

SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Registration number: 1203179

Address: St George's Church Hall
Elstan Way
Croydon
CR0 7PR

Trustees Jonathan Baxter
Michael Plymsol
Barbara Donegan
David Phillips

Shirley Neighbourhood Care Scheme (the forerunner of the current charity) was formed by a local group of churches in the 1970's and registered with the Charities Commission in 2010. In 2023 it was decided by the trustees that the charity should change its legal structure to that of a charitable incorporated organisation, to be called Shirley Neighbourhood Care, and this change was approved by the Charity Commission on 22 May 2023. Transfer of assets was also approved and this process was completed by 31 January 2024.

Trustees are elected or re-elected annually by members of the charity at the Annual General Meeting. The trustees are assisted in decision making by an advisory board drawn from the local community and affiliated churches. Jonathan Baxter was chair of trustees during the period covered by this report. The office during this time was located at St George's Church Hall, Shirley, Croydon.

Summary of Activities

Consistent with its objectives of relieving the charitable needs of the elderly and/or sick residents of Shirley, Croydon, and the neighbourhood in such ways as the trustees think fit, activities during the year included:

- Transport to and from doctor, clinic, dental, optician and hospital appointments
- A regular shopping bus including assistance with shopping bags and/or shopping deliveries to clients
- Lunch clubs providing a hot meal and the opportunity for socialisation with clients and volunteer helpers.
- Outings to places of interest, restaurants, tea shops and local garden centres
- A film club providing an enjoyable social activity for the benefit of our clients who are often unable to access recently released films

The trustees confirm that they kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning the charity's activities.

Summary of Achievements

- Lunchclubs for up to 24 clients are held twice each week on a Monday and a Thursday.
- Our regular shopping minibus runs fortnightly with a visit to a local supermarket in the morning and a different supermarket in the afternoon.
- Our volunteer drivers drove a total of 1453 miles in taking clients to 185 medical appointments.
- A further 300 miles was driven by volunteers in taking clients to our lunchclub or on outings.
- The film club was restarted after the pause necessitated by the Covid pandemic

Funding

Income for the year was £41,409 and expenditure was £54,419. Income this year was significantly reduced from previous years due to the decision by Croydon Council to end the provision of grant funding to the majority of the voluntary sector within the borough. Efforts to find alternative sources of funding are ongoing but in the meantime the deficit was met from reserves. General funds at the year end totaled £85,429. In addition a further £20,000 is held as designated funds or on deposit. The amount held as general funds is consistent with the prudent financial objective of maintaining a healthy cash balance sufficient to support the charity in the short to medium term while economies are made and alternative funds secured.

For the period in question income derived from the following sources:

- Donations - from the local community and supporters, including significant sums from Farleigh Golf Club Ladies team, Ros Harding Trust, the Co-op, Croydon Masonic Lodge, Addiscombe & Shirley Rotary and Croydon Community Lottery.
- Events - including over £1500 raised on our quiz night
- Gift Aid - whilst some sources of income remain ineligible for gift aid recovery, the charity continues to benefit from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.
- Charges - a charge to cover external costs or voluntary donation is requested for many of the services offered by the charity
- Donations from clients, volunteers and members of the public

The largest areas of expenditure are staff salaries, catering costs and transportation.

The trustees are grateful for the generosity of those providing funds. Also greatly appreciated is the time given by many volunteers to ensure that activities continue and expenditure is contained. In late 2023 our manager retired on health grounds and a new manager was appointed in February 2024. The trustees would like to thank the outgoing manager for her immense contribution to the successful running of the charity during her tenure.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR Y/E 31 MARCH 2024
SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE SCHEME
and SHIRLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE

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Income	2023/24	2022/23	Expenditure	2023/24	2022/23
Rent donation from WW/SBC	£1,005.00	£4,020	Office rents	£4,605.00	£4,020
General Income	£19,063.10	£54,260	Office salaries & overheads etc	£26,183.06	£29,382
Fundraising and events	£1,666.80	£7,117	Fundraising and event costs	£624.33	£4,565
Transport	£3,987.02	£5,562	Transport	£2,554.55	£5,157
Lunch clubs	£14,611.17	£15,885	Lunch clubs	£17,618.32	£17,829
Client Shopping	£1,075.86	£1,347	Client Shopping	£1,075.74	£1,400
			Miscellaneous	£1,758.40	£419
Total income	£41,408.95	£88,190	Total expenditure	£54,419.40	£62,773

General Funds	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
NatWest Bank Current Account	£0.00	£32,787.58
CAF Cash Account	£3,518.03	0
plus funds credited to account after 31 March	£1,014.03	0
CAF Gold Account	£81,466.68	0
Cooperative Bank	£100.00	0
Cash	£19.00	0
less liabilities / payments debited after 31 March	£2,044.73	£1,978.21
plus debtor (HMRC)	£1,355.80	
Net Assets (General Funds)	£85,428.81	£30,809.37
TOTAL including Deposits	£105,428.81	£117,089.90

Deposits [and Designated Funds]	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
CAF/Shawbrook 12 month saver account	£0.00	£10,244.94
CAF/Shawbrook 60 day notice account	£0.00	£56,035.59
Charity Bank 12 month account [to 14/03/24]	£0.00	£20,000.00
Charity Bank 12 month account [to 25/01/25]	£20,000.00	£0.00
Total on deposit	£20,000.00	£86,280.53

Reconciliation	
As at 1 April 2023	
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Prepared by _____

I have examined the income and expenditure accounts with the records kept by the Hon. Treasurer. In my opinion these accounts give a true and fair view of the fund for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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Signed _____ **Andy Bebington**
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