

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 269899

Details

Other names	WHEATHAMPSTEAD WELFARE GROUP, WWG
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1975-12-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE VILLAGE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD AND IN PARTICULAR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND RECREATION, THE FURTHERANCE OF HEALTH, THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS.

Activities: Supporting local community activities and providing transport to local hospitals and doctors.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE PARISH OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD
- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£41,488	£39,006	-	-
2024-04-30	£39,778	£22,210	-	-
2023-04-30	£35,856	£27,858	-	-
2022-04-30	£21,851	£20,881	-	-
2021-04-30	£16,120	£14,215	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Mary Howie	Chair	2021-08-05
Anthony Brian Johns		2026-06-09
Chloe Rachel Priest Griffiths		2026-06-09
Christine Elaine Chadney		2026-06-09
Christopher Richard Ling		2026-06-09
David Noel Johnston		2019-06-20
Helen Mary Williams		2025-09-02
Michael Greensmith		2017-09-16

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Accounts

Annual Report, 2024-2025



Chairman's Report

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- Purchasing equipment for the new Wheathampstead Wanderers FC Pavilion
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A total cost of £17,300.

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Our collection envelope this year is also a marketing "piece" promoting the charity. It will be delivered to more households and will be more widely distributed. We will make better use of banners and presenting at events where residents gather such as concerts. The image on the left is what appears on our pull-up banner for use in meetings, reception areas and events.

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On a separate topic, we are restructuring the management team. Up to now the four trustees are also the four board members overseeing the coordination of the various teams delivering the charity's services they are the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Administrator. We are increasingly

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The last 12 months have been very successful for WCG, and we have provided key services and support for Wheathampstead residents. Everyone who works with us is an unpaid volunteer and I would like to thank each one for their dedication to our community. Last year I listed many individuals who have dedicated their time to make our charity a success. Most of those individuals are still helping us today which is a sign not only of their dedication but perhaps also a sign that what we do brings satisfaction to our volunteers as well as our clients.

Here is a summary of our day-to-day activities during the last year.

Our Transport service is led by **Mary Walsh**. In the past year, her team provided 472 lifts to medical appointments (including dentists; opticians; physiotherapy etc) for local people who would otherwise have had difficulty getting to these themselves. This represents over 90% of all requests from 88 residents, despite sometimes having difficulty in allocating a driver.

The Bluebell Memory Café is run by **Isobel Poole** and is for people with memory loss, often dementia. It has a regular attendance of around 25 people including 10 helpers and includes partners and carers. Previous carers provide invaluable support, too. Outings and musical events have been organised. They are well supported by the Alzheimer's Society.

Bel Blumel continues to provide one-on-one support for Wheathampstead residents in need. Over the last year Bel has had 90 or so requests from various sources including professional organisations, charities, relatives and friends asking for our support. Contact is usually via our dedicated phone or email. We begin by visiting the family or individual to discuss the best way we can help. Every case is different. It might include buying second-hand furniture/white goods for a struggling family, handyman/gardening requests for an older person or perhaps signposting clients to our other services or local clubs.

Liz Morgan reports that the Thursday Club is running at maximum capacity with 20 members supported by 20 volunteers. The Club provides companionship and support for residents who are aged over 60 and unable to access other activities without assistance or need care from a carer or family member. The volunteers provide home cooked meals which have proved to be very popular. Activities for the members have included indoor games, a singing club, external speakers and Rock and Roll Bingo.

Our Companionship team is organised by **Caroline Corderey**, and the team of befrienders are matched with 11 different clients. Most clients are elderly and have found themselves increasingly isolated due to personal circumstances – but we also have younger people who benefit. Having a local companion who can look out for you and lend a supportive hand can and does make a huge difference, and in some cases has truly changed the lives of those with whom they are matched.

There is a monthly lunch club organised by **Maggie Fergusson** that has an average 15 attendees per month from a membership list of around 20. The club is designed for people on their own and provides companionship.

As usual, Santa's Sleigh proved very popular. For Christmas 2024 it was thanks to **Lucinda Pilkington** and **Jannine Oxley** for organising the event.

We decided during the year that we would try some new events to raise funds. The two main ones will be sponsoring and underwriting a concert in our crinkle-crankle garden (May 2025) and doing it jointly with the Parish Council. The second activity will also be in partnership with the Parish Council and is to underwrite and look after a couple of events during Village Day (July 2025).

The year 2024 to 2025 has been a successful year for us and we've helped many more people in the village than ever before. The year 2025 to 2026 we decided will be a year of change and only time will tell if those changes help us to increase our contribution towards helping those members of our community in greatest need.

Thanks to all our many volunteers who give their time for free to help those in need of our help.

David Johnston
Chair

Treasurer's Financial Report 2024/25

- Mike Grensmith

		Financial Year:	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
INCOME	Collections & Donations	Annual appeal	9,480	3,351
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		Collection box proceeds	6	147
		Donations from individuals	16,323	9,234
		Menber/Client Contributions	3,781	3,352
		Donations from Organisations	1,160	11,999
	Grants - from:	Wheathampstead Parish Council	-	-
		Other	-	-
	Events - Proceeds from:	Village Day Plant Stall	178	381
		Singalong	473	509
		WTC Fund Raising	-	64
	Other Income	WTC Outings	-	88
		Gift Aid	4,056	4,100
		Investment Income	2,384	2,598
Total Income			<u>£ 41,488</u>	<u>£ 39,778</u>

	Financial Year:	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
EXPENDITURE	Direct Charitable Expenditure	31,498	15,638
	Fund raising costs	275	1,261
	Charity running costs	7,233	5,311
Total Expenditure		<u>39,006</u>	<u>22,210</u>
Excess Income over expenditure		2,482	17,568
Gain on Investment Valuation		2,412	(179)
Total Gain in Year		<u>£ 4,894</u>	<u>£ 17,389</u>

		As at:	<u>30-Apr-25</u>	<u>30-Apr-24</u>
ASSETS	Cash in Hand and at Bank		8,634	48,152
	Investments		93,195	48,783
Total Assets			<u>£ 101,829</u>	<u>£ 96,935</u>

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Mr Michael Greensmith

Ms Sarah Millac

Ms Anne Howie

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

At 30 April 2025, the Community bank account balance was £1,101 and the CAF Gold account balance was £7,534. Additionally, the charity's investments were valued at £93,195 In the year, giving total reserves of £101,829 (2024 £96,935) Income exceeded expenditure by £2,482, plus a £2,412 rise in the value of investments to give a total gain in the year to date of £4,894 (2024 £17,389). This change mainly reflects the investment in village projects and support for local organisations as highlighted above.

Our aim is to always hold reserves equivalent to 18 months operating costs for the core activities and to spend any excess on one-off projects that benefit as many qualifying projects or individuals as possible. This will enable us to increase the benefits we deliver to Wheathampstead from our resources while improving financial control.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr David Johnston – Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2025 set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

Beverley Turner

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Herts
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Date: 20 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

				30 April 2025	30 April 2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	28,296	6,100	34,396	32,040
Grants		-	-	-	-
Fund raising events	3	651	-	651	1,040
Other income		4,056	-	4,056	4,100
Investment income		<u>1,938</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,598</u>
Total incoming resources		34,941	6,547	41,488	39,778
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		275	-	275	1,261
Charity running costs		6,901	332	7,233	5,311
Charitable activities					
Governance					
Direct charitable spending		<u>25,399</u>	<u>6,099</u>	<u>31,498</u>	<u>15,638</u>
Total resources expended		32,575	6,431	39,006	22,210
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		2,366	116	2,482	17,568
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments					
		<u>2,104</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>(180)</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR					
		4,470	424	4,894	17,388
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>81,234</u>	<u>15,701</u>	<u>96,935</u>	<u>79,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					
		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2025

				30 April 2025	30 April 2024
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
	notes				
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5	<u>78,694</u>	<u>14,501</u>	<u>93,195</u>	<u>48,783</u>
		78,694	14,501	93,195	46,783
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		7,010	1,624	8,634	48,152
Transfer between funds		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		7,010	1,624	8,634	48,152
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>
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FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				85,704	81,234
Restricted funds				<u>16,125</u>	<u>15,701</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>101,829</u></u>	<u><u>96,935</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on _____ and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr David Johnston

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Annual Appeal	9,480	3,351
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Donations from organisations	1,160	11,999
	<u>34,396</u>	<u>32,040</u>

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	63
Other	-	88
Village Day plant stall	178	381
Carol singalong at Memorial Hall	473	508
	<u>651</u>	<u>1,040</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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5. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	total
	£	£	£
Opening value 1 May 2024	41,590	7,193	48,783
Additions	63,000	7,000	70,000
Disposals	(28,000)	-	(28,000)
Gain/loss on revaluation	2,104	308	2,412
Closing value 30 April 2025	78,694	14,501	93,195

The investments are in six funds:

- WCG General - M&G securities Charifund
- WCG restricted - M&G securities Charifund
- WCG General - Columbia Threadneedle
- WCG general - Cambridge & Counties 1 year fixed bond
- WCG restricted - Cambridge & Counties 1 year fixed bond
- WCG general - Cambridge & Counties 2 year fixed bond

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

<i>Income from Voluntary Sources</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Collections & Donations</i>		
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<i>Other Income</i>		
Inland Revenue - Gift aid tax relief on donations	4,056	4,100
	4,056	4,100
<i>Income from Assets</i>		
Investment Income	2,385	2,598
<i>Total Receipts</i>	41,488	39,778
<i>Funds Held</i>		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	96,935	79,547
Funds from Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	-
Excess income over expenditure for year	2,482	17,598
Gain/(loss) on investments	2,412	(180)
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 30 April	101,829	96,935

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

<i>Expenditure in the Year</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>		
Aid to or for persons in need	8,043	5,165
Grants to local organisations	17,356	4,850
	25,399	10,015
<i>Fund raising costs</i>		
Annual Appeal	-	382
Village Day Plant Stall	-	90
Carol Singalong refreshments & Raffle Prizes	139	307
Santa Sleigh Collection expenses	136	482
	275	1,261
<i>Charity running costs</i>		
Costs of January get together for WCG Volunteers	844	390
Costs of Summer get together for WCG Volunteers	93	110
WCG Luncheon Club costs	901	574
Memberships & donations	95	95
Dementia Group	1,105	1,020
Telephone Costs for transport service	548	370
Community Telephone Support	189	189
AGM costs for hall hire & refreshments	53	48
Insurance for Public Liability & volunteer drivers	1,023	955
Administration costs	1,173	850
Bank Fees	374	266
Web Site costs	-	49
DBS Fees for Volunteers	228	275
Training courses for volunteers	275	120
	6,900	5,350
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	6,432	5,623
<i>Total expenditure</i>	39,006	22,210
<i>Excess income over expenditure</i>	2,482	17,568
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Our collection envelope this year is also a marketing "piece" promoting the charity. It will be delivered to more households and will be more widely distributed. We will make better use of banners and presenting at events where residents gather such as concerts. We now have a new pull-up banner for use in meetings, reception areas and events.

We will also be increasing our use of technology such as QR codes and online donations. We will be encouraging individuals to leave bequests in their wills. We will, of course, continue to raise funds through other activities such as the very popular Santa's Sleigh.

Thank you to all our Executive Committee and our hard-working volunteers, without whom this all would not be possible.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

On a separate topic, we are restructuring the management team. Up to now the four trustees are also the four board members overseeing the coordination of the various teams delivering the charity's services they are the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Administrator. We are increasingly aware that the trustees really need to be separate from the day-to-day operations of the charity.

The role of charity trustees includes the following responsibilities:

- Decision Making: Trustees make decisions about the direction of the charity and how its purposes will be carried out.
- Compliance: They ensure that the charity complies with legal requirements and its governing document.

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- Resource Management: Trustees manage the charity's resources responsibly and ensure it operates for public benefit.
- Accountability: They are accountable for the charity's management and administration, ensuring transparency and good governance.
- Acting in Best Interests: Trustees must act in the best interests of the charity and its beneficiaries.

These tasks are crucial for the effective functioning and sustainability of a charity providing strategic support and oversight of the charity ensuring it meets its goals as specified in its governing document.

To that end we are seeking to appoint up to five trustees some of whom might be from the existing team but there should be at least one external appointee who will act as chair of the trustees. By external we mean not an existing trustee though they might be an active member of the charity

The last 12 months have been very successful for WCG, and we have provided key services and support for Wheathampstead residents. Everyone who works with us is an unpaid volunteer and I would like to thank each one for their dedication to our community. Most of our volunteers have helped us for many years, which is a sign not only of their dedication but perhaps also a sign that what we do brings satisfaction to our volunteers as well as our clients.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

At 30 April 2025, the Community bank account balance was £1,101 and the CAF Gold account balance was £7,534. Additionally, the charity's investments were valued at £93,195 In the year, giving total reserves of £101,829 (2024 £96,935) Income exceeded expenditure by £2,482, plus a £2,412 rise in the value of investments to give a total gain in the year to date of £4,894 (2024 £17,389). This change mainly reflects the investment in village projects and support for local organisations as highlighted above.

Our aim is to always hold reserves equivalent to 18 months operating costs for the core activities and to spend any excess on one-off projects that benefit as many qualifying projects or individuals as possible. This will enable us to increase the benefits we deliver to Wheathampstead from our resources while improving financial control.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on _____ and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr David Johnston – Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2025 set out on pages 4 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

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Date: 20 July 2025

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

				30 April 2025	30 April 2024
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	28,296	6,100	34,396	32,040
Grants		-	-	-	-
Fund raising events	3	651	-	651	1,040
Other income		4,056	-	4,056	4,100
Investment income		<u>1,938</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>2,385</u>	<u>2,598</u>
Total incoming resources		34,941	6,547	41,488	39,778
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		275	-	275	1,261
Charity running costs		6,901	332	7,233	5,311
Charitable activities					
Governance					
Direct charitable spending		<u>25,399</u>	<u>6,099</u>	<u>31,498</u>	<u>15,638</u>
Total resources expended		32,575	6,431	39,006	22,210
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		2,366	116	2,482	17,568
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments					
		<u>2,104</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>2,412</u>	<u>(180)</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR					
		4,470	424	4,894	17,388
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>81,234</u>	<u>15,701</u>	<u>96,935</u>	<u>79,547</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD					
		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2025

				30 April 2025	30 April 2024
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5	<u>78,694</u>	<u>14,501</u>	<u>93,195</u>	<u>48,783</u>
		78,694	14,501	93,195	46,783
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		7,010	1,624	8,634	48,152
Transfer between funds		_____	_____	_____	_____
		7,010	1,624	8,634	48,152
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		-	-	-	-
		_____	_____	_____	_____
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		85,704	16,125	101,829	96,935
		_____	_____	_____	_____
NET ASSETS		<u>85,704</u>	<u>16,125</u>	<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				85,704	81,234
Restricted funds				<u>16,125</u>	<u>15,701</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>101,829</u>	<u>96,935</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on _____ and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr David Johnston

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Annual Appeal	9,480	3,351
Collection box proceeds	6	147
Donations from individuals	16,323	9,234
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,646	3,957
Client Contributions	3,781	3,352
Donations from organisations	1,160	11,999
	<u>34,396</u>	<u>32,040</u>

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	63
Other	-	88
Village Day plant stall	178	381
Carol singalong at Memorial Hall	473	508
	<u>651</u>	<u>1,040</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2025 nor for the year ended 30 April 2024.

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5. INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	total
	£	£	£
Opening value 1 May 2024	41,590	7,193	48,783
Additions	63,000	7,000	70,000
Disposals	(28,000)	-	(28,000)
Gain/loss on revaluation	2,104	308	2,412
Closing value 30 April 2025	78,694	14,501	93,195

The investments are in six funds:

- WCG General - M&G securities Charifund
- WCG restricted - M&G securities Charifund
- WCG General - Columbia Threadneedle
- WCG general - Cambridge & Counties 1 year fixed bond
- WCG restricted - Cambridge & Counties 1 year fixed bond
- WCG general - Cambridge & Counties 2 year fixed bond

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

<i>Income from Voluntary Sources</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Collections & Donations</i>		
Annual Appeal	9,480	3,351
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,646	3,957
Collection box proceeds	6	147
Donations from individuals	16,323	9,234
Member/Client Contributions	3,781	3,352
Donation from Organisations	1,160	11,999
	34,396	32,040
<i>Grants - from:</i>		
Wheathampstead Parish Council	-	-
Other	-	-
	-	-
<i>Events - Proceeds from:</i>		
Village Day Plant Stall	178	381
Other	-	88
Wheathampstead Thursday Club fund raising		63
Carol Singalong at the Memorial Hall	473	508
	651	1,040
<i>Other Income</i>		
Inland Revenue - Gift aid tax relief on donations	4,056	4,100
	4,056	4,100
<i>Income from Assets</i>		
Investment Income	2,385	2,598
<i>Total Receipts</i>	41,488	39,778
<i>Funds Held</i>		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	96,935	79,547
Funds from Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	-
Excess income over expenditure for year	2,482	17,598
Gain/(loss) on investments	2,412	(180)
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 30 April	101,829	96,935

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

<i>Expenditure in the Year</i>	2025	2024
	£	£
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>		
Aid to or for persons in need	8,043	5,165
Grants to local organisations	17,356	4,850
	25,399	10,015
<i>Fund raising costs</i>		
Annual Appeal	-	382
Village Day Plant Stall	-	90
Carol Singalong refreshments & Raffle Prizes	139	307
Santa Sleigh Collection expenses	136	482
	275	1,261
<i>Charity running costs</i>		
Costs of January get together for WCG Volunteers	844	390
Costs of Summer get together for WCG Volunteers	93	110
WCG Luncheon Club costs	901	574
Memberships & donations	95	95
Dementia Group	1,105	1,020
Telephone Costs for transport service	548	370
Community Telephone Support	189	189
AGM costs for hall hire & refreshments	53	48
Insurance for Public Liability & volunteer drivers	1,023	955
Administration costs	1,173	850
Bank Fees	374	266
Web Site costs	-	49
DBS Fees for Volunteers	228	275
Training courses for volunteers	275	120
	6,900	5,350
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	6,432	5,623
<i>Total expenditure</i>	39,006	22,210
<i>Excess income over expenditure</i>	2,482	17,568
<i>Increase/(Reduction) in valuation of investments</i>	2,412	(180)
<i>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</i>	4,894	17,388

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 269899

Accounts

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024
FOR
WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr David Johnston

Mr Michael Greensmith

Ms Sarah Millac

Ms Anne Howie

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Expenditure on the direct support to our community was £15,638 (£21,215 in 2022/23). Over the past 12 months Wheathampstead Community Group was able to:

- Purchase beds, mattresses, washing machines, fridges, freezers, cookers vacuum cleaners and children's clothing for those in financial difficulties and who otherwise would not be able to afford them.
- Provide a laptop computer, a specialist pushchair and drumming lessons to children with disabilities/learning difficulties.
- Supply Tesco food vouchers and Foodbank vouchers for those unable to afford basic groceries.
- Help 15 residents with their gardening, home maintenance and IT support.
- Complete 450 return trips to medical appointments for nearly 100 residents, including dentist; optician; physio; GP and hospital appointments.
- Befriend 11 lonely or isolated residents.
- Provide lunches and activities to 20 less able residents through our Thursday Club.
- Deliver a Monthly Lunch Club for a total of 22 elderly or lonely residents.
- Run a Bi-monthly Dementia Friendship and Support Group (the Bluebelle Café) for 20 members.
- Continue to provide a Stationery pack to every St Helen's and Beech Hyde school leaver annually.
- Support our two primary schools with funds for educational equipment.
- Continue to organise and expand Santa's Grotto and Sleigh Runs in our village.
- Hold the annual Christmas Singalong, including songs from the Primary school choirs – free to all village residents.

Thank you to all our Executive Committee and our hard-working volunteers, without whom this all would not be possible.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Wheathampstead Community Group continues to be in a healthy financial condition, holding a total of £96,935 (2023 - £79,547) in reserves following a surplus of income over expenditure of £17,388 (2023 - £5,170). We were fortunate to receive a donation of £7,800 from Rotary in Harpenden, via their Classics on the Common event and £3,375 from Wheathampstead Friends, upon the closure of that charity.

The Trustees are aware that we hold more than sufficient financial reserves to maintain the organisation for more than 18 months while continuing to deliver services to the community as described in this report. For this reason, we are planning to review our constitution to enable us to divide our finance and budget between capital and non-capital funding. This will enable us to increase the benefits we deliver to Wheathampstead from our resources while improving financial control.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr David Johnston – Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2024 set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

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Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

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Date: 19 June 2024

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

					30 April 2024	30 April 2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
Collections and donations	2	25,727	6,313	-	32,040	24,522
Grants		-	-	-	-	1,480
Fund raising events	3	889	151	-	1,040	2,473
Other income		4,073	27	-	4,100	4,896
Investment income		2,173	425	-	2,598	2,485
Total incoming resources		32,862	6,916	-	39,778	35,856
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds						
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,261	-	-	1,261	1,140
Charity running costs		4,819	492	-	5,311	5,503
Charitable activities						
Governance						
Direct charitable spending		10,015	5,623	-	15,638	21,215
Total resources expended		16,095	6,115	-	22,210	27,858
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE						
		16,767	801	-	17,568	7,998
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments		(45)	(135)	-	(179)	(2,828)
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		16,722	666	-	17,388	5,170
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		64,512	15,035	-	79,547	74,377
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		81,234	15,701	-	96,935	79,547

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2024

	30 April 2024		30 April 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments	<u>41,590</u>	<u>7,193</u>	-	<u>48,783</u>
	41,590	7,193	-	48,783
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>39,644</u>	<u>8,508</u>	-	<u>48,152</u>
	39,644	8,508	-	48,152
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>81,234</u>	<u>15,701</u>	-	<u>96,935</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>81,234</u>	<u>15,701</u>	-	<u>96,935</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>81,234</u>	<u>15,701</u>	-	<u>96,935</u>
FUNDS				
Unrestricted funds				81,234
Restricted funds				15,701
Endowment funds				-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>96,935</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 19 June 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Johnston

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Annual Appeal	3,351	5,659
Collection box proceeds	147	135
Donations from individuals	9,234	5,684
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,957	3,823
Client Contributions	3,352	2,304
Donations from organisations	11,999	6,917
	<u>32,040</u>	<u>24,522</u>

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	63	370
Other	88	-
Village Day plant stall	381	294
John Bunyan charity day	-	1,353
Carol singalong at Memorial Hall	508	456
	<u>1,040</u>	<u>2,473</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2024 nor for the year ended 30 April 2023.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

<i>Income from Voluntary Sources</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Collections & Donations</i>		
Annual Appeal	3,351	5,659
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,957	3,823
Collection box proceeds	147	135
Donations from individuals	9,234	5,684
Member/Client Contributions	3,352	2,304
Donation from Organisations	11,999	6,917
	32,040	24,522
<i>Grants - from:</i>		
Wheathampstead Parish Council	-	-
Other	-	1,480
	-	1,480
<i>Events - Proceeds from:</i>		
Village Day Plant Stall	381	294
Other	88	-
John Bunyan Charity Day	-	1,353
Wheathampstead Thursday Club fund raising	63	370
Carol Singalong at the Memorial Hall	508	456
	1,040	2,473
<i>Other Income</i>		
Inland Revenue - Gift aid tax relief on donations	4,100	4,896
	4,100	4,896
<i>Income from Assets</i>		
Investment Income	2,598	2,485
<i>Total Receipts</i>	39,778	35,856
 <i>Funds Held</i>		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	79,547	74,377
Funds from Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	-
Excess income over expenditure for year	17,568	7,998
Gain/(loss) on investments	(179)	(2,828)
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 30 April	96,935	79,547

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

<i>Expenditure in the Year</i>	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>		
Aid to or for persons in need	5,165	6,963
Grants to local organisations	4,850	9,941
	10,015	16,904
<i>Fund raising costs</i>		
Annual Appeal	382	508
Village Day Plant Stall	90	-
Carol Singalong refreshments & Raffle Prizes	307	272
Santa Sleigh Collection expenses	482	359
	1,261	1,139
<i>Charity running costs</i>		
Costs of January get together for WCG Volunteers	390	495
Costs of Summer get together for WCG Volunteers	110	108
WCG Luncheon Club costs	574	346
Memberships & donations	95	-
Dementia Group	1,020	-
BT Telephone Costs for transport service	370	326
Community Telephone Support	189	180
AGM costs for hall hire & refreshments	48	47
Insurance for Public Liability & volunteer drivers	955	817
Administration costs	850	2,370
Bank Fees	266	313
Web Site costs	49	96
DBS Fees for Volunteers	275	251
Training courses for volunteers	120	-
	5,350	5,350
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	5,623	4,465
<i>Total expenditure</i>	22,210	27,858
<i>Excess income over expenditure</i>	17,568	7,998
<i>Increase/(Reduction) in valuation of investments</i>	(179)	(2,828)
<i>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</i>	17,388	5,170

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 269899

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It's fair to say that, although the Covid crisis now seems a somewhat distant memory, we are still experiencing some fallout from the pandemic. This was seen at the start of the year with some of our volunteers being more reluctant to participate in our activities than in the past. However, I feel we are now past that and are virtually back to normal. Having said that, "normal" doesn't mean it's easy recruiting volunteers – that remains a critical activity.

Organisations like ours depend on key individuals, not only those who complete the day-to-day tasks, but those who manage the delivery of our services and take on additional responsibilities. Our challenge this year will be to ensure we have backup for our Treasurer and other team leaders who enable us to provide our broad range of services.

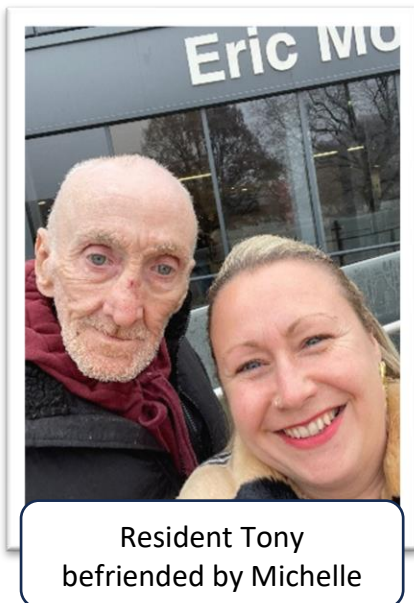
This year we changed our door-to-door collection away from December to spring. This was because of the intense activity around Christmas with Lights-Up (Santa's Sleigh and collection) and our Singalong. Having the door-to-door too was one activity too many. Holding it in spring was a success but on reflection we should avoid the Easter break in future. We are delighted that the Harpenden Rotary have generously agreed to make WCG one of their supported charities when holding their Classics on the Common event in July.

We are seeing an increase in the number of people being referred to us for support – this is across all activities from delivering transport for medical appointments to the provision of financial and personal support. This year we will again support pupils transitioning to secondary education by providing a stationery pack and scientific calculator.

Our Community Secretary **Bel Bluemel** personally meets individuals and families that contact us and are in need of help. These may have been referred by one of the dozen or so organisations we have built a relationship with. Many of our clients self-refer and for some it is more than the first time they've needed help.

Bel assesses each case and recommends how best we can help. This year has seen a growing need in the community because of the financial situation with families in particular struggling to make ends meet. As in the past, we help through the provision of food vouchers and purchasing household items such as beds, white goods, shoes, floor coverings, fuel bills and so on. We also have a demand for gardening support for those unable to manage – often the elderly or disabled. Unfortunately, this is one area we struggle to meet the growing need.

John Gladwin runs the Wheathampstead Dementia Wellbeing Group who are delighted to have joined the WCG this past year. The Group meets twice a month in the Memorial Hall except August and December (when they go out for a Xmas lunch). The group is made up of both carers and people with dementia and has a strong team of helpers. The first meeting in the month is café style and often has professional visitors to contribute to the demands on members. The second would normally have a speaker, music group, drama etc. Once a quarter the club goes out to lunch at a local pub, garden centre or places that can meet their needs. It has its own small Committee which settles the programme and the arrangements for each gathering.



Resident Tony
befriended by Michelle

Caroline Cordery manages the Companionship Service which continues to offer support to lonely people across the village. At present there are 8 individuals matched with befrienders – but this number varies according to need and the availability of volunteers. All the befrienders do an amazing job, offering their time and support to a vulnerable or lonely person. They make a real difference to somebody's life often resulting in a genuine friendship across the generations. Caroline works closely with our sister group the Wheathampstead Friends.

Mary Walsh has taken over the management of our Transport Service with Dexter Ghelfi continuing to provide IT support. This year we've helped local residents with 444 lifts to medical appointments and the demand continues to grow. These lifts are mainly provided to elderly

residents going to Hertfordshire hospitals but also to doctors' surgeries, opticians and dentists.

We have 40 wonderful volunteer drivers with each driver able to volunteer for as few or as many journeys as they like. There is also an equally essential small team of 5 who take the calls and match drivers to the journeys.

Peter Woods leads our Thursday Club supported by a band of volunteers. The Thursday Club provides companionship and support to residents over 60, unable to access other activities without support, or need day to day care either from a carer or family member. The Club, which meets every Thursday, in the Mead Hall in East Lane in term time, provides friendship and entertainment, with lunch, tea and coffee. **Val Hughes** will be taking over from Peter next term. I'd like to thank Peter for all the hard work he has put into the club having taken over from David Law and restoring it to pre-Covid operation.

Louise Canfield with **Lucinda Pilkington** organises and runs our Santa's Sleigh collection and



the grotto held at the village's lights-up ceremony. This is an important source of revenue to the organisation, and we are grateful to Louise and all of her supporting volunteers for all the effort they put in at this very busy time of the year. Picture shows Santa preparing for a trip around the village. Louise also helps with our marketing along with **Morwenna Ellis**.

Our biggest problem remains finding volunteers. As with previous years, we still need new drivers for hospital visits, befrienders for lonely individuals or handymen to help an elderly person, this remains a major challenge. Everyone involved in the Community Group is a volunteer. So apart from those already mentioned, a special thanks also to my Vice-Chair, **Anne Howie**, our Secretary, **Sarah Millac** and our Treasurer, **Mike Greensmith** whose report follows below.

Here is a brief summary of our recent activities:

- The Provision of **financial assistance** for families in difficulty to help buy furniture and appliances, and support with household costs and school expenses. There was a 34% increase in financial assistance this year over last year.
- Supplying **120 Tesco food vouchers and 26 Foodbank vouchers** for those-unable to afford basic groceries.
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The picture shows Sarah presenting a donation to MacIntyre home in the



Mike is shown presenting stationery packs to primary school leavers.

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Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Wheathampstead for their financial support and special thanks to the volunteers who help us with our work. Without either, there would be individuals or families in the village who would suffer unnecessarily.

David Johnston (Chair)

Financial Summary for Financial Year 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023

Our financial position continues to remain very strong. Total funds at the end of the financial year were approaching £ 80,000. Despite record breaking levels of direct charitable expenditure, very successful fund-raising efforts resulted in a £ 5,170 gain in the year.

Income totalled £ 35,855 and reflected:

- The decision was made to change our Annual Appeal from Christmas to Spring and was very successful again when viewed with other donations made over the Christmas period.
- £ 6,682 was received from the transfer of the assets of Wheathampstead United Charities.
- Donations from Individuals were £ 5,684, included £ 3,115 received around Christmas that would previously have been part of the Annual Appeal totals.
- Gift Aid of £ 4,896 reflecting a return to a full fundraising programme.
- The Santa Sleigh runs raised £ 3,823 before Gift Aid, 20% up on 2021.
- With the end of lockdown, fundraising events took place once again, raising £ 2,103.

Expenditure of £ 27,858 included:

- £ 21,215 spent in the Direct support of clients and the community, a 62% increase. Many of the stories being these donations are covered elsewhere in this report.
- With the full fundraising programme, Fundraising costs rose to £ 1,140
- Expenditure in replacing the technology to support our Transport operations and Social media/marketing accounts for the majority of the £ 5,503

Numbers shown on next page.



Pupils making use of the Jigsaw teaching aide we funded for Beech Hyde school.

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		Other	-	115
	Other Income	Gift Aid	4,896	547
		Investment Income	2,484	1,819
Total Income			£ 35,855	£ 21,851

	Financial Year:	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
EXPENDITURE			
	Direct Charitable Expenditure	21,215	15,867
	Fund raising costs	1,140	806
	Charity running costs	5,503	4,208
Total Expenditure		<u>27,858</u>	<u>20,881</u>
Excess Income over expenditure		7,997	970
Gain on Investment Valuation		(2,828)	2,706
Total Gain in Year		<u>£ 5,170</u>	<u>£ 3,676</u>
	As at:	<u>30-Apr-23</u>	<u>30-Apr-22</u>
ASSETS			
	Cash in Hand and at Bank	30,584	28,108
	Investments	48,962	46,269
Total Assets		<u>£ 79,547</u>	<u>£ 74,377</u>

Mike Greensmith (Treasurer)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 269899

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Mr Michael Greensmith

Ms Sarah Millac

Ms Anne Howie

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Total funds carried forward are £79,547 (2022 - £74,377).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established procedures to manage those risks.

The trustees consider variability of investment returns and market value to constitute the charity's major financial risk and recent extreme volatility in world stock markets has demonstrated this risk. The trustees adopt a low risk strategy

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Johnston – Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2023 set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

Beverley Turner

Beverley Turner
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Welwyn
Herts
AL6 0PP

Date: June 2023

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

		30 April 2022		30 April 2022	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	20,517	4,005	-	24,522
Grants		1,480	-	-	1,480
Fund raising events	3	2,103	370	-	2,473
Other income		4,896	-	-	4,896
Investment income		<u>2,072</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,485</u>
Total incoming resources		31,068	4,788	-	35,856
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,140	-	-	1,140
Charity running costs		5,350	153	-	5,503
Charitable activities					
Governance					
Direct charitable spending		<u>16,903</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,215</u>
Total resources expended		23,393	4,465	-	27,858
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		7,675	323	-	7,998
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments					
		<u>(2,351)</u>	<u>(477)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,828)</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		5,324	(154)	-	5,170
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		59,188	15,189	-	74,377
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>

WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2023

	30 April 2023			30 April 2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	<u>41,635</u>	<u>7,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,962</u>	<u>46,269</u>
	41,635	7,327	-	48,962	46,269
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>22,877</u>	<u>7,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,585</u>	<u>28,108</u>
	22,877	7,707	-	30,585	28,108
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>22,877</u>	<u>7,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,585</u>	<u>28,108</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				64,512	59,188
Restricted funds				15,035	15,189
Endowment funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Johnston

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Annual Appeal	5,659	12,028
Collection box proceeds	135	259
Donations from individuals	5,684	1,136
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,823	3,172
Client Contributions	2,304	1,594
Donation from Wheathampstead United Charities	5,521	-
Donation from organisations	1,396	79
	<u>24,522</u>	<u>18,268</u>

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	370	202
Other	-	115
Village Day plant stall	294	-
John Bunyan charity day	1,353	-
Carol singalong at Memorial Hall	456	-
	<u>2,473</u>	<u>317</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

<i>Income from Voluntary Sources</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Collections & Donations</i>		
Annual Appeal	5,659	12,028
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,823	3,172
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<i>Grants - from:</i>		
Wheathampstead Parish Council	-	900
Other	1,480	-
	1,480	900
<i>Events - Proceeds from:</i>		
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<i>Other Income</i>		
Proceeds from Internet Café refreshments	-	-
Inland Revenue - Gift aid tax relief on donations	4,896	547
	4,896	547
<i>Income from Assets</i>		
Investment Income	2,485	1,819
<i>Total Receipts</i>	35,856	21,851
<i>Funds Held</i>		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	74,377	55,044
Funds from Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	15,657
Excess income over expenditure for year	7,998	970
Gain/(loss) on investments	(2,828)	2,706
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 30 April	79,547	74,377

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

<i>Expenditure in the Year</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>		
Aid to or for persons in need	6,963	4,513
Grants to local organisations	9,941	6,509
Wheathampstead support for all initiative	-	86
Friends of St Helens School (share of JB Charity income)	-	-
	16,904	11,108
<i>Fund raising costs</i>		
Annual Appeal	508	545
Village Day Plant Stall	-	-
JB Charity Day	-	-
Carol Singalong refreshments & Raffle Prizes	272	6
Santa Sleigh Collection expenses	359	255
	1,139	806
<i>Charity running costs</i>		
Costs of January get together for WCG Volunteers	495	320
Costs of Summer get together for WCG Volunteers	108	185
WCG Luncheon Club costs	346	236
Donations and Annual Membership Fees	-	35
BT Telephone Costs for transport service	326	285
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Web Site costs	96	-
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Training courses for volunteers	-	123
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WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and established procedures to manage those risks.

The trustees consider variability of investment returns and market value to constitute the charity's major financial risk and recent extreme volatility in world stock markets has demonstrated this risk. The trustees adopt a low risk strategy

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 July 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Johnston – Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WHEATHAMPSTEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2023 set out on pages 6 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees 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 statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

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Date: June 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

		30 April 2022		30 April 2022	
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Collections and donations	2	20,517	4,005	-	24,522
Grants		1,480	-	-	1,480
Fund raising events	3	2,103	370	-	2,473
Other income		4,896	-	-	4,896
Investment income		<u>2,072</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,485</u>
Total incoming resources		31,068	4,788	-	35,856
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,140	-	-	1,140
Charity running costs		5,350	153	-	5,503
Charitable activities					
Governance					
Direct charitable spending		<u>16,903</u>	<u>4,312</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,215</u>
Total resources expended		23,393	4,465	-	27,858
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					
		7,675	323	-	7,998
Gain/(Loss) on revaluation of investments					
		<u>(2,351)</u>	<u>(477)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,828)</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		5,324	(154)	-	5,170
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		59,188	15,189	-	74,377
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2023

	30 April 2023			30 April 2022	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Endowment fund	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	<u>41,635</u>	<u>7,327</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,962</u>	<u>46,269</u>
	41,635	7,327	-	48,962	46,269
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>22,877</u>	<u>7,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,585</u>	<u>28,108</u>
	22,877	7,707	-	30,585	28,108
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>22,877</u>	<u>7,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,585</u>	<u>28,108</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>64,512</u>	<u>15,035</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				64,512	59,188
Restricted funds				15,035	15,189
Endowment funds				-	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>79,547</u>	<u>74,377</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 July 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr David Johnston

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

2. COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Annual Appeal	5,659	12,028
Collection box proceeds	135	259
Donations from individuals	5,684	1,136
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,823	3,172
Client Contributions	2,304	1,594
Donation from Wheathampstead United Charities	5,521	-
Donation from organisations	<u>1,396</u>	<u>79</u>
	<u>24,522</u>	<u>18,268</u>

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	370	202
Other	-	115
Village Day plant stall	294	-
John Bunyan charity day	1,353	-
Carol singalong at Memorial Hall	<u>456</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,473</u>	<u>317</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2023 nor for the year ended 30 April 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

<i>Income from Voluntary Sources</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Collections & Donations</i>		
Annual Appeal	5,659	12,028
Santa Sleigh Collections	3,823	3,172
Collection box proceeds	135	259
Donations from individuals	5,684	1,136
Member/Client Contributions	2,304	1,594
Donation from Organisations	1,396	79
Donation from Wheathampstead United Charities	5,521	
	24,522	18,268
<i>Grants - from:</i>		
Wheathampstead Parish Council	-	900
Other	1,480	-
	1,480	900
<i>Events - Proceeds from:</i>		
Village Day Plant Stall	294	-
Other	-	115
John Bunyan Charity Day	1,353	
Wheathampstead Thursday Club fund raising	370	202
Carol Singalong at the Memorial Hall	456	-
	2,473	317
<i>Other Income</i>		
Proceeds from Internet Café refreshments	-	-
Inland Revenue - Gift aid tax relief on donations	4,896	547
	4,896	547
<i>Income from Assets</i>		
Investment Income	2,485	1,819
<i>Total Receipts</i>	35,856	21,851
<i>Funds Held</i>		
Accumulated Fund brought forward	74,377	55,044
Funds from Wheathampstead Thursday Club	-	15,657
Excess income over expenditure for year	7,998	970
Gain/(loss) on investments	(2,828)	2,706
ACCUMULATED FUND as at 30 April	79,547	74,377

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

<i>Expenditure in the Year</i>	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Direct Charitable Expenditure</i>		
Aid to or for persons in need	6,963	4,513
Grants to local organisations	9,941	6,509
Wheathampstead support for all initiative	-	86
Friends of St Helens School (share of JB Charity income)	-	-
	16,904	11,108
<i>Fund raising costs</i>		
Annual Appeal	508	545
Village Day Plant Stall	-	-
JB Charity Day	-	-
Carol Singalong refreshments & Raffle Prizes	272	6
Santa Sleigh Collection expenses	359	255
	1,139	806
<i>Charity running costs</i>		
Costs of January get together for WCG Volunteers	495	320
Costs of Summer get together for WCG Volunteers	108	185
WCG Luncheon Club costs	346	236
Donations and Annual Membership Fees	-	35
BT Telephone Costs for transport service	326	285
Community Telephone Support	180	213
AGM costs for hall hire & refreshments	47	-
Insurance for Public Liability & volunteer drivers	817	836
Administration costs	2,370	1,375
CAF Bank Fees	313	300
Web Site costs	96	-
DBS Fees for Volunteers	251	300
Training courses for volunteers	-	123
	5,350	4,208
Wheathampstead Thursday Club	4,465	4,759
<i>Total expenditure</i>	27,858	20,881
<i>Excess income over expenditure</i>	7,998	970
<i>Increase/(Reduction) in valuation of investments</i>	(2,828)	2,706
<i>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</i>	5,170	3,676