



VOLUNTARY HELP CENTRE

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Trustees Annual Report March 2024

Over the last twelve months the Voluntary Help Centre has continued to provide transport to appointments at hospital or medical centre for those people, mainly the more senior members of the local community, who have no other means of transport. Our volunteer drivers have again been very busy, and the trustees really do appreciate their continued commitment to getting local residents to their destinations at a variety of locations. Unfortunately, due to the reduced number of voluntary drivers we have on occasions been unable to meet all requests. The drivers use their own vehicles and are remunerated by the passenger by 45p per mile, the maximum allowed. Our car service administrator Sarah retired at the end of January after 13 years' service and we were delighted to appoint Jane as the new Car Service Administrator to take on the task of matching drivers with passengers. The fortnightly lunch club continues, with numbers varying but generally showing a slight increase during 2024. During the summer we arranged an afternoon tea on Southwold sea front for lunch club regulars. Finding additional cooks for the lunch club and additional volunteer drivers is proving to be quite difficult but we continue to advertise with all available methods. Our website has been updated to give it a more up to date appearance. We have also purchased two laptops for use in the office with the aim of making our car service booking system easier to use and more efficient.

We continue to run with an annual loss but even with reduced donations on the previous year our reserves remain healthy.

Our thanks go to our Coordinator Flic, and Car Service Administrator Jane, and the two volunteers who help out in the office, ensuring the service runs smoothly.

Graham Scriven
Chair of Trustees

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	Current accounts	1,018	123	-
	Deposit accounts	500	-	-
	Petty cash	379	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,897	123	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

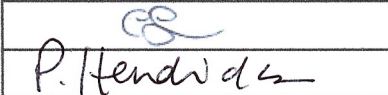
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Income units	Unrestricted	199,869	-
	Income units	Restricted	32,131	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
	Graham Scriven	28 /12 /24
	PATRICIA HENDRICKS	14/01/25

Independent examiners report to the trustees of the Voluntary Help Centre ('the Charity')

Charity Number 1164155

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (The Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of The Charities Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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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Date *14 November 2024*