

Winchester

Enabling People with
Learning Disabilities

GO
LD



Impact Report 2024-25

A Year in Numbers

600+

Volunteer
Hours Given

200+

ParaPB
Participants

20k

Raised
Locally

2940

Magazines
Delivered

236

Walk and Talks

121

Members

85

In-person Group
Sessions Delivered
at the The ARC

41

Online
Group Sessions
Delivered on Zoom

33

Tai Chi Sessions
Delivered on Zoom

32

Volunteers

9

Go Socials
Delivered

8

Summer Trips
Delivered

2024/25



Our Vision

Adults with learning disabilities are confident, connected, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Our Mission

To empower adults with learning disabilities by building confidence, creating connections, recognising strengths, promoting well-being, and supporting their goals for the future.

I had a fantastic evening collecting the Mayor of Winchester Community Award for Go LD.

- Katie A (Member)



Chairman Jamie Guerrier

This year has been both challenging and rewarding for Winchester Go LD. I'm incredibly proud of our staff, volunteers, supporters, and members, all of whom have stepped up with positivity and resilience.

In September, we welcomed our new CEO, Ben Hogbin, whose experience, enthusiasm, and vision are helping us evolve and strengthen our mission. I'm also grateful to our dedicated office team for their continued passion and adaptability.

A huge thank you to our volunteers, supporters, and Trustees, whose time and commitment make our work possible.

While we've made great progress, challenges remain—particularly around funding in an increasingly difficult climate. We are actively exploring options to ensure long-term sustainability and continued support for our community.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

I was able to witness so much care, good humour and fun at your AGM.

- Russell Gordon (The Mayor of Winchester)



CEO Ben Hogbin

Since joining Winchester Go LD in late September, I have been inspired by the dedication of our team, volunteers, and members. Over the past few months, we have continued to strengthen our mission of empowering adults with learning disabilities by building confidence, creating connections, and promoting independence.

Our GoME pilot programme has made a real impact, equipping participants with essential life skills. Feedback has been positive, with many reporting increased confidence and engagement. Meanwhile, our Drop-in sessions and Go Socials remain vital spaces for social interaction and peer support, with activities like pottery painting, movie nights, and theatre trips bringing members together.

We have built on our health and well-being initiatives, working with Winchester Boxing and Everyone Active to offer tailored fitness sessions. However, funding remains a key challenge, despite the incredible efforts of our fundraising committee, who consistently raise £20,000 annually. We are actively exploring new funding opportunities to ensure long-term sustainability.

Looking ahead, our focus is on refining our services, strengthening partnerships, and enhancing programme sustainability. I am grateful for the continued support from our trustees, volunteers, and community, and I look forward to building on our progress together.

*I go to Drop-ins because it's relaxing
and you get to do crafts with my friends.*
- David (Member)



The ARC

The ARC in Winchester, located in the heart of the city, is a safe and welcoming space where members can meet friends, relax, have fun, and access support as needed.

On Tuesdays (2:30–3:30 pm), we host a Drop-in for creative arts and crafts. On Fridays (12-1pm), our Lunch session offers a chance to play games and socialise with friends.



Board Games at Friday Lunch



Crafts at Tuesday Drop-in

A man with a beard and a straw hat, smiling, wearing a green lanyard with yellow circles. He is in a room with bookshelves and a metal railing.

I love the summer trips as it's a great chance to go to new places and make new friends. - James (Member)

James

James sometimes finds relationships challenging. Together, we explored his own and others' behaviours and triggers, using this understanding to develop better communication strategies and boundaries. As a result, he is now more confident in making positive choices.

James also leads a very busy life, which can sometimes affect his well-being. We worked together to recognise the impact of overcommitting and identify when he is taking on too much. He prioritised the activities most important to him and let go of others that were less essential.

We also collaborated with his support network and activity facilitators to ensure he remained included. Now, he is actively working on maintaining a balanced schedule, making choices that support his happiness and well-being.

2940

Magazines
Delivered

In the Community

Our members have delivered 2,940 Winchester Magazines, sold Go LD merchandise at the Makers Market, and watered flowers weekly at Winchester Train Station. These activities boost confidence, enhance social skills, and foster a strong sense of community while promoting physical activity and engagement.



Selling Merchandise at Cobbs at Winchester



Selling Merchandise at the Makers Market



Watering Flowers at Winchester Train Station

Go LD are really nice and have supported me a lot. I know that I can ask for help from them if I need it. - Peter (Member)



Peter

Peter has had a challenging year. He experienced the end of his employment, a house move, and a cycling accident, all of which required support. This included exploring options, making plans, reporting benefit changes, and effectively communicating his needs and wishes.

We worked closely with Peter, his mum, and other agencies to ensure he received the support he needed. He is now settled in his new home and recovering well. Once he regains full fitness, we will revisit his goals and support his return to work.

Along the way, we identified gaps in his support and have referred him to adult services to address his unmet needs.

I look forward to going to boxing every week as it helps keep me fit and healthy.
- James (Member)



Health & Well-being

To promote health and well-being in the LD community, we've partnered with Winchester Boxing and Everyone Active to run weekly boxing sessions and low-level circuits at the leisure centre. Additionally, with the help of volunteers, we offer weekly Walk & Talks, an online fitness class, and Tai Chi to support overall wellness.



Sam (Member) & Evi (Volunteer) on a Walk & Talk



Tour of the new St Clement's Surgery



Low Level Circuits

This fantastic inclusive event, which puts accessibility right at the heart of its ethos.

- Cllr Kathleen Becker - Winchester City Council's Cabinet Member for Community and Engagement



Para PBs

Inspired by the success of the 2012 London Paralympic Games, the Para PBs has been held annually, celebrating ability and inclusion in sport.



The Mayor of Winchester

Bringing communities across Hampshire together, the event celebrates ability and promotes inclusion in sport by removing barriers and making activities fun for everyone. This year's event concluded with an awards ceremony, with the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Russell Gordon-Smith, presenting medals to participants in recognition of their achievements.

The Go LD team have helped me find appropriate services and understand my needs very well. - Charlie (Member)



Charlie

Charlie has taken time to reflect on what he wants from services, activities, and friendships, recognising that some weren't working for him. As a result, he has made positive changes, exploring new activities he was unsure about. He is now a regular at boxing and actively helps with gardening our flower boxes.

He has also benefited from the referrals we made and the support to persevere with them. Additionally, Charlie is participating in our Go Me pilot programme, further building his confidence and independence.

I like the Go Socials because you can meet new people and go to new places.
- Sarah (Member)

22
Average Attendance

Go Socials

Go Socials provide a fun and relaxed way for members to connect and enjoy activities together!

We meet on the last Thursday of each month and have planned exciting events, including drinks at the pub, pottery painting, a meal at Nando's, movie night, nature walk, BBQ, lantern walk, and a trip to the theatre.



Visit to the Pub



Nature Walk



I really like the set-up and the 4 main ingredients - the Go LD team!

- Ros (Member)

Go ME Pilot

This new 12-week programme features interactive sessions with discussions and activities, with individuals partnered with a staff member or volunteer for support throughout their journey. The aim is to empower members with the skills and confidence to:

- Connect and get to know other members
- Recognise their own strengths
- Understand what keeps them well
- Identify their support network
- Share and work towards their goals for the future

What have you enjoyed most?

Go ME Feedback

Trying to achieve our SMART goals

Making my Wellness Toolbox

Being able to connect with people and that we're working on what we want to achieve

Finding out about Supporters and what keeps you well

The BLOB tree 😊 helps share how you're feeling

Found common interests with other members

I just like being here

I really like the set-up + the 4 main ingredients - the W. Go LO team!

***My favourite trip was going to the
seaside as it was so much fun!***

- Ben (Member)

22

Average
Attendance

Summer Trips

Summer trips provide members with an opportunity to visit new places and experiences new environments whilst having lots of fun with friends!

The activities take place in July and August and have included days out to the Beach, Crazy Golf, Alpacas, Sports Day, Picnic and Marwell Zoo.



Winchester Train Station



Crazy Golf

I volunteer and fundraise to give back, make a difference, and support a cause close to my heart. - Ros (Volunteer)



20k

Raised Locally

Fundraising

Over the past 12 months, our fundraising committee has worked tirelessly to organise four fantastic events: a Garden and Craft Fair, a Bridge Tea, a Concert, and a Quiz Night. These events not only provided financial support but also created opportunities for members to connect, have fun, and support our cause. We are incredibly grateful to the committee and everyone who contributed their time and effort to make these events a success.



Bridge Tea



The Garden & Craft Fair



Smoothie Bike

What you see is what you get, lots of smiles & fun! - Jo (Volunteer)




Volunteers

A special **thank you** to all our wonderful volunteers! Your time, energy, and dedication are invaluable to us, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive impact you make in the lives of our members. We couldn't do it without you!



Pottery Painting with the Mayor of Winchester

Join our amazing team of volunteers! Whether you can give a few hours or ongoing support, your time makes a real difference.



Winchester Beer & Cider Festival
The Memory Box Foundation
Victoria Hall Sutton Scotney
Winchester Round Table
Winchester City Council
Winchester Boxing Club
Winchester Rugby Club
Winchester Camerata
Winchester Rotary
Compassionate Cuppa
Cornflowers Gift Shop
Cobbs at Winchester
Platform1Shawford
Boshier Hinton
Simply Health
Munch CIC
BIG Lottery
The ARC
Cardo

Supporters



A huge thank you to all our incredible supporters for your generosity and commitment to our work! Your support makes a real difference to our members.

RESERVES POLICY

To sustain its activities and in line with the Charities Commission's recommendations, Winchester Go LD has designated a base reserve of unrestricted funds of six months operating costs.

The unrestricted funds above the reserve can be spent by the Trustees to meet its aims and objectives. Restricted income funds are only spent only for the particular purpose set out by the donor.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Winchester Go LD for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibility and Basis of the Report

As the charity Trustees of Winchester Go LD 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 Winchester Go LD'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) of the Act.

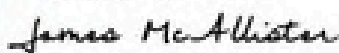
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Winchester Go LD as required under section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

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James McAllister

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Winchester GoLD
Income and Expenditure Account
For the Year Ending March 31st 2025

	Apr 1 2024 - Mar 31 2025			Apr 1 2023 - Mar 31 2024 (Previous Year)		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Income						
Bank Interest		1,071	1,071		858	858
Community Events and Groups	10,250	4,814	15,064		18,556	18,556
Corporate Donations	9,500	477	9,977	150	2,219	2,369
Donations	2,500	1,862	4,362		13,550	13,550
Donations (Gift Aid)	3,250	2,908	6,158		13,283	13,283
Fundraising Committee		17,031	17,031		18,843	18,843
Gift Aid Reclaim		3,383	3,383		6,008	6,008
Member Activities		9,346	9,346	600	9,263	9,863
Member Generated Income		2,630	2,630		4,410	4,410
Online Commission		312	312		130	130
Other	1,498	0	1,498	500	21	521
Payroll Giving		180	180		200	200
Sales of Product Income		1,679	1,679			0
Sponsored Events		1,231	1,231			0
Trust/Grant Income	23,643	11,233	34,876	41,396	20,276	61,672
Unapplied Cash Payment Income			0		117	117
Total for Income	50,641	58,156	108,797	42,646	107,735	150,381
Expenses						
Advertising/Promotional		518	518	56	0	56
Contracted Staff	3,153	0	3,153	1,700	1,806	3,506
Event Fundraising		51	51		3,170	3,170
Fundraising Committee Costs		2,295	2,295		3,401	3,401
Insurances		471	471	75	348	423
IT, Software, Hosting and Broadband	1,500	5,007	6,507	895	666	1,561
Member Activities costs	4,100	5,627	9,727	5,011	3,057	8,068
Member generated income costs		1,826	1,826		2,058	2,058
Office Equipment and stationary		1,235	1,235	578	377	955
Office/General Administrative Expenses		1,692	1,692		499	499
Payroll Expenditures	45,055	70,884	115,939	32,341	87,027	119,368
Rent or Lease of Buildings	2,000	6,927	8,927	2,276	6,742	9,018
Representation		160	160		210	210
Staff Training and Travel	583	661	1,244	464	553	1,017
Unallocated	0	0	0			
Total for Expenses	56,391	97,351	153,742	43,396	109,913	153,309
Excess / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-5,750	-39,195	-44,945	-750	-2,178	-2,928
	Apr 1 2024 - Mar 31 2025			Apr 1 2023 - Mar 31 2024 (Previous Year)		
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Current Assets						
Bank Accounts	14,747	80,305	95,052	20,497	119,500	139,997
Balance Brought Forward	20,497	119,500	139,997	25,747	117,178	142,925
Excess / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-5,750	-39,195	-44,945	-750	-2,178	-2,928
Transfer Between Funds	0	0	0	-4,500	4,500	0
Balance Carried Forward	14,747	80,305	95,052	20,497	119,500	139,997

Jamie Guerrier (Chair)

Mark Chapman (Treasurer)

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