# Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statement from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

**Charity name:** The Wednesday Club

**Charity registration name:** 1191709

**Charity address:** Waddesdon Hall, High Street, Waddesdon, HP18 0JE

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for The Wednesday Club for the financial period 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023.

The Financial Statement has been written to comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act and in line with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice.

## Introduction to The Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club is a registered CIO which was registered on 8th of October 2020. The charity's main purpose is to provide a weekly provision that supports the wellbeing of the elderly in Waddesdon and surrounding areas. Some of our service users have multiple needs including physical and mental health disabilities and some are vulnerable due to isolation.

We offer a continuous programme that operates for 48 Wednesdays per year for a total of 5 hours per session. The club is supported by DBS cleared volunteers and is free of charge to ensure inclusivity for all.

## Objectives and activities

The objectives of The Wednesday Club, as defined in our constitution, are for public benefit and are carried out in Waddesdon as deemed necessary and determined by the Trustees.

Our key objectives are:

- provision of practical support to families of our service users by signposting them to professional services available in the area
- provision of social interaction to combat isolation and loneliness
- provision of a freshly cooked, 2 course meal cumulating in eating together
- provision of transport with assistance of trained volunteers
- provision of stimulation through entertainment and physical and mental exercise

Our activities include:

- Entertainment provided by external providers such as local schools and entertainers
- Physical exercise including dancing
- Music therapy
- Crafting
- Bingo
- Quiz
- Board games

The activities are designed to encourage teamwork and social interaction, stimulate mental/physical activity, and improve mood and ability. We ensure that the activities are enjoyable and provide a sense of achievement.

**Deprivation and the elderly in Buckinghamshire**

Whilst Buckinghamshire overall has relatively low levels of deprivation compared with the rest of the country (as measured by the English Indices of Deprivation), there are significant inequalities in levels of deprivation within the county, with pockets of deprivation in all parts of Buckinghamshire, which includes Aylesbury.

The Adult Disability Profile, 2019 in Aylesbury Vale has 34,300 of 65+ year old adults living with a physical and learning disability and 6,285 75+ year old adults living alone.
*Source: Data taken from POPPI and PANSI August 2019*

**Achievement and performance**

We are proud to highlight the remarkable achievements and positive impact made by our Hall Manager, Volunteers and local secondary students in fostering a thriving community. Our endeavours have resulted in:

- meeting the demand of referrals from local community organisations such as Buckinghamshire adults services, carer support and local surgery
- a hall filled with happy and involved service users (on average 34 users). We started with 12 service users after the pandemic
- a vibrant and engaging atmosphere where service users actively participate in activities
- combatting social isolation whilst building lasting friendships
- fostering of a strong sense of community spirit that resonates with all participants whilst promoting a sense of belonging

**Achievement and performance (continued)**

- enhancing quality of life by managing conditions of age-related illnesses though physical and mental exercise
- successful recruitment and retaining of volunteers (6) which is essential to the success of our program
- successful partnership with the secondary school within the village which provide from students (12) who engage with the community
- providing vital support to a minimum of 50 older individuals with diverse and complex needs
- offering much-needed respite for families and caregivers, allowing them time for work, personal needs, or simply to rest and relax
- establishment and implementation of befriending services on various days of the week to support both service users and their caregivers
- ensuring diverse and suitable entertainment options that cater to the preferences and interests of our community
- provision of nutritional hot meals whilst using local produce and the community fridge (reducing food waste)
- conducting workshops focused on raising awareness about dementia, contributing to education and understanding within the community.

These achievements reflect our commitment to creating a positive and inclusive environment, enriching the lives of those we support, and strengthening the bonds within our community. We look forward to continuing this impactful journey and making a lasting difference in the lives of many.

**Aims for next financial year**

- Continue to deliver high quality activities whilst meeting the demand of service users
- Planning for long-term sustainability of the charity
- Improve feedback mechanisms so that we can better understand the difference our charity makes

**The Wednesday Club (Waddesdon)**

**Income and Expenditure**

**From April 2022 to March 2023**

| | £ |
|---|---|
| **Income** | |
| Grants | 6,300.00 |
| Individual Donations | 2,352.00 |
| Business Donations | 310.00 |
| Interest Received | 11.22 |
| | 8,973.22 |
| **Expenditure** | |
| Activities | 1,555.00 |
| Food | 3,150.18 |
| Office Costs | 144.00 |
| Rent | 5,184.00 |
| Service User Transport | 1,570.00 |
| Gifts | 120.00 |
| Wages – Self-employed | 18,000.00 |
| Mobile phone charges | 17.97 |
| Subscriptions | 206.88 |
| Accountancy | 187.00 |
| | 30,135.03 |
| Deficit for the year | **(21,161.81)** |

## The Wednesday Club (Waddesdon)

### Balance Sheet

### From April 2022 to March 2023

| | £ |
|---|---|
| **Assets** | |
| **Cash & Bank** | |
| Lloyds Current Account | 4,238.06 |
| Lloyds Reserve Account | 5,928.08 |
| Soldo – Chef | 150.00 |
| Soldo – Main | 94.05 |
| Soldo – Ashley | 6.00 |
| **Total Cash & Bank** | **10,416.19** |
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| **Other Current Assets** | |
| Accounts Receivable | (20.00) |
| **Total Other Current Assets** | **(20.00)** |
| | |
| **Long-Term Assets** | |
| F&F | 1,760.94 |
| F&F Depn | (1,760.94) |
| **Total Long-Term Assets** | - |
| | **10,396.19** |
| **Liabilities** | |
| **Current Liabilities** | |
| Accounts Payable | - |
| Accruals | 9,007.00 |
| Over/Under Payments Due | (61.10) |
| **Total Current Liabilities** | **8,945.90** |
| | |
| **Equity** | |
| **Retained Earnings** | |
| Profit for all prior years | 22,612.10 |
| Profit 1 April 22-31 March 23 | (21,161.81) |
| **Total Retained Earnings** | **1,450.29** |
| **Total Equity** | **1,450.29** |

## Financial Review

Our equity of £1,450.29 will be put towards the charity's operating expenditure in the next financial year.

£5,928 is held in reserve. There is no specific Reserve policy in place; however, there is a general understanding that the goal is to maintain a reserve equivalent to three months' worth of running costs.

We are anticipating the next financial year will be positive with the financial support of two funders multi-year grants and other grant applications in the pipeline. Our service user numbers are expected to increase providing donations as another income stream.

## Structure, governance and management

### Governance and trustee appointments

The trustees meet regularly and at least once every quarter, with ad-hoc meetings convened as required. During the trustee quarterly meetings, the trustees review the charity's finances, as well as discussing progress and deliveries against its core purpose. All major new actions and future strategic decisions are defined and agreed by the trustees during these meetings.

All appointed trustees have been given a copy of the charity's constitution and annual report and accounts. They are also informed about, and provided with weblinks to the Charity Commission's website and guidance outlining the role and responsibilities of a trustee and public benefit.

**Trustee re-appointment**

Any new trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

**Operational management and organisation**

The Wednesday Club (Waddesdon) has no permanent paid employees.

The trustees manage the financial management of the charity and oversee a Hall Manager who is paid to manage the operational management as well as managing partnerships and other activities.

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

| **Trustee name** | **Office (if any)** | **Dates acted if not for whole year** |
|---|---|---|
| Lisa Gordon | Trustee | 1/4/22-24/5/22 |
| Alison Ruth May | Trustee | 1/4/22-13/2/24 |
| Ian Blake | Trustee | 30/3/23- |
| Jane Perks | Chair | 1/4/22-24/5/22 |
| Helena Dennis | Trustee | 8/6/23-8/23 |
| Lisa Gordon | Chair | 24/5/22-20/2/24 |
| Joyce Gibson | Trustee | 28/11/23- |
| Karen Nicoll | Trustee | 28/11/23-13/2/24 |
| Karen Nicoll | Chair | 20/2/24- |
| Catherine Couzens | Trustee | 8/6/23-13/2/24 |
| AJ Wilson | Trustee | 20/2/24- |

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's Report. Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Full name: Karen Nicoll

Position: Chair

Date:25/2/24