

FISH VOLUNTEER CENTRE (Reg. Charity No. 1189325)
Treasurer's Report 2024-25
Commentary

For the period April 2024 – March 2025

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. We are also looking to update and improve our computer booking system.

I would like to thank all the people who have donated or regularly donate to our Charity.

During 2024-2025 the **INCOME** was £43,970.36. This is approximately 12% higher than the previous year 2023-2024 when the income was £39,353.31.

Most of this increase was the result of an increase in donations. As in previous years a large part of our income came from donations.

The car driving income was steady at £8,388 for the year; compared with £8,816, £7,712, £8,804, £7,900 and £8,261 in previous years.

The investment account with the United Trust Bank and the two deposit accounts with NatWest have earned us a total of £5,552.62 in interest. This is significantly more than the previous financial year as the accounts were only opened in early 2024.

We have again applied for Gift Aid on donations, but this did not come through until April 2025.

PAYMENTS for the year were £20,616.34, £1,929.32 (10%) more than the previous year total of £18,687.02. This is mainly a result of increased Utilities and Council Tax costs, and vehicle maintenance costs.

Miscellaneous items costs include a new laptop computer for the office staff.

The resulting **SURPLUS** for the year April 2024 – March 2025 was £23,354.04.

The total of the bank balance and investments at the end of the year was £171,347.11 with petty cash of £552.81.

This allows **RESERVES** as follows:

New Minibus Reserve: £120,000

IT Reserve: £30,000

New Building Fund: £10,000.

This leaves £11,347.11 in the general fund.

NOTES

We will apply for Gift Aid again later this year including for donations made in the Collecting Boxes.

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 27th June 2025

FISH Volunteer Centre Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account

Charity number 1189325

	2024-2025 (Apr 1 - Mar 31)	2023-2024 (Apr 1 - Mar 31)
Receipts		
Car Service	8,387.55	8,815.57
Minibus		
Fares	3,178.00	3,720.40
Other Hire	65.00	410.00
SODC Bus Passes	5,502.50	6,932.50
Bus Sponsorship	1,705.00	0.00
Depl. for Transport - Fuel Rebate	484.84	186.43
Regular Donations	2,969.00	2,835.00
Donations	15,427.50	12,940.86
Other Income	698.37	788.58
Tea Parties	0.00	2,531.93
Gift Aid	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	192.24
Deposit Interest	5,552.62	3,512.75
Total	43,970.38	39,353.51
Payments		
Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Car Service	(4,721.92)	(4,939.58)
Minibus		
Fuel	(2,104.53)	(2,058.94)
Servicing and Repairs	(3,905.88)	(2,778.81)
Tax and Insurance	(1,526.82)	(1,796.32)
Other	(1,001.00)	(581.71)
Rent, Council Tax, Electricity, Cleaning	(3,639.87)	(2,957.77)
Staff Costs	0.00	0.00
Telephone	(208.40)	(186.40)
Stationery	(10.20)	(134.47)
Computer Expenses	(18.00)	0.00
Sundries	(1,774.37)	(943.69)
Tea Parties	(858.92)	(916.74)
Equipment	(783.43)	(972.11)
Newsletter	0.00	(232.00)
Home Visiting	(64.00)	(166.48)
Miscellaneous		(2,307.33)
Total	(20,616.34)	(18,687.02)
Operating Surplus/Deficit for Year	23,354.04	20,666.49
Minibus		
Minibus (sale of)	0.00	0.00
Minibus (purchase of)	0.00	0.00
New Premises		
Receipts - Fund Raising	0.00	0.00
Grants received	0.00	0.00
Expenses/costs	0.00	0.00
Transfer funds from old to new FISH	0.00	0.00
Non-Operating Surplus/Deficit for Year	0.00	0.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	23,354.04	20,666.49
Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2025		
Monetary Assets		
Bank and Cash Balances	4,549.44	42,314.26
NatWest Current New	552.81	486.57
Cash in office	9,814.70	0.00
Deposit Account	78,244.87	75,000.00
United Trust Bank	78,185.29	30,192.24
Liquidity Manager 95 day	0.00	0.00
Unbanked cash/cheques	0.00	0.00
Total for general purposes funds as above	171,347.11	147,993.07
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
Minibus		
Treasurer		

Signed:

Helen M. Fitch

Date:

27/06/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Fish Volunteer Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

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 31/03/2025

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent 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.

Signed:

Date:

16/07/2025

Name:

Brian Cresswell

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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