

Love Woburn Sands

Annual Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2024

On the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, set out on page 3.

Love Woburn Sands is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered by the Charity Commission on 18 November 2016 with Registered Charity Number 1170260 registered at Companies House, reference CE009079.

The objectives of the Charity are:

For the public benefit and in accordance with Christian principles, the promotion of civic responsibility and the provision of volunteering within Woburn Sands and neighbouring villages and the promotion of such other exclusively charitable purposes as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

This report covers our accounting period for the year ended 31 December 2024. Comparative figures are shown for our previous accounting period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The address for correspondence is

6 Concra Park, Woburn Sands, Milton Keynes MK17 8NS changed in 2025 to:
30 Church Road, Woburn Sands, MK17 8TA.

The Charity website has been discontinued in 2025.

Governance

The Board of Trustees is the decision-making body of the Charity.

The following Trustees served during this period or have been appointed since:

Revd. Christopher Batten	-	resigned 19/02/2025
Antony Peter Tomkins		
Nicholas John Parkinson	-	resigned 22/01/2024
Revd. Diana Young	-	appointed 29/09/2024
Susan Elizabeth Batten	-	appointed 29/09/2024
Dave Parkes Haseldine	-	resigned 31/08/2025
Ruth Enid Cullinan	-	appointed 16/05/2025

During 2024 the Charity continued to promote the objectives of the works of the Community Smiles project begun in 2017 pursuant to the grant of £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. The aims of this project were:

To extend similar work to the seven other villages and communities whose churches form part of Churches Together in Woburn: concentrating initially on Fulbrook Middle School and the five feeder Lower Schools within these communities.

To involve schools with older residents, for their mutual benefit.

To fulfil the community transport need.

To explore possible development of a wider range of health, fitness & leisure facilities using Social Prescribing in conjunction with Social Services and the local GP Practice.

To explore the long term sustainability of Love Woburn Sands as a project owned and supported by our local communities.

We are grateful for the voluntary donations received from the users of the Community Transport Service.

We are also very grateful for the funds raised at various events all of which have enabled us to continue our work and activities. Gift Aid Tax from 2023 has been claimed with the claim for 2024, a total of £2452.15.

We thank all volunteers for their time and efforts without which the Charity could not function.

The accounts for the period, approved by the Trustees and examined independently, are being submitted to the Charity Commission and will be available on their website

The opening balance was £13,960. Total income was £7,415, total expenditure was £9,321, with a closing balance of £12,054. Comparatives for the previous period are shown in the Charity accounts annexed.

The main future Charity expenditure commitment would be Transport vehicle replacement, for which we have not been able to build reserves. Our funding is dependent on voluntary donations by mainly transport users and fund raising. No funding applications were made during 2024 but are part of future plans.

Recruitment of volunteers for ongoing activities continues. Several activities are self funding.

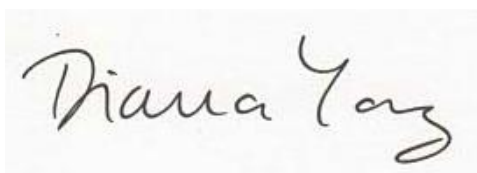
Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have reviewed documents PB1, PB2 and PB3 published by the Charity Commission and available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/charitable-purposes-and-public-benefit>

and confirm that the activities of the Charity are all in keeping with the Charity's approved purposes set out above. When considering proposed new activities or changes to existing activities, the Trustees ensure that these activities will be carried out for the public benefit.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 October 2025 and signed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana Gray', on a light-colored background.

Acting Chair

Receipts and Payments Account

	12 months to 31 December 2024			12 months to 31 December 2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Community Transport (Restricted Fund)	Total for 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	-	-	-	400
Donations	830	4,133	4,963	3,236
Fundraising events	-	-	-	2,636
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	-	2,452	2,452	-
Total Receipts	830	6,585	7,415	6,272
Payments				
Payments on Activities				
Insurance	366	864	1,230	1,126
Fuel and Maintenance	-	1,020	1,020	1,142
Website Costs	399	-	399	504
Other Operating Costs	938	5,734	6,672	6,136
Total Payments on Activities	1,703	7,618	9,321	8,908
Management costs	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	1,703	7,618	9,321	8,908
(Surplus of Payments over Receipts)	(873)	(1,033)	(1,906)	(2,636)
Transfer between Funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds, 31 December 2023	12,233	1,727	13,960	16,596
Cash funds, 31 December 2024	11,360	694	12,054	13,960

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	----- 31 December 2024 -----			Total at 31 December 2023
	Unrestricted Funds	Community Transport	Total at 31 Dec 2024	
	£	£	£	£
Assets				
Bank balances	11,360	694	12,054	13,960
Total Assets	11,360	694	12,054	13,960
Liabilities				
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-