

**FISH VOLUNTEER CENTRE (Reg. Charity No. 1189325)**  
**Treasurer's Report 2023-24**  
**Commentary**

**For the period April 2023 – March 2024**

FISH Volunteer Centre, charity number 1189325, is an incorporated charity with a gross income of less than £250,000 per annum. The annual accounts are reported as Receipts and Payments with a year-end assets and liabilities statement.

FISH is in a healthy state financially, though we are likely to have to replace the minibus in the next few years. I would like to thank all the people who have donated or regularly donate to our Charity.

During 2023-2024 the **INCOME** was £39,353.51. This is approximately 34% lower than the previous year 2022-2023 when the income was £60,021.61.

Most of this decrease was the result of a decrease in donations as in 2022-2023 we received a large single donation. However as in previous years a large part of our income came from donations.

The car driving income was steady at £8816 for the year; compared with £7712, £8804, £7,900 and £8,261 in previous years.

A new investment account was set up in April 2023 with the United Trust Bank. We also opened two deposit accounts with NatWest earlier in 2024 which are now starting to accrue interest.

We also applied for and received £2531.93 in Gift Aid.

**PAYMENTS** for the year were £18,687.02, £1,663.26 (10%) more than the previous year total of £17,023.76. This is mainly a result of increased Utilities and Council Tax costs.

Miscellaneous items costs include a new laptop computer.

The resulting **SURPLUS** for the year April 2023 – March 2024 was £20,666.49.

The total of the bank balance and investments at the end of the year was £147,506.50 with petty cash of £487.

This allows **RESERVES** as follows:

New Minibus Reserve: £100,000; IT Reserve: £15,000; and an Operational Reserve of £10,000. This leaves £22,506.50 in the general fund.

**NOTES**

We will apply for Gift Aid again later this year.

Thank you to David Whitehead who collects all the cash and cheques from the office, pays them into the bank and records every transaction on the spreadsheet, no small task!

Thanks also to Geoff Ward whose advice and assistance with the spreadsheet has been invaluable.

And to Brian Cresswell who is the Independent Examiner of our accounts,

Treasurer: Helen Fitchett 7th July 2024

# FISH Volunteer Centre Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

## Receipts and Payments Account

Charity number 1189325

		<u>2023-2024</u>		<u>2022-2023</u>	
		(Apr 1 - Mar 31)		(Apr 1 - Mar 31)	
Receipts		£	£	£	£
Car Service	Donations through Car Drivers	8,815.57	8,815.57	7,712.05	7,712.05
Minibus	Fares	3,720.40		2,972.75	
	Other Hire	410.00		410.00	
	SODC Bus Passes	6,932.50		6,430.00	
	Bus Sponsorship	0.00		1,450.00	
	Dept. for Transport – Fuel Rebate	186.43	11,249.33	429.79	11,692.54
Other Donations	Regular Donations	2,835.00		2,975.00	
	Donations	12,940.86	15,775.86	36,973.75	39,948.75
Other Income					
	Tea Parties	788.58		668.27	
	Gift Aid	2,531.93		0.00	
	Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	
	Deposit Interest	192.24	3,512.75	0.00	668.27
	<b>Total</b>		<b>39,353.51</b>		<b>60,021.61</b>

### Payments

#### Direct Charitable Expenditure

Car Service	Drivers Expenses	-4,939.58	-4,939.58	-3,980.29	-3,980.29
Minibus	Fuel	-2,058.94		-2,183.60	
	Servicing and Repairs	-2,778.81		-715.95	
	Tax and Insurance	-1,796.32		-1,409.39	
	Other	-581.71	-7,215.78	-151.00	-4,459.94

Office Expenses	Rent, Council Tax, Electricity, Cleani	-2,957.77		-2,299.94	
	Staff Costs	0.00		-43.20	
	Telephone	-188.40		-445.42	
	Stationery	-134.47		-503.30	
	Computer Expenses	0.00		-1,317.96	
	Sundries	-943.69	-4,224.33	-555.47	-5,165.29
Other Expenditure	Tea Parties	-916.74		-1,469.82	
	Equipment	-972.11		-454.98	
	Newsletter	-232.00		-450.00	
	Home Visiting	-186.48			
	Miscellaneous		-2,307.33	-1,043.44	-3,418.24
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-18,687.02</b>		<b>-17,023.76</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/Deficit for Year</b>			<b>20,666.49</b>		<b>42,997.85</b>
Minibus	Minibus (sale of)	0.00		0.00	
	Minibus (purchase of)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Premises	Receipts - Fund Raising				
	Grants received	0.00			
	<b>Expenses/costs</b>	0.00	0.00		
<b>Transfer funds from old to new FISH</b>		0.00	0.00		
<b>Non- Operating Surplus/Deficit for Year</b>			<b>0.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>			<b>20,666.49</b>		<b>42,997.85</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2024

<b>Monetary Assets</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Natwest Current Account (New)	42,314.26	126,921.73
United Trust Bank	75,000.00	
NatWest Deposit Account	30,192.24	
Cash	486.57	404.85
<b>Total for general purposes funds as above</b>	<b><u>147,993.07</u></b>	<b><u>127,326.58</u></b>
<b>Assets retained for the Charity's own use</b>		
Minibus		

Signed: .....Helen Fitchett.....

Date: 7th July 2024

Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Fish volunteer Centre

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

118325

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

- I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Brian Cresswell*

Date:

7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Name:

Brian Cresswell

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Section B

Disclosure