

Senior Citizens Support Group

Charity number 1160774

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Alan Hudders	Chair
Gillian Collington	Vice-chair
Stacey Wilks	Treasurer
Moira Falshaw	Secretary
Darren Byford	
Deborah Nicholls	
Pamela Herrington	

Charity number 1160774 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Unit 7	TSB bank
Old Town Hall	2-4 Northgate
Horbury	Wakefield
Wakefield	WF1 1HD
WF4 6HR	

Independent examiner

Sarah Coates MAAT

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 06 Mar 2015 and is governed by a constitution, as amended 5 Nov 2021.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

To promote such charitable purposes for the benefit of people over the age of 60, who have a charitable need arising from their age, living within Wakefield and the surrounding area.

The charity's main activities

The overriding need for this section of the community is to combat loneliness and the charity aims to do this by providing the motivation for people over 60 to reconnect with the wider community through participation in events and activities. The charity provides in excess of 300 such events annually. Under normal conditions they include twice monthly coffee mornings, twice monthly social mornings, twice weekly fitness classes, including a seated class, lunch club, singing, crown green bowling, excursions, bingo, Christmas Lunches and theme days. The charity is managed and run entirely by non paid volunteers. There are circa 30 volunteers who give their time and expertise to organise the charity and its events.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The group was formed in 2010 with a handful of members and became a registered charity in 2015 with the membership database now having grown to in excess of 800. New members continue to join the charity, which is testament to the need for such a charity in the area. The charity has raised its profile within the area and is now established as probably the leading member led group for this age category. The charity is well respected and consulted by the local authority, WDH, CCG and other governing bodies. An excellent relationship has been developed with local business, Rotary and the general community.

In the past the charity has won awards, including Queens Award in 2022 for volunteer services and now has received "love where you live award" 2022 sponsored by WDH for working with older people. The charity have concentrated on our main core events and increasing membership. The group are very well established and added indoor bowling to the itinerary along with mobile phone training courses with an outside provider to protect this age group from scams and banking fraud also internet access to renew bus passes, book rail and coach journeys etc. We appreciate the continued use of HWMC as a Community hub for use of their venue hosting all our events.

The charity now has a base in the local Town Hall to conduct all their administration, this also allows the centralisation for policy and procedures along with communication text systems. The principal source of funding is from member contributions by attendance at the various events and functions organised by the charity, and the focus this year has been to increase our member experience at these main events.

Grants have been received throughout the year totalling £10,150 for specific projects and events. All expenditure has been used to further the aims and objectives of the charity. The charity has, over the last five years, had the objective of retaining some funds in order to carry out a feasibility study with a view to obtain improved premises.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £1,858, including net receipts of £3,490 on unrestricted funds and net paymentss of £1,632 on restricted funds.

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Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £51,777.

The charity will hold reserves with a minimum amount of £5,000. This is to allow the group to continue its activities if financial circumstances change due to a drop in membership of a forced change of venue leading to increased room hire fees.

Approved by the board of trustees on 08/04/2025

Moirá Falshaw (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Senior Citizens Support Group

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 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.

Sarah Coates MAAT

08/04/2025

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024	2024	2024	2023
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	1,493	8,700	10,193	11,104
Activity and travel contributions		36,547	-	36,547	51,952
Sales, fees and fundraising		2,569	-	2,569	6,547
Membership		1,020	-	1,020	1,390
Bank interest		772	-	772	654
Other income		-	-	-	300
Total receipts		<u>42,401</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>51,101</u>	<u>71,947</u>
Payments					
Activity and trips expenses		28,024	7,649	35,673	59,286
Fundraising costs		1,272	119	1,391	2,021
Printing, postage and stationery		489	732	1,221	1,629
Advertising		476	-	476	1,213
Insurance		527	-	527	519
Room hire		1,965	1,130	3,095	4,125
Administration and general expenses		2,519	52	2,571	3,548
IT, running and support costs		270	-	270	443
Bank charges		109	-	109	318
Volunteer rewards		2,905	650	3,555	2,825
Donations out		-	-	-	209
Total payments		<u>38,911</u>	<u>10,332</u>	<u>49,243</u>	<u>76,976</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>3,490</u>	<u>(1,632)</u>	<u>1,858</u>	<u>(5,029)</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>48,287</u>	<u>3,871</u>	<u>52,158</u>	<u>57,187</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>51,777</u>	<u>2,239</u>	<u>54,016</u>	<u>52,158</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	50,187	2,239	52,426	50,708
Cash in hand	1,590	-	1,590	1,450
Total cash funds	<u>51,777</u>	<u>2,239</u>	<u>54,016</u>	<u>52,158</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Computers x4
 Xerox photocopier
 Laptops x5
 Projector
 Bingo machine
 Music mixer
 Water boiler
 Desks and chairs x4

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 08/04/2025

Moira Falshaw (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Senior Citizens Support Group **Notes to the accounts continued** **for the year ended 31 December 2024**

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
The National Lottery	-	5,050	5,050	-
Windhill Community Transport	-	2,000	2,000	2,000
Wakefield District Housing (WDH)	-	250	250	700
UNITE	-	200	200	200
Co-operative Society	-	-	-	3,380
Haribo grant	-	-	-	4,085
Rotary Club grant	-	-	-	400
St James Place Donation	-	1,200	1,200	-
Other donations	1,493	-	1,493	339
	<u>1,493</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>10,193</u>	<u>11,104</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Haribo Grant	2,500	-	2,500	-	-
The National Lottery	-	5,050	5,050	-	-
NOVA PPE	86	-	86	-	-
St. James's Place	-	1,200	322	-	878
Unite Union	50	200	16	-	234
Wakefield District Housing	-	250	250	-	-
Windhill Community Transport	-	2,000	2,000	-	-
Horbury Common Land Trust	1,235	-	108	-	1,127
	<u>3,871</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>10,332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,239</u>

Fund name

Haribo Grant

The National Lottery

NOVA PPE

St. James's Place

Unite Union

Wakefield District Housing

Windhill Community Transport

Horbury Common Land Trust

Purpose of restriction

Towards the costs of four projects involving youth club in Horbury.

Towards theme days, room hire and printing costs.

Towards the costs of purchasing additional PPE.

Donation towards communications costs.

Towards the costs of the Theatre expenses.

Towards the purchase of catering for Christmas themed day in December.

Towards the costs of travel for trips.

Towards the costs of building raised vegetable beds.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.