

Charity Number 1177601

Senior Solutions

Financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022

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Chairman	Ronald Bell OBE
Treasurer	Mark Preston ACMA
Secretary	Susan Phillips
Trustees	Frances Settle
	Anne Burns
	Louise McDade
	David Chadwick
Service Address	Winifred Kettle C C C Washacre Westhoughton BOLTON BL5 2NG

Chair's Report 2021-22

2022 has been a year for special anniversaries lead by our Queen who has been on the throne for

an amazing 70 years. As a charity, we're a bit younger but we put service first too. A group of local

people realised that there were many isolated people in the town and wanted to do something to

help them. In 1997, they set up a charity called Westhoughton Visiting Service and started to

recruit volunteers to visit people in their homes. They soon found that more was needed. Regular

meetings for coffee became a lunch club and much more followed.

As the years have gone by, the activities and the geographical area covered have widened. In

recognition of this, we decided to change our name to Senior Solutions in 2013. Our service

expanded and became even more appreciated and in June 2019 it was announced that we had

received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. In August that year, I had the honour of leading

a team of 10 of us at a ceremony where the Lord Lieutenant made the presentation on behalf of

the Queen.

The last 2 or 3 years have presented special challenges to everyone but none more so than those

who live alone or care for the isolated and the elderly. Our staff and volunteers demonstrated why

we'd been recognised by the Queen. They fully lived up to those challenges becoming even more

of a human lifeline to so many in the community with everything from telephone contact to delivering food and other vital supplies

Gradually, we emerged from lock down as social distancing rules were relaxed and venues

became available but, as we expected, things were different. One thing didn't change, the growing

need for our services. Your trustees have consistently been looking ahead with Michelle and her

team to see how Senior Solutions could continue to offer the best service to the isolated in our

community

As a result of our social media and other efforts, we continue to receive new referrals and some

very welcome new offers of voluntary support from across our wider area including Horwich. Once

again we are demonstrating our ability to gain new volunteers. If you are one of them, may I offer

you a warm welcome.

Annual meetings and reports are an opportunity to review the highlights, take a little time to

congratulate ourselves on our achievements and thank everyone who has contributed.

To Bolton Borough Council (and their tax payers) our thanks. Your grant is a vital part of our

funding and enables us to help you meet the needs we all know exist in the community. It's great

value too!

To the staff and students of Westhoughton High School, thank you for the way you brightened the

lives of so many of our clients (and volunteers) in the past. We look forward to a full resumption of

that activity to the benefit of both of us.

To Bolton CVS, we appreciate your valuable support and training.

To everyone who has supported us in any way, grateful thanks.

We had some changes in our staff as first Julie and then Becky left. They were replaced by Kirstie

and Kath who joined us in early 2022 and rapidly proved their worth at an extremely busy time.

Our scheme manager Michelle and her new team, Kirstie and Kath, have consistently worked hard

together to continue the success of our growing charity. We've also had the valuable support of

our Bolton CVS apprentice, Khadija. On behalf of our trustees, a personal thanks to them for all

they do. Many thanks too to my fellow trustees. I never forget that they are volunteers who give

invaluable service.

I continue to be proud of chairing Senior Solutions with its great team of volunteers, trustees and

staff. We all look forward to serving our community for another year. No doubt it will be challenging

but I predict it will also bring excitement and success.

Ronald Bell

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Senior Solutions

I have reviewed the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on the following pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)
2. To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the charities Commission (under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act), and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in , any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not be met; or
2. To which, in my opinion , attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

R Eastwood

Ruth Eastwood BA Hons

Senior Solutions
Financial Statement as at 31 March 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Last</u>
	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Year</u>
<u>Receipts</u>					
Grants	40000			40000	62500
Fund Raising & Donations	8881			8881	14879
Activities					0
Investment Income	25			25	68
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>48907</u>			<u>48907</u>	<u>77447</u>
<u>Payments</u>					
Wages	39070		20000	56545	56545
Insurance	704			946	946
Expenses	1764			1742	1742
Office Expenses	3435				5232
<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>44973</u>		<u>20000</u>	<u>64973</u>	<u>64465</u>
Net Receipts / Payments	<u>3934</u>		<u>-20000</u>	<u>-16066</u>	<u>12982</u>
Transfer Between Funds					
Cash funds last year	42244	83187	20000	145431	
Cash Funds this year end	<u>46178</u>	<u>83187</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>129365</u>	
Current Account				32998	
Savings Account				19465	
Term account				76901	
				<u>129365</u>	

Notes to the accounts

Restricted Reserve

This reserve relates to funds received from the Bolton fund to expand the service into Horwich and surrounding areas.

Designated Reserves

The designated fund is to cover the costs of closure of the charity and funding for the staff for 12 months should the future funding of the charity (in these uncertain times) make the continuing operation of the charity unviable. The funds will allow for a controlled wind down of the charity.

Unrestricted Reserves

These are free funds that the charity has at its disposal. The charity is looking at a number of options for the future, but should future funding fall these reserves will need to be drawn upon