



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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	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			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval