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THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SOCIETY

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the

YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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Charity No. 271123

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# THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SOCIETY

## GENERAL INFORMATION

TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS	Fraser Clayton (chairman) David Heasman (deputy chairman) John Kilby (treasurer) Geoffrey Heels Alan Greenwood Oliver Warburton Robert Wright
COMPANY SECRETARY	-
REGISTERED OFFICE	Mutfords Hare Street Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0ED
CHARITY No.	271123
COMPANY No.	1241335
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT	Michelle A Hume 15 Porters Close Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 9BW
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc Corporation Street Blackpool Branch PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT

# THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SOCIETY

## DIRECTORS' AND TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report, together with the unaudited accounts of The Historic Commercial Vehicle Society (the company) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. The trustees confirm that the annual report and accounts of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Society's objective continues to be the encouragement of the preservation, restoration and operation of historic commercial vehicles and the promotion and furtherance of the study of, and research into such vehicles.

When planning our activities for the year, we have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as explained in more detail in the achievements and performance section below.

### **Trustees and directors**

Fraser Clayton (chairman)  
David Heasman (deputy chairman)  
Andrew Lord (resigned 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024)  
John Kilby (treasurer)  
Alwin Harrison (resigned 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024)  
Geoffrey Heels  
Nicholas J Ezra (resigned 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024)  
Clive MacDonald (appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, resigned 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024)  
John Hinson (appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, resigned 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024)  
Alan Greenwood (appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024)  
Oliver Warburton (appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024)  
Rob Wright (appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024)

### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have assessed potential risks to the charity and taken action to put into place systems to mitigate those risks. Over the year the trustees will be reviewing and revising its policies regarding business risks, financial risks, health and safety risks and other identifiable risks.

### **Achievements and performance**

During the year, regular meetings have been held for Society members in six areas and we have been able to carry out the Charity's aims for public benefit. Talks have been given on historic commercial vehicles and allied subjects. Events such as road runs and static displays of members' historic commercial vehicles have been carried on during this financial year. The London to Brighton run was held with a new start from Brooklands and this proved to be very popular.

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### Financial review

Incoming resources were £87,140 (2023 - £73,207) and resources expended were £61,556 (2023 - £64,042). The surplus for the year of £25,584 (2023 – £9,165) fluctuated from the previous year due to the investments. The value of the Society's investments increased in value by £24,831 to £158,195 as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. These investments are intended to be held for the long term and the Trustees continue to believe that they will increase in value in coming years.

The principal source of income in the year was from membership subscriptions. No members of staff were paid in the year covered by these accounts.

### Future plans

Future developments, as always, include the making of representations to appropriate bodies in connection with any proposed British regulations which could affect the retention and use of historic commercial vehicles. The Society utilises draft legislation in order to keep up to date with such prospective developments. The Society is also a member of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs which consults and lobbies on behalf of British vehicle clubs.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain at least a minimum level of reserves as recommended by the Charity Commission, and to keep sufficient funds in order to see the funded projects to their conclusion.

	2024	2023
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Unrestricted funds	£ 328,915	£ 303,331
Revaluation reserve	30,000	30,000
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	£ 358,915	£ 333,331
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### Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

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**Structure, governance and management**

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated and constituted under Articles of Association, registered number 1,241,335. It is an English registered charity, number 271,123.

The management of the company is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. Additional trustees may be co-opted by the existing trustees as they deem advisable from time to time, and then stand for election as required by the Articles of Association.

The Trustees of the Society are fully responsible for the overall management of the Society, and they meet regularly to manage its affairs. The Society has reduced the number of areas to 6 and these are constituted in accordance with Article 33 of the Society's Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Officers thereof report directly to the Society Trustees.

Reference and administrative details can be found on page 1 of the accounts.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners in the Charities Act 2011.

**Trustees Responsibilities**

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

This report was approved by the trustees on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Fraser Clayton  
Chairman  
Trustee

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Historic Commercial Vehicle Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the "2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with my examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle A Hume  
Chartered Accountant  
15 Porters Close  
Buntingford, Hertfordshire  
SG9 9BW

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

	note	2024	2023
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INCOMING RESOURCES			
Charitable activities	2	£ 47,904	£ 56,646
Voluntary income	3	10,084	9,436
Investment income	4	4,321	1,764
Donation		-	1,500
Total incoming resources		£ 62,309	£ 69,346
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RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	5	33,154	40,470
Raising funds	6	21,397	20,270
Governance costs	7	7,005	3,302
Total resources expended		£ 61,556	£ 64,042
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Net incoming resources for the year		753	5,304
Net gains from investments	10	24,831	3,861
Net movement in funds for the year		25,584	9,165
Funds brought forward		303,331	294,166
Funds carried forward		£ 328,915	£ 303,331
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts

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## BALANCE SHEET 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
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<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	£ 1,221	£ 1,428
Heritage asset	9	30,000	30,000
Investments	10	158,195	133,364
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		189,416	164,792
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks		£ 351	£ 749
Debtors and prepayments	11	16,801	4,402
CCLA deposit account		75,004	71,609
Bank balance		16,494	19,018
Area bank balances		81,774	85,724
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		190,424	181,502
<b>CREDITORS - amounts falling within one year</b>	12	20,925	12,963
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Net current assets		169,499	168,539
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		£ 358,915	£ 333,331
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<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted funds		328,915	303,331
Revaluation reserve		30,000	30,000
		-----	-----
		£ 358,915	£ 333,331
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For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

### Trustees Responsibilities:

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts were approved by the board of Trustees on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Fraser Clayton  
Chairman

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts



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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

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### 1. Accounting policies

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015), UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income and donations are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable, except when the donors specify that they must be used in future accounting periods or donors conditions have not been fulfilled, the income is deferred.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned.

#### **Resources expended**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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 the resources.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

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### 1. (continued)

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Equipment	25% on reducing balance
Reference books	10% on cost
Challenge cups and trophies	at nominal value

#### **Heritage assets - motor vehicle**

The Leyland “Chivers” vehicle was donated to the charitable company and has been capitalised as the trustees consider the vehicle is a heritage assets, as defined by the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 2015.

The heritage asset is stated at its insured value. The trustees consider the insured value is a reasonable basis for valuation. The trustees consider that the vehicle has an indefinite useful life and high residual value which would result in any depreciation charges being immaterial and hence no depreciation is provided on such asset. The continuing retention of this vehicle is direct furtherance of the charitable company’s objects.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in ‘net gains on investments’ in the SoFA.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

	2024	2023
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<b>2. Charitable activities</b>		
Membership subscriptions	£ 40,741	£ 44,880
Gift aid	9,000	9,567
Brighton rally	(2,961)	-
Area rallies net income	34	92
Area donations	449	1,768
Activities generating funds	793	-
Regalia (deficit)/miscellaneous	(152)	339
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	£ 47,904	£ 56,646
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<b>3. Voluntary income</b>		
Donations	£ 1,230	£ 1,510
Insurance donations	8,744	7,811
Vehicle registrations	110	115
Advertising	-	-
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	£ 10,084	£ 9,436
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<b>4. Investment income</b>		
Bank interest receivable	4,034	1,703
Building society interest	287	61
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	£ 4,321	£ 1,764
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<b>5. Charitable activities</b>		
Magazine	25,607	25,718
Area administration costs	3,333	3,681
AGM	788	666
AGM circular	1,566	1,753
Chivers vehicle expenses	1,525	1,607
Miscellaneous	-	451
Book binding for NMM	-	6,270
Tree V	335	324
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	£ 33,154	£ 40,470
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

	2024	2023
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<b>6. Raising funds</b>		
Membership administration costs	5,688	4,645
Membership renewal notice	1,917	1,899
Rent	6,839	5,714
Insurance	1,779	1,754
Telephone	961	896
Printing, stationery and postage	498	1,080
Advertising and website	2,425	3,001
Calendars	180	80
Depreciation	207	215
Subscriptions	903	986
Sundry	-	-
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	£ 21,397	£ 20,270
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<b>7. Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy fees	£ -	£ -
Costs of trustee meetings	1,629	2,548
Bank charges	515	754
Cost of confidence vote	4,861	-
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	£ 7,005	£ 3,302
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<b>8. Tangible fixed assets</b>		
	Reference Books	
	Equipment & Trophies	
Cost		
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	£ 39,093	
Disposals	-	
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As at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£ 39,093	
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Depreciation		
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	37,665	
Charge for the year	207	
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As at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£ 37,872	
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Net book value		
As at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£ 1,221	
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As at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	£ 1,428	
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2024

	2024	2023
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<b>9. Heritage asset</b>	Leyland "Chivers"	
As at 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	£ 30,000	
Additions	-	
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As at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£ 30,000	
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The vehicle is stated at its insured value. The last insurance valuation was in September 2019.

### 10. Fixed asset investment

Funds and shares		
Hargreaves Lansdown Fund		
Brought forward	£ 133,364	£ 129,503
Profit/(loss) on revaluation	24,831	3,861
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Value at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024	£ 158,195	£ 133,364
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### 11. Debtors and prepayments

Prepayments	2,496	2,134
Other debtors	14,305	2,268
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	£ 16,801	£ 4,402
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### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Area trade creditors	-	108
Subscriptions in advance	19,605	11,535
Main Society accruals	1,320	1,320
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	£ 20,925	£ 12,963
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### 13. Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.