

WINSLOW BIG SOCIETY GROUP

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO THE TOWN AND CIVIL PARISH OF WINSLOW AND SURROUNDING AREAS:(1) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION, BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED BY RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER REASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; HOMELESSNESS OR POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).(2) TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE; WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS, OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER RESIDENTS, VISITORS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.(3) TO PROMOTE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF BETTER ACCESS TO SERVICES AND RUNNING SPECIFIC INITIATIVES AIMED AT HEALTH PROMOTION SUCH AS EXERCISE, GOOD NUTRITION AND MENTAL ACTIVITY.(4) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND RELIEVE FRAIL/ELDERLY/DISABLED PERSONS BY THE PROVISION OF ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORT SERVICES AND THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE NUTRITIOUS FOOD.(5) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED BY THE TRUSTEES.

Activities: We aim to prevent people from becoming socially excluded; to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving conditions of life; to promote physical and mental health by the provision of better access to services; and to provide access to affordable community based transport services.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Buckinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£11,716	£7,520	-	-
2024-12-31	£16,680	£12,686	-	-
2023-08-31	£17,218	£16,360	-	-
2022-08-31	£39,827	£38,314	-	-
2021-08-31	£8,065	£8,188	-	-
2020-08-31	£6,520	£6,473	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SUSAN CHRISTINE KEANE	Chair	2012-11-01
Christine Ann Hudson		2023-01-19
Georgina Mellows		2023-01-19
Myfanwy Shelton		2026-02-19
Zoe Ann Sutherland CPFA		2014-10-02

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Annual Report, 2026.

This has been another good year for the group, but maybe in a different way. We have continued to use the year to streamline our procedures and processes, which is so important in a large organisation. With the help of Sarah Cawdell, we have managed to get our administration in a better order and now use a shared drive for managing the day to day workings of the group. As our work increases this has helped massively in how efficient we are, and therefore volunteers on committees etc are seeing a reduction in workload. Thanks to Tracey who holds our website together, we now receive a large number of our inquiries through this. People say how easy it is to follow and how up to date it is kept, with even a monthly calendar on the front page to help guide people through it. This may also mean in the future the need for less paper copies, and that's always better for the environment. Children of clients use this to help them support their older parents and relatives from afar too.

This year we have also received a number of large donations from grateful customers. We thank them all.

All our services continue, and many have grown in numbers attending this year, so 14 walkers is not unheard of on a Wednesday walk, wheelchair car journeys are up, and so are Film show attendances, just to mention a few. We continue to listen to what people say, so that our services match local need, and this I'm sure is a big part of our success. We continue to be one of the only services in North Bucks for many of our activities.

An organizational challenge for us this year has been the transfer back to us of the whole Telephone Befriending Service, after the NHS partnership ended. We are grateful to the Patient Support Service for their help over the years. The transfer is now complete, and the service continues to grow. Thanks to Georgina and Christine particularly for managing the transfer.

We have done some work on reviewing our In Case of Emergency cards (ICE), which people can carry with details of next of kin, medication etc on it. As our client group are vulnerable, this has worked well till now. But following a review of the card, we have just released a new version of these which we will be circulating to all our services to promote it. Keeping clients safe is a big priority for us.

We celebrated the 100th birthday of our dear Walter this year, an intrepid walker who delights so many of us. His daughter Anne and family who live in Kent are able to keep in touch with us at a distance, which has helped Walter to keep his independence at home. This celebration featured on the Buckinghamshire Council website.

As always none of our success could happen without help from our significant partners. The most significant of these are Winslow Library who provides the venue for free, as well as Winslow Lions who manage our film shows for us. We are so glad that our footfall at the library helps sustain the great service they offer, and the parents at our weekly Drop in always join the library and often use the opportunity of the trip in to exchange their children's books then. What a great partnership. A new partnership which has been of value to us is with

Fairhive, the local Housing Association. We receive referrals from them often to the most deprived, and this enables us to reach those who usually don't even want to open their front doors.

Our committee as always works incredibly hard, utterly reliable and the best one I've ever worked on. I thank them all from the bottom of my heart for their dedication and enthusiasm, and I shall miss them when I stand down this year, but know it is in good hands. Particular thanks to Sarah Cawdell who has only been with us for a couple of years but has achieved an amazing amount for us in this time. We shall miss her.

Thank you also to our near 130 volunteers who keep the show on the road every weekday. Without you nothing would happen, and I am always amazed at the stories I hear about the extra mile they go, that is certainly not part of their role. So, for several people who were being supported during Covid, the arrangement continues to this day.

We have looked at how we keep supporting volunteers a bit more this year, and have run 2 very successful social occasions, a cream tea and a Christmas drinks social to this end. We hope to repeat this this year.

So, as I hand over the reins to a new Chair, I wish the Big Society all the best for its future endeavours, and to a commitment to further reduce the challenge of social isolation in our community.

Vron Corben,

Chair, Winslow Big Society Group,

February 2026.



Winslow Big Society Group

Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st December 2025

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st January 2025 11,432.00

Income

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	807.90	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	3,508.10	
WBSG Events	(3)	1,965.44	
In Memoriam Donations		3,221.13	
Other Donations	(4)	1,520.62	
Savings Account Interest		692.74	
Total Income			11,715.93

Expenditure

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	242.24	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	3,262.60	
Public Liability Insurance		570.51	
WBSG Events	(3)	2,317.67	
Lightweight Wheelchairs for Equipment Store	(5)	400.00	
Publicity & Printing	(6)	487.93	
Admin Expenses	(7)	239.44	
Total Expenditure			7,520.39

Balance Carried Forward as at 31st December 2025 15,627.54

Represented By

Bank Balance per Bank Statements 31st December'25

Treasurers Account	316.61	
Cash in Hand	75.00	
Wheelchair Car Account	3,600.06	
TSB Savings Account	5,090.57	
Charifund Investment Account	6,147.35	
		15,229.59

less Creditors outstanding

Treasurers Account (BACS payment not received until 1st January)	18.00
Treasurers Account (Payments not processed until 1st January)	-66.00
Charifund Savings Account (Interest re October to December)	457.95

plus Debtors outstanding

Treasurers Account (WCCS Income received Dec re Jan)	-12.00	
		397.95

15,627.54

Notes

- (1) The Winslow Car Scheme has a surplus for year of £565.66 due to drivers not reclaiming mileage expenses
- (2) The Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle has made a small surplus of £245.50
The car is now almost 8 years old; last year we increased the mileage rate from 45p to 50p a mile
This was to cover increasing maintenance costs
- (3) This is the income and costs of all our projects.
- (4) Equipment Store donations from grateful users - £210
Donation from local resident of £1,000, plus £250 gift aid claimed back
Unknown Donation through Just Giving Website £60.62
- (5) 2 x Lightweight Wheelchairs purchased for equipment store from donation received in 2024
- (6) Printing Trifold Leaflets £187
Printing ICE cards £90
General Printing Costs by WBSG members £210.93
- (7) AGM Costs, Website Hosting, Winslow ABC, Volunteer Training, WBSG Banner

Accounts Prepared By :

Treasurer : Zoe Sutherland **Date :** 29th January '26

The above Income and Expenditure Account has been prepared from the books and records of the Winslow Big Society Group together with information provided by the Treasurer.

I am of the opinion these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the information produced and in accordance with the society rules.

Reviewed & Approved By :

Independent Examiner : Louise Eldred **Date :** 13th February '26

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Annual Report, 2025

The year has been another full one, with continued consolidation of all our activities. Those that were slow to recover after Covid are doing well, so our Film Shows and our Dementia Friendly Memories are thriving, and continuing to provide a much needed respite for some. We were also delighted to be the Proud of Bucks winner for North Bucks from the Winslow and Villages Community Board.

We have added a new service of a free Prescription Delivery to our provision, run by a new Committee member, Chris Moran. We have about 8 clients benefitting from this, and it is also another example of our external partnerships, this one with Jardines, our local excellent pharmacy. Our thanks to Rachel there who works so hard to keep our local people with the medication they need.

Our partnerships with Winslow Lions, Rotary and the Patient Support Service continue also to be thriving. As an example, recently we helped a young disabled lady who had moved to Winslow with 3 young children, and arrived with virtually nothing, and bare floorboards throughout the house. Together we have furnished the house and are now looking to lay floor coverings for her. We could not do this alone, but with our partner organisations, anything is possible. Thanks also to Patricia and Winslow Community Library for giving us the free use of their premises for many of our events and being so welcoming.

We continue to attract previous customers to become volunteers also, including some with anxiety states who now are doing really well, and enjoying giving back to others. What a great way of helping everyone! Having trust in such people and giving them the support they need to relearn life skills is also rewarding for us too.

One of our other fairly new schemes is the Equipment Service which is now well used, both by donors and recipients. This service is for short term use only, but we often discover other needs whilst engaging with the clients, that we can also help them address. Our thanks to Winslow Show Association and Rotary for their generous donations, which helped purchase a new wheelchair and provide a maintenance budget for this too.

Some of our existing activities are now also accessed by those living in the villages, and this could be more if only the villages would adopt some form of car scheme like we have, so that passengers could get to Winslow.

The Telephone Befriending Service has undergone major change this year, with the retirement of Marilyn Fairclough, our trainer and befriender supporter. We shall miss her expertise greatly. However, we have developed a Big Society link for the service with 3W/ Swan practice, which Christine Dodds is doing for us and also linked with Abi Jackson at 3W, who now does much of the early visiting and checking of potential befrienders.

Diana Slevin who ran the car scheme for us has also retired this year, and we thank her for the sterling service since its inception over 10 years ago, and were delighted to have our 10th anniversary celebrations of the car scheme this year too. It was a great event.

We were sad also at the loss of many of our clients over the winter, and we realise how dear they are to us as volunteers too. We continue to try and support their grieving partners with our services where we can. These losses include Philip Herrington who was the reason for our first ever car journey for his dear wife Mary, who has become a friend to so many of us. I am also conscious of the emotional toll on our volunteers as a result of these losses, and hope we support them enough too. We have attended many funerals this year, and have also been so grateful for the funeral donations to the Big Society that we never dreamed of.

Without our 130 volunteers, none of this would be possible. Every month I hear stories of how they have gone the extra mile for clients, calling home via the pharmacy for them, advising them on getting a ramp, and even a dogs safety belt so that a dog can be carried safely in our wheelchair car. The committee have also decided that following a

successful Christmas drink, we need to do more informal social events to keep our volunteers well supported, as well as big events. So I'd be glad to hear your views on maybe quarterly social events etc at this meeting. I am also aware of how many new friendships have been formed through volunteering and meeting people of a like mind.

Going forward, we are also going to have a further promotion of our ICE cards this year, as we are aware of the increasing vulnerability of our clients. We will be asking all our activity leaders to do this with their clients at some point this year. My suggestion is a fun activity when we all fill them in together, volunteers included, as we could be the one sustaining a fall.

We have repeated our induction training for with 2 well attended sessions in the year, and have a first aid one booked for April.

Financially we remain sound, and are now able to put money aside for the day when we need a new wheelchair car, as well as for other events, and resources needed for our activities. Thank you to all those who have contributed financially in any way.

Our committee has changed a bit this year, with the advent of Chris Moran, Ann Lynch and Sarah Cawdell coming onto the Committee helping us with admin and our not very robust systems for filing etc. I thank all our hardworking Committee so much. Their enthusiasm, ability, support and friendship is second to none.

I have also made the decision that at the next AGM in 2026, I shall stand down as Chair. It's now time for a new leader to take us forward. I will continue to run the activities that I do and help in any way I can., But I know it's time to let someone else take the reins.

Vron Corben

Chair,

January 2025.

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Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st December 2024

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st September 2023 7,438.34

Income

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	1,894.40	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	9,953.35	
WBSG Events	(3)	2,057.40	
In Memoriam Donations		1,734.60	
Other Donations	(4)	934.45	
Savings Account Interest		105.30	
Total Income			16,679.50

Expenditure

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	893.14	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	7,869.27	
Public Liability Insurance		553.88	
WBSG Events	(3)	2,447.84	
Publicity & Printing	(5)	500.46	
Admin Expenses	(6)	421.25	
Total Expenditure			12,685.84

Balance Carried Forward as at 31st December 2024 11,432.00

Represented By

Bank Balance per Bank Statements 31st December'24

Treasurers Account	1,037.06	
Cash in Hand	75.00	
Wheelchair Car Account	3,189.36	
Savings Account	6,971.38	
		11,272.80
less Creditors outstanding		
Treasurers Account (BACS payment not made)	-6.00	
Treasurers Account (WCCS Cheque received Dec not banked)	-2.00	
plus Debtors outstanding		
Treasurers Account (WCCS Income received Dec re Jan)	2.00	
Wheelchair Car Acct (Income due but not yet received)	165.20	
		159.20
		11,432.00

Notes

- (1) Winslow Car Scheme Bookings have increased over the last year, which has resulted in a surplus this year of £1.000 mainly due to drivers not reclaiming mileage expenses
- (2) Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle surplus on account is due to Access to Work arrangements where we were driving a Winslow resident to work each day. This has now stopped, so we expect to break even in future years
- (3) This is the income and costs of all our projects.
- (4) Equipment Store donations from grateful users - £100
Winslow Rotary re budget to cover maintenance costs on equipment held - £200
Winslow Show re New Lightweight Wheelchair £400
Donations re lifts to COVID clinics - £54
General Donations from two grateful clients of our services - £175
- (5) Printing Trifold Leaflets plus other general printing costs
Publicity - St Laurence Church Festival
- (6) AGM Costs, Website Hosting, Winslow ABC

Accounts Prepared By :

Treasurer : Zoe Sutherland **Date :** 13th February'25

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I am of the opinion these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the information produced and in accordance with the society rules.

Reviewed & Approved By :

Independent Examiner : Louise Eldred **Date :** 13th February'25

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2023

Present	Committee: Vron Corben, Tracey Reimer, Georgina Mellows, Zoe Sutherland, Sue Keane, Chris Hudson 62 others (some of whom represented other local organisations): see list on Appendix sheet	
Apologies	Christine Dodds, Rita Millard, Victor Griffiths, Maggie Ley, Peter Brooker, Jan Lewis, Amanda Nicholson, Liz Mostyn, Alison Lowe, Sandra Pratt, Llew Monger, Dee Martin, Steve Herbert, Janine Beattie, Hannah Richardson, Chris Chapman (16)	
Welcome	<p>Vron welcomed everyone to this AGM and expressed her pleasure that so many could attend. She thanked our volunteers and group members plus those that were representing partner organisations for coming out on a rather miserable afternoon.</p> <p>Normal housekeeping about fire exits and toilet facilities was covered then Vron explained that the AGM was the second this calendar year due to the 2022 AGM being later than usual. That had been due to the extra event which had been held to celebrate the Queens Award at the normal AGM time.</p> <p>Vron advised that Sheila Heatley, who had been a supporter of the Big Society since it's inception, had sadly died yesterday so we held a minute of reflection to remember her.</p> <p>Vron explained that people were welcome to ask questions and also made everyone aware that the Loop was available from Diana Slevin for those who were hard of hearing and had hearing aids.</p>	
		ACTIONS
Minutes of the last AGM	Copies of last years' AGM minutes were available for all to check. No comments were received so these were deemed as Approved	
Chair's Report	Vron read her report (see separate sheet). This included thanks to all volunteers without whom the Big Society would not function but this year she particularly wanted to thank Anne Hunt for her help behind the scenes at many events; making teas and coffees at least 5 times a month and doing little extras. Anne was presented with flowers.	
Treasurers Report	<p>Zoe presented the annual accounts which had been reviewed and agreed by Louise Eldred again. Zoe's report is attached on a separate sheet. Flowers were presented to Louise as a thankyou for her help.</p> <p>Zoe said the organisation is in the black and highlighted a few useful donations received over the year which mean the balance in the bank has increased by about £900.</p> <p>No queries about the finances were raised within the room but people were encouraged to ask later if they wished.</p>	
Reports on Current Groups	<p>The reports from each group are detailed on a separate sheet but Vron asked each team leader if they wanted to add anything verbally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana advised that the car scheme will soon have been running for ten years and so the occasion will be celebrated. Some 	

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	<p>people have been volunteering since the start but we do need more drivers for this scheme to continue.</p> <p>She mentioned that Haddenham is the only other place for quite a distance which has anything like the schemes Winslow has.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Tracy advised that the drop in had 14 adults attend on Monday and that it was always particularly nice that to see the fathers. Someone in the room wondered if we might set up a second session within the week. • Laura Stobbs advised a rota would soon be created for the 2024 afternoon teas and she would be looking for volunteers. Numbers have been increasing with 10 booked in this month Vron mentioned that this activity is deliberately a small group to keep it quite different from the larger lunch group. • Diana asked people to encourage anyone they know with hearing issues to come along to HoH group as she is sure many more could benefit from this group. The library itself is not open when this group meet so it is nice and quiet down there. • Cards and Games are well enjoyed but could do with more people. • Pen Pal scheme has not been used recently but is still there if anyone knows anyone that might enjoy receiving a letter • PSS team explained they have a very successful telephone befriending service but need more befrienders as there is a waiting list. They are keen to hear from anyone interested. • Memories – also about to have a ten year anniversary • Dementia Friendly Memories – small group but those that attend find it invaluable • Parkinsons – only group in North Bucks so many come from elsewhere. • Film Shows – adult ones very well attended; childrens one needs a rethink • Equipment Store – Chris thanked everyone for the donations of mobility equipment which people can now borrow for the short term or for visitors • Singing group requested more help in the form of muscles to put out tables and chairs occasionally plus more people for the tea rota 	
<p>Update on Committee Members</p>	<p>Vron advised we are now just a team of 6 and really NEED 2 more people so encouraged anyone who could to step up</p>	
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Facebook presence is greater these days and is very much a two way thing – we promote our groups, report on activities and also get questions. We asked the room if anyone knew if there was a Christmas lunch anywhere for people to go to. It was known that there was not going to be one in Buckingham but there will be something in Steeple Claydon. More details will be given to the committee for sharing on. • The Treasurer, Zoe has often been asked why the financial Year End for the Society is 31 August. This is simply historical, based on when the group was set up. Zoe proposed that the year end is 	

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	<p>altered to being 31 December to coincide with the calendar year. This was agreed by the whole room. Zoe will now take this forward.</p> <p>This means that the next AGM will be held in January/February 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One lady thanked the Community Bus as it is another invaluable local resource.• We are very grateful to Keith Hofgartner for his continued help with our website updates when we require them.	
	<p>The meeting finished and everyone enjoyed tea/coffee and wonderful homemade cakes.</p> <p>Thankyou to Corinna, Chris and Belinda for their hard work running the kitchen and to the other bakers.</p>	

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Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st August 2023

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st September 2022 6,580.68

Income

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	896.20	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	11,441.05	
WBSG Events	(3)	1,301.03	
In Memoriam Donations	(4)	1,000.00	
Sale of Old Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle		1,000.00	
North Bucks Fundraisers		1,000.00	
Other Donations	(5)	387.11	
Savings Account Interest		44.31	
Total Income		17,069.70	

Expenditure

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	574.48	
Wheelchair Car	(2)	11,673.48	
Projector for Film Afternoons		1,002.00	
QAVS Award Ceremony		52.16	
Public Liability Insurance		493.16	
WBSG Website		146.28	
WBSG Events	(3)	1,739.92	
Publicity & Printing	(6)	408.95	
Admin Expenses	(7)	121.61	
Total Expenditure		16,212.04	

Balance Carried Forward as at 31st August 2023 **7,438.34**

Represented By

Bank Balance per Bank Statements 1st September '23

Treasurers Account		691.09	
Wheelchair Car Account		501.54	
Savings Account		5,481.48	
		6,674.11	

less Creditors outstanding

Treasurers Account (BACS payment not made)		-27.60	
Cheque 00156 not banked		-30.00	
Payments in Advance re WCCS		-20.00	

plus Debtors outstanding

Treasurers Account (Income not received until September)		42.89	
Treasurers Account (Income received 31st August)		30.00	
Wheelchair Car Acct (Income due but not yet received)		768.94	
		764.23	

7,438.34

Notes

- (1) Bookings have slowly started to pick up over the last year. Most trips are still for Big Society Events, which are free, but the payable bookings have resulted in a small £320 surplus due to drivers not reclaiming mileage expenses
- (2) The net loss on the account is due to Signage for the Car of £359 which was included in the grant received in 2021/22. If we discount this there would have been a small surplus on the Account
- (3) This is the income and costs of all our projects. The numbers of participants at our various events are still lower than before lockdown but are steadily building up again.
- (4) In memory Donation received (MB)
- (5) Winslow in Bloom Donation - £200
Court Ladies Luncheon Club - £60
GW - £50
DC - £75
- (6) Printing Trifold Leaflets plus other general printing costs
Publicity - St Laurence Church Festival, and Winslow Show
- (7) AGM Costs & Zoom Licence

Accounts Prepared By :

Treasurer :

Date : 19th November'23

Zoe Sutherland

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I am of the opinion these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the information produced and in accordance with the club rules.

Reviewed & Approved By :

Independent Examiner :

Date :

Louise Eldred

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Annual Report, 2022.

The year has seen some real successes, after such a bad previous year. The award and presentation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was the highlight. The equivalent of an MBE, awarded only to voluntary organisations, and in the last list chosen by the Queen, made it extra special. It was a great afternoon to come together to celebrate our 12 years of achievement. I felt so proud of all my volunteers for all they do. Every time I meet with one, there are always seems to be an extra mile they have gone, and a sense of energy and enthusiasm about what they do. We need to convey this to others in a sad often broken world, that helping others makes the world a much a happier place. Our volunteers now number 130, and I extend a warm welcome to our new ones this year.

The award of £28,000 for a new wheelchair car from the generosity of the Winslow and Villages Community Board heralded a continued increase in journeys and new customers. We have been able to do emergency trips too and at weekends, including 2 to help disabled passengers visit their dying relatives. The passenger feedback and commitment from our drivers has enabled us to keep a 7 day service going.

Our relatively new services supporting people getting back outside in a 1:1 arrangement with a matched volunteer continues to be pretty unique. We now work with Oxford Mental Health who refer directly to us any people with low to medium anxiety for support. The results have been life changing. Similarly with our sitting service, where carers are now able to get out and enjoy some sort of normality.

This year has seen the last 2 of our services that operated pre Covid recommence. Our dementia friendly Memories and our Film shows are now up and running again very successfully. Thanks to Winslow Lions especially for their specialist help in getting the film shows going, we could not do it without them.

We are refining our referral systems so that people who need help or answers are now directed to the appropriate places, if the issue is something we cannot deal with. Our general enquiry line, managed with the Community Car Service has been so helpful in doing this. We also now have an up to date list of village contacts that ensures those in the villages get the help they need too.

We also celebrated last year the 10th anniversary of our Friendship Lunches and our Gentle Walks, and this year celebrate the 9th anniversary of the Community Car Scheme.

One new venture we hope to set up very soon is an Equipment Store, which will hold small items of equipment needed for care, eg sticks, crutches, frames and a small manual wheelchair. It will be available for loan to local people .More on this later.

So lastly but not least, I want to thank so many people, that I don't know where to start. Our partner organisations eg Winslow Town Council, the Patient Support Service, Winslow and Villages Community Board, Winslow Lions and Rotary, and others are so vital to our existence. Without their help, advice and support we could not manage. I'd also like to thank Diana Slevin and Kay Peck who were founder members of our Committee and are now taking a well-deserved rest. Also, to Liz Gardner who has been a Car Scheme Coordinator for many years, and is now retiring. Thank you all so much.

I'd also like to thank all those who donate money to us, via a variety of sources. We run on a mean budget, so any extra is always helpful.

As we move into this New Year, my hope is that our services will continue to grow and that we can meet the increasingly varied demands of our local community. Conscious of our villages too and their potential isolation, we want to extend a welcome to those who would like to use these services too. All except the Community Car Scheme are available to them. We need to continue to listen to others to ensure we are fulfilling a need, and to continue to grow and change as life changes.

I wish you all a happy new year, thankful for the wonderful place of Winslow that we live in.

Vron Corben

January 2023.

Registered Charity Number 1179561

Winslow Big Society Group
Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st August 2022

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st September 2021 **5,067.72**

Income

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	255.20	
Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle	(2)	9,058.90	
Local Community Board Grant	(2)	27,377.54	
WBSG Events	(3)	661.06	
In Memoriam Donations	(4)	1,611.19	
Thank You from 3W Health	(5)	450.00	
Other Donations		166.12	
Savings Account Interest		9.41	
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Total Income			39,589.42

Expenditure

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	251.28	
Wheelchair Car	(2)	8,360.62	
Purchase of new WAV	(2)	27,377.54	
WBSG Events	(3)	993.43	
Public Liability Insurance		422.98	
Publicity & Printing	(6)	297.78	
Admin Expenses	(7)	372.83	
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Total Expenditure			38,076.46

Balance Carried Forward as at 31st August 2022 **6,580.68**

Represented By

Bank Balance per Bank Statements 1st September '22

Treasurers Account	565.60	
Wheelchair Car Account	1,117.88	
Savings Account	4,679.17	
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		6,362.65

less Creditors outstanding

Treasurers Account (BACS payment not made)	-20.00
Cheque 00155 not banked until 7th September	-12.00

plus Debtors outstanding

Wheelchair Car Acct (Income due but not yet received)	170.55	
Wheelchair Car Acct (Income received, not paid in until Sept)	79.48	
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		218.03

6,580.68

Notes

- (1) Bookings have been low since the end of the pandemic. Most trips are for Big Society Events, which are free. Usage is slowly picking up, and scheme has broken even during the year.
- (2) These figures include the purchase of a new Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) during the year costing £27,377.54, for which we received a grant from the Local Community Board to cover the full cost

The Net Surplus on the Wheelchair Account of £698.28 is due to payments from DWP Access to Work, re taking a regular passenger to their workplace.
- (3) This is the income and costs of all our projects. The numbers of participants at our various events has decreased since the lockdown, but we are looking at ways to increase participation from the community
- (4) In memory Donations received from grateful relative (SB)
- (5) Thank you payment from 3W health re volunteer support at vaccination clinics, all parties agreed that the payment could be put towards the Winslow Wheelchair Car, as this expenditure was subsequently fully covered by the grant received from the Local Community Board we will be holding this money as Restricted Income against future costs on this service
- (6) Printing Trifold Leaflets plus general printing costs
- (7) Zoom Licence, Volunteer Badges, Winslow Show

Accounts Prepared By :

Z Sutherland

Treasurer :

Zoe Sutherland

Date : 14th January '23

The above Income and Expenditure Account has been prepared from the books and records of the Winslow Big Society Group together with information provided by the Treasurer.

I am of the opinion these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the information produced and in accordance with the club rules.

Reviewed & Approved By :

LLW

Independent examiner:

Louise Eldred

Date : 15th January '23

WINSLOW BIG SOCIETY GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1179561

Accounts

WINSLOW BIG SOCIETY GROUP
Minutes of AGM held on 10/11/21

Present: Committee : Vron Corben (Chair), Tracey Reimer (Minutes), Zoe Sutherland (Finance) Diana Slevin, Sue Keane and Jo Turner.

50 other people attended including Town and County Councillors, representatives from other groups and volunteers.

Apologies: Kay Peck, Sarah Morris, Angela Bowe, Chris & Mark Hudson, Lucy Martin, Keith Harvey, Sheila Cadge, Sue Renshell, Sandra Pratt, David Jones, Victor Griffiths and Andy Crossey.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: Approved.

2. Matters arising:

- Wheelchair Car – We are going to try and obtain funding for a replacement – more details later.
- Sadly Shirley Knight passed away during the year – we will always be truly grateful for what Shirley did for the Big Society

3. Chairman's Report

Vron read her report. In particular she thanked three people (Liz Mostyn, Angela Bowe and Cathy Tracy) who were leaving the Committee after making very valuable contributions over a number of years but continuing in their roles running specific groups. They were applauded by those present.

Vron talked about the support that has been provided for the Covid vaccination clinics and expressed thanks to all at Norden House for their work on these and there was a round of applause for all the staff there.

Vron talked about the Drop-in Sessions and also clarified what these are – they are held on Monday mornings for the benefit of the young families especially anyone isolated or new to the town.

In response to a question from the floor about the Young Citizen of the Year, Roy Van de Poll from Winslow Town Council confirmed that the pandemic has meant that awards have not been progressed.

4. Treasurer's Report

Zoe presented the annual accounts which, this year, had been reviewed and approved by Louise Eldred.

- Thanks will be sent to Louise by VC.

A couple of questions were raised:

- i. Re car insurance. A person asked if the volunteer drivers in the Car Scheme are insured for this task. The Society makes sure drivers are aware that they need to check this with their own insurers (they sign a confirmation that they have done this) and most find that cover is provided without an extra charge. Where there was a charge the drivers sometimes moved insurer.
- ii. Is the Society a registered charity? Yes it is and so we will try and ensure that the registered charity number is shown on all documents moving forward. The number is 1179561.

Vron thanked Zoe for the accounts and her ongoing work as Treasurer.

5. Committee for 2021/2022

As previously detailed by Vron, three people are leaving the Committee this year but the others are happy to remain on. VC explained we need to keep introducing some new blood into the Committee to take it forward.

New members this year are Jo Turner and Tracey Reimer (minutes) and ideally we would like two more people.

6. Any Other Business

- i. Hard Of Hearing Group – Diana Slevin asked those present to encourage people with hearing issues to join this group as poor hearing can be very isolating
- ii. Afternoon Tea – Christine made a request for donations of any china cups and plates people no longer need.
- iii. Vron – Sue shared that Vron has been honoured with the British Empire Medal for her work with the Big Society but sadly did not get her day out at the Palace. Sue felt that the afternoon tea for 6 at The Bell was not quite the same! There was a big round of applause in the room for Vron’s wonderful work.
- iv. Norden House – Nicky Freshwater explained that the Surgery has been recognised as one of the most successful surgeries/areas of the country for it’s vaccination clinics. She stressed that this just would not have been possible without all the volunteers manning the queues and car parks and the ladies that co-ordinated the rotas relating to this. She advised they were already 60% of the way through the boosters.
- v. Committee – a suggestion was made to try and get the 50% of the town that is aged under 30 more represented on the Committee. We were encouraged to reach out to other organisations to search for younger people.
- vi. North Bucks Patient Support Service – thanked the Big Society team for ‘pulling out all the stops’ for their patients.

The meeting ended and everyone then enjoyed delicious home-made cakes and tea and coffee.

Winslow Big Society Group
Statement of Financial Activities for Year Ending 31st August 2021

Balance Brought Forward as at 1st September 2020 **5,190.70**

Income

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	1,769.50	
Wheelchair Car	(2)	5,419.15	
WBSG Events	(3)	52.74	
Donation from Winslow Bridge Club		380.16	
Other Donations	(4)	427.12	
Total Income		8,048.67	8,048.67

Expenditure

Winslow Community Car Scheme	(1)	1,051.15	
Wheelchair Car	(2)	5,882.22	
COVID-19 Expenditure	(5)	316.88	
WBSG Events	(3)	94.50	
Public Liability Insurance		423.81	
Parkinsons Group Exercise Equipment		253.64	
Publicity & Printing		55.97	
Admin Expenses	(6)	93.48	
Total Expenditure		8,171.65	8,171.65

Balance Carried Forward as at 31st August 2021 **5,067.72**

Represented By

Bank Balance per Bank Statements 1st September'21

Treasurers Account		4,271.59	
Wheelchair Car Account		256.64	
		4,528.23	4,528.23
less Creditors outstanding			
Treasurers Account (cheques not yet cashed)		-13.50	
Wheelchair Car Acct (BACS payments not yet made) (7)		-570.00	
plus Debtors outstanding			
Treasurers Account (Receipt not yet cleared on bank account)		5.00	
Wheelchair Car Acct (Income due but not yet received) (7)		1,117.99	
		539.49	539.49

5,067.72

Notes

- (1) During the last year we have been covering a lot of the Hospital Car Scheme Journeys. This has meant an increase in income, and, due to the generosity of our Car Scheme Drivers who have not been claiming their petrol allowances, we have been left with a larger surplus than normal
- (2) Lack of use at the start of the pandemic lead to a deficit on the wheelchair car accts. However the car is now being used on a regular basis and is being paid for by the DWP Access to work scheme. This has reduced the loss we would have made and if the car had been used in this way for the full year we would have covered our costs.
- (3) This is the income and costs of all our projects, the main project during 2020/21 was the Summer Playschemes
- (4) In memory Donations following a funeral £277.12
Regular Donation from Grateful member of the Community £150.00
- (5) covid-19 related costs were encountered this financial year, however WBSG were given a grant in the previous financial year to cover these costs
- (6) This cost relates to the Website Hosting Fee
- (7) DWP Access to Work are currently helping a Winslow Resident to get back to work using the Wheelchair Car. The Majority of the amounts outstanding relate to the July Invoice and Driver Expenses which were not paid by the DWP until the beginning of September
In addition there were a couple of small invoices for other wheelchair car usage that were not paid until September

Accounts Prepared By :



Treasurer :

Zoe Sutherland

Date :

13th October'21

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Reviewed & Approved By :

Independent Examiner :

Date :