

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