

CYCLING WITHOUT AGE CHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1199582

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-07-07

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN THE CHESTER AREA WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF THEIR AGE, RESTRICTED MOBILITY OR DISABILITY, BY PROVIDING VOLUNTEER LED ACCESSIBLE TRISHAW CYCLE RIDES TO HELP THEM GAIN A SOCIAL CONNECTION AND TO ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR PURPOSES THAT ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: Cycling without Age Chester provides free rides to the elderly in specially adapted, electrically assisted trishaws. The trishaws are operated by fully qualified 'pilots' who have undergone training and are DBS checked. We operate three trishaws from Upton by Chester, Hoole and Blacon. We ride on designated routes from those locations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,116	£11,195	-	-
2023-12-31	£11,960	£2,146	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Katherine Rayner	Chair	2022-07-07
Andrew Foster		2022-07-07

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Welcome to our Annual General Meeting. I am the Chair of Cycling Without Age Chester.

Firstly I'd like to thank our two other trustees Brendan Harrington and Andrew Foster for the invaluable work they have done over the previous year. We manage to share our responsibilities alongside other commitments and we should be proud of the work we continue to do in the community. Both the trustees commitment make a difference to the volunteers we engage with and the lives of the beneficiaries that we support.

This past year we have continued to build on relationships within the communities where the trishaws are stored. We have had particular success with delivering regular rides from Upton Dene Care Home, Grosvenor Villas Care Home, The Here and Now Club in Blacon and additionally in Blacon supporting Florence Grogan House and Lauren Court Residential Home. The feedback is always positive and regular rides are now part of the weekly/monthly schedule. Particular thanks to Andrew Foster and Paul Wrigglesworth who commit to this weekly schedule and provide rides as often as they can.

Our challenge continues to be finding individual beneficiaries who would enjoy the experience we offer. This is partly due to communication (as many of the elderly rely on their family/carers/ friends to arrange the ride) as well as logistics. We have had to make it a rule that private rides have to meet the trishaw and pilot in a designated place and this means that the elderly have to be transported, usually with a carer or family member to the designated meeting place and this can be difficult to organise. We had a handful of very successful private rides last year and this is what the Charity would like to deliver more of.

With this in mind I have been in contact with social prescribers Phillipa Dove, Charlotte Blythen and Fern Quilliam about how we may be able to support their residents in the community. I have also been in contact with James Ibell from Bouncing Back regarding regular rides from their dementia cafe meet ups. Nate Foulkes volunteers at the Western Avenue Medical Practise and he is trying to arrange an initial session for us to introduce the trishaws. Whilst the initial conversation regarding working relationships is well received what we are finding is that it is extremely difficult to make these rides happen, it is probably a combination of lack of resources and time as well as the Charity not having enough volunteers to provide a flexible service.

I am continuing to be optimistic that we will become more engaged within the communities but it is apparent that being visible on the trishaw and attending events is one of the best ways to promote our service.

Brendan will summarise the volunteer numbers and we are eternally grateful to our volunteers who regularly donate their time. It can be isolating volunteering for this type of Charity and I think the experience can be underwhelming for some which is a shame and something that we need to work on to improve. We need to make our volunteer experience more social and inclusive and I have had some thoughts on how we can achieve this.

Two additional administration volunteers have joined us this year and we are extremely grateful to Jon Dayton and to Sarah Carden. Jon has been very effective in pursuing grants and we are in a far more stable financial position because of his efforts. Sarah has been crucial in working alongside me to develop how we use Better Impact and she also uploads all our opportunities onto the calendar and liaises with volunteers to help them get set up with the system, once again we couldn't manage without her help.

I must also thank Rachel Humphries who does such a lovely job of creating social media posts. This is our only form of marketing and she continues to build up our following.

For the following year we have plans we hope will strengthen our Charity and it's work:

Better Impact

The software system works well for us but we still waste some time with elements which BI didn't address so during these past few months we have been making changes to the system to make it more user friendly and inclusive for both volunteer pilots and buddies. Everyone who feels they would like to become a pilot is going to be encouraged to be a 'buddy' for a few rides so they can experience what we do and have an understanding of what a ride may entail. Once they have done that we can direct them to Brendan for their training and we hope this will be less overwhelming for new volunteers and relieve them of any stress to become a pilot before they feel ready which in turn won't waste Brendan's time. We have adapted the BI system so that buddies and pilots can see all opportunities and buddies are able to sign up where there is already a pilot in place.

We have also simplified the sign up process and application form so new volunteers are enveloped within Better Impact meaning a more seamless sign up and less chance for miscommunication.

"Buddies" need to be encouraged, they not only provide reassurance and companionship to the pilots but they also don't require any training. We have discussed in previous meetings making buddies compulsory on every ride and whilst I don't think that is

necessary I do believe they have a vital role in retaining our existing volunteers as they will improve the experience by providing companionship and support.

Open ride sessions

To improve our visibility and promote what we do I would like to suggest combining our socials with taking the trishaws out. It's always a welcome sight to see the 3 trishaws being used and it would give us the opportunity to ride together and for those that couldn't ride we could just meet them at a designated coffee shop to have a catch up. If we could manage to do this 2 or 3 times during the summer season I think it would greatly benefit the exposure of the Charity as well as making it more inclusive for the volunteers and an opportunity for them to get to know one another.

The rides could still be promoted via Facebook on those days so we could offer introductory and/or supervised rides to those who may want them.

Promoting CWAC

Last year we attended as many events as we could including summer fetes, Beating the Bounds, Chester Critical Mass rides and more regular groups such as The Here and Now Club. These are a fantastic way to promote us and for our volunteers to get together and we should make every effort to continue to attend these this year.

Finally we must remember and acknowledge everything that is good about CWAC. It is a wonderful and fulfilling experience to ride in the trishaw and connect with your community and nature and the benefits of it are clear for everyone to see so we must continue to expand our reach, increase and engage with our volunteers and help bring positive change to all those involved.

Kate Rayner
Chair Cycling without Age Chester
19th March 2025

Bank account		
Date	Description	Code
1-Jan-24	Brought forward	
3-Jan-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
22-Jan-24	Upton By Chester	2
31-Jan-24	Kids and Family Cycles Ltd deposit	E
31-Jan-24	Automated Credit DR S E FIELDING & TIM HARRINGTON FP 31/01/24 1412 00000000297437600	1
15-Feb-24	Unity Insurance Services	A
26-Feb-24	Kids and Family Cycles Ltd Triobike balance	E
4-Mar-24	Donation from Brendan Harrington	1
4-Mar-24	Volunteer coffee morning	C
5-Mar-24	Donation from Co-Op	2
3-Apr-24	Brendan Harrington Bicycle	E
3-Apr-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
4-Apr-24	Better Impact Inv-31091	G
2-May-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
20-May-24	Public donation	1
4-Jun-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
7-Jun-24	Public donation	1
17-Jun-24	Just Giving transfer	3
19-Jun-24	Public donation	1
20-Jun-24	Card Transaction 7443 19JUN24 LEBARA MOBILE LIMITED LONDON GB	H
2-Jul-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
8-Jul-24	Just Giving transfer	3
9-Jul-24	Public donation	1
9-Jul-24	Payment to A Foster for volunteer coffee morning 8th June	C
16-Jul-24	Automated Credit JUSTGIVING 3923385 CYCLING WI FP 16/07/24 1619 7255059191616205CN 3923385 CYCLING WI THOUT AGE P 3923385.	3
22-Jul-24	Automated Credit JUSTGIVING 3947784 CYCLING WI FP 22/07/24 1447 7295572374412275CN 3947784 CYCLING WI THOUT AGE P 3947784.	3
29-Jul-24	Automated Credit JUSTGIVING 3960110 CYCLING WI FP 29/07/24 1615 3468659251619315CN 3960110 CYCLING WI THOUT AGE P 3960110	3
29-Jul-24	Card Transaction 7443 26JUL24 LEBARA MOBILE LIMITED LONDON GB	H
2-Aug-24	Anthony Scargill - key for Countess of Chester Park Barrier	I
2-Aug-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
5-Aug-24	Just Giving transfer	3
9-Aug-24	Public donation	1
12-Aug-24	Just Giving transfer	3
20-Aug-24	Payment to Kate Rayner for bottle holders	I
20-Aug-24	Payment to Bren bikes for spoke repairs on Upton Dene trishaw	D
27-Aug-24	Lebara mobile	H
2-Sep-24	Public donation	1
3-Sep-24	Cheshire Community Council donation	2
3-Sep-24	Direct Debit ANSVAR INSURANCE UK ACY	A
4-Sep-24	Public donation	1
12-Sep-24	Heart of England donation	2
17-Sep-24	Transfer of public donation funds by Jaime Connell	1

In	Out	Balance
		10,333.42
	86.57	10,246.85
147.00		10,393.85
	2,500.00	7,893.85
200.00		8,093.85
	30.00	8,063.85
	7,000.00	1,063.85
25.00		1,088.85
	23.19	1,065.66
528.73		1,594.39
	50.00	1,544.39
	119.56	1,424.83
	244.80	1,180.03
	119.49	1,060.54
10.00		1,070.54
	119.49	951.05
25.00		976.05
173.83		1,149.88
100.00		1,249.88
	0.49	1,249.39
	119.49	1,129.90
58.26		1,188.16
12.00		1,200.16
	17.71	1,182.45
242.23		1,424.68
53.15		1,477.83
24.32		1,502.15
	0.49	1,501.66
	5.70	1,495.96
	119.49	1,376.47
242.85		1,619.32
16.00		1,635.32
58.06		1,693.38
	51.45	1,641.93
	25.00	1,616.93
	0.49	1,616.44
20.00		1,636.44
500.00		2,136.44
	119.49	2,016.95
21.00		2,037.95
250.00		2,287.95
33.01		2,320.96

Income categories				
1	Donations - individual			
2	Donations - corporate			
3	Just Giving transfers			
4				
5				
Expenses categories				
A	Insurance			
B	Repairs			
C	Entertaining			
D	Cycle Maintenance			
E	Cycle purchases			
F	Printing			
G	Better Impact			
H	Mobile phone			
I	Miscellaneous			



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Cycling Without Age (Chester)

Receipts and payments account

	For the period from	Period start date	To
		1st January 2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Donations - individual	£ 1,837.67		
Donations - corporate	£ 1,425.73		
Just Giving transfers	£ 852.70		
0	£ -		
0	£ -		
Sub total	4,116	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0
Total receipts	4,116	- 0	- 0
A3 Payments			
Insurance	£ 1,192.05		
Subscriptions	£ 25.00		
Entertaining	£ 83.65		
Cycle Maintenance	£ 25.00		
Cycle purchases	£ 9,550.00		
Printing	£ -		
Better Impact	£ 244.80		
Miscellaneous	£ 57.15		
Mobile Phone	£ 17.43		
Sub total	11,195	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	- 0	- 0	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0

Total payments	11,195	- 0	- 0
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 7,079	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	976	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 6,103	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the pe

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Acct	3,154
	Reserve Acct	
	Cash	
	Total cash funds	3,154
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error
		Unrestricted funds
	Details	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B3 Investment assets		
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		

	Details	Fund to which liability relates
B5 Liabilities		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print

No (if any)		CC16a
1199582		
counts		
Period end date		
31st December 2024		
Total funds	Last year	
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	
1,838		
1,426		
853		
-		
-		
-		
-		
-		
4,116	-	
-		
-	- 0	
-	- 0	
4,116	- 0	
1,192		
85% 25		
84		
25		
9,550		
-		
245		
57		
17		
11,195	-	
-		
-		
-	- 0	

11,195	- 0
- 7,079	-
-	-
976	-
- 6,103	-

Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
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-	-

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

-	-
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Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

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	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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	-	
	-	
	-	
	-	
	Name	Date of approval

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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Held at 1845hrs, 11/12/23, at Registered Charity Address

Item		Action
Attendance	Kate Rayner (KR, Trustee, Chair) Zoe Boustead (ZB, Trustee, Vice-Chair) Andrew Foster (AF, Trustee, Treasurer) Brendan Harrington (BH, Trustee, Secretary, Safeguarding Lead)	
Apologies	None	
AGM 2023/01	Chair's Report (KR)	

Background on the Charity

Cycling without Age Chester is affiliated with the global Cycling Without Age Charity. Kate Rayner and Zoe Boustead formed the Chester Chapter in the Autumn of 2019. We started to fundraise in January 2020 just as the Covid pandemic hit. We began our social media presence and fundraising activities in that same year but progress was slow due to circumstances. Fundraising continued in 2021 and with donations from friends and family alongside local charitable trusts including The Earl of Chesters Fund, Cheshire Community Foundation and the Cheshire West and Chester Council we purchased our first trishaw in December 2021. Fundraising continued via the Spacehive Crowdfunding platform and we purchased our second trishaw in March 2022. During this time we built contacts around the storage of the trishaw and where our rides would take place. We secured storage at the Upton Dene Residential Home and pilot training commenced in April 2022. Our first rides started in June 2022. On 07/07/22 we became a registered charity (no. 1199582).

Who we are.

Cycling without Age Chester has 4 trustees (a chair, a vice chair, a secretary and a treasurer). Our organisation offers free rides to the elderly in specially adapted trishaws. Our aims are to:

1. Reduce social isolation by providing a free activity within the community where the elderly can reconnect with people and nature.
2. Provide volunteering opportunities.
3. Increase the health and wellbeing of the beneficiaries and the volunteers.
4. Raise awareness and empathy for older people locally.

Our trishaws are currently housed at Upton Dene Residential Home where we ride in the Countess of Chester Country Park and Grosvenor Villas in Hoole where we ride around Hoole Village. In total we have 14 qualified pilots of which 9 participate regularly with rides.

Who we support

We offer rides to the elderly whose mobility is compromised and who therefore have lost the ability to get outside into the fresh air independently. Many of our beneficiaries have dementia and don't have an opportunity to enjoy fresh air and companionship. After Covid many elderly have become socially isolated and nervous and we help them to regain their confidence and improve their mental wellbeing. We allow family members to travel alongside beneficiaries as they can provide reassurance and familiarity. There is no upper age limit to receiving a ride although the passenger must be able to have the strength to sit up within the trishaw seat. We have received a lot of positive and heart-warming feedback from both beneficiaries, family members and carers.

Achievement and performance

Regular opportunities for the elderly to have rides.

We have managed to provide weekly rides fairly consistently from March to

AGM 2023/02	Secretary's Report (BH)	
	Various aspects of the Secretary's role have been performed by different Trustees throughout the year but largely by KR. AS such, relevant issues were covered in the Chair's report above.	
AGM 2023/03	Marketing and Social Media Co-ordinator's Report (ZB)	
	<p>Publicity Facebook and Instagram are our main channels to reach our audience. Although we publish to both simultaneously, FB has a stronger following for us. This is due to the age profile of our followers and the community-based bias of the platform. This audience base can be seen in the metrics of our channels. Our Facebook reach for the year has been 33,371 (112% increase on year before) compared with 408 (-2.4% on year before) on Instagram. Emotive and good news stories perform the best.</p> <p>Attraction Attraction of volunteers remains our biggest issue. To date we have relied on social media, word of mouth and being 'seen' when out and about. We have been shared to other platforms within Facebook and engaged with various stakeholder groups. More work needs to be done in the attraction area as volunteer management and recruitment will always need activity, particularly as some pilots have left the group due to various issues. It is proposed that we engage the help of the new Volunteering Development Officer at Cheshire West Voluntary Action. Administration, once pilots show an interest, appears to work well with google forms being easy to fill out and capture information. We have received 21 responses to our application form.</p>	
AGM 2023/04	Treasurer's Report, inc annual figures (AF)	

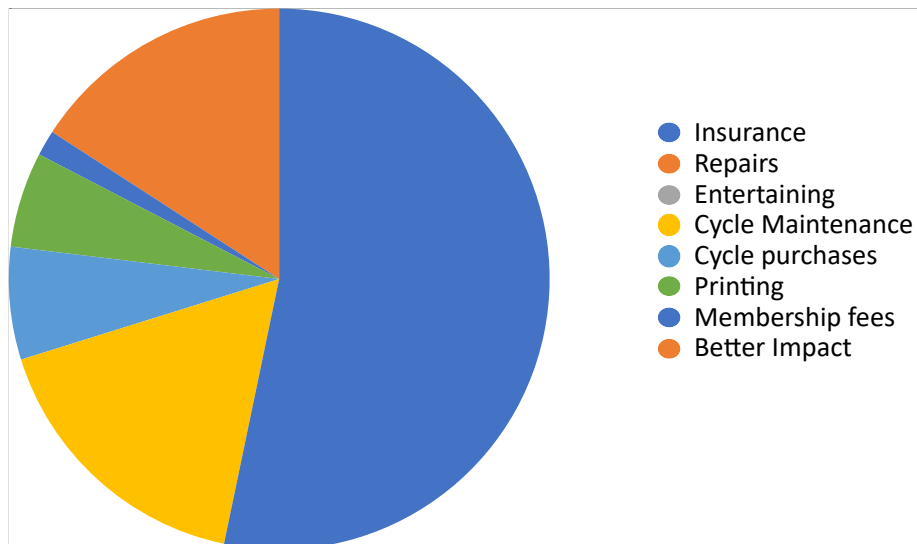
Accounts for the Financial Year January-December 2023

The opening balance for the Accounts in April was £887.69. This was money accrued through donations made to the charity up to that date.

Expenditure

The key challenge for each year is the ability of the charity to meet its obligation to pay the annual insurance for the trishaws which is a monthly cost of approximately £86. The other significant annual recurring cost is for our volunteer online booking system, Better Impact. Beyond that there are other smaller outgoings such as printing costs, purchase of hi viz cycling jackets and maintenance. Upgrading of gearing of the trishaws was provided at Bren Bikes and paid for by Chester Cycling Campaign. We have had two meet ups of the volunteers over coffee to maintain communication and try to ensure cohesion of the group. No costs have been incurred as the trustees picked up the bill themselves.

Cost breakdown year to date



Income

The highlight of the year was the award by the National Lottery Community Fund as a result of our application for a third trishaw to be based in Blacon. They very kindly awarded us £9,500 and these monies were received into our account in December.

Also the Marjorie Boddy Trust awarded us £1000 in April for support with overheads such as insurance and purchase of our two bicycles to accompany the trishaws as we found the “walker-accompanied” model wasn’t working. Other small sums have been received by fund raising at summer fairs held in the various homes we support and kind donations by individuals.

Vauxhall Motors in Ellesmere Port awarded us £100 through the efforts of a volunteer, Dave Wetherall.

Breakdown of monies received



AGM
2023/05

Trishaws and Pilot Training Report (BH)



Trishaws

Our 2 trishaws have proven extremely reliable in their first year of use, with no mechanical problems encountered. Mileages done are uncertain but my estimate would be ~500 miles total. In line with our Governance statements, both trishaws have had a routine annual service, very kindly paid for by Chester Cycling Campaign.

Battery power support has never been an issue on any ride, probably because our rides are all relatively short. However, the mechanical gearing was not ideal (not low enough), so smaller chainrings were fitted at the time of servicing.

One trishaw is stored at Grosvenor Villas (Cedar Care Homes) and is well cared for and well used. But space for storage is not ideal as it is in a shed which is in almost daily use for their crafting activities. This means it is moved in and out frequently, even when not being used for a ride.

The other trishaw was initially stored at Upton Dene (Sanctuary Care) in a bespoke shed provided by the care home. During the year, it was moved to Hoole Community Centre for a while due to a disappointing fall-off in requests for rides from Upton Dene. It was moved back there later when the prospect of rides for care homes in Blacon developed. It is now in more frequent use. This trishaw is also the one used most often for training as the roads in the Upton Dene estate are quiet but varied which is better for training. Progression to rides in the Countess of Chester Country Park is also easier from there. The shed at Upton Dene is not ideal as it is cold and things do not dry out well if the trishaw gets wet.

Rides

We began offering rides in April 2022. We began with a system of offering rides to just 2 care homes (Upton Dene and Grosvenor Villas) so as not to stimulate more demand than we can match. Occasional rides were done as special requests for individuals or institutions. Demand built up steadily but then dropped off completely in October and didn't restart until March/April. It has been very encouraging to see that, by contrast this winter, regular activities have continued. I hope this is a sign that the care homes now trust us to keep their residents dry and warm, even when conditions are cold and damp. The trishaws are well equipped for this, with waterproof hoods and front cover blankets. Extending the period of use throughout the year rather than just spring and summer is a 'win-win' for the charity.

A particularly proud moment for us came when we were able to take a military veteran to attend the Remembrance Day Parade outside Chester Cathedral, both this year and last.

An attempt to develop our own online Ride Logging spreadsheet, hosted on Google Drive, didn't achieve its purpose, with only a few pilots being able to access it and/or devote time to uploading ride details. As such, we decided to pay an annual fee to access an online volunteer management system (Better Impact). This has proved to be an improvement on our own efforts but is still not delivering all we hoped for. For example, without complete inputs we are unable to extract summary data for no. of rides, passengers, miles travelled, volunteering hours, etc. We are extremely grateful to Rod Mountney who donated a considerable amount of his time to surveying what volunteer management packages were around for small organisations such as ourselves, and helping us come to a decision on which one to use.

Pilot Training

Introducing an online Volunteer Application form has produced a better flow

AGM 2023/06	Safeguarding Report (BH)	
	<p>Policies The CWAC Safeguarding policy was due for review in July 2022 but activities had only begun in April 2022 so this action was not pursued. The policy has now been reviewed and updated by the Designated Safeguarding Lead (BH). Only minor typographic or syntactical changes were felt to be needed.</p> <p>Summary of reported Safeguarding issues There have been no episodes where the formal safeguarding policy was triggered. There was one verbally reported issue when a family contacted a Trustee to say that their relative had felt anxious during a ride as the trishaw sometimes went a bit too fast for their liking. This issue was dealt with by a Trustee talking to the individual who piloted that ride. The volunteer pilot showed insight into the issue and undertook to keep this in mind in the future. A proportion of our beneficiaries have some degree of dementia. It is encouraging that this has not led to any potential beneficiary being refused a ride. I feel this is a testimony to the good job our pilots are doing in safeguarding the interest of these potentially vulnerable people. As a default, we encourage family members to accompany rides. This has proved a good way to enrich the experience for the family but is also a way to build confidence in our activities. We have also adopted a practice of, whenever possible, having a second volunteer to accompany the trishaw as a “walker”. Although this places more demand on volunteer time, it is helpful to both the pilot and the beneficiary. The walker can assist the pilot during potentially the riskiest point in the journey, namely getting the beneficiary into and out of the trishaw. We have also found that some beneficiaries, possibly due to hearing or cognitive issues, find it easier to chat to somebody walking alongside the trishaw than with the pilot, who is positioned outside their field of view behind them.</p> <p>Work plan for Safeguarding, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSL should undertake refresher Level 3 safeguarding training in 2024. 	
AGM 2023/07	Any Other Business	
	<p>ZB announced that, with considerable regret, she will stand down as a Trustee after this AGM. All Trustees joined in giving her heartfelt thanks for the very considerable contribution she has made to establishing and growing CWAC to its present position.</p> <p>There was discussion of whether the 2024 AGM should take place in less than 12 months, in order to try and align better with our chosen financial reporting interval.</p>	



Accounts for the Financial Year to date of Cycling Without Age (Chester)

July 2022-December 2023

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Expenditure

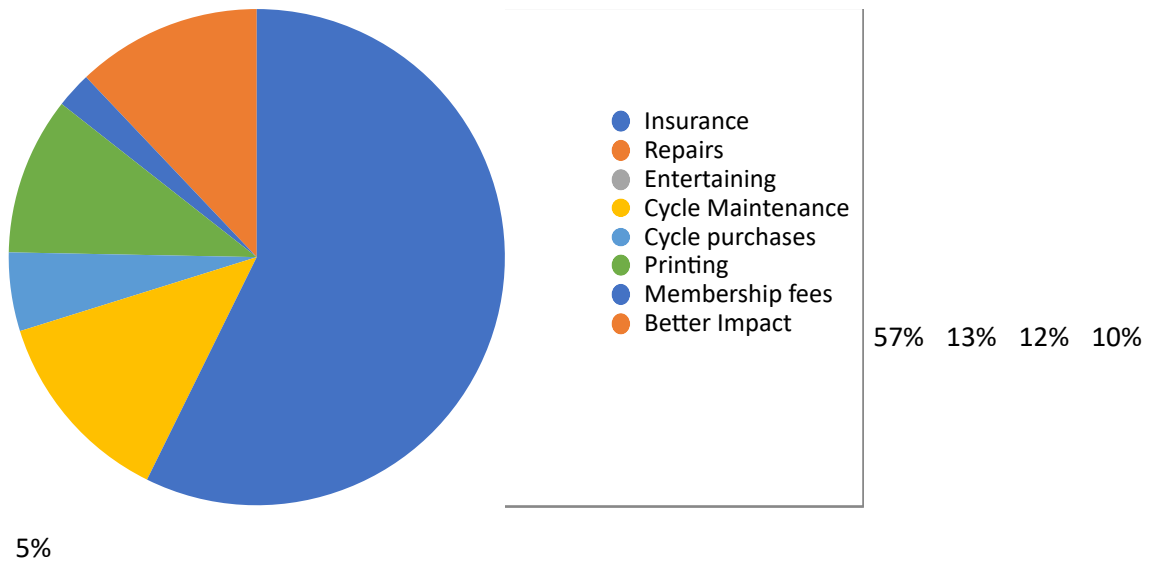
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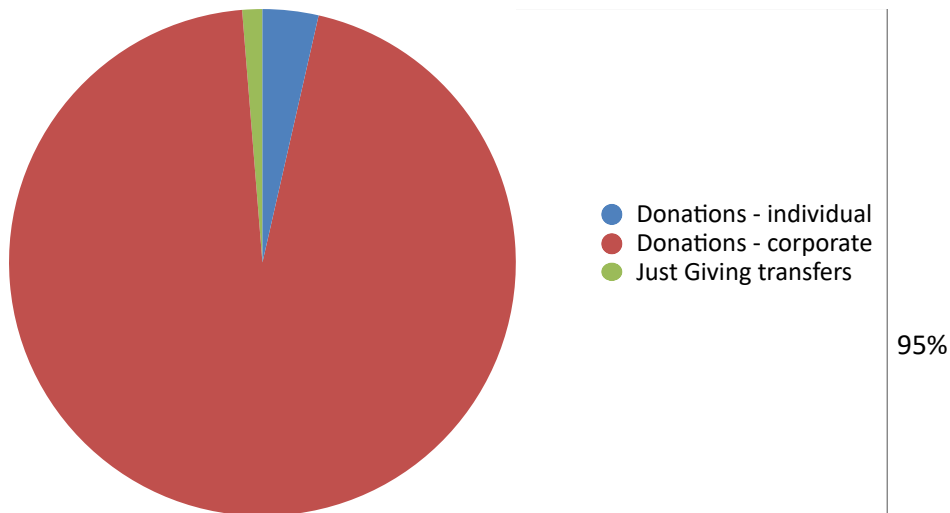
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Breakdown of monies received



Our assets currently are:

1. The two trishaws purchased for £8,500 each. With annual depreciation over two years these are now worth approximately £6,885 each.
2. Two bicycles purchased for a total of £110.

Financial challenges for 2024

We of course need to buy the new trishaw as soon as possible and provide evidence of such to the National Lottery. We shall then need to consider where and how the trishaw will be housed safely.

Accommodation of at least two of the trishaws will be an issue. The bike at Upton Dene is not kept in a dry situation and some consideration will need to be made to how this can be improved. The same will apply to the new trishaw.

Insurance costs continue to increase and with a third trishaw these continue to be a challenge to meet.

Better Impact is also a recurring annual cost.

Estimated annual overheads will be at least £2000.

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