

Annual Report for Cromer Cares Charity for period 8th October 2021 – 31st March 2023

It has been an extremely successful year for Cromer Cares in its first year in operation as a Charity. Whilst the organisation existed beforehand and was set up to respond to the needs of residents during the Covid Pandemic, the Charity has developed to meet the demands and needs of residents subsequently.

It is a huge achievement that the charity completed 839 transports to medical appointments and covid vaccinations prior to charity status, though in the period between 8th October 2021 to 31st March 2023, completed a further 464. This continues to be the primary requirement for our services, in assisting people who struggle to access medical appointments due to financial, social care, and medical needs.

The most significant change our organisation has seen since Charitable status was achieved was the changes in demand for prescription deliveries. There was a significant need during the pandemic, where the organisation was directly supporting local pharmacies in this effort, with 3948 prescriptions delivered prior to charity status. There were just 49 delivered in the period between 8th October 2021 and 31st March 2023. This occurred because of pharmacies being able to handle the demand and people presenting to collect again themselves.

Other areas of work have included working alongside the Trussell Trust Foodbank in providing food parcels and support with energy, and organisations such as the Community Fridge, and generally responding to the needs of people due to economic hardship. This work has included the direct provision of energy and heating oil, and the purchasing of white goods like washing machines and cookers, and latterly, beds for children who did not have one. It is these needs where the charity has chosen to focus more of its attention in the year following this period.

We have also supported a number of households directly with tasks such as carrying out their shopping, some basic household tasks, and assistance with bills and other obligations. This has been particularly important for the household we are supporting where ill health, social care needs, or health issues such as addiction have been a factor.

Distinct from other projects, we also held our very first free Christmas Party for children in the area and we were able to provide gifts to children – this was extremely successful and enjoyable for all. This sits alongside our other work around Christmas, which includes provision of meals and hampers to several older residents.

We continue to receive referrals from statutory organisations, including the District and County Council, the Health Service, but also from other voluntary organisations.

Our operating capital in the first year has largely been financed by grants by the Town Council and Norfolk Community Foundation, alongside several other smaller grants and donations.

We are delighted we have been able to recruit new volunteers to carry out the work we are doing now, despite many of those previously working with us having gone back to work and no longer being able to give the time. New volunteers have started and have begun shaping the charity to meet new and emerging needs in Cromer and the surrounding villages where we work.



Chair of Trustees – Tim Adams

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2023

BALANCE SHEET

	Note	31 st March, 2023 £	31 st March, 2022 £
ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		16,708.36 =====	19,326.80 =====
FUNDS			
General Fund	1	16,708.36 =====	19,326.80 =====

The Accounts on pages 1 to 3 were approved by the Trustees on Tuesday 19th March, 2024.

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Tim Adams

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Date

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Julie Chance

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Date

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Note	Year Ended 31 st March, 2023 £	Three Months Ended 31 st March, 2022 £
RECEIPTS			
Donations		8,610.29	115.00
Fundraising		541.00	-
Grants	2	31,000.00	22,770.64
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		40,151.29	22,885.64
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PAYMENTS			
Transport		11,663.35	969.00
Food and Essentials		8,737.60	1,218.62
Christmas Party & Hampers		2,789.32	-
Repairs, Maintenance and Key Safes		258.98	59.99
Furniture		3,375.94	1,215.13
Telephone		578.50	96.10
Oil		893.29	-
Utilities		787.95	-
Insurance		761.50	-
Travel		52.50	-
Household Support Fund		11,400.00	-
Lanyards		127.80	-
Vets & Cattery		1,343.00	-
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		42,769.73	3,558.84
Surplus/(Deficit)		(2,618.44)	19,326.80
Opening Cash at Bank		19,326.80	-
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Closing Cash at Bank		16,708.36	19,326.80
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NOTES

1. General Fund	£	£
Opening Fund	19,326.80	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(2,618.44)	19,326.80
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Closing Fund	16,708.36	19,326.80
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2. Grants

£22,770.64 previously held on behalf of Cromer Cares by Cromer Town Council was transferred following the opening of the bank account.

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BANK RECONCILIATION

£

Balance per bank statement 17,488.76

Less: Outstanding Cheques:-

6	59.00	
160	192.00	
161	444.00	
162	85.40	
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Balance per cash book -----
16,708.36
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Independent External Audit of Cromer Cares Accounts year ending 31st March 2023
Charity Number 1196069

I have undertaken a review of Cromer Cares accounts year ending 31st March 2023 and I
can confirm:

- you have kept proper accounting records
- your financial statements comply with accounting requirements and accord with
the records.

Name - Rachel Sidell
Role - General Manager
Merchants' Place Community Resource & Learning Centre
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Signed *R Sidell* Dated *27/3/2024*