

Lincolnshire Cares

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Annual Accounts & Trustee Report

31 March 2023

Trustees Annual Report 2022/2023

SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHARITY DURING THE YEAR

Post pandemic, the Charity's work returned to its previous regularity with added Covid precautions in place.

Weekly coffee mornings were held free of charge for anyone over 60 in Caistor and South Kelsey and these were well attended and highly valued by the older people in the community. Additionally some members were befriended in their homes on a weekly basis and this included some people who were housebound. Befriending is either face to face or by telephone by the mutual agreement of the befriender and befriended person.

Covid 19 precautions included the wearing of masks by volunteers and use of hand sanitiser, with anyone with symptoms staying away from events/ befriending. The Charity's Trustees regularly reviewed Covid precautions which volunteers are asked to adopt.

In December 2022 Volunteers delivered Christmas gifts to 123 Member addresses which were very gratefully received. As Covid was present in the community the Trustees considered a Christmas party to be too high risk due to the vulnerability of the members.

Very sadly, the former Chair and founder of the Charity, Chris Robey, passed away in 2022. Despite the shock and sadness that this caused, the work of the charity continues and is one of his many legacies.

The structure of the Charity can be summed up as follows:

Trustee Board (4 members who each have experience of running charities/not for profit organisations) responsible for

1. Ensuring that the Charity acts in the best interests of the beneficiaries and members and in line with its objectives
2. Overall financial control to ensure that the Charity's funds are secure and are spent in line with the intended charitable purpose
3. Ensuring that the Charity operates within an organisational structure which sets out purpose and rules
4. Ensuring that Health and Safety is considered in all activities and that proper training is adhered to
5. Delegating operational activities within parameters agreed by the Trustees to the Committee and to Coordinators (who arrange all one to one befriending)
6. Avoiding conflict of interest and maintaining the reputation of the Charity

The Trustees are grateful to the Committee for all its work, to volunteers who befriend and organise the social events, coffee mornings and deliveries and birthday cards, to those who fund raise, to the treasurer and accounts administrator and to its secretary.

We are very grateful to those who make donations to the Charity, without which we would be unable to operate and offer a highly valued service to the wonderful inspiring and cheerful older people in our community.

MEMBERSHIP

2017 – 12	2018 – 17	2019 – 21	2020 – 84	2021 – 147
2022 – 140	2023 -122			

When we became Lincolnshire Cares, we took the decision to ask everyone who attends our social events to become a member, hence the increase in membership from 2020.

We pay our respects to Chris Robey and to our members who have passed away this year.

VOLUNTEERS

2017 – 30	2018 – 33	2019 – 47	2020 – 43	2021 – 40
2021 – 27	2023 - 25	active volunteers		

CHARITY STATUS

Our Charity Objectives are;

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit in particular but not exclusively by the provision of an intergenerational befriending service to address loneliness and social isolation among older people living in the county of Lincolnshire arising as a result of their age, infirmity, ill-health, disability or social circumstance.

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; and ill health (physical or mental).

TRUSTEES (all re-elected at the AGM on 13th June 2022)

Julia Whittaker – Chair

Derek Commander

Angela Lawrence

Richard Hallsworth

SECRETARY (not a trustee)

Elisabeth Kneale

The trustees have made the following arrangements:

Comprehensive insurance for our activities with Hiscox.

Our application to set up a bank account with Barclays was completed in December 2022.

Online DBS checks.

Safeguarding and First Aid training for volunteers in Spring 2023.

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Julia Whittaker (Chair)

19 June 2023

Financial Statements

The trustees are pleased to present the accounts and financial report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Receipts and Payments account

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

		£
Receipts ¹		5,138
Payments		
Administrative costs	£1,048	
Charitable activities	£1,349	(2,397)
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Surplus		2,741
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¹ Income received was mainly in the form of donations from local organisations and individuals.

Statement of assets

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Cash at bank and in hand 1 April 2022	2,668
Surplus	2,741
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Cash at bank and in hand 31 March 2023	5,409
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Julia Whittaker (Chair)

19 June 2023