

ROSIE MINIBUS ORGANISATION

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

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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 and 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