

ROSIE MINIBUS ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1196049

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-10-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE A COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SERVICE, FOR THE INHABITANTS OF HART AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUCH A SERVICE BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE, SICKNESS OR DISABILITY.

Activities: TO PROVIDE MINIBUS SERVICES IN AND IN THE ENVIRONS OF HARTLEY WINTNEY

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£5,651	£5,015	-	-
2024-08-31	£5,701	£9,288	-	-
2023-08-31	£4,675	£4,445	-	-
2022-08-31	£1,680	£14,966	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Graham Gillies	Chair	2021-10-01
ALICE CHRISTINA ROZALIA MATLAK		2023-03-01
Arwyn Howells Jones		2023-03-01
David Alan Tunnell		2021-10-01
David Skellern		2023-03-01
Derek Trendell		2021-10-01
Deryck Martin		2023-03-01
Janet Johnston		2023-03-01

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2024/25

As I began to draft what will be my last Chairman's report, I reflected on the changes we have experienced over the years.

I first became involved as a driver back in 2000 when I retired. In those days our work was to collect clients and take them to the then Rosefield Day Centre and then take them home, for four days a week.

The centre was run under a contract with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and employed four nurses and a cook. As a result of demands from HCC], which could not be met at Rosefield, the centre moved to Odiham Cottage Hospital.

When our contract came up for renewal we could not cope with increased financial and other demands from HCC and it came under the aegis of Age Concern Hampshire (ACH) in 2012. Our bus continued to provide the required transport for some years, but this was also taken over by ACH eventually.

Since then we have provided transport, often on a free basis, to the local community. Our most important clients now are the Scouts and Bluebell Café. Some U3A groups also use us, we do shopping trips and are available to provide trips for local groups who register with us. Our financial position remains strong.

We still cooperate with the local council but our operations are independent of one another.

We continue to provide a valued service, but change is needed. We may decide to get a new bus and we certainly need some younger trustees and a new Chairman.

We continue to be totally dependent upon the excellent work done by our volunteers, whether drivers, passenger assistants, helpers or committee members. I, and I am sure, the local community, are very grateful for all they do.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed.

Derek Trendell

23 October 2025

ROSIE MINIBUS ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENTS

	2024-25	2023-24
STARTING BANK BALANCES	£	£
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	46025.81	49917.79
Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	3079.87	2774.62
Total	£49105.68	£52692.41
RECEIPTS		
Hire of Community Bus	0.00	182.35
Hire of Rosie	2831.37	2349.79
Bank Interest	2052.85	2108.72
VAT Refunds	585.38	826.41
Bus Services Operator's Grant	181.76	235.17
	£5651.36	£5701.74
PAYMENTS		
Minibus Fuel	785.79	822.21
Insurance	1123.28	984.31
Minibus Servicing & repairs including MOT	2714.51	2094.15
Section 19,Blue badge	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Tax	90.75	165.00
Training & CRB checks of volunteers	0.00	480.00
Other items	53.76	742.80
Sundry Expenses	246.67	0.00
Contribution to Community Bus	0.00	4000.00
Total	£5014.76	£9288.47
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	636.60	(3586.73)
CLOSING BANK BALANCES		
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	45078.66	46025.81
Lloyds Bank Treasurer's Account	4663.62	3079.87
Total	£49742.28	£49105.68

D.A.Tunnell, Honorary Treasurer.
10.10.2025

TREASURERS REPORT

The financial situation is still healthy with total funds at nearly £50000 but it should be noted that we have traded at a loss and it is only the interest from our savings account which gives a profit for the year. Note also that there have been no training costs this year. It is costing more to maintain Rosie and we have to decide whether to replace the heater, which will cost over £1000. Interest rates are falling and if we buy a new bus our capital will decrease, reducing the interest even more.

Nevertheless I believe our service is essential to Hartley Wintney, especially the old an infirm, and we should continue operating.

I recommend an increase in the mileage charge to at least £1.10 to help offset increasing costs.

David Tunnell, Hon Treasurer

HON. TREASURERS REPORT

We still have a healthy reserve but total funds have decreased by £3500. This was due to paying £4000 towards running costs of the Community Bus, which completes our commitment to HWPC. The overall loss was decreased by £2108 interest on our deposit account, better than last year as the interest rate has increased.

Income from hire (£2532) slightly exceeded running costs after VAT refund (£2405) but this does not include costs of training nor fixed costs such as insurance and vehicle duty. A major contribution to costs is the £600 annual payment for safety inspections which we are now forced to have. The mileage charge will be increased on 1 September 2024 to £1.05 for the first 50 miles, reduced to £0.525 after that and a further increase is anticipated next year. This will be the first increase for many years and it should be noted that these increases are far less than inflation over that time.

VAT refund and BSOG are now claimed routinely. This year's VAT figures include back payments, for a normal year we would expect about £400, (16.7% of purchases).

Our bank Current account has been changed to a Lloyds Treasurer's account, which enables payment of bills by Debit Card rather than cheques and credits go straight into the account. This is working very smoothly and greatly simplifies the paperwork.

David Tunnell
8 October 2024

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023/24

The Rosie Minibus has had another successful year thanks to all the hard work of all of our volunteers. Drivers, Passenger Assistants, helpers, and committee members all have played a part.

Our most important clients continue to be the Scouts and Bluebell Café and I know how important we are to them, but also to the school, the Over 55s and the community generally.

We continue to co-operate well with the Hartley Wintney Parish Council, albeit sometimes with a bit of give and take, including driving the community bus.

Thanks to David's efforts our financial position remains strong.

We will need to increase our charges to clients as costs inexorably rise. Some of these costs are due to the age of the vehicle and Graham is suggesting that we need to consider whether it should be replaced.

Let me finish by thanking all of our volunteers. You enable some members of the community to do things they would otherwise not be able to do. Others enjoy a door to door chauffeur driven service.

You are providing a valuable service to the community and it is important that it continues.

Derek Trendell

27 September 2024

ROSIE MINIBUS ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENTS

	2023-24	2022-23
STARTING BANK BALANCES		
	£	£
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	49917.79	50783.84
NatWest Current Account	2774.62	1678.14
Total	£52692.41	£52461.98
RECEIPTS		
Hire of Community Bus	182.35	1345.04
Hire of Rosie	2349.79	2196.50
Bank Interest	2108.72	1133.95
VAT Refunds	826.41	0.00
Bus Services Operator's Grant	235.17	0.00
	£5701.74	£4675.49
PAYMENTS		
Minibus Fuel	822.21	893.06
Insurance	984.31	1011.17
Minibus Servicing & repairs including MOT	2094.15	1381.26
Ramp		396.00
Section 19,Blue badge	0.00	21.00
Vehicle Tax	165.00	255.75
Training & CRB checks of volunteers	480.00	240.00
Other items	742.80	239.67
Sundry Expenses	0.00	7.15
Contribution to Community Bus	4000.00	0.00
Total	£9288.47	£4445.06
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	(3586.73)	(230.43)
CLOSING BANK BALANCES		
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	46025.81	49917.79
Lloyds Bank Treasurer's/NatWest Account	3079.87	2774.62
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26.09.2024

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David Tunnell
8 October 2024

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The Rosie Minibus was started originally to take clients to the Rosefield Day Centre in Hartley Wintney from the village and surrounding area and return them home. The Day Centre was open on most weekdays and its clients were largely people with a form of dementia. It was funded by Hampshire County Council and increasing property improvement demands by HCC lead to it moving to the former Odiham Cottage Hospital.

The Rosie Minibus carried on this task after the move but was eventually replaced by the hospital's bus in 2015.

Rosie had had other clients, and it was decided to keep it operating to serve local groups. The mileage per annum dropped but an important service was maintained for the village.

Then came covid which changed everything. Public local bus services declined substantially, and Hartley Wintney Parish Council wanted to set up a community bus service to compensate. This was done in consultation with Rosie, and we played a large part in setting it up and buying the bus.

There was an initial trial period when the community bus started, and the Rosie bus was kept off the road. The trial showed that there was still need for the Rosie bus and operations were resumed.

We now have a well-established relationship with the community bus. Our drivers drive it on shopping trips and on all the group trips it has been used for.

2022/3 was the year that Rosie, after all that had happened between whiles, got back up to a very respectable usage and mileage.

Graham Gillies has provided a very interesting summary of the miles driven each year since 2007/8 which I have attached.

The Scouts and the Bluebell Café account for almost ninety percent of usage for the year, but the local school and local events, for which there is no charge, are also important.

This is only possible because of the hard work and dedication of all our volunteers. We have managed to recruit four new drivers who have passed the Minibus Driver Awareness course and should enable us to increase our trips in future, including free trips for the over fifty fives.

David Tunnell's report shows our financial position, but strenuous efforts are made to control costs. Unfortunately, it has now been confirmed that under our Permit 19 we have to have an inspection of the bus every ten weeks and this will cost some £660 this year.

The committee will, in the near future, decide whether to replace our current sixteen-year-old bus and also review our hire charge rates. These have not changed from £1 per mile and half that after 30 miles, for many years.

I will finish this report by thanking all of our volunteers. You are providing a service valued by the community which would otherwise not be available. You should all be proud of the contribution you are making to the well-being of our village.

Derek Trendell

20 October 2023

ROSIE MINIBUS ORGANISATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENTS

	2022-23	2021-22
BANK BALANCES 1 September 2022	£	£
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	50783.84	61217.77
NatWest Current Account	1678.14	4530.44
Total	£52461.98	£65748.21
RECEIPTS		
Hire of Community Bus	1345.04	1113.77
Hire of Rosie	2196.50	
Bank Interest	1133.95	566.07
VAT Refunds	0.00	
Bus Services Operator's Grant	0.00	
	£4675.49	£1679.84
PAYMENTS		
Minibus Fuel	893.06	0.00
Insurance	1011.17	631.75
Minibus Servicing & repairs including MOT	1381.26	337.22
Ramp	396.00	
Section 19,Blue badge	21.00	
Vehicle Tax	255.75	
Training & CRB checks of volunteers	240.00	770.00
Other items	239.67	
Sundry Expenses	7.15	
Contribution to Community Bus	0.00	13206.00
Total	£4445.06	£14966.07
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS (£13286.23)	 (230.43)	
BANK BALANCES 1 September 2023		
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	49917.79	50783.84
NatWest Current Account	2774.62	1678.14
Total	£52692.41	£52461.98

D.A.Tunnell, Honorary Treasurer.
16.10.2023

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Rosie Minibus Organisation - Annual Report for 2023

This Annual Report is based on our last financial year from 1st September 2021 until 31st August 2022 and it looks to the future. The financial statement is attached.

Our organisation comprises unpaid volunteer drivers and passenger assistants and has been operating for over 30 years. We have a chairman, secretary, treasurer, and a personnel officer and four other committee members with defined roles. We are a not-for-profit organisation and became a registered charity in October 2021.

Covid 19 has had a profound impact on our work in this financial year. Our drivers and most of our minibus users are 70 years or older and, following Covid guidance, we stopped running Rosie on 19th March 2020 and this Covid moratorium continued until the 24th February 2022.

We didn't recommence using Rosie immediately because of an on-going trial, in association with the Parish Council, to see if the new community bus alone could serve the transport needs of the Parish. The trial period finished in October 2022 when it was concluded that Rosie minibus is required for trips when the community bus is not available and to continue our service to provide free transport for the elderly and those without transport to local events. Also, to provide low cost transport for the local scout group.

Our objectives remain to increase the number of drivers and passenger assistants, so that we can continue our service and also provide a low-cost door-to door service for dementia sufferers and their carers. We are also planning for Rosie drivers to be driving the community bus for weekly shopping and on low-cost trips for local groups to places of interest.

We aim to achieve a target of 5000 miles per annum for Rosie minibus, as soon as possible, to cover its fixed costs associated with running a minibus. We plan to replace our 14 year old Rosie minibus with a larger one, within 3 years, assuming we achieve our objectives and we have sufficient funds available.

ROSIE MINIBUS COMMITTEE
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

BANK BALANCES 1 September 2021	£	
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	61217.77	
NatWest Current Account	4530.44	
Total		£65748.21
RECEIPTS		
Hire of Minibus (Community Bus)	1113.77	
Bank Interest	566.07	
VAT Refunds	0.00	
Bus Services Operator's Grant	0.00	
Total		£1679.84
PAYMENTS		
Minibus Fuel	0.00	
Insurance	631.75	
Minibus Servicing & repairs including MOT	337.22	
Community Transport Membership	0.00	
Section 19,Blue badge	0.00	
Vehicle Tax	0.00	
Training & CRB checks of volunteers	770.00	
Sundry Expenses	21.10	
Contribution to Community Bus	13206.00	
Total		£14966.07
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS		(£13286.23)
BANK BALANCES 1 September 2022		
Cambridge and Counties Bank Saver Account	50783.84	
NatWest Current Account	1678.14	
Total		£52461.98

D.A.Tunnell, Honorary Treasurer.
24.11.2020