



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	
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	
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	
		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
	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 :

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 :

Independent examiner:

Louise Eldred

Date : 15th January'23