

OPEN DOOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1201918

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-02-13

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE CHARITABLE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN EPPING FOREST WHO HAVE BEEN IN-PATIENTS IN AN ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC WARD AND ARE NOW REBUILDING THEIR LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY BY:A. PROMOTING A SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT WITHIN OPEN DOOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP;B. WORKING TO ENHANCE CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF VOLUNTEERS; ANDC. OFFERING PLANNED ACTIVITIES PRESENTED IN A RELAXED, INFORMAL SETTING.

Activities: We provide an annual programme of activities for members. These are listed in a bi monthly newsletter. These activities include art and craft, physical , cultural, visits, visiting speakers. Other than the outside visits all the aforementioned activities take place in St Michael and All Angels Church Hall. Our main objectives with these activities is to give our members raised self esteem.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£10,423	£9,692	-	-
2024-12-31	£847	£5,257	-	-
2023-12-31	£933	£4,281	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paula Wilson	Chair	2022-10-15
Christine Williams		2022-10-15
Susan Davies		2022-10-15
Susan Goff		2022-10-15

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Chair's Report Year end 31st December 2025

It has been a busy year, we have seen our membership increase There a far more men than women. We organised a holiday to Folkestone, offered a day to Hatfield House and various new speakers, We also continue to provide a healthy snack each week. The major change this year was the change of venue.

We ended the year with our popular Christmas dinner which was attended by more than thirty members. This event is enjoyed by our members for some of them this will be their only Christmas meal. We follow this afternoon with a disco. In the new hall we do not think that we will be able to provide a Christmas meal as the kitchen is smaller and has a small oven. However we are keen to provide a substantial buffet at Christmas.

Quite a few members are now volunteering in the kitchen with a volunteer to help with the snack preparation. This has turned out to be beneficial for the members. They really enjoy working in the kitchen and providing food for their fellow members.

We have also been collecting food each week from St Mary's Church in Loughton. We distribute bread, vegetables, rolls and many other items that Waitrose and Marks and Spencer donate.

In May a few members met up to celebrate one of the member's birthday in a local cafe. This member had said to someone at the club last year he spent it on his own. The members organised a surprise meet up with him, they also clubbed together to buy him a new rucksack.

One of our volunteers Alison F organises regular walks in the forest which are well attended by members, they conclude their walk having a well earned drink together.

In July thirty five member, volunteer's and family members went to Battle of the Proms held at Hatfield House. This was organised by one of our members. It was a wonderful day, we were collected by coach from the church car park. Food was provided, we were also given flags to wave, a programme and we had our own seating area. It was a spectacular day and evening despite the heavy rain showers. We are going to organise an event like this one yearly to celebrate the anniversary of our club.

In early September we had our annual BBQ which was well attended. Thank you to the trustees that attended and lent a helping hand. The rain fell and fell however we still managed to cook food on the BBQ. The new hall doesn't have facilities for a BBQ but we are trying to think of a place we could hold this event.

In September we organised a three night stay in a hotel in Folkestone for members. Fourteen members went. The sun shone which was a bonus at the end of September. All those that went want to go back next year but perhaps a bit earlier in the year and for four nights.

In December fourteen members went to the E15 theatre in Loughton. We watched an 'alternative' version of Sleeping Beauty which was entertaining.

Here is a list of some of the speakers that we had a visit from in 2025, Mark the vicar talked about how we became a vicar in Loughton after being brought up in Zimbabwe, Choir, Fitness Well-being coach, dance teacher, tai chi teacher, Fraud officer, guitarist, hand bell ringers.

During the year we have gained grants from Qualis £500, Loughton's Mens Club £2500, Donation £130, Charities £408.91, Hasleers Foundation £2000, Charities £62.50, £187.50

The new hall rental should be £40 per hour but as Stephen Murray is a regular visitor to our club and the Methodist is his church they have reduced the fee to £28 per hour, which is about the same as the other hall. However St Michaels charged us extra for the kitchen use which was between £800/£1000 extra per year . There are no extras at the new hall.

Finally I would like to thank the trustees for their time and support. Also our volunteers who are a dedicated team providing continued support for our members and each other.

Paula Wilson
Chair

Accounts Open Door Year End 31st December 2025 Balance at 31st December 2024

Date		Income	Expenditure	Salary	Balance	BS
1.1.25	B/f balance				9525.74	
10.1.25	Essex Lottery	8.00			9533.74	
07.1.25	Essex Lottery	10.00			9543.74	
13.1.25	Donation Loughton Methodist	233.00			9776.74	
20.1.25	Dance Teacher		30.00		9746.74	
20.1.25	Hire of Hall		2204.00		7542.72	
04.2.25	Essex Lottery	8.00			7550.74	
25.2.25	Donation Loughton Mens Club	2500.00			10.050.74	
25.2.25	Hatfield House Tickets		1149.00		8901.74	
26.2.25	000195. Paper Plates		18.68		8883.06	
28.2.25	Donation Hatfield House	1000.00			9883.06	
10.3.25	Donation	130.00			10013.06	
11.3.25	Essex Lottery	8.00			10021.06	
25.3.25	Taxi Fare		96.00		9925..06	
08.4.25	Essex Lottery	10.00			9935.06	
29.4.25	HMRC Charity	408.91			10343.97	
04.6.25	Haslers Donation	2000.00			12353.97	
06.6.25	Taxi Fare		96.00		12257.97	

Treasurer

Auditor

Date

Date		Income	Expenditure	Salary	Balance	BS
15.6.25	Hatfield House Furniture Hire		259.50		12002.47	
15.7.25	Essex Lottery	6.00			12008.47	
15.7.25	Hall Hie		1825.00		10183.47	
15.7.25	Kitchen Use		360.00		9823.47	
01.8.25	Flags Boxes		59.97		9763.50	
01.8.25	Taxi Fare		96.00		9667.50	
08.8.25	Essex Lottery	4.00			9671.50	
27.8.25	Electric Hob		34.99		9636.51	
04.9.25	Donation.	1000.00			10636.51	
09.9.25	Essex Lottery	5.00			10641.51	
29.9.25	HMRC	62.50			10704.01	
29.9.25	Minibus Face Paints Prizes		624.11		10079.90	
01.10.25	Insurance		225.86		9854.04	
03.10.25	Taxi Fares		108.00		9746.04	
06.10.25	Refund	28.31			9774.35	
7.10.25	HMRC	187.50			9961.85	
14.10.25	Essex Lottery	6.00			9967.85	
23.10.25	Monies Rec for Folkestone	2225.00			12192.85	

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Date		Income	Expenditure	Salary	Balance	BS
23.10.2 5	Payment Folkestone Photo book		2316.75		9876.10	
30.10.2 5	Grant Qualis	500.00			10376.10	
07.11.2 5	Taxi Fare		84.00		10292.10	
12.11.2 5	Essex Lottery	4.00			10296.10	

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Date. March 2025

Dear Trustees and Members

We have again had a very busy year. We have seen our membership increasing, organised a holiday in Deal, introduced volunteer t shirts and fleeces showing our logo. We also continue to provide a substantial healthy snack for our members each week.

We ended last year with our Christmas dinner which we have be able to keep the cost at £5. Members can bring family members or friends to this wonderful celebratory evening. One of the highlights of the year is when Chris's choir come and sing to us. Chris is one of our volunteers. The members enjoy a sing along as do the dogs who also seem to join in !

A group of members enjoyed a play at the E15 acting school in Debden. We also held a Shine afternoon during the year where members can perform a poem that they have written or sing a song it is an opportunity for members to show their talents. Very important for the members is our memorial afternoon where we remember those members that have passed. We gather around our memorial bench, some members like to say a few words or read a poem.

We also visited an animal rescue centre locally. Members enjoyed holding various animals that had been rescued such as lizards, rabbits and many more.

Everyone worked hard at Loughton Day where we had a stall. We offered a variety of games for children. We handed out many leaflets and raised an amazing £250.

This year we also applied for Gift Aid which was successful .

The holiday to Deal was enjoyed by fourteen members. They spent four days in a hotel over looking the sea and the pier. We subsidised the trip by paying for train fare and a lunch.

Our membership continues to grow. Each week we average between 30/35 members, most of which are men. We have purchased a table tennis table to compliment the pool table.

During the year we struggled to gain funds from the grant applications that we made. However we did have a generous donation for £500 from a friend of the club. (I have attached a copy of the latest accounts)

Finally I would like to thank the Trustees for supporting us and enabling us to become a Charity. Also I would like to thank the volunteers for their continued hard work and loyalty.

Paula Wilson
Chair

1.10.24. O/L 36.15	Various Perishables 36.15	9:40.09
8.10.24 Cheque 000194 225.66	Lidbrook Insurance 225.66	9:14.23
15.10.24 Essex Lottery 11.50		9:25.73
21.10.24. O/L 368.00	Use of Kitchen 368.00	8:57.73
28.10.24. O/L 19.99	Face Painting 19.99	8:37.74
5.10.24 Essex Lottery 8.00		8:45.74
14.10.24 Donation 500.00	Donation from Tangent 500.00	9:345.74
22.11.24 180.00	Santa Donations 180.00	9:525.74
Total	847.5 Hall hire (3544.00) 5257.29 (516)	9:525.74

Treasurer, Jayne Chandler
6/2/25

Auditor Mrs Eirbera Piel.
5/2/25

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Account for Open Door Friendship Group Year End 31st December 2023 c/f £17283.65

Date	Income	Expenditure	Salary	Balance	BS
1.1.23				17283.65	63
14.1.23		Jars for soup. 000109 9.99		17273.66	63
3.2.23			000110 120.00		
7.2.23		Hall Hire 000111 1466.00			
24.2.23	Uplift Grant 500.00			16187.66	64
2.3.23			000112 120.00	16067.66	65
13.6.23	Essex Lottery 21.50			16089.16	30/6/23
30.3.23			000113. 150.00		
11.7.23	Essex Lottery 18.00			15957.16	28/7/23
27.7.23		Extra rental kitchen 000114 32.50			
15.8.23	Essex Lottery 22.50			15947.16	30/8/23
1.8.23		Bingo Art Books. 000115 27.78			
6.9.23	Essex Lottery. 18.00	Hall Hire 000116. 1674.00		14263.38	29/9/23
29.9.23			Taxi fare Facilitator 000117 50.00		
29.9.23		BBQ food 000118 81.35			

Date	Income	Expenditure	Salary	Balance	BS
28.9.23		Ladbrook Ins. 000119. 215.01			
10.10.23	Essex Lottery 17.50			13934.52	30/10/23
29.10.23			Taxi fares facilitator 000181 60.00	13874.52	
2.11.23	Grange Farm 300.00			14174.52	
1.11.23		Logo that Polo. 000182. 150.00		14024.52	
8.11.23		Handbell Ringers 000120. 40.00		13984.52	
8.11.23	Essex Lottery 20.00			14004.52	
28.11.23		Hot water container 000184 25.90		13978.62	
26.11.23		Play A Christmas Carol 000183 59.09		13919.53	
12.12.23	Essex Lottery 16.00			13935.53	
				13935.53	
Total	933.50	3781.62	500.00	13935.53	29/12/23

Treasurer Jayne Chandler/Date.
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Mrs Barbara Peel Auditor