

CHOLSEY VOLUNTEERS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1197845

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-02-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE RELIEF OF INDIVIDUALS IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN CHOLSEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FREE AND SUBSIDISED FOOD AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT SERVICES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TRANSPORT TO APPOINTMENTS, ASSISTANCE WITH COLLECTION OF SHOPPING AND MEDICATION, BEFRIENDING AND ADVOCACY.

Activities: For the public benefit, the relief of individuals in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in Cholsey and the surrounding area through the provision of free and subsidised food and volunteer support services, including but not limited to, transport to appointments, assistance with collection of shopping and medication, befriending and advoc

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Area of benefit: LOCAL
- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£42,729	£47,432	-	-
2024-12-31	£43,998	£39,160	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,390	£41,867	-	-
2022-12-31	£71,791	£26,403	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Fry		2022-02-08
EVELYN EVANS		2022-02-08
Elizabeth Margaret Hay		2023-09-18
Grace Lavinia Hartley		2026-05-26
Helen Powis		2022-02-08
John Wheeler		2022-02-08

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Accounts

Cholsey Volunteers Trust
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Trustees' Annual Report 2025

Names of Trustees

Mr. Christopher Fry	Chair
Mr. John Wheeler	Treasurer
Mrs. Louise McAlister	Secretary
Mrs. Eve Evans	
Mrs. Helen Powis	
Ms. Lizzy Hay	

Bank

Lloyds Bank Newmarket Branch 48 High St, Newmarket CB8 8LF

Governance

Cholsey Volunteers Trust was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 8 February 2022 and registered as charity no 1197845. This is our fourth Annual Report. The Trust was formed using the Foundation Model structure provided by the Charity Commission.

Appointment of Trustees

The founding trustees were appointed with staggered terms to ensure continuity: two for one year, three for two years, and two for three years. In 2026, Eve Evans and John Wheeler, having been founding trustees for one year and having completed their re-elected terms in February 2026 will have to stand for re-election of the two year balance of their two term entitlement

Policies and Procedures

To guide the Trustees in exercising their duty of care, the following policy statements have been adopted:

- Safeguarding Policy

- Data Protection Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Reserves Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Volunteer Drivers Policy
- Volunteers Policy

Additionally, a comprehensive range of employment policies has been established. Copies of these policies are available to Trustees and other interested parties.

Risk Management

The Trustees recognize their legal obligation to protect service users and employees through adequate and appropriate insurance. Suitable cover has been arranged by Macbeth Chartered Insurance Brokers of Theale for public liability, employers' liability, business interruption, and legal assistance. The Trust also own two vehicles, which are covered by a different broker, Wrightsure of Fareham.

Objectives of the Charity

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Principal Activities in Pursuit of Objectives

Cholsey Volunteers has maintained and expanded the services developed over the past two years:

- Local transport, especially to and from hospitals and medical centres
- Prescription deliveries
- Delivery of Meals on Foot in association with the Cholsey Day Centre

- Operation of the Food Bank
- Operation of the Community Larder in association with SOFEA
- Establishment of an Advocacy and Support Hub

Our Development Officer, Jane Tyndall, continues to do a tremendous job maintaining the volunteer database and matching volunteers' aspirations with available opportunities. This has led to the creation of dedicated teams for the Community Larder and Food Bank, which now operate as almost autonomous units. We have also established Cholsey Welcome Space, a dedicated facility housed in Cholsey Pavilion, providing regular puzzle and meeting days throughout the year, as well as a Slow Cooker project funded through grants from South Oxfordshire Housing Association.

We have also, by way of a grant from Oxfordshire County Council, been able to employ a driver for maintaining our service level, and since our last annual report have received a grant from Oxfordshire Community Foundation to purchase a second vehicle.

The figures speak volumes about our achievements:

- 350 lifts to hospitals and doctors in the last 12 months, a 9% decrease on last year
- An average of 56 lifts per week to and from the Day Centre each week, which is a 34% increase on last year
- Approximately 2,800 meals delivered which is an 8% increase on last year, 1,700 treat bags delivered which is a 9% increase on last year, and 1,800 food boxes delivered which is a 14% decrease on last year,
- Our shopping and prescription deliveries remain in line with 2024.
- Our Community Larder membership has dropped by 17% due to an increased cost, however, we are starting to see a steady increase in new members.

Our growth and resilience have made us a permanent fixture in the village, encouraging a significant number of 'can-do' individuals to get involved, enriching the community.

Funding Strategy

The Trustees aim to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. In 2025, this was largely achieved through public donations, fundraising, and several small grants, in addition to a surplus carried over from the previous year.

Recognizing that the era of generous grants during lockdowns has passed, the Trustees will seek to expand the funding base by approaching local businesses and seeking broader community support through regular donations.

Reserves Policy

The charity benefited from the winding up of another village charity, Cholsey Relief In Need, which transferred nearly £21,000 to the Trust during the application for charitable status. This enabled the Trust to set aside £20,000 as a long-term reserve. The aim remains to maintain this reserve over the next five years. Given this commitment, the Trust has been able to invest a large proportion of the reserve in fixed term bonds to maximise income,

Future Plans

In 2025, the Trust focused on consolidating existing provisions while securing its financial position and raising its local profile. This has been done to great effect. Cholsey Volunteers has become a widely recognised and accepted local 'brand', and has started to attract donations from further afield.

In the coming year, the Trust will continue efforts to secure a broader funding base and further integrate its work with Cholsey Pavilion, Cholsey Day Centre, and other village organizations, providing a sustaining network of support for the village.

Closing Statement

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed by email after the AGM on behalf of the charity's trustees

Mr Christopher Fry

Position Chair

Date 26 May 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
of Cholsey Volunteers Trust
for the year ended 31st December 2025

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Signed 

Date: 5/4/26

Name: John Moore

Address: 5 Tudor Crescent, Swindon. SN3 4JS

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Receipts and Payments Account 1 Jan 2025 - 31 Dec 2025

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Grants	11100.00	14300
Fundraising	6279.45	4285.96
Donations	19278.50	14436.97
Food Bank	4932.00	4320
Sales	917.75	0
Other	220.84	714.65
Warm Hub	0.00	5940
	42728.54	43997.58
PAYMENTS		
Staff	27634.35	19544.40
Pensions	1528.13	1582.36
Payroll Costs	672.00	840.00
Vehicle	1392.17	1599.16
Web Hosting	336.48	367.95
Telephone	118.20	128.05
Supplies	1752.62	1122.09
Insurance	483.96	484.33
Premises	5100.00	0.00
Food Bank	6115.65	4584.44
Other	17287.11	2998.91
Community Larder	0.00	0.00
Warm Space	11.50	5908.75
	62432.17	39160.44
BALANCE	23045.12	42748.75

Closing bank £23,045.12
Bond £15,000.00

Total assets £38,045.12

Represented by:

Committed reserves:

Warm Hub £1,204.14
Food bank £3,078.39
OCC 2025 £5,000.00
OCF 2026 £5,000.00

Uncommitted reserves:

Reserve £20,000.00
Other £3762.59

Total reserves £38,045.12

Explanatory Note

The grants shown in the reserve are the residual balances of grants received in 2025, as below

Grants	All Grants	OCC 2025	Notes	OCF 2026	Notes	Other	Notes
Opening bal	£12,300	£12,300		£0		£0	
Add New	£11,100	£0		£10,100		£1,000	<i>Co-op & Truckfest</i>
Less Spent	£13,400	£7,300	<i>Driver payments General Admin</i>	£5,100	<i>Premises: Cholsey Pav + Day Centre</i>	£1,000	<i>Comm Larder General Op</i>
Closing bal	£10,000	£5,000		£5,000		£0	

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As I prepare to step down as Chair of Cholsey Volunteers, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we have accomplished together since our inception.

Appointment of Trustees

The founding trustees were appointed with staggered terms to ensure continuity: two for one year, three for two years, and two for three years. In 2024, Minaz stepped down, and both Chris Fry and Vicky Beardall Richards concluded their terms in May. Chris Fry was subsequently re-elected.

In 2025, both Helen Powis and I are due to complete our terms. While Helen may offer herself for re-election, I have decided not to seek reappointment and will be stepping down as Chair.

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We have also collaborated with COPA, the Cholsey Befriending Group, to ensure the continuation of events like community meals, Sunday afternoon teas, and 'music and memory' days, which are special events within the current elderly persons provision.

Our Development Officer, Jane Tyndall, our sole paid employee, has done a tremendous job maintaining the volunteer database and matching volunteers' aspirations with available opportunities. This has led to the creation of dedicated teams for the Community Larder and Food Bank, which now operate as almost autonomous units. We have also established Cholsey Welcome Space, a dedicated facility housed in Cholsey Pavilion, providing regular puzzle and meeting days throughout the year, as well as a Slow Cooker project funded through grants from South Oxfordshire Housing Association.

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- 390 lifts to hospitals and doctors in the last 12 months, a 37% increase from the previous year
- An average of 42 lifts per week to and from the Day Centre, a 61% increase
- Approximately 2,600 meals delivered, 1,560 treat bags, and 1,976 food boxes, a 46% increase
- Community Larder membership has grown to 151 members, a 50% increase

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Funding Strategy

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Future Plans

In 2024, the Trust focused on consolidating existing provisions while securing its financial position and raising its local profile.

In the coming year, the Trust will continue efforts to secure a broader funding base and further integrate its work with Cholsey Pavilion, Cholsey Day Centre, and other village organizations, providing a sustaining network of support for the village.

Closing Statement

As I step down from my role as Chair, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow trustees for their unwavering support and dedication throughout my tenure. It has been an honour to work alongside such committed individuals, and I am proud of what we have achieved together. I wish the Trust every continued success in its vital work, confident that it will continue to thrive and serve the community with the same passion and commitment that have brought us this far.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the work that Jane does for the charity as a Development Executive. Without her unwavering commitment and dedication, I am sure that we would not have achieved as much as we have to date, so thank you Jane.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Darren Evans

Full name Mr Darren Evans

Position Chair

Date 19 May 2025

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
of Cholsey Volunteers Trust
for the year ended 31st December 2024.**

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Signed: Sent by email

Date: 1st April 2025

Name: John Moore ACMA

Address: 5 Tudor Crescent, Swindon. SN3 4JS

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Receipts and Payments Account 1 Jan 2024 - 31 Dec 2024

INCOME	2024	2023
Grants	14300	14500.00
Fundraising	4285.96	5326.34
Donations	14436.97	6100.65
Food Bank	4320	7650.00
Sales	0	82.00
Other	714.65	731.50
Warm Hub	5940	0.00
	43997.58	34390.49
EXPENDITURE		
Staff	19544.4	21897.52
Pensions	1582.36	1255.80
Payroll Costs	840	
Vehicle	1599.16	1701.88
Web Hosting	367.95	337.89
Telephone	128.05	139.65
Supplies	1122.09	1112.74
Insurance	484.33	488.27
Premises	0	0.00
Food Bank	4584.44	6021.87
Other	2998.91	3619.42
Community Larder	0	9.47
Warm Space	5908.75	5282.59
	39160.44	41867.10
	42748.75	37911.61

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Mrs Eve Evans	
Mrs Vicky Beardall-Richards (resigned 18 Sept 2023)	
Mr Christopher Fry	
Mrs. Helen Powis	
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Governance

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Appointment of Trustees

The founding trustees were allocated fixed terms of office: two for one year, three for two years and two for three years. The first two, John Wheeler and Eve Evans, stood down at

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the annual general meeting in May 2023, and were re-elected for a new three year term. Minaz Beddall stood down early In the year, and Louise McAlister and Lizzy Hay joined the Trustees. Of the three scheduled to step down in 2024, Minaz has already stood down, and Chris Fry and Vicky Beardall Richards will stand down in May 2024, but may offer themselves for re-election.

Policies and Procedures

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Risk Management

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Principal Activities in Pursuit of Objectives

CVT has maintained the services which were outlined in the initial application, namely local transport, prescription deliveries, the delivery of meals on foot in association with the Day Centre. the running of the Food Bank, the development of the Community Larder in association with SOFEA, the development of an Advocacy and Support Hub with clearly defined terms of reference. It has also worked with COPA, the Cholsey Befriending Group, to ensure that it continues to provide a welcome outlet for people who enjoy intermittent events like community meals, the Sunday afternoon teas and 'music and memory' days which are 'special events' within the current elderly persons provision.

Funding Strategy

It is the strategy of the Trustees to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. This has largely been achieved In 2023 by donations from the public, fundraising and a number of small grants in addition to a surplus carried down from the year before.

The Trustees are aware that the relatively healthy financial position which saw generous grants freely available through the various lockdowns is now well past, and will now seek to expand the funding base by approaching local businesses and seeking wider community support through regular donations.

Volunteers' Effort

The CVT Development Officer, the sole paid employee, has done a tremendous job maintaining the volunteer database over the first year of operation, and has been able to match the aspirations of volunteers with the opportunities available. This has led to the creation of a set of dedicated teams for the Community Larder and Food Bank which operate as almost autonomous units with little need for supervision.

The Trust has also been the prime mover in establishing Cholsey Warm Space, a dedicated facility making use of the existing heated space in Cholsey Pavilion. This has provided regular puzzle and meeting days throughout the year, as well as a Slow Cooker project funded through grants from South Oxfordshire Housing Association. As the year ended the Trust has managed to secure two more grants to be able to run the scheme in early 2024.

A key aspect of the volunteer effort, however, has been to ensure that volunteers are not taking on tasks which properly belong to statutory authorities or which lie outside the limits of competence. The Trustees are aware of the risks of over-reaching and substitution.

The figures arising from this year's efforts summarise just how well we have done better than any number of words. We have given 390 lifts to hospitals and doctors in the last 12 months, compared to 284 lifts the year, representing a 37% increase. We are also averaging 42 lifts a week to and from the day centre, compared to 26 in the same time last year, a 61% increase. We have delivered around 2,600 meals, 1560 treat bags and 1,976 food boxes, a 46% increase on last year. On top of this we have seen our community larder grow to 151 members, which is a 50% increase on last year.

Reserves Policy

The charity was fortunate insofar as another village charity, Cholsey Relief In Need was winding up its affairs at the time when the application for charitable status was being prepared, and the transfer of CRIN's reserve of almost £21,000 enabled the Trust to set aside £20,000 as an agreed reserve for the long term. The aim remains to maintain this, with provision for inflation, over the next five years

Future Plans

2023 has largely been spent consolidating the existing provision while the Trust has secured its financial position and done a great deal to raise its local profile. For an organisation with such a relatively brief history it has become in very short order a recognised and valued part of the local community.

Next year the Trust will look to secure a more widespread funding base and continue to integrate its work with Cholsey Pavilion, Cholsey Day Centre and other village organisations in providing a sustaining network of support for the village.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Darren Evans

Full name Mr Darren Evans

Position Chair

Date 20 May 2024

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees and members of Cholsey Volunteers Trust
for the year ended 31st December 2023

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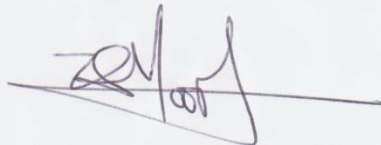
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JOHN MOORE A.C.M.A

Date: 18th April 2024

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	2023	2022	
INCOME			
Grants	14500.00	45406	
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Donations	6100.65	5769.99	
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Insurance	488.27	382.28	
Premises	0.00	0	
Food Bank	6021.87	976.65	
Other	3619.42	1596.89	
Community Larder	9.47	208.76	
Warm Space	5282.59	2057.02	
	41867.10		26403.24
Closing balance	37911.61		45388.22

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financial hardship or other disadvantage in Cholsey and the surrounding area through the provision of free and subsidised food and volunteer support services, including but not limited to, transport to appointments, assistance with collection of shopping and medication, befriending and advocacy

Principal Activities in Pursuit of Objectives

CVT has maintained the services which were outlined in the initial application, namely local transport, prescription deliveries, the delivery of meals on foot in association with the Day Centre. the running of the Food Bank, the development of the Community Larder in association with SOFEA, the development of an Advocacy and Support Hub with clearly defined terms of reference, and working with COPA, the Cholsey Befriending Group, to ensure that it continues to provide a welcome outlet for people who enjoy intermittent events like community meals, the Sunday afternoon teas and 'music and memory' days which are 'special events' within the current elderly persons provision.

Funding Strategy

It is the strategy of the Trustees to manage the revenue budget on a self-financing basis. This has been achieved In 2022 by donations from the public, fundraising events and in particular the efforts of John Hall, the local postman, who alone raised nearly £3500 by undertaking all manner of tasks and challenges. There were also several grants obtained for specific items such as the CVT vehicle from Great Western Railways, and grants from and through Oxfordshire Community Foundation.

The Trustees are aware that the relatively healthy financial position has arisen through the generous grants freely available through the various lockdowns, and will now seek to expand the funding base by approaching local businesses and seeking wider community support through regular donations. The CVT

Volunteers' Effort

The CVT Development Officer, the sole paid employee, has done a tremendous job maintaining the volunteer database over the first year of operation, and has been able to match the aspirations of volunteers with the opportunities available. This has led to the creation of a set of dedicated teams for the Community Larder and Food Bank which operate as almost autonomous units with little need for supervision.

As a part of the longer term strategy, particularly for the Advocacy and Support Hub, we

shall be seeking to build up a database of pledged skills where people can offer expertise which may be called infrequently but prove invaluable.

A key aspect of the volunteer effort, however, has been to ensure that volunteers are not taking on tasks which properly belong to statutory authorities or which lie outside the limits of competence. The Trustees are particularly aware of the risks of over-reaching and substitution.

Reserves Policy

The charity was fortunate insofar as another village charity, Cholsey Relief In Need was winding up its affairs at the time when the application for charitable status was being prepared, and the transfer of CRIN's reserve of almost £21,000 enabled the Trust to set aside £20,000 as an agreed reserve for the long term. The aim is to maintain this, with provision for inflation, over the next five years while the Trust fully establishes itself.

Future Plans

A great deal of energy and time has gone, in the last four months, into the creation of Cholsey Warm Space. This is an initiative to ensure that the Pavilion attracts people to attend and make use of the fact that the building is maintained at 21 degrees throughout the winter. The programme has two days of Warm Space events, the Knit and Natter group on Fridays, and the Puzzles/Game Groups on Tuesday, but as we have found our feet we have started to offer all sorts of one-off events to attract people in, the most eagerly awaited of which is a presentation by the local Amwell Springs Brewery.

Cholsey Pavilion is developing from a self-funding hire venue into a properly organised community hall in which CVT plays a central role in organisation. It has been able to employ someone to run the Warm Space whose role will transform over the next few months into something akin to an information Office for the village running the Cholsey InfoHub. There has always been a great deal happening in Cholsey, but a surprising lack of awareness of what provision already exists. The advantage of a centralised information point is that it can direct people to existing activities of which they were unaware, with the crucial advantage that most of these groups have their own networks and transport, thus addressing what will be a perennial problem in villages with a spread out population.

The next project unfolding, with the help of funding from South Oxfordshire Housing

Association (SOHA) is the Slow Cooker Project which will distribute slow cookers on loan to families with limited means, and add these to a growing number of converts to slow cooking to ensure that people eat good hot food without too much cost.. We also provide food at the Community Larder using the vegetables and groceries on offer to help people broaden their cuisine.

These are the current 'known' areas of expansion. CVT has shown itself extremely capable of identifying new opportunities as they present, and getting straight on the case with the guidance of the Development Officer and a pool of interested volunteers. We are sure that there are likely to be new ideas which come from left field and to which we shall respond as quickly as we have done to date.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Darren Evans

Full name Mr Darren Evans

Position Chair

Date 22nd May 2023

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees and members of Cholsey Volunteers Trust
for the year ended 31st December 2022

The charity's trustees consider that the audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- Proper accounting records are kept; and
- Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Mrs Eileen Watts



Address: 7 Pound Lane, Cholsey

Date: 7th March 2023

Cholsey Volunteers Trust
Registered Charity No.1197845
Receipts and Payments Account 9 Nov 2021 - 31 Dec 2022

INCOME

Grants	45406.00
Fundraising	6037.40
Donations	5769.99
Food Bank	2885.00
Sales	577.20
Other	2592.87
Warm Hub	8523.00
	71791.46

EXPENDITURE

Staff	16539.12
Pensions	1121.03
Vehicle	1332.93
Web Hosting	201.60
Telephone	80.55
Supplies	1906.41
Insurance	382.28
Premises	0.00
Food Bank	976.65
Other	1596.89
Community Larder	208.76
Warm Space	2057.02
	26403.24

BALANCE **45388.22**

Represented by

Reserve C/D	20000.00
Warm Hub C/D	6465.98
Food bank C/D	2898.35
Vehicle grant C/D	667.07
Cash C/D to 2023	15356.82

Total 45388.22