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Holsworthy Day Companions continued to try and attract new members during 2023 but there is still reluctance of the elderly to socialise following Covid. Behaviour patterns have changed and they have developed new routines etc that they are reluctant to change. This trend has also been seen in other similar local charities and even in the most popular local weekly coffee morning. Added to this is the chronic shortage of suitable and available transport. This has a very detrimental effect on the socially isolated and taxis are financially unviable for most.

Regular clients attending improved slightly with between 7 to 9 every Wednesday. Despite the low numbers, we continued supplying the same service as always, taking them out to Christmas dinner and putting on seasonal 'special' lunches in January. The usual soup and a roll was replaced, by request, many times during the year with fish and chips, much enjoyed, by the members request, by eating straight out of the paper! Pancakes cooked on site were extremely popular, with everyone having several at the same sitting and an extra 'pancake' day by request in May!! The Folk group from Bude came and entertained us a couple of times and although we put on a cream tea and advertised, no outsiders came. One of our Volunteers does Karaoke once a month with an option for those that don't like singing, to play games instead. We had one trip out to Homeleigh, Launceston which was hugely popular, and another to Cotehele. Everyone wished we could have as many trips as we used to do pre Covid. We had a sequence dance as fundraising with Simon Inch one evening and again, wished we could do more. Trips out etc are dependant on 'outsiders' joining us to help with the costs, and we used to have lots of locals pre Covid but they have not joined us since.

Our fees have stayed at £5. As we are all volunteers, so no wages to pay, the increasing numbers of clients does now cover the hall rent but not the other unavoidable expenses which are currently being covered by pre Covid fundraising. We knew this would happen and hoped to attract someone to help with a grant application but that hasn't happened yet.

The fall out from Covid continues to have an impact on us, not only with client members but also with committee and volunteer numbers.

It is clear that the transport .. a mini bus with escort .. that we had the use of for many years and was withdrawn from us by Social Services in 2017 together with the lack of referrals from them and the Covid reluctance, is having a very detrimental effect on the numbers attending..

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS

**REGISTERED CHARITY
NO. 1171699**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD

31ST DECEMBER 2023

CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, I approve the attached financial statements. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial statements and for providing Westcotts (SW) LLP with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Signed:

André Farmer

Date:

13th July 2025

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1171699

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have prepared for your approval the attached financial statements from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval your financial statements. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you for our work or for this report.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.



Westcotts (SW) LLP
Chartered Accountants
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Date: 14/7/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Holsworthy Day Companions
Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

I have independently examined the accounts of Holsworthy Day Companions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

My Responsibilities are to;

Identify whether or not proper accounting records have been kept;

Check that the accounts agree with the accounting records;

Look for possible significant errors in the accounts;

Check that the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission for England and Wales Accounting Regulations in so far as these apply to the Receipts and Payments;

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

My Report:

The matters that have arisen during the course of my examination where I have to give an adverse report are set out below.

1. These accounts are produced on a cash basis and therefore do not take into account any debtors owed by clients at the start or end of the period. Records have not been created so there is no control in this area. Direct costs are exceeding income.
2. The minutes of the charity continue to be too sparse and must be addressed as a matter of urgency.



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7 July 2025

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2023</u> £	<u>2022</u> £
<u>INCOME</u>	1	2,339	2,317
<u>LESS DIRECT COSTS</u>	2	(2,778)	(3,098)
		(438)	(781)
<u>LESS ADMINISTRATION</u>	3	(2,241)	(1,629)
<u>LESS CAPITAL ITEMS</u>		0	0
<u>(LOSS)/SURPLUS IN PERIOD</u>		(2,679)	(2,410)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		18,089	20,499
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>15,410</u>	<u>18,089</u>
BEING REPRESENTED BY:			
BANK		15,345	18,024
CASH		65	65
OTHERS		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>15,410</u>	<u>18,089</u>

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
31ST DECEMBER 2023

<u>NOTE 1 INCOME</u>	<u>31.12.23</u>	<u>31.12.22</u>
RECEIPTS FOR CLIENTS	2,134	2,017
DONATIONS AND GRANTS	205	300
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	2,339	2,317
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NOTE 2 DIRECT COSTS

MEALS	1,143	954
RENT	1,560	1,694
OUTINGS	75	450
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	2,778	3,098
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NOTE 3 ADMINISTRATION

TELEPHONE	718	585
REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS & KITCHENWARE	125	54
ADVERTISING	664	12
ACCOUNTANCY	276	552
SUBSCRIPTIONS	35	35
INSURANCE	397	365
SUNDRIES	26	26
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	2,241	1,629
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