



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **26/04/24** Period start date To **31/12/24** Period end date

Charity name: **North Salop Wheelers Charity Bus**

Charity registration number: **1208028**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	'To provide transport facilities in North East Shropshire for persons who have special needs of facilities because they are elderly, sick, poor or disabled by the provision of community based transport services'.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	the provision of regular, door-to-door market bus services (Market Drayton, Whitchurch, Wem); offering occasional "individual journey" transport for such things as medical appointments; providing Group Hires to appropriate bodies to facilitate social events for well-being. The activities of the charity are run by volunteers entirely for public benefit.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The five trustees confirm they have had access to the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	NSWCB is wholly run by volunteers
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In this reporting period, the charity has provided 2400 bus trips, 85 individual journeys and 8 Group Hires to facilitate access to amenities, medical services and social well-being for those who are otherwise isolated by the lack of affordable public and/or private transport. An indirect benefit accrues to the NHS by keeping more elderly people healthy through activity and avoidance of social isolation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	NSWheelersCB aimed to provide transport services in respect of its charitable purpose services. To achieve this aim, it needed to upgrade vehicles. Specific objectives were not set other than a broad aim to overhaul an aged fleet of five vehicles. With the assistance of donors and windfall grants, significant upgrades have been achieved. The weekly market bus routes and AGE UK Whitchurch have been sustained with new, wheelchair-accessible buses. Requests for Group Hires and Individual journeys both show modest increases in the light of Wheelers' growing reputation.
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Finances are stable with adequate resources to meet foreseeable needs. Bank balances have been augmented in 2024 by 'windfall' donations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The policy proposes to hold the equivalent of a year's running costs in reserve funds and to establish a fleet renewal account. NSWCB is exploring appropriate banking options as advised by our current banker, TSB.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£25,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The only significant threat to the future of NSWCB is the age of its trustees and volunteers which averages c. 70+ years

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants, donations and fares
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Beyond the ageing personnel, the principal risk is the possibility of the withdrawal of key grants, notably from the County Council, under current budgetary constraints.
Other		It should be noted that, at the inaugural trustees meeting on 10 June 2024, the assets (vehicles and cash) were formally transferred from Wheelers previous organisation (an unincorporated association). It should also be noted that some transactions (e.g. payment of annual rent for the yard where vehicles are kept) fell outside the CIO reporting period.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The constitutional option to increase the number of trustees is under discussion. The main criteria in play are skillsets not currently available to the current board (e.g, lawyer, accountant, social policy specialist)

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	NSWCB has an induction handbook for all of its volunteers which forms the basis of a face-to-face induction.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	NSWCB is one of seven constituent members of Shropshire Community Transport Consortium which shares best practice. In 2024, SCTC collectively made a large-scale bid to Motability for new buses and administrative support. Whilst the bid was not successful, there may be an opportunity in 2025 for a more modest follow-up bid. NSWCB, is grateful to members of SCTC for sharing their experience and giving positive support in a period of re-development.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	none
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	North Salop Wheelers Community Bus
Other name the charity uses	Wheelers
Registered charity number	1208028
Charity's principal address	c/o Wem Town Council, 3 High Street, Wem, Shropshire, SY4 5AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Terence FRY	Administrator	26/04/24 – 31/12/24	
2	Sally JONES	Treasurer	26/04/24 – 31/04/24	
3	Graham JOYNES	Fleet manager	26/04/24 – 31/12/24	
4	Robin NELSON	Secretary	26/04/24 – 31/12/24	
5	Geoff SOUL	Chair	26/04/24 – 31/12/24	
6				
7				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

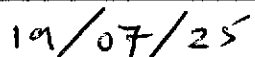
NONE

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robin NELSON	Terence FRY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Administrator

Date 

Independent examiner's report to the management committee of Wheelers North Salop Community Bus Project

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the period ending 31 December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of management committee and examiner

The management committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The management committee consider that an audit is not required and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 you concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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Relevant professional qualification or body: ICAEW

Address: The Vicarage, Bettisfield, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2LB

Signature & date:

Jake Gurr 17th July 2025

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Charity Name

Charity number

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

26/04/2024

To

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
GRANTS	28,120	-	-	28,120	-
DONATIONS	19,883	-	-	19,883	-
FARES	15,397	-	-	15,397	-
SUBSCRIPTIONS	2,398	-	-	2,398	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,798	-	-	65,798	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,798	-	-	65,798	-
A3 Payments					
FUEL	3,190	-	-	3,190	-
MAINTENANCE	826	-	-	826	-
RENT	-	-	-	-	-
INSURANCE	11,788	-	-	11,788	-
ADMINISTRATION	1,441	-	-	1,441	-
VEHICLE PURCHASE	23,061	-	-	23,061	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	40,306	-	-	40,306	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	40,306	-	-	40,306	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	25,491	-	-	25,491	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,746	-	-	17,746	-
Cash funds this year end	43,237	-	-	43,237	-

B1 Cash funds

(agree balances with receipts and payments
account(s))

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Describe	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
none		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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approval
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