

CONNECT FOR LIFE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR

30 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINANSURE LIMITED

2 Sheppard Street, Brymbo, Wrexham, LL11 5FF

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity number	1171169
Governing instrument	CIO - foundation registered 18 th January 2017
Trustees	Frances A Arnall (Chair) Alison J Humphreys Chelsea Davies Jennifer R Jones Julia Thomas Samantha Teare
Principal address	77 Oakhurst Road Oswestry Shropshire SY11 1BL
Independent examiner	Mr L M Howson MAAT Finasure Ltd 2 Sheppard Street Brymbo Wrexham LL11 5FF

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Structure, governance and management

Connect For Life is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation registered on 18th January 2017 with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

New trustees are appointed by the current trustees in accordance with the governing instrument.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity are:

- a. The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
- b. Consistent with and not contrary to object a. :
 - i. To improve the health and wellbeing of socially isolated people in Oswestry and surrounding areas, particularly older people and people with memory difficulties and dementia, who would benefit from social interaction in a safe, stimulating environment.
 - ii. To offer a safe, stimulating environment where older people can make connections with others to improve their wellbeing.
 - iii. To offer support and respite, particularly to carers of people living with life limiting conditions, including the provision of a safe, supportive environment where the person they care for may be looked after for part of a day.
 - iv. To directly offer specialist information and support to people affected by memory difficulties and dementia and work with other agencies to offer more general information and support.

Public benefit

The charity trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £32,642 (2023 - £24,582). All of the charity's income is sourced from donations by attendees, donors and organisations.

Total expenditure was £28,328 (2023 - £19,571), of which 66% (2023 - 71%) were direct costs of providing the activities.

At the end of the year the charity held unrestricted reserves of £24,988 and restricted reserves of £6,000.

As a reserves policy, the charity would like to have enough unrestricted funds to cover three months' running costs at any given time, which would equate to approximately £6,000.

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Highlights of Activities

Our service users continue to pay a modest contribution to the running of CFL. The donated/ grant monies enable us to subsidise sessions with regard to refreshments, materials for session activities, specialist craft & music sessions & small seasonal/ birthday gifts for the service users. We have been able to introduce even more specialist facilitators enabling many of our service users to try new skills such as clay work, willow weaving and ribbon art.

We continue to have an excellent team of volunteers and are pleased that during 2023/24 monies received have enabled us to offer our volunteers training in facilitation of groups & first aid.

One particular highlight has been Connect For Life's 8th birthday celebration music event for service users & their families made possible because of a generous donation. This was an event held in the community with various musicians/singers who have connections with Connect For Life taking part to demonstrate the positive power music can have on people, particularly those with dementia.

We also entered our town Christmas Tree competition held in a local church and came 1st with our tree designed and made by service users and volunteers.

2023/24 has been a very encouraging year with more local support from our community, many gifts in memory of loved ones, people fundraising for us and successful grant applications, we were also finalists in The National Dementia Care Awards 2024.

Transactions with Trustees

No trustees received or waived remuneration, benefits or expenses of any kind during the year.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on **7th November 2024** and is signed on their behalf by:


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Alison J Humphreys - Trustee

CONNECT FOR LIFE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

I report on the receipt and payments accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2024, which are set out on pages 6 & 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

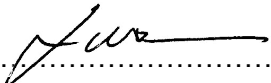
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- 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 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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22nd November 2024

L M Howson MAAT
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024


	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants	5,831	6,000	11,831	-
Donations received	7,519	-	7,519	7,606
Fundraising income	812	-	812	5,053
Attendee contributions	12,480	-	12,480	11,923
TOTAL RECEIPTS	26,642	6,000	32,642	24,582
PAYMENTS				
Room hire	5,625	-	5,625	5,430
Catering & refreshments	4,772	-	4,772	4,358
Resources	462	1,558	2,020	3,135
Activities	2,453	-	2,453	906
Equipment costs	3,764	-	3,764	1,559
Insurance	358	-	358	274
Publicity & website	12	-	12	266
Administration	5,973	-	5,973	1,977
Training	812	-	812	-
Travel & accommodation	51	-	51	-
Professional fees	300	-	300	380
Office expenses	901	-	901	285
Subscriptions	245	-	245	246
Uniform clothing	354	-	354	292
Bank charges	80	-	80	84
Other costs	608	-	608	379
TOTAL PAYMENTS	26,770	1,558	28,328	19,571
NET OF RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(128)	4,442	4,314	5,011
Cash funds last y/e	25,116	1,558	26,674	21,663
Cash funds this y/e	24,988	6,000	30,988	26,674

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
CASH FUNDS		
Cash at bank (unrestricted)	24,930	25,073
Cash at bank (restricted)	6,000	1,558
Cash in hand (unrestricted)	58	43
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	30,988	26,674
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	Current value £
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE	
Chairs	2,000
Tent	750
Shed	300
Computer equipment	300
Mobile phone	50
Projector	50
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These receipts and payments accounts were approved by the trustees on **7th November 2024**.....
and are signed on their behalf by:


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Alison J Humphreys - Trustee