



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
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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