

MEADOWS SHOPMOBILITY

Charity number 1155272

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Registered charity number 1155272

Registered Address Car Park
Can Bridge Way
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Trustees Edwin John Burgess
Marie-Suzanne Knott (Resigned)
Geoffrey Leon Lunn (Resigned 31st December 2025)
Brian Poole (Appointed 15th December 2025)
Carolyn Emma White (Resigned)
Russell Eric Davis (Resigned 31st December 2025)
Greig Davey (Appointed 12th December 2025)
Bernadette Mary Godson (Appointed 7th January 2026)
David Antony Harman (Resigned 31st December)
Kevin Buschhold (Resigned)
Simone Townsend (Appointed 12th December 2025)

Bankers CAF Bank Limited

Independent Examiner Community360
Winsley's House
High Street
Colchester
Essex
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TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Chair's Report 24-25

The charity has experienced a productive and eventful year, with several notable developments and ongoing challenges.

During the year, we were successful in securing a grant from the **Essex Community Foundation** to purchase a new computerised till system for the bookshop. The new system incorporates software enabling the collection of **Gift Aid**, and over 100 supporters have already registered for the scheme. It is anticipated that this will have a significant positive effect on the charity's income and operational efficiency.

We were also honoured that the **bookshop received a local Small Business Award**. The award was presented at a ceremony held at **Chelmsford Cathedral**, recognising the valuable contribution of local enterprises to the community.

However, we continue to face difficulties with **grey water leaks** originating from the residential flats above the shop premises. Despite repeated reports to the landlord, progress in resolving this matter has been limited. It is hoped that satisfactory remedial action will be taken in due course.

At the **Annual General Meeting** held in October, **Mrs Shirley Perera-Morris** was appointed as a trustee, and we extend our appreciation for her willingness to support the charity in this capacity.

The **mobility service** remains in a stable condition, with all equipment in good working order, though usage levels have overall declined. The **holiday hire service** continues to perform well, but the trustees decided not to expand the fleet during this financial year. An additional member of staff was employed to assist in the bookshop, and the trustees will review the position with a view to determining whether the contract can be extended. The trustees remain committed to improving the charity's sustainability and services. One of the principal challenges continues to be the competition from the **council-run free Shopmobility service**, which operates differently from our own. Efforts to engage the council in collaborative discussions were unsuccessful, as the council has indicated satisfaction with its existing arrangements.

The trustees are therefore maintaining a cautious approach as we monitor the charity's financial position. The bookshop continues to provide a vital source of income, and any reduction in this revenue would have a material impact on the charity's operations. Nonetheless, the charity's **reserves remain in a healthy position**, providing reassurance and a measure of stability as we plan for the future.

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The team of volunteers that support the charity at the office and the bookshop is very strong, diverse and inclusive. The trustees thank them for their continued support and dedication.

As a whole, the board of trustees feels that the charity is in a much stronger position than last year, and we are looking forward to the year ahead.



Mr Brian Poole
Chair to Trustees Meadows Shopmobility

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of Meadows Shopmobility for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

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 Act) but that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's Statement

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 considerations of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 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.

David Courtier FMAAT AATQB for and on behalf of:

Community360



Winsley's House, High Street, Colchester, Essex

Date 15th April 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations & legacies	4	18,350	17,285
Charitable activities	3	7,825	8,846
Other trading activities	5	47,060	36,152
Investment income	2	245	1,592
Total incoming resources		73,480	63,875
Resources expended			
Charitable activities	6	65,711	50,272
Expenditure on raising funds	7	26,036	22,976
Total resources expended		91,747	73,248
Net income		(18,267)	(9,373)
Net movement in funds		(18,267)	(9,373)
Funds at 1 April 2024		80,274	89,647
Funds at 31 March 2025		62,007	80,274

Notes on pages 7-10 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	3,815	4,864
Current assets			
Debtors	10	-	180
Cash at bank and in hand	11	58,872	75,505
		<u>58,872</u>	<u>75,685</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	680	275
Net current assets/(liabilities)		<u>58,192</u>	<u>75,410</u>
Net assets		<u>62,007</u>	<u>80,274</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds		62,007	80,274
Total funds		<u>62,007</u>	<u>80,274</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees: Brian C. Poole
Mr Brian Poole

Date: 1st April 2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement on Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

Restricted and designated funds

All receipts are unrestricted funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Investment income consists of bank interest received within the year.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay. Expenditure has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Costs classified as governance costs relate to costs incurred in connection with compliance with constitutional, audit and other statutory requirements.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their expected useful lives:

Equipment for hire	20% Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight Line
Computer equipment	33% Straight Line

Going Concern

The trustees of the charity deem that there are sufficient funds available to continue operating on a going concern basis for the foreseeable future

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated 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 ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

2. Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	245	1,592
	245	1,592

3. Charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Casual hire	1,041	1,076
Holiday hire	2,266	2,856
Memberships	2,815	3,799
Sales	366	892
Grants	1,203	-
Other	134	223
	7,825	8,846

4. Donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations</i>		
Collection boxes	-	-
Other	3,250	981
<i>Gifts in Kind</i>		
Q - Park	15,100	16,304
	18,350	17,285

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5. Other trading activity	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bookshop sales	43,507	35,647
World of Books	3,553	505
	47,060	36,152
6. Charitable activities	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rent - Gifts in kind	15,100	15,100
Utilities - Gifts in kind	-	1,205
Staff costs	35,516	18,829
Insurance	2,376	2,189
Depreciation	2,249	3,328
Miscellaneous	2,378	1,353
Servicing and repairs	3,483	2,935
Volunteer expenses	1,541	863
Postage, stationary and telephone	816	1,249
Other activities	537	1,802
Database	-	180
Governance costs	1,675	991
Subscriptions and license	40	249
	65,711	50,272
7. Expenditure on raising funds	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rent and utilities	23,690	21,684
Repairs and maintenance	84	343
Insurance	294	285
Other	1,968	664
	26,036	22,976

8. Staff

On average two members of staff was employed during the year ended 31st March 2025

No employee received over £50,000 during the year.

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9. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures & Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Equipment For hire £	Total £
Cost				
As at 1 April 2024	400	2,115	21,206	23,721
Additions	-	-	1,200	1,200
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	<u>400</u>	<u>2,115</u>	<u>22,406</u>	<u>24,921</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 April 2024	400	883	17,574	18,857
Charge for the year	-	604	1,645	2,249
Disposals	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	<u>400</u>	<u>1,487</u>	<u>19,219</u>	<u>21,106</u>
Net Book Value				
As at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>628</u>	<u>3,187</u>	<u>3,815</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>3,632</u>	<u>4,864</u>
10. Debtors			Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income			-	180
			<u>-</u>	<u>180</u>
11. Cash at Bank and In Hand			Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank accounts			58,788	75,408
Petty cash			84	97
			<u>58,872</u>	<u>75,505</u>
12. Creditors: falling due within a year			2025	2024
Accruals			680	275
			<u>680</u>	<u>275</u>
13. Related Parties				
The charity is located in premises in the Q-Park car park. The Meadows Shopping Centre has provided the following incoming resources:				
Gifts in Kind			2025 £	2024 £
Rent			15,100	16,610
Utility costs			-	331
			<u>15,100</u>	<u>16,941</u>