

RAINOW VILLAGE BUS

England & Wales · Charity number 1159414

Details

Other names	RVB
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-12-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Tower Hill House Tower Hill Rainow Macclesfield SK10 5TX
Phone	01625614650

Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSE OF THE CIO IS TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE, FOR SUCH INHABITANTS OF RAINOW AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUCH A SERVICE BECAUSE OF AGE, SICKNESS OR DISABILITY (MENTAL OR PHYSICAL), POVERTY, RURAL ISOLATION OR A LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE AND SAFE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES.

Activities: The Rainow Village Bus runs a Community Bus on behalf of the residents of Rainow and other neighbouring communities. The facility is run by a group of around 10 volunteers. It is available for hire by all the charitable, voluntary, community and social groups in the local area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£5,531	£4,574	-	-
2024-04-05	£5,202	£3,091	-	-
2023-04-05	£5,410	£4,760	-	-
2022-04-05	£1,628	£2,011	-	-
2021-04-05	£230	£2,129	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MR KEN BUTLER	Chair	2017-02-13
Anthony James Wilkinson		2017-02-13
David Robert Hasler		2024-09-02
Richard Warren		2025-09-27

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 05	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

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Postcode	SK10 5TX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ken Butler	Chairman		
2	Tony Wilkinson	Treasurer		
3	Dave Hasler	Secretary	28/11/2024	Existing trustees
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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Three Trustees are responsible for the overall strategy and direction whilst other unpaid volunteers undertake specific tasks (including driving the bus) as the need arises. Dave Hasler has taken over as trustee from Tim Grimes. The decision was agreed at a meeting of trustees and other volunteers, held on 28th November 2024. The decision was recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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- policy programme related investment;
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All activities are carried out by unpaid volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Demand for the Rainow Village Bus services has remained high. In this reporting period there were 97 session bookings compared to 100 in the last financial year.

Bookings continue to involve a variety of local groups (e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Guides, local charities, Church groups, Women's Institute, local Primary Schools, rambling groups and other local social groups) who have hired the vehicle for journeys of varying lengths throughout the period.

The type of bookings has remained similar to last year. The majority of bookings are from local schools and charities with almost 50% of bookings coming from just 1 Bollington based charity. Demand from Rainow based social groups is still lower than pre-pandemic. This reduced diversity of booking does increase the risk of significant fluctuations in booking volume from year to year.

Following a discussion at a meeting of trustees and volunteers in November 2024, it was unanimously decided not to return to a scheduled service on Friday and Saturday evenings, on the basis that there remained insufficient demand for such a service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Rainow Village Bus endeavours to maintain sufficient cash reserves to cover running expenses during the year including unexpected expenses particularly those involving vehicle maintenance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The fixed cost (ie. not including fuel) of providing the Rainow Village Bus service is usually around £2500 per annum. To cover this cost around 60-70 session bookings per year are required. Maintenance costs can vary significantly year on year. For example in this reporting period maintenance costs were high (£1600 more than the year before). Hence the much higher overall expenditure in this financial year.

Groups pay a hire charge based on the time used (number of sessions) and distance covered. Charges are standard to all the users. Our income during the year was £5,531, while our expenditure was £4,574. At the end of the financial year our cash in the bank was £7,883.

No changes in charging for the bus hire have been made in the last financial year. They remain at £35 per session and 60p per mile.

Section F

Other optional information

The operation of Rainow Village Bus faces a number of challenges going forward. The 3 primary areas of concern being;

1. The limited number of active drivers. This issue is compounded by the fact that the necessary D1 on the licence is lost once aged 70 unless actively maintained. This latter process can be complex and time consuming and many drivers simply step down once they turn 70. The number of local (ie. Rainow-based) volunteer drivers is now down to 4. To balance this, we now have 3 additional drivers identified by the Bridgend Centre in Bollington to supplement our driver pool.
2. The narrow nature of our customer base. Almost 50% of our bookings are by a single organisation – the Bridgend Centre in Bollington. At present overall demand remains high but If 1 or 2 of our biggest customers reduce their demand, the operation of RVB could become unsustainable.
3. The future management of the organisation, and the need to identify new Trustees to manage the operation going forward. In this reporting period one new trustee has been appointed and the other 2 trustees have committed for a further year. However, finding new trustees is becoming more challenging.

Given these challenges the future operation of Rainow Village Bus is under active review.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Full name(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer, Trustee	
Date	06/10/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainow Village Bus

No (if any)
1159414

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2024		05/04/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	5,531	-	-	5,531	5,202
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,531	-	-	5,531	5,202
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,531	-	-	5,531	5,202
A3 Payments					
General expenses	4,574	-	-	4,574	3,091
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total	4,574	-	-	4,574	3,091
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,574	-	-	4,574	3,091
Net of receipts/(payments)	957	-	-	957	2,111
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,926	-	-	6,926	4,815
Cash funds this year end	7,883	-	-	7,883	6,926

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	7,883	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
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		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details		-	-
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		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Anthony James Wilkinson	Anthony James Wilkinson (Treasurer and Trustee)	06/10/2025
		5531

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Demand for the Rainow Village Bus services remains high and stable. . In this reporting period there were 100 session bookings compared to 110 last financial year and 106 session bookings in the last full year of pre-Covid operation.

Bookings continue to involve a variety of village groups (e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Guides, local charities, Church groups, Women's Institute, local Primary Schools, rambling groups and other local social groups) who have hired the vehicle for journeys of varying lengths throughout the period.

The type of bookings have remained similar to last year. The majority of bookings are from local schools and charities with almost 60% of bookings coming from just 2 organisations. Demand from local social groups is growing again but is still lower than pre-pandemic. This reduced diversity of booking does increase the risk of significant fluctuations in booking volume from year to year.

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Groups pay a hire charge based on the time used (number of sessions) and distance covered. All charges are standard to the users. Our income during the year was £5,202, while our expenditure was £3,091. At the end of the financial year our cash in the bank was £6,926.

Charges for hiring the bus were raised during the last financial year as a result of the significantly increased fuel charges and the decision to add AA cover for the bus. As can be seen from the accounts the financial position is now very stable. And as a result, there has been no change in hire charges during the current reporting period. They remain at £35 per session and 60p per mile.

The level of activity and financial sustainability has now returned to pre-covid levels.

Section F

Other optional information

A continuing challenge for Rainow Village Bus has been to find sufficient volunteer drivers, particularly those who are available during the day in mid-week (when most bookings occur). This issue is compounded by the fact that the necessary D1 on the licence is lost once aged 70 unless actively maintained. This latter process can be complex and time consuming and many drivers simply step down once they turn 70. Although we gained 2 additional volunteer drivers, we have lost 1 and expect to lose another 2 in the coming year. At the end of this reporting period we had 8 volunteer drivers. The trustees continue to look for options to increase the volunteer driver pool.

Following the uncertainty of COVID years and the energy crisis in 2022, this last financial year has seen the return to a firm financial footing. The primary risks to the service provided are the difficulty in finding volunteer drivers, potentially increased maintenance costs as the bus ages and the dependence on a less diverse range of user groups.

However at present RVB is firmly established with good prospects. In these circumstances no further changes in basic operation are envisaged.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Full name(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer, Trustee	
Date	04/10/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Rainow Village Bus	No (if any) 1159414
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/6/2023	To	Period end date 4/5/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	5,202	-	-	5,202	5,411
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,202	-	-	5,202	5,411
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,202	-	-	5,202	5,411
A3 Payments					
General expenses	3,091	-	-	3,091	4,760
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,091	-	-	3,091	4,760
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,091	-	-	3,091	4,760
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,111	-	-	2,111	651
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,815	-	-	4,815	4,164
Cash funds this year end	6,926	-	-	6,926	4,815

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
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	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	4,815	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Mercedes Sprinter 524 Minibus delivered November 2016		-	25,000
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B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Anthony James Wilkinson	Anthony James Wilkinson (Treasurer and Trustee)	10/4/2024	

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This is the first full year of operation following the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic in 2020-2021. Demand has now returned to the pre-pandemic levels with 110 session bookings during this reporting period, compared to 106 session booking in the last full year of pre-Covid operation.

Bookings continue to involve a variety of village groups (e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Air Cadets, Church groups, Women's Institute, local Primary Schools, rambling groups and other local social groups) who have hired the vehicle for journeys of varying lengths throughout the period.

However the balance of bookings has changed significantly from the pre-pandemic experiences. The majority of bookings are now from local schools and charities, with demand from local social groups remaining more modest. This may relate to changing habits following the pandemic or from the increased costs of using the service following the need to increase charges due to the very significant increases in fuel costs during the reporting period. The trustees are continuing to investigate the reasons for this change in demand.

Following a discussion at a meeting of trustees and volunteers it was unanimously decided not to return to a scheduled service on Friday and Saturday evenings, on the basis that there remained insufficient demand for such a service.

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Groups pay a hire charge based on the time used (number of sessions) and distance covered. All charges are standard to the users. Our income during the year was £5,411, while our expenditure was £4,760. At the end of the financial year our cash in the bank was £4,815. This level of activity and financial sustainability has now returned to pre-covid levels.

As a result of the significantly increased fuel costs in early 2022, we decided to increase the charges for hiring the bus. From May 2022, these became £30 per session (up from £25) and 60p per mile (up from 50p per mile). These were the first increases since 2016. Then in early 2023, the cost per session was raised again to £35 in order to cover the cost of adding AA cover for the bus, which is now almost 7 years old. The mileage charge was held at 60p per mile.

Section F

Other optional information

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Following the covid years and the energy crisis in 2022, this last financial year has seen a return to a firm financial footing. The recovery in group bookings provides confidence that the service will be able to continue for some years before any further finance support is needed.

Once again RVB is firmly established with good prospects. In these circumstances no further changes in basic operation are envisaged.

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Date	25/11/2023	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainow Village Bus

No (if any)
1159414

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/6/2022

To

Period end date
4/5/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	5,411	-	-	5,411	1,628
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,411	-	-	5,411	1,628
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,411	-	-	5,411	1,628
A3 Payments					
General expenses	4,760	-	-	4,760	2,010
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,760	-	-	4,760	2,010
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,760	-	-	4,760	2,010
Net of receipts/(payments)	651	-	-	651	382
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,164	-	-	4,164	-
Cash funds this year end	4,815	-	-	4,815	4,164

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,815	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Mercedes Sprinter 524 Minibus delivered November 2016		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Anthony James Wilkinson	Anthony James Wilkinson (Treasurer and Trustee)	11/29/2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Day	Month	Year
		06	04	2021			05	04	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Rainow Village Bus

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1159414

Charity's principal address

Tower, Hill House, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire

Postcode

SK10 5TX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ken Butler	Chairman		
2	Tony Wilkinson	Treasurer		
3	Tim Grimes	Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Three Trustees are responsible for overall strategy and direction whilst other unpaid volunteers undertake specific tasks (including driving the bus) as the need arises. There has been no change in the Trustees during this reporting period.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Rainow Village Bus (RVB) provides services which are available to all the residents of the village of Rainow in East Cheshire. RVB operates a 15 seat minibus and provides residents with a bookable transport service from Rainow and neighbouring towns for all the charitable, voluntary, community and social groups in Rainow and nearby villages. RVB has been operating since 2014. Originally the operation of a timetable service on Friday and Saturday evenings to Macclesfield was part of the RVB operation. However, this has not proved popular and so has been discontinued for the time being. This is kept under regular review however.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity is a non-profit making charitable incorporated organisation with a constitution lodged with the Charities Commission. Trustees are elected by a meeting of all available volunteers and are expected to serve at least three years.

Locally devised systems for group hire bookings and vehicle operation are used and services are publicised on the Rainow Village website. Regular articles providing updates of RVB activities appear in the quarterly village magazine. All vehicle management administration (servicing, maintenance, MOT checking, driver rotas) is carried out by Trustees or volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All activities are carried out by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic in 2020-2021, the service began to operate again from June 2021 after a 15 months hiatus. Initially the bus operated with a reduced capacity to accommodate the continued Covid risk. Demand was initially modest as people continued to be cautious. However in the last 4 months of 2021 demand began to increase and has gradually recovered towards to pre-pandemic levels of activity. Although some local groups involving the more vulnerable residents were still reluctant to start using the service again.

By April 2022, demand had almost returned to normal. In the reporting period as a whole there were a total of 56 group session bookings. This compares to 106 session booking in the last full year of pre-Covid operation.

Bookings continue to involve a variety of village groups (e.g. Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Air Cadets, Church groups, Women's Institute, local Primary Schools, rambling groups and other local social groups) who have hired the vehicle for journeys of varying lengths throughout the period. There continues to be a growth in schools and community groups from neighbouring villages taking advantage of the availability of the bus. We believe that in 2021-2022, we will see a full return to pre-Covid demand.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Rainow Village Bus endeavours to maintain sufficient cash reserves to cover running expenses during the year including unexpected expenses particularly those involving vehicle maintenance.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Groups pay a hire charge based on the time used (number of sessions) and distance covered. All charges are standard to the users. Our income during the year was £1628, while our expenditure was £2010. At the end of the financial year our cash in the bank was £4164.

As a result of the significantly increased fuel costs in early 2022, we decided to increase the charges for hiring the bus. From May 2022, these will become £30 per session (up from £25) and 60p per mile (up from 50p per mile). These are the first increases since 2016.

Section F

Other optional information

Covid has continued to impact on the operation of the Rainow Village Bus and this has continued to have an impact on finances, although much less so than 2020-2021. However we are confident that activity and finances will return to 'normal' in 2022-2023 and that the operation remains on a firm financial footing. The recovery in group bookings provides confidence that the service will be able to continue for some years before any further finance is needed. Once again RVB is now seen as firmly established with good prospects. In these circumstances no other changes in basic operation are envisaged.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Full name(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	16/09/2019	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainow Village Bus

No (if any)
1159414

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2021		05/04/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	1,628	-	-	1,628	230
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,628	-	-	1,628	230
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,628	-	-	1,628	230
A3 Payments					
General expenses	2,010	-	-	2,010	2,129
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,010	-	-	2,010	2,129
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,010	-	-	2,010	2,129
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 382	-	-	- 382	- 1,899
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,546	-	-	4,546	-
Cash funds this year end	4,164	-	-	4,164	4,546

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
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		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2020		Day 05	Month 04	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Rainow Village Bus
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1159414
Charity's principal address	Tower, Hill House, Rainow, Macclesfield, Cheshire
Postcode	SK10 5TX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section C Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

This has nominally been the sixth full year of operation by RVB. However due to Covid restrictions we were able to fulfil only one booking during the period under review. Scheduled services have been suspended completely during this period.

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation with a constitution lodged with the Charities Commission. Trustees are elected by a meeting of all available volunteers and are expected to serve at least three years.

Locally devised systems for seat and group hire bookings and vehicle operation are used and services are publicised by a website specific to RVB as well as on the Rainow Village website. Regular articles providing updates of RVB activities appear in the quarterly village magazine. All vehicle management administration (servicing, maintenance, MOT checking, driver rotas) is carried out by Trustees or volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All activities are carried out by volunteers.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout reporting period the RVB service has been largely suspended due to the Covid-19 restrictions. In fact it was only possible to undertake one booking throughout the year,

In past years a variety of village groups (e.g. Scouts, Guides, Air Cadets, Church groups, Women's Institute, local Primary Schools, rambling groups and other local social groups) have hired the vehicle for journeys of varying lengths throughout the period. A good example of how this service had created new community activities was a regular booking to take Rainow residents to the local cinema in Macclesfield. There had also been an increase in schools and community groups from neighbouring villages taking advantage of the availability of the bus. Clearly it has not been possible to provide this service during this reporting period.

We are confident that following the lifting of Covid restrictions demand on the service will return towards levels seen in previous. We have already started to see this happening in the second half of 2021.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Rainow Village Bus endeavours to maintain sufficient cash reserves to cover running expenses during the year including unexpected expenses particularly those involving vehicle maintenance.

At this stage, we anticipate that, despite the significant impact that Covid restrictions have had on our finances, there are sufficient cash reserves to see us through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Passengers pay a small charge to use the bus on scheduled services and groups pay a hire charge based on time used and distance covered. All charges are standard to the users. During 2016 we had received a grant from the Department of Transport Community Minibus Fund for a new bus (a Mercedes Sprinter 514) which was received in November 2016. This current reporting period should have been the fourth full year with the new bus.

Our income during the year was £230, while our expenditure was £2129. At the end of the financial year our cash in the bank was £4546.

Section F

Other optional information

The new bus continues to ensure that the Rainow Village Bus is on a firm financial footing. The continued increase in group bookings provides confidence that the service will be able to continue for some years before any further finance is needed. In only its fifth full year of operation, RVB is now seen as firmly established with good prospects.

The Covid-19 restrictions will have a significant impact on the provision of this service in 2020 and 2021 but we believe that RVB has sufficient cash reserves to weather this.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Full name(s)	Anthony James Wilkinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	19/10/2021	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Rainow Village Bus

No (if any)
1159414

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	06/04/2020		05/04/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Income	230	-	-	230	4,679
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	230	-	-	230	4,679
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	230	-	-	230	4,679
A3 Payments					
General expenses	2,129	-	-	2,129	3,329
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,129	-	-	2,129	3,329
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,129	-	-	2,129	3,329
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,899	-	-	- 1,899	1,350
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,445	-	-	6,445	-
Cash funds this year end	4,546	-	-	4,546	5,095

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Mercedes Sprinter 524 Minibus delivered November 2016		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	