

CHAIN

England & Wales · Charity number 289437

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1984-05-18

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

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Activities

Objects: TO UNDERTAKE VOLUNTARY WORK IN SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION AND SIMILAR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AMONGST THOSE CLASSES IN NEED THEREOF WITHIN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Undertaking voluntary work and related activities for the benefit of people who are elderly, sick or disabled or who are otherwise in need within the Town and Rural District of Hungerford. To offer advice and guidance to people willing to undertake voluntary service. Assist them in the provision of voluntary work putting them in touch with individual/statutory organisations seeking helpers.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HUNGERFORD AND DISTRICT
- West Berkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£33,531	£27,989	-	-
2024-03-31	£33,367	£34,365	-	-
2023-03-31	£21,688	£17,173	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,720	£17,748	-	-
2021-03-31	£15,229	£4,440	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daphne Elizabeth Angell		2025-10-15
Deanne Cripps		2024-02-01
Elizabeth Ann Pike		2018-08-09
George Ham		2015-05-22
KATHY BOSSOM		2011-08-15
KEITH ROBERT KNIGHT		2020-09-21
Keith Mayes		2024-09-10
Neale Marney		2024-02-01

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Accounts



CHAIN AGM



15th October 2025

7.00pm

The Hungerford Hub & Library, Hungerford

Type of meeting:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda topics

Apologies for Absence

Minutes of Previous AGM

Chairman

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Mr G Ham

Election of Chairman

Election of Treasurer

Election of Secretary

Election of Committee Members

Reports

1. Office

Mrs E Pike

2. Handy Bus Transport

Mr K Mayes

3. CHAIN Mail

Mr K Knight

4. Distribution/Links

Mrs K Bossom

5. Chairman Vehicle

Mr N Marney

Chairman's Review

Mr K Knight

Any Other Business

All

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CHAIN
HELD ON MONDAY 10 September 2024 AT 7.00PM
IN THE HUB AT THE HUNGERFORD HUB AND LIBRARY, HUNGERFORD**

Keith welcomed everybody to AGM

Present: 19 people attended

Apologies for Absence: Neale and Mary Marney

Minutes of Previous AGM: The previous minutes were reviewed and agreed. Proposed Christine Thorne Seconded Kathy Bossom.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report: Finances are in good shape. The deposit for the new bus has been paid and should be arriving in the New Year. We hope to replace the Chairman during the next year.

It was also noted that we have an ongoing problem with the floor in the office. This has been inspected and meeting with the Landlord took place. It was agreed that Chain had laid the floor about 20 years ago and we would now replace it at our cost. It was noted that the rent had not been increased for several years.

Ann Dunn queried re Hydro pool visits it was confirmed that we had been subsidising this for sometime and there were no plans to recommence.

The accounts were produced and agreed.

Election of Chairman: Keith Knight was re-elected Chair. Proposed by George Ham and seconded by Sandra Brooks

Election of Treasurer: George Ham was re-elected as Treasurer.
Proposed: Sandra Brooks seconded by Keith Knight

Election of Secretary: Sandra Brooks was re-elected as Secretary
Proposed: Keith Knight and seconded by Ted Angell

Election of Committee Members: Ted Angell confirmed he was stepping down and Keith Mayes would take over. Keith welcome Keith to the committee. The remainder of committee was re-elected as:

Kathy Bossom, Deanne Cripps Elizabeth Pike and Neale Marney. All confirmed they were happy to stand.

Office: Liz confirmed that Chain has 776 clients. We have some new office reserves but they only want to be reserves.

The floor in the office is now hopefully being resolved and quotes were being obtained
Keith thanked Liz

Handy bus: Slow increase in numbers. Hydro pool charges had gone from £30.00 per session to £100 obviously not sustainable.

KVG had been using the bus before Covid 1 ½ days per week which had dropped to ½ day. They now wish to increase their use and have given a £5,000 donation towards cost of new bus

The College at Froxfield, Brendoncare and Christians against Poverty also now using the bus on a regular basis

We had received a donation of £20,000 from WBC, £4,000 WB Lottery, £1,000 from Roman Catholic Church, Keith Mayes also raising £2,500 marathon and with his Bike ride and marathon.

Many thanks to all.

Keith then presented Ted with a thank you gift for his contributions over the year which were much appreciated.

CHAIN Mail: We have increased distribution to 3,400. Mike Rawlings has been a great help taking on another round as is Catherine Wooliston who has taken on all the rural rounds

Kathy now feels that she can carry on and Keith thanked Kathy for all her hard work over the years.

Chairman Vehicle: Neale was looking after the Chairman all was up to date and mechanically sound.

Chairman's Review: Keith read his report and thanked the Trustees and volunteers. Office running very well 4 days per week and everything else in order. We would like to set up a WhatsApp group to help with contacting drivers etc.

Any Other Business: Nigel Pasby presented Keith with a cheque for £243.00 which the Kennet Accordions had raised at one of their concerts. He also queries with Keith why could he not send out an acknowledgement when he receives articles currently Keith has a policy if I have not responded within 2 days sent it again. Keith agreed to look at maybe revising this. Finally, it was suggested that we maybe ask school children to design the new logo for the bus.

There being no other business meeting closed at 8pm.

Date of Next AGM: To be agreed.

Meeting closed 20.05

Sandra Brooks – (former) Secretary

2024/5 Treasurers Report

We have had a surprisingly good year financially, with our cash in hand rising by just under £38500 compared to last year. However, we had paid a £25,000 deposit for the new bus which still shows as asset on the accounts. It is not strictly for this report but at the end of September 2025 having completed the purchase of the new bus our cash in hand stands at £167,000 a truly wonderful effort by all. We must particularly thank Keith Mayes for his fundraising efforts. This year passenger contributions just cover the full costs of running the Handybus but the Chairman continues to need our financial support, the car transport

continues to provide a healthy surplus of around £2,000. Our expenditure inevitably has increased although not as much as inflation.

We did have an unexpected item of expenditure in this financial year, our office floor which Chain installed many years ago is rotten and needed some work. A new concrete floor has been installed and that along with some increase in the regular fees shows up in the increased office expenses.

At year end, we had about £110,000 in the nominal vehicle replacement fund . with some money on a short-term account to pay for the new bus. However, we have funded the new vehicle without using this cash. So we are in a good position to replace the chairman next year.

So overall we have ended financial year 2024/5 with £180,000 in the bank, our current accounts show we are still in "profit" (excluding new bus costs) after 6 months of 2025.

George Ham

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	1		0		0
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	2	180,836		167,424	
Handybus deposit		25,000		0	
		<u>205,836</u>		<u>167,424</u>	
Current Liabilities					
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net current assets less current liabilities			205,836		167,424
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>205,836</u>		<u>167,424</u>
Represented by					
General Fund			199,369		161,047
Fry Bequest			6,467		6,377
			<u>205,836</u>		<u>167,424</u>



Chairman



Secretary

CHAIN Office Report for 2025 AGM

Late last year the office floor finally collapsed leaving us homeless, but luckily the office next door was empty. So, after some quick negotiating between Keith Knight and Gilly Burroughs we had a temporary home. The new office came with a kitchen area and toilet, and more importantly a ground floor cupboard large enough to store the wheelchairs. Luxury. A very long phone cable stretching between the old and new office meant we could take/make phone calls on our existing number, and some kind volunteers moved the contents of the old office up the stairs into the new one. We went from working in the old office on Tuesday to the new office on Thursday without a break in our service! Meanwhile a new floor was built into the old office, a new carpet laid, and the walls painted. A new heater was installed along with a timer. Bliss! Gone were the mid-winter days of sitting in our coats until 10.00 Thank you to everyone who helped make an almost seamless move out and then back into our office, and to the office workers who did an amazing job adapting to all the changes. This year we welcomed two new drivers and two new office volunteers. We also have two volunteers who are returning to the office. So, we are looking forward to re-opening the office on Wednesdays within the next month or two. Over the last financial year, the CHAIN office has completed 875 bookings to take clients to medical appointments, so a very big "Thank You" to all the drivers and office staff who have been extremely busy all year. Liz

Elizabeth Pike

Handybus Report for AGM 2025



The last year has been a busy and successful period for the CHAIN Handybus and its wonderful team of volunteer drivers and passenger assistants. Our scheduled services have included the popular Market run, the Tesco afternoon run, the group runs to Newbury, travel for All Aboard and Church Lunches, trips for Brendoncare and NoTrees care-homes, and outings for the Froxfield College, Crown Mews and other groups. The bus is also used one day a week by the Kintbury Volunteer Group. Travel is often local, although the bus sometimes goes further afield e.g. Swindon, Reading, Basingstoke and it got as far as Portsmouth on one of the group trips. We welcomed Mark Garnham, to our team of trained drivers, and thanked Wayne Hall for his service as he stepped down from our ranks. Chrissy Marsh and Anna Dunn have been brilliant additions to our team, and without them we would not have had enough passenger assistants (PA) to cover our services. The Handybus team still remains short of drivers and PAs, and an appeal for new volunteers has begun; anyone interested should make contact via the email below. To an outside view, the most notable Handybus event would have been our trusty old red Mercedes, being replaced by a shiny

new silver Peugeot; albeit more than a year later than planned! The new bus started service in September and having overcome a few tricky practical issues, and revised essential procedural documents, we are now fully operational. The new bus seats 9 passengers, 2 less than the old bus, but importantly, can (after CHAIN training) be driven on a car licence. Stowage of folding wheelchairs, walkers and shopping is easier in the new bus, and we can reconfigure it to carry a single wheelchair-bound passenger (who cannot transfer to a seat) and 7 other passengers. The bus has received very positive feedback from passengers and our team members. The purchase cost of the new bus, including some essential extra expenditure will not be far off £60,000. I am pleased to report that CHAIN obtained money from grants (50%), donations (10%), the sale of the old bus (25%) and the fundraising efforts of its volunteers (15%), to cover the purchase without depleting CHAIN reserves. In the past year alone, CHAIN volunteers, raised £4,462 towards the new bus (Catherine Wooliston Birthday Fundraiser = £1244, Keith Mayes Swimming Challenges = £3,218). The following fundraising link will remain open until the end of the year, with further donations encouraged and now going towards the replacement cost of the Chairman vehicle.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/keith-mayes-swim-challenge> We have covered the capital cost to purchase the bus, but to be sustainable, the bus must of course cover its operational costs. Fares have been fixed for some years, during which time, almost every operational cost has increased. Obviously we would like to avoid, or at least minimise, fare increases, so we will review the finances during the coming year and see what cost savings are possible. One way to better cover our operational overhead costs, is to maximise bus usage, so we are very keen to hear from groups that may wish to add trips to our schedule. The schedule is normally between 9AM-5PM weekdays, however we have supported a few evening and weekend trips, when the organisers have offered particularly generous donations to CHAIN. We are still open to these out-of-schedule requests, but on a limited basis, as it requires volunteer drivers to sacrifice precious personal and family time. Although accidents and medical incidents on the bus are thankfully rare, it is important that our team have some training to help deal with them. Most recently this consisted of a very useful first aid training course for drivers and passenger assistants. This is especially relevant as we have invested in a defibrillator, which is now carried on the bus. Last, but not least a few statistics from our bus records. In the last FY (to end of March 2025) we logged: 3695 passenger miles 1218 passenger journeys £3,857 income from passengers 20 average number of services/month Mileage and services were down on the previous year due to the reluctant withdrawal of the weekly Hydropool service, which had become uneconomic due to price increases related to rising energy costs. Our current schedules have added two more, regular monthly services; the Church Lunches and NoTrees care home trips, and we are of course keen to receive new service requests.

Keith Mayes CHAIN Handybus Coordinator and Trustee

keith.mayes@crisptele.com

CHAIN MAIL DISTRIBUTION 2025

Not much to report this year as, on the whole, most areas are working well. We have been having a few problems with the printers, but, unfortunately, they are the cheapest we can find by a long way, so we'll have to keep going with them for now.

I have one spare round due to the deliverer moving away, but it's one of the more awkward rounds, and despite an appeal in the last ChainMail, is still empty. It is the whole of the A338 from Eddington Hill to the M4 (apart from Hungerford Newtown), so lots of odd properties down long driveways. We will cover it ourselves this time, and will be putting another appeal in the next edition.

As previously mentioned, we are still planning to retire from distributing the magazine eventually, but have been unable to find a volunteer to take it on. We can keep going for a few years, but will need to pass the baton over eventually. It doesn't take long (around one day in total four times a year), but it's quite manual with a lot of heavy lifting, ideally combined with some computer skills.

Kathy Bossom

Chairman Vehicle Report

The Chairman vehicle is now 10 years old , it continues to perform well but has not been used as much over the past 3 years. With the lockdown now over it is hoped that it will start to be used much more. The van was last serviced in January 25. **Report by Keith Knight**

Chairman's Review

As always I would like to thank the Trustees and Volunteers who give up their time to help others. It has been another good year for Chain and everyone associated with CHAIN all of whom have done a fanttasic job.

This is now my fifth AGM as chairman, having taken over the from Janette Kersey in October 2020. Since January 2022 I have also taken on the role as CHAIN editor from David Piper who retired from our organisation after more than 14 years as editor. I have now produced the past 15 quarterly editions (since March 22) and now finally starting to feel comfortable in this role. Our distribution is currently nearly 3,400 copies delivered by our magnificent volunteers to all parts of Hungerford. Our advertising revenue has remained steady from local business which enables CHAIN to produce the magazine at breakeven cost.

We have finally replaced our 9 year old Mercedes Minibus with a new lighter weight version. The new silver minibus was delivered in August 25 and went into service at the start of September We have a fresh new livery applied highlighting the updated CHAIN logo The new bus enables CHAIN to use drivers who hold a car licence to drive increasing our driver pool. We will now look to replace our Chairman vehicle which will be 11 years old next year.

Post Covid our services have returned to normal, although we have had to suspended our Hydro pool run due to lack of support and an increasing cost meaning CHAIN was having to subsidies this service. We now offer extra runs on market days.. Our office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9am to 11am although we are still not encouraging visitors to the office.. Financially CHAIN remains in a very healthy financial position.

I thank you ALL our customers and volunteers of CHAIN.

Keith Knight

CHAIN Trustee List 14th October 2024

Name	Position	Phone	Name	Position	Phone
Mr K Knight	Chair	644671	MR N Marney	Chairman vehicle & First Aid Courses	mob 07712 767547
Mr G Ham	Treasurer	684121	Mrs K Bossom	Chain Mail Distributor	684011
Mrs D Angell	Secretary		Mrs L Pike	Trustee// Acting Office Manager	644610
Mr K Mayes	Handybus		Mrs D Cripps	Trustee	

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		General Fund	Fry Bequest	Total	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants Received	3	32,780	0	32,780	19,928
Donations	4	9,953	0	9,953	4,557
Handy Bus Surplus/ Deficit	5	17	0	17	(353)
Chairmans Vehicle Deficit	6	(859)	0	(859)	(1,318)
Transport Surplus/Deficit	7	1,723	0	1,723	2,200
Chain Mail Deficit	8	(1,754)	0	(1,754)	(1,413)
Interest Received		154	90	244	229
Interest on Bond		5,063	0	5,063	5,578
Total incoming resources		<u>47,077</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>47,167</u>	<u>29,408</u>
 RESOURCES USED					
Office expenses		5,576	0	5,576	2,718
Telephone		779	0	779	745
Insurance		0	0	0	399
Charges		0	0	0	0
Hydropool hire		2,400	0	2,400	2,030
Depreciation of vehicles	1	0	0	0	8,904
Total resources used		<u>8,755</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,755</u>	<u>14,796</u>
Net Incoming before transfer		38,322	90	38,412	14,612
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement of funds		<u>38,322</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>38,412</u>	<u>14,612</u>
Total funds brought forward		161,047	6,377	167,424	152,812
Total funds carried forward		<u>199,369</u>	<u>6,467</u>	<u>205,836</u>	<u>167,424</u>

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	1		0		0
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	2	180,836		167,424	
Handybus deposit		<u>25,000</u>		<u>0</u>	
		205,836		167,424	
Current Liabilities					
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net current assets less current liabilities			205,836		167,424
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u><u>205,836</u></u>		<u><u>167,424</u></u>
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..... Chairman

..... Secretary

CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Fixed Assets

	Chairman's Vehicle	Handybus	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	18,125	70,000	88,125
Additions	0	0	0
At 31 March 2025	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	18,125	70,000	88,125
Provision for the year	0	0	0
At 31 March 2025	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2025	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

2 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2025	2024
	£	£
NatWest Current Account	52,576	44,471
NatWest Business Reserve 79218326	11,092	10,938
United Trust Bank 1 year Bond	75,679	105,616
United Trust Bank easy access	35,000	0
NatWest Business Reserve Fry Bequest	6,467	6,377
Petty Cash	22	22
	<u>180,836</u>	<u>167,424</u>

CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
3 Grants Received				
Hungerford Town Council/Greenham Common Trust		4,212		6,844
West Berkshire Council/Volunteer Centre		8,043		12,526
DFT Operators Grant		525		558
West Berkshire Council re Handybus		20,000		0
		<u>32,780</u>		<u>19,928</u>
4 Donations				
KINTBURY Volunteer Group		5,000		0
Sundry donations		4,953		4557
		<u>9,953</u>		<u>4,557</u>
5 Handy Bus summary				
Receipts		5,108		5,239
Less				
Fuel	1,415		1,745	
Expenses	2,261		2,071	
Insurance	1,415		1,776	
		<u>5,091</u>		<u>5,592</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<u>17</u>		<u>(353)</u>
6 Chairmans Vehicle Summary				
Receipts		1,534		1,974
Less				
Fuel	555		812	
Expenses	423		1,184	
Vehicle Insurance	1,415		1,296	
		<u>2,393</u>		<u>3,292</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>(859)</u>		<u>(1,318)</u>
7 Transport summary				
Receipts	9,894		9,656	
Less Drivers costs	8,171		7,456	
Surplus for the year		<u>1,723</u>		<u>2,200</u>
8 Chain Mail summary				
Advertising income	1,825		1,816	
Less Printing & distribution	3,579		3,229	
Deficit for the year		<u>(1,754)</u>		<u>(1,413)</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 independent examiner's statement

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 statement below

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirement to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Davies
Accountant

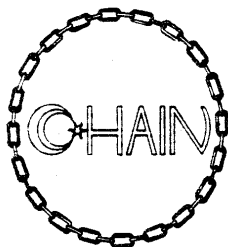
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Agenda



CHAIN AGM



10th Sept 2024
7.00pm

The Hungerford Hub & Library, Hungerford

Type of meeting:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Agenda topics

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Any Other Business

All

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF CHAIN
HELD ON MONDAY 25th September 2023 AT 7.00PM
IN THE HUB at Hungerford Library, Church Street**

Keith welcomed everybody to AGM

Present: 7 people attended

Apologies for Absence: Tyrell Bossom, Jeanne Lambourn, Alan Pollitt, Graham Ness

Minutes of Previous AGM: The previous minutes were reviewed and agreed.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report: Financially progressing well. WBC had made a contribution towards fares for the period but clients had still made some payments.

The bond for the replacement minibus had matured but was now being rolled over as we still have to make a decision on electric or combustion replacement.

We are paying 50p per mile to drivers which is in line with HMRC.

The accounts were submitted to the meeting and agreed.

Election of Chairman: Keith Knight was re-elected Chair. Proposed by George Ham and seconded by Neale Marney

Election of Treasurer: George Ham was re-elected as Treasurer.
Proposed: Kathy Bossom seconded by Keith Knight

Election of Secretary: Sandra Brooks was re-elected as Secretary
Proposed: Keith Knight and seconded by Neale Marney

Election of Committee Members: The committee was re-elected as:
Ted Angell, Kathy Bossom, Deanne Cripps Elizabeth Pike and Neale Marney. All confirmed they were happy to stand. As Alan Pollitt was absent it was agreed that Keith would approach him to see if he was still willing to stand

Office: We have 2 new office recruits and possibly 1 other in a few weeks.

Handybus: Ongoing discussions regarding replacement i.e. electric or combustion. A committee had been formed John Downe, George Ham, Ted Angell and Keith Knight to discuss this and make a decision. The bus is now 7 years old but still mechanically sound. Drivers are difficult to recruit due to D1. If electric bus purchased this could be driven on a car drivers' licence.

Ted again noted that we should be looking at replacing the bus with possibly an electric vehicle which would be lighter and this would not be so restrictive in respect of finding new drivers as no D1 required. We also need to find a replacement for him (no response so far despite advertising).

Hydra pool still continuing for the moment

Ted finished by thanking all the drivers and a special thank you to Keith Mayes who had raised £2,500 by running the London Marathon and was now planning to run 100 miles in Essex later in the year to raise more funds.

CHAIN Mail: Editions are now 40 pages advertising and articles are good and we are breaking even.

Distribution. Kathy has done this for 14 year and is now finding it a little too much. We need to advertise for a replacement.

There are 6/7 rural rounds which may have to be discontinued unless a volunteer comes forward.

Keith thanked Kathy for all her hard work over the years.

Chairman Vehicle: Neale was looking after the Chairman all was up to date and mechanically sound. Again, should we be looking at a replacement vehicle.

Chairman's Review: Keith read his report and thanked the Trustees and volunteers.

Any Other Business: Ted advised that Chain would be helping with over 80's Christmas Parcels on 10th December any volunteers would be appreciated.

Neale advised he would try to organise Tesco's for next year.

Meeting closed 20.05

Sandra Brooks - Secretary

2023/24 Treasurer's Report

We have had a surprisingly good year financially, with our cash in hand rising by just over £20,000 compared to last year. This has been mainly due to an increase in grants. Although passenger contributions do not cover the full costs of running the Handybus and Chairman, the car transport provided a healthy surplus of around £2,000. Our expenditure inevitably has increased although not as much as inflation.

We do have two large items of expenditure in this financial year, the new bus has been ordered and is due to be delivered in early 2025, and our office floor which Chain installed many years ago is rotten and needs some work. Exactly how to correct the office floor is still under discussion but will probably cost somewhere between £2-3,000. However, the office is in a very good position, we have investigated other options and found nothing else in the area as suitable.

We have £100,600 in the nominal vehicle replacement fund which given the grants and donations we have recently received means we can not only fund the new vehicle, but expect to replace the Chairman wheelchair vehicle next year. Because of the new bus order, we have recently renewed our vehicle replacement bond to a 3-month one rather than a year, to make sure we have the funds for the balance when required.

So overall we have ended financial year 2023/4 with £167,000 in the bank, our current accounts show we are still in "profit" (excluding the £25,000 new bus deposit) after 6 months of 2023.

Obviously, a new Handybus and Chairman will use a large part of our reserves. As reported last year we have had correspondence with our MP about increasing the allowance we pay our car drivers to above 50p/mile but as you would expect the Treasury are very resistant to any increase in this limit.

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 Fry		2023
		General Fund	Bequest	Total
		£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Grants Received	3	19,928	0	19,928
Donations	4	4,557	0	4,557
Handy Bus Deficit	5	(353)	0	(353)
Chairmans Vehicle Deficit	6	(1,318)	0	(1,318)
Transport Surplus/Deficit	7	2,200	0	2,200
Chain Mail Deficit	8	(1,413)	0	(1,413)
Interest Received		145	84	229
Interest on Bond		5,578	0	5,578
Total incoming resources		29,324	84	29,408
RESOURCES USED				
Office expenses		2,718	0	2,718
Telephone		745	0	745
Insurance		399	0	399
Charges		0	0	0
Hydropool hire		2,030	0	2,030
Depreciation of vehicles	1	8,904	0	8,904
Total resources used		14,796	0	14,796
Net Incoming before transfer		14,528	84	14,612
Transfer between funds		0	0	0
Net movement of funds		14,528	84	14,612
Total funds brought forward		146,519	6293	152,812
Total funds carried forward		161,047	6,377	167,424

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	1		0		8,904
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	2	167,424		143,908	
Current Liabilities					
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net current assets less current liabilities			167,424		143,908
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>167,424</u>		<u>152,812</u>
Represented by					
General Fund			161,047		146,519
Fry Bequest			6,377		6,293
			<u>167,424</u>		<u>152,812</u>



Chairman



Secretary

CHAIN Office Report for 2024 AGM

The office has now completed one year of reduced opening hours and it seems to be working alright. We do not have enough staff at this stage to open again on Wednesdays so will continue to open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only. I'm not sure whether the reduced hours have affected the number of drives CHAIN undertakes. The figure for the last financial year was 776 clients taken to a medical appointment by a volunteer driver. The number of office workers has remained the same but we have built up a team of four new and very capable office reserves. This has helped enormously in covering holidays, sickness and other times when office volunteers have been away. Thanks must go to the Tuesday team who very willingly alter their Rota when needed.

During the last year we have gained four new drivers who have been excellent at slotting in and taking clients, sometimes many miles, for their appointments. Sadly, we have also lost two drivers due to health issues.

We have experienced a problem with the office, damp has caused the floor to sink. We have looked for new premises but so far haven't found anything more practical. We really do need

to be on the ground floor as we offer wheelchairs for anyone in need, and office staff, drivers and members of the public can't carry them up/down stairs. Also, some of the office staff have conditions that make stairs a difficulty. Keith is now contacting builders with a view to repairing the floor.

Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who drive and run the office. None of this important work would happen without you. But as always, we are on the lookout for new people to join our team. So, if you know of anyone who would like to drive or undertake some office duties, please encourage them.

We seem to have been very busy during the year!

Elizabeth Pike

CHAIN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 10 September 2024 **REPORT ON HANDYBUS OPERATION April 2023 to March 2024**

Also attached for information: **Attachment 1 – Handybus Performance Figures 2023/24**

USAGE

Full details of the Handybus performance are contained in Attachment 1.

To summarise, the 2023/2024 year represented another period of recovery following the pandemic. Immediately before the pandemic, the Handybus performance was the highest ever achieved but recovery, post pandemic, continues to be gradual and this is reflected yet again in the performance figures. These figures include the use of the bus by Kintbury Voluntary Group (KVG).

Key performance figures compared with the previous year (2021/22)

- Passenger journeys for the year increased from 191 to 198 (an increase of 4%).
- Total annual passenger mileage increased from 4114 to 4820 (17%).
- Total passengers carried rose from 1053 to 1198 (14%).

So, there have generally been longer journeys and more passengers per journey. CHAIN's use of the bus remained focussed on the 'traditional' journeys – to Tesco, Newbury and the Hydropool. However, the Handybus carried a few more 'one off' journeys as well. The College at Froxfield has taken the opportunity to fully use the bus for some of their longer trips and we continued to support Brendoncare for shorter trips every other month. The Christians Against Poverty group used the bus on several occasions using one of our previous drivers who has retained his driver 'qualifications'. KVG's use of the Handybus increased by one further half day a month.

(It should be noted that, in discussions with KVG recently, they have expressed their wish to return to pre Covid use; this being one half day a week and two whole days per month. They have had difficulty finding drivers and passengers for their runs since Covid and, in connection with the purchase of a new bus, there is a matter of how they should support CHAIN in the operation of the bus. These discussions will continue until the matter is satisfactorily resolved and the new bus arrives.)

(In 2024/25 Chain is also seeing the continuing return to pre-Covid levels of use with the support for the 'All Aboard' group on two afternoons per month.)

As reported at the 2022/23 AGM, the Hydropool run continued to have low passenger numbers into 2023/24. Given the Hydropool charges, it was clear that there was little likelihood of a return to viability. At the end of the financial year a decision was made by the Trustees to reluctantly end this regular trip. We wished the Hydropool well and hoped that their financial difficulties would be resolved. *(In 2024/5 a new local Handybus run has been introduced to partially fill the gap created by the loss of the Hydropool trip).*

THE HANDYBUS

The current minibus is now in its eighth year of operation. It had been decided that we should seek a lighter replacement which would allow a greater range of volunteers to drive it. The Chairman of CHAIN led a group to determine the specification for the new bus and identify a suitable provider during 2023/24. In the current financial year (2024/25) a deposit has been placed for such a bus. This will have a reduction of two passenger seats compared with the current vehicle. There was an early indication that the vehicle would arrive at the end of September. Difficulties with availability of base vehicles from manufacturers have meant that delivery is now likely to be in early January 2025.

Funding – Keith Mayes, one of our volunteer drivers, has now raised over £4000 to support the purchase of the bus. A grant of £4000 has been made by West Berkshire Lottery and we currently have an application for £20,000 being considered by West Berkshire Council 'Capital Funding for Community Transport Operators 24/25'. We expect a decision on this matter shortly. Any balance of costs will be met from CHAIN reserves.

VOLUNTEER HANDYBUS DRIVERS

We have been fortunate to recruit a number of new Handybus drivers during 2023/24. As ever, CHAIN is greatly indebted for the support that the volunteer drivers have given over this period.

HANDYBUS CO-ORDINATOR

I will be handing over the role of Handybus Co-ordinator to Keith Mayes with effect from 10 September 2024. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from CHAIN, and elsewhere, for their support during my tenure.

Ted Angell – Handybus Co-ordinator

HANDYBUS PERFORMANCE FIGURES 2023/24

PERIOD	2023/24	JOURNEYS					PASSENGERS				CONTRIBUTIONS NB Averages exclude Hydropool Session Cash				
		Passenger Journeys	Passenger Journey mileage Miles	Passenger Journey Monthly Average Miles	Total Pass'ger Journey Time Hours	Average Passenger Journey Time Hours	Total Number	Walking	Wheel chairs	Average Pass'gers per journey	HydroPool Session Cash Rec'd £	Total Cash Received £	HandyBus Income £	Ave per pass'ger £	Average per mile £
April	2023	16	398	24.9	48.81	3.05	96	91	5	6.0	£0.00	£439.00	£439.00	£4.57	£1.10
May	2023	19	510	26.8	54.29	2.86	114	114	0	6.0	£0.00	£478.50	£478.50	£4.20	£0.94
June *	2023	17	395	23.2	50.89	2.99	104	102	2	6.1	£0.00	£472.25	£472.25	£4.54	£1.20
July	2023	17	483	28.4	53.60	3.15	105	105	0	6.2	£0.00	£492.00	£492.00	£4.69	£1.02
Aug	2023	18	429	23.8	51.74	2.87	106	104	2	5.9	£0.00	£500.60	£500.60	£4.72	£1.17
Sept	2023	14	309	22.1	37.41	2.67	78	78	0	5.6	£0.00	£357.30	£357.30	£4.58	£1.16
Oct	2023	15	374	24.9	46.66	3.11	96	95	1	6.4	£0.00	£464.50	£464.50	£4.84	£1.24
Nov	2023	17	390	22.9	50.79	2.99	113	112	1	6.6	£0.00	£603.00	£603.00	£5.34	£1.55
Dec*	2023	17	433	25.5	54.20	3.19	111	107	4	6.5	£0.00	£478.50	£478.50	£4.31	£1.11
Jan	2024	17	351	20.6	49.14	2.89	88	88	0	5.2	£0.00	£544.00	£544.00	£6.18	£1.55
Feb	2024	16	400	25.0	48.18	3.01	92	91	1	5.8	£0.00	£393.10	£393.10	£4.27	£0.98
Mar	2024	15	348	23.2	48.38	3.23	95	95	0	6.3	£0.00	£572.90	£572.90	£6.03	£1.65
Y'r to date		198	4820	24.3	594	3.00	1198	1182	16	6	0	5796	5796	£4.84	£1.20
2023/24		198	4820	24.3	594.09	3.00	1198	1182	16	6.0	£0.00	£5,796	£5,796	£4.84	£1.20
2022/23		191	4114	22	552	2.89	1053	1036	14	5	2150	3767	1617	1.54	0.39
2021/22		135	2993	22	421	3.12	725	725	0	4	0	2678	2678	3.69	0.89
2020/21		109	2716	25	336	3.08	226	226	0	2	0	242	242	1.07	0.09
2019/20		306	7475	24	1058	3.46	2337	2279	58	8	1363	5986	4623	1.98	0.62
2018/19		340	8730	26	1215	3.57	2761	2678	83	8	1788	7141	5353	1.94	0.61
2017/18		333	8375	25.2	1122.05	3.37	2513	2437	76	7.5	£1,567.00	£6,513.98	£4,946.98	£1.97	£0.59
2016/17		313	8178	26.1	1042.20	3.33	2343	2299	44	7.5		£4,211.25	£4,528.05	£1.93	£0.55
2015/16		304	8237	27.1	1018.00	3.35	2406	2390	16	7.9		£1,135.76	£4,675.96	£1.94	£0.57

CHAIN MAIL DISTRIBUTION 2024

The whole area is now running very smoothly. I've had 2 Convenors move house, but a new one has been recruited due to an ad in the May issue. The other one has kept on his old area, as well as taking on the area he now lives in to replace a retirement, as well as doing his own round elsewhere in the town, so is taking charge of almost 500 copies. Many thanks, Mike Rawlings.

Since my last AGM report Catherine (if you want something doing, ask a very busy woman!) Woolston responded to my appeal for help in the rural areas and has taken over the majority of the tasks; delivering bundles to other deliverers and delivering door to door (doors which can be yards or even miles apart) all the rest. It really has made a lot of difference to my workload. Many, many thanks, Catherine.

I said last year that we are planning to retire from distributing the magazine by the end of this year. However, despite adverts in the magazine for 3 issues, no-one has volunteered yet. We will keep going as we are and maybe start advertising again in the New Year.

Kathy Bossom

Chairman Vehicle Report

The Chairman vehicle is now 9 years old , it continues to perform well but has not been used as much over the past 3 years. With the lockdown now over it is hoped that it will start to be used much more. The van was last serviced in January 24. **Report by Keith Knight**

Chairman's Review

As always I would like to thank the Trustees and Volunteers who give up their time to help others. It has been another exciting year for Chain and everyone associated with CHAIN all of whom have done a tremendous job.

This is now my fourth AGM as chairman, having taken over the from Janette Kersey in October 2020. Since January 2022 I have also taken on the role as CHAIN editor from David Piper who retired from our organisation after more than 14 years as editor. I have now produced the past 11 quarterly editions (since March 22) and now finally starting to feel comfortable in this role. Our distribution is currently nearly 3,400 copies delivered by our magnificent volunteers to all parts of Hungerford. Our advertising revenue has remained steady from local business which enables CHAIN to produce the magazine at breakeven cost.

This coming year we are replacing our 8 year old Mercedes Minibus with a new lighter weight version This will enable us to .use drivers who hold a car licence to drive the bus increasing our driver pool. Once the bus is delivered, scheduled for the first quarter of 2025 we will look to replace our Chairman vehicle which will be 10 years old next year.

Post Covid our services have returned to normal, although we have had to suspended our Hydro pool run due to lack of support and an increasing cost meaning CHAIN was having to subsidies this service. We now offer extra runs on market days.. Our office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9am to 11am although we are still not encouraging visitors to the office.. Financially CHAIN remains in a healthy financial position.

I thank you ALL our customers and volunteers of CHAIN.

Keith Knight

CHAIN Trustee List 10th September 2024

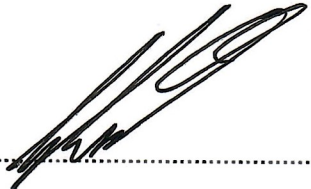
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Mr K Knight	Chair	644671	MR N Marney	Chairman vehicle & First Aid Courses	mob 07712 767547
Mr G Ham	Treasurer	684121	Mrs K Bossom	Chain Mail Distributor	684011
Mrs S Brooks	Secretary	682382	Mrs L Pike	Trustee// Acting Office Manager	644610
Mr K Mayes	Handybus		Mrs D Cripps	Trustee	

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 Fry		2023	
		General Fund	Bequest	Total	
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants Received	3	19,928	0	19,928	17,997
Donations	4	4,557	0	4,557	8,541
Handy Bus Deficit	5	(353)	0	(353)	(997)
Chairmans Vehicle Deficit	6	(1,318)	0	(1,318)	(1,384)
Transport Surplus/Deficit	7	2,200	0	2,200	(2,235)
Chain Mail Deficit	8	(1,413)	0	(1,413)	(881)
Interest Received		145	84	229	75
Interest on Bond		5,578	0	5,578	572
Total incoming resources		29,324	84	29,408	21,688
RESOURCES USED					
Office expenses		2,718	0	2,718	2,935
Telephone		745	0	745	664
Insurance		399	0	399	352
Charges		0	0	0	0
Hydropool hire		2,030	0	2,030	2,135
Depreciation of vehicles	1	8,904	0	8,904	11,087
Total resources used		14,796	0	14,796	17,173
Net Incoming before transfer		14,528	84	14,612	4,515
Transfer between funds		0	0	0	0
Net movement of funds		14,528	84	14,612	4,515
Total funds brought forward		146,519	6293	152,812	148,297
Total funds carried forward		161,047	6,377	167,424	152,812

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	1		0		8,904
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand	2	167,424		143,908	
Current Liabilities					
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net current assets less current liabilities			167,424		143,908
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			<u>167,424</u>		<u>152,812</u>
Represented by					
General Fund			161,047		146,519
Fry Bequest			6,377		6,293
			<u>167,424</u>		<u>152,812</u>


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Chairman


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Secretary

**CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Fixed Assets

	Chairman's		
	Vehicle	Handybus	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	18,125	70,000	88,125
Additions	0	0	0
At 31 March 2024	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	18,125	61,096	79,221
Provision for the year	0	8,904	8,904
At 31 March 2024	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>8,904</u>	<u>8,904</u>

2 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
NatWest Current Account	44,471	26,762
NatWest Business Reserve 79218326	10,938	10,793
United Trust Bank 1 year Bond	105,616	100,038
NatWest Business Reserve Fry Bequest	6,377	6,293
Petty Cash	22	22
	<u>167,424</u>	<u>143,908</u>

CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
3 Grants Received				
Hungerford Town Council/Greenham Common Trust		6,844		3,256
West Berkshire Council/Volunteer Centre		12,526		14,478
DFT Operators Grant		558		263
		<u>19,928</u>		<u>17,997</u>
4 Donations				
Sundry donations		<u>4,557</u>		<u>8,541</u>
5 Handy Bus summary				
Receipts		5,239		5,017
Less				
Fuel	1,745		2,033	
Expenses	2,071		2,658	
Insurance	<u>1,776</u>		<u>1,323</u>	
		5,592		6,014
Deficit for the year		<u>(353)</u>		<u>(997)</u>
6 Chairmans Vehicle Summary				
Receipts		1,974		1,247
Less				
Fuel	812		685	
Expenses	1,184		483	
Vehicle Insurance	<u>1,296</u>		<u>1,463</u>	
		3,292		2,631
Deficit for the year		<u>(1,318)</u>		<u>(1,384)</u>
7 Transport summary				
Receipts	9,656		5,781	
Less Drivers costs	<u>7,456</u>		<u>8,016</u>	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<u>2,200</u>		<u>(2,235)</u>
8 Chain Mail summary				
Advertising income	1,816		2,075	
Less Printing & distribution	<u>3,229</u>		<u>2,956</u>	
Deficit for the year		<u>(1,413)</u>		<u>(881)</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 independent examiner's statement

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 statement below

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirement to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Peter Davies FCA
Chartered Accountant

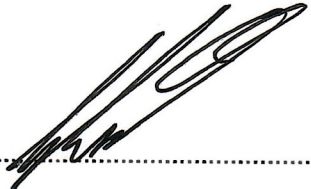
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RESOURCES USED				
Office expenses		2,718	0	2,718
Telephone		745	0	745
Insurance		399	0	399
Charges		0	0	0
Hydropool hire		2,030	0	2,030
Depreciation of vehicles	1	8,904	0	8,904
Total resources used		14,796	0	14,796
Net Incoming before transfer		14,528	84	14,612
Transfer between funds		0	0	0
Net movement of funds		14,528	84	14,612
Total funds brought forward		146,519	6,293	152,812
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BALANCE SHEET
AT 31 MARCH 2024**

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Current Liabilities					
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
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Chairman


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Secretary

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Fixed Assets

	Chairman's		
	Vehicle	Handybus	Total
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	18,125	70,000	88,125
Additions	0	0	0
At 31 March 2024	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	18,125	61,096	79,221
Provision for the year	0	8,904	8,904
At 31 March 2024	<u>18,125</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>88,125</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>0</u>	<u>8,904</u>	<u>8,904</u>

2 Cash at Bank and in Hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
NatWest Current Account	44,471	26,762
NatWest Business Reserve 79218326	10,938	10,793
United Trust Bank 1 year Bond	105,616	100,038
NatWest Business Reserve Fry Bequest	6,377	6,293
Petty Cash	22	22
	<u>167,424</u>	<u>143,908</u>

CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
3 Grants Received				
Hungerford Town Council/Greenham Common Trust		6,844		3,256
West Berkshire Council/Volunteer Centre		12,526		14,478
DFT Operators Grant		558		263
		<u>19,928</u>		<u>17,997</u>
4 Donations				
Sundry donations		<u>4,557</u>		<u>8,541</u>
5 Handy Bus summary				
Receipts		5,239		5,017
Less				
Fuel	1,745		2,033	
Expenses	2,071		2,658	
Insurance	<u>1,776</u>		<u>1,323</u>	
		5,592		6,014
Deficit for the year		<u>(353)</u>		<u>(997)</u>
6 Chairmans Vehicle Summary				
Receipts		1,974		1,247
Less				
Fuel	812		685	
Expenses	1,184		483	
Vehicle Insurance	<u>1,296</u>		<u>1,463</u>	
		3,292		2,631
Deficit for the year		<u>(1,318)</u>		<u>(1,384)</u>
7 Transport summary				
Receipts	9,656		5,781	
Less Drivers costs	<u>7,456</u>		<u>8,016</u>	
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<u>2,200</u>		<u>(2,235)</u>
8 Chain Mail summary				
Advertising income	1,816		2,075	
Less Printing & distribution	<u>3,229</u>		<u>2,956</u>	
Deficit for the year		<u>(1,413)</u>		<u>(881)</u>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CHAIN (HUNGERFORD VOLUNTEER FORCE)
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 independent examiner's statement

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 statement below

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirement to ensure that:
proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; 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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