



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

	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 volunteers undertake specific tasks (including driving the bus) as the need arises. There has been no change in the Trustees during this reporting period.
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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 which provides residents with a timetabled transport service between Rainow and neighbouring towns outside the operating hours of the commercial bus service and is available for hire by all the charitable, voluntary, community and social groups in Rainow and nearby villages at other times as required.

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

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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

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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