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153790

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# Accounts

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**Charity Number:- 1153790**

**The Alanbrookes Group Ltd**  
**t/a J S Weeks & Co**  
**Accountants**  
**Devizes**

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**Charity Information**

<b>Organisation Type</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation	
<b>Patron</b>	HRH The Former Duchess of Cornwall	
<b>Vice Patrons</b>	The Marchioness of Lansdowne Mrs Annette Lynton Mason	
<b>Trustees</b>	Robert Hiscox DL – Chairman Lucinda Baker LVO Peter Begg (appointed 13 December 2021) Mark Cann Henry Colthurst (appointed 14 March 2022) Marion Deegan John Nokes Chief Constable Kier Pritchard Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken Emily Tulloch	
<b>Director</b>	Jennie Shaw	
<b>Operators</b>	Kathleen Williams Sally Raubenheimer Doug Batchelor Mick Leighfield Will Todd	Co-ordinator Co-ordinator Van operator Van operator Van operator
<b>Charity Number</b>	1153790	
<b>Charity Office</b>	Hazeland Mill Bremhill Calne Wiltshire, SN11 9LJ	
<b>Operation Office</b>	Devizes Police Station New Park Street Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1DZ Tel:- 01225 256867    Email:- bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk	
<b>Accountants</b>	The Alanbrookes Group Ltd t/a J S Weeks & Co 10 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1HT	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 38 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1JD	

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**Reference and Administration Details**

The charity information and list of trustees who have served during the year are detailed on page 1.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to fill vacancies arising through the resignation or death of an existing trustee or to strengthen the committee.

**Public Benefit**

The objects of the charity are to promote the protection of people and property, the prevention of criminal acts and the reduction of the fear of crime. The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides. The Charity exercises no exclusion or discrimination although the elderly and vulnerable are prioritised.

**Objectives and Activities**

The Trust protects the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire and Swindon by providing physical security to the homes of the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime or domestic abuse. We also provide advice on avoiding cyber-crime which has become a major threat, especially to elderly and vulnerable people.

The 'Bobby' operators carry out full home security and fire risk assessments before fitting the appropriate hardware for each client. This service and the equipment are provided free to all eligible clients. They secure approximately 1,500 homes each year thereby reducing the fear of crime, the incidence of crime or re-victimisation and allowing people to live with a feeling of safety in their own home.

The Stay Safe Online team of 7 volunteers advise and educate our clients on all aspects of online safety either at their own home or at group talks. The use of computers is often essential to our clients and they are very vulnerable to exploitation by theft and by deceit from unscrupulous fraudsters.

The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aim and objectives and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Bobby operators have visited 1,490 homes in the past financial year; 226 of these were in response to a crime being committed; 397 domestic abuse victims were visited an increase of 23% from the previous year and 787 homes were secured on pro-active visits to elderly and vulnerable people who didn't feel they had adequate security to feel safe, again an increase of 40% on the previous year.

In addition, Bobby Van operators attended 64 community events, giving talks on staying safe in the home and personal safety or having stands highlighting our service, to the Wiltshire/Swindon communities. In the previous financial year, they attended only 20 of these events/community engagements owing to covid restrictions.

The Stay Safe Online team have returned to visiting clients in a pair at home rather than 1:1 since the pandemic although they continue to do 1:1 visits in a public place as agreed by Wiltshire Police.

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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#### **Financial Reserves Policy**

The Trust's reserves policy is one of maintaining a capital reserve to meet and respond to the needs of the community which it serves. As a result it must be prepared to vary its method of operation to meet new challenges with the emphasis often for immediate response and action knowing that funds are already available to support such intervention. Reserves must also be held to include purchase of capital equipment as well as employment of additional staff which may also carry liabilities for future pensions. In addition, reserves are being held to meet extra demands and needs of the cyber crime team whose future strategy is currently being set.

#### **Investment Policy and Performance**

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. All investment opportunities are chosen with due regard to the level or risk and ethical considerations.

The current aim is preservation of capital with an overall return balanced between capital growth and income. The Finance Committee consisting of Robert Hiscox, Mark Cann and Henry Colthurst has appointed Evelyn Partners to manage the investments and the portfolio is discussed at each meeting of the Trustees. The Trustees are satisfied with the performance.

#### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that proper systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to foreseeable risks.

#### **Plans for Future Periods**

The evolution of the charities relationship with Wiltshire Police (WP) has led both parties to consider the current structure and whether it is as effective and efficient as originally intended. Is it currently fit for purpose? The conclusion of all concerned is for a new structure to be established in 2023 which effectively separates the charity from WP and will involve the staff TUPEing(sic) across as well as other significant administrative and operational changes under the terms of a formal consortium agreement with WP. This restructuring moves the WBVT to being a much greater Operational organisation and taking on greater direct responsibility more than being a significant facilitator and fundraiser as has been the case to date. The Trustees have considered the implications in detail and acknowledge the increased risk to the charity but are of the firm view that this will enable it to serve its beneficiaries better and more extensively. They consider the situation is not ideal but necessary due to the significant cultural differences of WBVT and WP and the often prohibitive and unintended risk restrictions enforced on WP which impact on WBVT. Part of this consideration has been a detailed cost analysis and the Trustees have allocated a maximum sum of £200,000 as a contingency fund for the transfer of staff and operational responsibility from WP in the main to absorb extra running costs and an additional £100,000 as a 'hard deck' contingency to cover potential pension and redundancy liabilities as an employer. This will significantly reduce the charities general reserves which is something the Trustees will address in the year ahead, nonetheless the charity already holds such reserves for just such a purpose. In the medium term the trustees are confident this will increase the charities Output making it significantly more effective and responsive to the needs of its beneficiaries.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 24 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## Report of the Independent Examiner To The Trustees of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether any 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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 explanation, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



.....  
Mrs B A Moss FCA  
The Alanbrookes Group Ltd t/a J S Weeks & Co  
10 Market Place  
Devizes  
Wiltshire, SN10 1HT

24 January 2023

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:-</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Donations and Gifts	2	99,529	21,000	120,529	190,052
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>					
Fundraising Events		89,862	-	89,862	37,170
Investment Income	3	19,844	-	19,844	21,201
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>209,235</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>230,235</u>	<u>248,423</u>
<b>Resources Expended:-</b>					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>					
Investment Management Costs	4	2,374	-	2,374	1,518
Charitable Activities	4	258,565	9,500	268,065	240,366
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>		<u>260,939</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>270,439</u>	<u>241,884</u>
Governance Costs	4	17,721	-	17,721	15,694
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>278,660</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>288,160</u>	<u>257,578</u>
<b>Net (Outgoing) Resources before Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b>					(9,155)
Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)	5	34,788	-	34,788	175,481
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		(34,637)	11,500	(23,137)	166,326
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward		865,093	-	865,093	698,767
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<u>830,456</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>841,956</u>	<u>865,093</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of the accounts

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	8	784,630	833,092
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		31,207	31,089
Debtors and Prepayments	9	1,675	3,037
Cash at Bank and in Hand		78,564	39,107
		<u>111,446</u>	<u>73,233</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	10	<u>(54,120)</u>	<u>(41,232)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		57,326	32,001
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>841,956</u>	<u>865,093</u>
<b>Represented by:-</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:-</b>			
General Fund		192,103	264,984
Designated Revaluation Fund		338,353	300,109
Designated Contingency Reserve		300,000	300,000
		<u>830,456</u>	<u>865,093</u>
<b>Restricted Income Funds</b>		<u>11,500</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	11	<u>841,956</u>	<u>865,093</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 24 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

**The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of the accounts**

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

**1.1. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective from 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) Section 1A and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**1.3. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

**1.4. Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**1.5. Fixed Assets**

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the balance sheet date with any gain or loss being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**2. Donations and Gifts**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Personal	24,897	21,999
Trusts	61,740	153,800
Business and Sponsorship	9,724	6,929
Clubs and Societies	587	1,220
Parish Councils	2,295	810
County, Town and District Councils	15,020	-
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	3,186	2,554
Fire and Rescue	3,080	2,740
	120,529	190,052
	120,529	190,052

**3. Investment Income**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Interest receivable	6,892	7,570
Dividends receivable	12,952	13,631
	19,844	21,201
	19,844	21,201

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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**4. Total Resources Expended**

	<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Costs Directly Allocated To Activities</b>				
Security Hardware:-				
Opening Stock	31,089	-	31,089	33,704
Purchases in the Year	25,044	-	25,044	25,033
Closing Stock	(31,207)	-	(31,207)	(31,089)
	<u>24,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,926</u>	<u>27,648</u>
Hollie Guard Voucher Purchases	7,000	-	7,000	-
Salaries and Pensions (Including Employer's National Insurance)	145,848	-	145,848	145,450
Van Leasing and Expenses	27,291	-	27,291	27,038
<b>Support Costs Allocated to Activities</b>				
Sundry Expenses	811	-	811	1,190
Publicity, Promotions and Event Costs	21,140	-	21,140	4,712
Charitable Donations	600	-	600	-
Accountancy	-	1,764	1,764	1,740
Insurance	771	-	771	570
Consultancy Fees and Expenses	37,233	15,957	53,190	46,512
Computer Consumables	2,445	-	2,445	1,200
Investment Management Fees	2,374	-	2,374	1,518
	<u>270,439</u>	<u>17,721</u>	<u>288,160</u>	<u>257,578</u>

**5. Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Investments	32,375	175,481
Gains/(Losses) on Disposal of Investments	2,413	-
	<u>34,788</u>	<u>175,481</u>

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
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6. The Wiltshire Police Authority met the following costs on behalf of the trust:

Insurance  
Uniforms  
Co-ordinators Travel Expenses  
Staff Training, Supervision and Support  
Office Accommodation  
Heating and Lighting  
Telephone  
Printing, Postage and Stationery  
Office Equipment Repairs and Renewals  
Vehicle Running Costs

7. **Staff Costs and Numbers**

All staff are employees of Wiltshire Police, they are line managed by Wiltshire Police and adhere to Police procedures and policies.

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Salaries and Pensions (including employer's national insurance)	145,848	145,450
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The average number of employees during the year was five (2021 – five).

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
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**8. Fixed Asset Investments**

	<b>Listed Investments</b>	
	£	
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>		
As at 1 April 2021	833,092	
Additions at cost	-	
Disposal at valuation	(80,837)	
Gains on revaluation	32,375	
	784,630	
As at 31 March 2022	784,630	
 <b>Historical cost:</b>		
As at 31 March 2022	446,277	
	446,277	
As at 31 March 2021	532,983	
	532,983	
 <b>Carrying amount as at 31 March</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Smith & Williamson investment portfolio	784,630	833,092
	784,630	833,092

**9. Debtors and Prepayments**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	1,360	2,226
Prepayments	315	811
	1,675	3,037
	1,675	3,037

**10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
Trade Creditors	43,687	39,316
Accruals and Deferred Income	10,433	1,916
	54,120	41,232
	54,120	41,232

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**11. Movement in Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2021 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Other Gains &amp; Losses £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2022 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:-</b>						
General Fund	264,984	209,235	(278,660)	2,413	(5,869)	192,103
<i>Designated funds:</i>						
Revaluation Reserve	300,109	-	-	32,375	5,869	338,353
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
<b>Restricted Funds:-</b>						
Hollie Guard Fund	-	16,000	(7,000)	-	-	9,000
Domestic Abuse in Swindon Fund	-	5,000	(2,500)	-	-	2,500
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>865,093</u>	<u>230,235</u>	<u>(288,160)</u>	<u>34,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>841,956</u>

**Purpose of Designated Funds**

Revaluation Reserve Fund

The revaluation reserve fund represents the amount by which the fair value of investments exceed their historical cost, being unrealised gains.

Contingency Reserve Fund

The trustees have designated sufficient funds in the contingency reserve to cover redundancy and other costs in the event that the charity has to be discontinued through lack of funding.

**Purpose of Restricted Funds**

Hollie Guard Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of providing Hollie Guard, a personal safety app, for which voucher codes are purchased and given to individuals allowing them to download and access the app.

Domestic Abuse Services in Swindon Fund

This restricted income fund comprises money donated specifically towards the costs of the domestic abuse services provided in Swindon.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**12. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Investments	146,277	638,353	-	784,630
Current Assets	96,446	-	15,000	111,446
Current Liabilities	(50,620)	-	(3,500)	(54,120)
	<u>192,103</u>	<u>638,353</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>841,956</u>

**13. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1153790

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# Accounts

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST  
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**Charity Number:- 1153790**

**The Alanbrookes Group Ltd  
t/a J S Weeks & Co  
Accountants  
Devizes**

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

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**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**Charity Information**

<b>Organisation Type</b>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation	
<b>Patron</b>	HRH The Duchess of Cornwall	
<b>Vice Patrons</b>	The Marchioness of Lansdowne Mrs Annette Lynton Mason	
<b>Trustees</b>	Robert Hiscox DL – Chairman Mark Cann John Nokes Col. Robert Richardson-Aitken Chief Constable Kier Pritchard Craig Baker (resigned September 2020) Emily Tulloch Marion Deegan Lucinda Baker	
<b>Director</b>	Jennie Shaw	
<b>Operators</b>	Kathleen Williams	Co-ordinator
	Sally Raubenheimer	Co-ordinator
	Doug Batchelor	Van operator
	Mick Leighfield	Van operator
	Will Todd	Van operator
<b>Charity Number</b>	1153790	
<b>Charity Office</b>	Hazeland Mill Bremhill Calne Wiltshire, SN11 9LJ	
<b>Operation Office</b>	Devizes Police Station New Park Street Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1DZ Tel:- 01225 256867    Email:- bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk	
<b>Accountants</b>	The Alanbrookes Group Ltd t/a J S Weeks & Co 10 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1HT	
<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank Plc 38 Market Place Devizes Wiltshire, SN10 1JD	

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Reference and Administration Details**

The charity information and list of trustees who have served during the year are detailed on page 1.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to fill vacancies arising through the resignation or death of an existing trustee or to strengthen the committee.

**Objectives and Activities**

The objects of the charity are to promote for the public benefit the protection of people and property, the prevention of criminal acts and the reduction of the fear of crime.

The Trust protects the most vulnerable people in Wiltshire and Swindon by providing physical security to the homes of the over 60s and 18+ with a registered disability who have become, or are at risk of becoming, victims of house crime or domestic abuse. We also provide advice on avoiding cyber-crime which has become a major threat, especially to elderly and vulnerable people.

The 'Bobby' operators carry out full home security and fire risk assessments before fitting the appropriate hardware for each client. This service and the equipment are provided free to all eligible clients. They secure approximately 1,500 homes each year thereby reducing the fear of crime, the incidence of crime or re-victimisation and allowing people to live with a feeling of safety in their own home.

The Stay Safe Online team of 7 volunteers advise and educate our clients on all aspects of online safety either at their own home or at group talks. The use of computers is often essential to our clients and they are very vulnerable to exploitation by theft and by deceit from unscrupulous fraudsters.

The Trustees, in reviewing the Charity's aim and objectives and in planning activities, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees are content with the degree and scope of public benefit the Charity provides.

**Achievements and Performance**

The Bobby operators have visited 1,165 homes in the past financial year; 246 of these were in response to a crime being committed; 322 domestic abuse victims were visited and 564 homes were secured on pro-active visits to elderly and vulnerable people who didn't feel they had adequate security to feel safe.

Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdowns meant that we were unable to visit the number of homes that we normally do over the year. We were, however, able to continue to visit victims of house crime under government guidelines and restrictions. There was a 20% rise in our call outs to domestic abuse victims which was reflected across the UK. This increase was mainly in cases where domestic abuse hadn't been reported before Covid-19 struck. The lockdown restrictions, increased unemployment and financial worries were, and continue to be, the main causes and whilst restrictions may now have eased, the other causes may take longer to resolve.

The Stay Safe Online team have been unable to return to home visits or group talk under government guidelines and have been relying on 'Teams' calls to educate and advise clients. The majority of clients are happy to wait until face to face visits can resume.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**Financial Reserves Policy**

The Trust's reserve policy is one of maintaining a capital reserve to be able to meet and respond to the needs of the community it serves; this means that it must be prepared to vary its method of operation to meet new challenges. Changes may include the purchase of capital equipment and the employment of additional staff. We are aware that the new cyber advice service could need considerable resources.

**Investment Policy**

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit. All investment opportunities are chosen with due regard to the level or risk and ethical considerations.

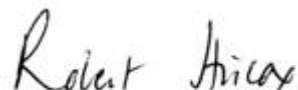
The current aim is preservation of capital with an overall return balanced between capital growth and income. The trustees delegate the management to the Finance Committee consisting of Robert Hiscox and Mark Cann, and the portfolio is discussed at each meeting of trustees.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that proper systems and controls are in place to mitigate exposure to foreseeable risks.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees on 8 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

# THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

## Report of the Independent Examiner To The Trustees of The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

### Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether any 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of 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 explanation, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Mrs B A Moss FCA  
The Alanbrookes Group Ltd t/a J S Weeks & Co  
10 Market Place  
Devizes  
Wiltshire, SN10 1HT

8 November 2021

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:-</b>					
<i>Voluntary Income:</i>					
Donations and Gifts	2	190,052	-	190,052	74,162
<i>Activities for Generating Funds:</i>					
Fundraising Events		37,170	-	37,170	62,836
Investment Income	3	21,201	-	21,201	22,167
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>248,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248,423</u>	<u>159,165</u>
<b>Resources Expended:-</b>					
<i>Costs of Generating Funds:</i>					
Investment Management Costs	4	1,518	-	1,518	1,619
Charitable Activities	4	240,366	-	240,366	259,925
<b>Total Charitable Expenditure</b>		<u>241,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>241,884</u>	<u>261,544</u>
Governance Costs	4	15,694	-	15,694	15,202
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>257,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>257,578</u>	<u>276,746</u>
<b>Net (Outgoing) Resources before Other Recognised Gains and Losses</b>		(9,155)	-	(9,155)	(117,581)
Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)	5	175,481	-	175,481	(75,647)
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u>166,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>166,326</u>	<u>(193,228)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total Funds Brought Forward		<u>698,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>698,767</u>	<u>891,995</u>
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<u><u>865,093</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>865,093</u></u>	<u><u>698,767</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of the accounts

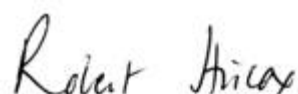
**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	8	833,092	657,611
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock		31,089	33,704
Debtors and Prepayments	9	3,037	10,707
Cash at Bank and in Hand		39,107	34,375
		<u>73,233</u>	<u>78,786</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	10	<u>(41,232)</u>	<u>(37,630)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		32,001	41,156
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>865,093</u>	<u>698,767</u>
<b>Represented by:-</b>			
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:-</b>			
General Fund		264,984	274,139
Designated Revaluation Fund		300,109	124,628
Designated Contingency Reserve		300,000	300,000
		<u>865,093</u>	<u>698,767</u>
<b>Restricted Income Funds</b>		-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	11	<u>865,093</u>	<u>698,767</u>

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8 November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



.....  
Robert Hiscox  
Chairman of Trustees

**The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of the accounts**

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**1. Accounting Policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

**1.1. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) Section 1A and the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2. Fund Accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

**1.3. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- Investment income is included when receivable.

**1.4. Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

**1.5. Fixed Assets**

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at the balance sheet date with any gain or loss being taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**2. Donations and Gifts**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Personal	21,999	34,403
Trusts	153,800	16,850
Legacy	-	3,295
Business and Sponsorship	6,929	3,330
Clubs and Societies	1,220	6,412
Parish Councils	810	1,190
County, Town and District Councils	-	525
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	2,554	3,307
Fire and Rescue	2,740	4,850
	<u>190,052</u>	<u>74,162</u>

**3. Investment Income**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest receivable	7,570	8,352
Dividends receivable	13,631	13,815
	<u>21,201</u>	<u>22,167</u>

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
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**4. Total Resources Expended**

	<b>Charitable Activities</b>	<b>Governance</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>	<b>Total 2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Costs Directly Allocated To Activities</b>				
Security Hardware:-				
Opening Stock	33,704	-	33,704	37,136
Purchases in the Year	25,033	-	25,033	29,319
Closing Stock	(31,089)	-	(31,089)	(33,704)
	<u>27,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,648</u>	<u>32,751</u>
Salaries and Pensions (Including Employer's National Insurance)	145,450	-	145,450	140,665
Van Leasing and Expenses	27,038	-	27,038	28,483
<b>Support Costs Allocated to Activities</b>				
Sundry Expenses	1,190	-	1,190	219
Publicity, Promotions and Event Costs	4,712	-	4,712	22,173
Charitable Donations	-	-	-	970
Accountancy	-	1,740	1,740	1,260
Insurance	570	-	570	534
Consultancy Fees and Expenses	32,558	13,954	46,512	46,872
Computer Consumables	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Investment Management Fees	1,518	-	1,518	1,619
	<u>241,884</u>	<u>15,694</u>	<u>257,578</u>	<u>276,746</u>

**5. Other Recognised Gains and (Losses)**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Gains/(Losses) on Revaluation of Investments	175,481	(75,647)
Gains/(Losses) on Disposal of Investments	-	-
	<u>175,481</u>	<u>(75,647)</u>

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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6. The Wiltshire Police Authority met the following costs on behalf of the trust:

Insurance  
Uniforms  
Co-ordinators Travel Expenses  
Staff Training, Supervision and Support  
Office Accommodation  
Heating and Lighting  
Telephone  
Printing, Postage and Stationery  
Office Equipment Repairs and Renewals  
Vehicle Running Costs

7. **Staff Costs and Numbers**

All staff are employees of Wiltshire Police, they are line managed by Wiltshire Police and adhere to Police procedures and policies.

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries and Pensions (including employer's national insurance)	145,450	140,665
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The average number of employees during the year was five (2020 – five).

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**8. Fixed Asset Investments**

	<b>Listed Investments</b>	
	<b>£</b>	
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>		
As at 1 April 2020	657,611	
Additions at cost	-	
Disposal at valuation	-	
Gains on revaluation	175,481	
	<u>833,092</u>	
As at 31 March 2021	<u>833,092</u>	
 <b>Historical cost:</b>		
As at 31 March 2021	<u>532,983</u>	
 As at 31 March 2020	<u>532,983</u>	
 <b>Carrying amount as at 31 March</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Smith & Williamson investment portfolio	<u>833,092</u>	<u>657,611</u>

**9. Debtors and Prepayments**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Debtors	2,226	891
Prepayments	811	9,816
	<u>3,037</u>	<u>10,707</u>

**10. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade Creditors	39,316	36,229
Accruals	1,916	1,401
	<u>41,232</u>	<u>37,630</u>

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**11. Movement in Funds**

	<b>Balance at 1 April 2020 £</b>	<b>Incoming Resources £</b>	<b>Resources Expended £</b>	<b>Other Gains &amp; Losses £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2021 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds:-</b>						
General Fund	274,139	248,423	(257,578)	-	-	264,984
<i>Designated funds:</i>						
Revaluation Reserve	124,628	-	-	175,481	-	300,109
Contingency Reserve	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
<b>Restricted Funds:-</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>	<u>698,767</u>	<u>248,423</u>	<u>(257,578)</u>	<u>175,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>865,093</u>

**Purpose of Designated Funds**

Revaluation Reserve Fund

The revaluation reserve fund represents the amount by which the fair value of investments exceed their historical cost, being unrealised gains.

Contingency Reserve Fund

The trustees have designated sufficient funds in the contingency reserve to cover redundancy and other costs in the event that the charity has to be discontinued through lack of funding.

**THE WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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**12. Analysis of Net Assets between Funds**

	<b>General Fund £</b>	<b>Designated Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Investments	232,983	600,109	-	833,092
Current Assets	73,233	-	-	73,233
Current Liabilities	(41,232)	-	-	(41,232)
	<u>264,984</u>	<u>600,109</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>865,093</u>

**13. Trustee Remuneration and Related Party Transactions**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.