

# HOLT AREA CARING SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 294170

## Details

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**Other names** HACS

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1986-04-18

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY, HANDICAPPED AND OTHER PERSONS IN NEED WHOSE PLACE OF RESIDENCE IS WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE HOLT GROUP SURGERY.

**Activities:** Our charity exists to ferry patients to and from medical appointments. All our drivers are volunteers who receive petrol expenses in return.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** AREA COVERED BY HOLT GROUP SURGERY
- Norfolk

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£28,296	£36,015	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,216	£33,062	-	-
2022-12-31	£54,063	£31,836	-	-
2021-12-31	£31,943	£29,935	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,427	£29,441	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Duncan Laurence Henderson		2025-09-09
Elizabeth Christie Brett		2024-08-24
PETA BENSON MA SRN		
Rodney Sibson		2018-11-19

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## HACS Chair's Report 2024/2025

When I took over as chair from Norman Cooker in 2011 I had no idea I'd still be in post 14 years later. This will now be my final report as chair. Thank you all for bearing with me for so long. Some of the events that have occurred during this time include the panic over rising fuel costs in 2015, the Covid years of 2020/21, when several stalwart volunteers continued to drive people to hospital, the Blakeney Masonic Lodge nominating us as their chosen charity, and our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The highlight of my time in post was of course when we received the Queen's Award for Voluntary service, which was a huge honour for us all.

It has actually been a very enjoyable time, especially knowing that the Holt Area Caring Society is still fulfilling a vital service to local people. The number of thanks we receive is heart-warming and I'm sure as volunteer drivers you get pleasure from taking grateful people who you may otherwise would never have met. Essentially we contribute to the wider community cohesion which exists in Holt and surrounding villages, and I feel we should be very proud of that.

Of course it is absolutely down to our drivers, and I sincerely want to thank you all for the time, care and commitment you have given and continue to give. I would also like to acknowledge the supportive role that drivers' partners fulfil. Many thanks to you.

We have lost five drivers this year – Francis Mixer, Barry and Gill Pilgrim, Rosemary Thew and Nigel Jenney, who sadly died recently. Many thanks go to them for their work. I'm pleased to welcome Mark Treadwell, James Quick and Rachel Nicole as new drivers. We currently have 45 drivers on our list, though some of those are not regular drivers. So we are always keen to recruit new people - if you know anyone who you think might join up, please encourage them.

Huge thanks once again go to Liz and Rachel, our wonderful co-ordinators, who organise us all in the calmest possible way.

I'd also like to express my thanks to our committee members for their continuing interest and support, and for our cheerful meetings.

The topic of DBS's has been discussed again, as this is very important for the safeguarding of vulnerable people, and I'm pleased to say that Liz Brett and Julie Lewis are taking this on board.

We have once again agreed that all drivers may have their car washed or valeted, spending up to £45 per year. Please send receipts to Liz with your time sheet.

Glaven Caring in Blakeney, who offer friendly day-care facilities and a good lunch to clients, have asked us to distribute their information to anyone we might think would be interested. The leaflets are here for you to take.

Geoff Peel has kindly agreed to audit our accounts, for which we are grateful. He has also put in a lot of extra work helping Liz Brett to get to grips with the appropriate software and with the accounts. Many thanks Geoff. We would like to show our appreciation for your time and effort.

Some of you may be wondering how Holt Caring can continue without a chair. Well, I am extremely delighted to tell you that one of our drivers, Duncan Henderson, has agreed to be nominated as chairman. A little bit later we will have the chance to vote him in. I know he will be excellent and I've a feeling there will be some much needed tightening up of things, which is all to the good, especially these days.

So the future feels good and the good work will continue.  
Many thanks to you all.

Peta Benson

May 2024

# **Income and Expenditure**

Holt Area Caring Society

For the year ended 31 December 2024

# Income and Expenditure (for submission)

Holt Area Caring Society  
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023	2022	NOTES
<b>Turnover</b>				
Client Income - without Gift Aid	22,704	19,783	16,925	
Client Donations - with Gift Aid	302	386	760	2
Client donations - GASDS	1,298	1,417	2,831	2
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>24,303</b>	<b>21,586</b>	<b>20,516</b>	
<b>Cost of Sales</b>				
Driver Payments	22,024	22,698	21,179	
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>22,024</b>	<b>22,698</b>	<b>21,179</b>	
<b>Gross Surplus</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>(1,112)</b>	<b>(663)</b>	
<b>Administrative Costs</b>				
Business Insurance	316	-	281	
Direct Wages	10,959	8,255	7,200	
IT Software and Consumables	120	72	72	
Misc Expenses	980	717	1,450	
Postage	17	-	-	
Printing & Stationery	10	-	-	
Telephone	1,418	1,227	1,154	
Car cleaning	172	93	500	
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>13,991</b>	<b>10,364</b>	<b>10,657</b>	
<b>Operating Surplus</b>	<b>(11,712)</b>	<b>(11,476)</b>	<b>(11,319)</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>				
Gift aid reclaimed	-	423	1,003	2
Interest Income	2,328	1,924	378	
Legacies	500	5,146	31,188	4
Misc donations with gift aid	100	100	140	
Other Donations & Revenue	1,065	1,038	838	3
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>3,993</b>	<b>8,630</b>	<b>33,547</b>	
<b>Surplus on Ordinary Activities</b>	<b>(7,719)</b>	<b>(2,846)</b>	<b>22,227</b>	

## Notes

## 1. Assets and Liabilities

The Accounts are presented on a Receipts and Payments basis, however there were no extraordinary liabilities or commitments at the year end.

Cash is the only asset and is represented by the Santander Current account and the CCLA COIF Deposit account.

Cash at 1 Jan 2024	£56,549.37	
less Deficit for year	£7,718.85	£48,830.52
Represented by:		
Current account at 31 Dec 2024	£5,683.26	
Deposit account at 31 Dec 2024	£43,147.26	£48,830.52

## 2. Gift Aid

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## 3. Other donations and revenue

Comprises: Norfolk County Council: £964.94 John Wagstaff £100 Barbara Page £100

## 4. Legacies

During the year we received legacies from the estates of:

David Youngs £500.00

Signed



Peta Benson, Chair

Date: 1 March 2025



Elizabeth Brett, Treasurer

Date: 1 March 2025

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## HACS Chairman's Report 2024

I welcome you all to our 45<sup>th</sup> AGM. Thank you for coming, as there are not many opportunities when we meet each other. I'm pleased to report we've had another stress-free year, which is almost entirely due to our fantastic volunteer drivers. So thank you very much indeed for your time, care and reliability. We really couldn't run the organisation without you.

Three drivers left last year: Yvonne Pointen, Rene Kennett and Stefan Elliott, and we thank them for many years of service. Three new drivers have arrived, namely Tony Leach, Robin Parry and Sara Fry, who we welcome warmly.

Last year, following some generous legacies, it was decided to reduce our charges for long journeys. However, as our treasurer will explain, the number of legacies has drastically dropped. Therefore we feel it is prudent to return to charging 50p per mile for all trips and for our minimum charge to be £5.) We still have discretion if someone genuinely can't afford the fare.

It is important that all drivers have a DBS check, as we are in contact with vulnerable clients. Julia Peart and Julie Lewis will be contacting everyone before too long, with instructions about what documents to bring.

As of last year, drivers can still get their cars cleaned for up to £45 per year. Just add it to your time-sheets and it will be reimbursed.

Some car schemes in other parts of the country ask their drivers in their 80s to do a driver's assessment. Our committee doesn't want to insist on this, but may I commend it to anyone who is interested to contact GOLD (Guidance for older drivers), as it helps you to continue driving safely for as long as possible. It consists of about one hour's drive with an assessor, it is informal and confidential, and costs £39. It may even help to reduce one's insurance.

Just a reminder on insurance – each year we need to tell our insurers that we take passengers on a voluntary basis. Most insurers don't make an extra charge, but they do like to know.

I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of us all, to sincerely thank Liz and Rachel for their constant efforts to find drivers, while always staying cheerful. Huge thanks to both of you.

Geoff Peel, our treasurer, has decided to resign from the committee after several years of excellent work. We are extremely grateful for everything he has done and wish him all the very best in the future. I'm really pleased to report that Liz Brett, who is one of our drivers, has agreed to take on the treasurer's job. The committee has agreed the post requires an honorarium, like our co-ordinators receive, as it requires continuous

work, week by week. Thank you Liz, for filling the important breach. (We'll vote Liz into post in a little while, and will also vote to change the Santander Bank signatory from Geoff Peel to Liz Brett.)

We have recently heard that the Blakeney surgery is definitely closing. This has been a painful time for people in Blakeney, but we shall do our best to keep driving patients to where they need to go.

Thank you.

*Peta Benson*

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May 2024

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Business Insurance	-	281	322	
Direct Wages	8,255	7,200	7,200	
IT Software and Consumables	72	72	72	
Misc Expenses	717	1,450	256	
Telephone	1,227	1,154	1,031	
Car cleaning	93	500	680	
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>10,364</b>	<b>10,657</b>	<b>9,561</b>	
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## HACS CHAIR'S REPORT 2023

Apologies – Terry Temple, Rod Sibson, Julia Peart, Fr. Howard Stoker

Minutes from last AGM and matters arising – Last year we had concerns about the rising cost of fuel, and it's a relief to us that the price has reduced, which means that staying on 46p per mile for drivers is still viable.

Chair's Report -

I would like to start by expressing huge thanks to all drivers for all the time and care you give to our clients. We hear so many accolades and appreciation from the people we transport and as an organisation we really should feel proud.

Last year three volunteers stepped down – Martin Watson, Sue Layfield and Julie Goldsworthy, and I thank them very much for everything they did. Very sadly one of our drivers and committee members, Stephen Hume, has died and we shall really miss him.

Three new drivers have joined us, all from High Kelling, which is great. They are Georgina Alpe, Duncan Henderson and Sean Moore and you are all most welcome. We currently have 47 drivers to call on, though could still do with a few more. Occasionally we reluctantly have to say to clients that there is no driver available.

Last year of course we were celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, albeit two years late, with a buffet supper. As many of you said how much you enjoyed it we have decided to make the AGM into more of a party. Please eat everything up! And I hope you get to know each other a bit more.

Throughout the year we have kept the cost of clients' trips to the minimum. Most journeys are 50p per mile, though return trips to Norwich or Kings Lynn for example are only £20 return. Outside Norfolk the maximum charge is now £50. Our minimum charge, for short journeys is £4. As Geoff will explain some generous grants and legacies have enabled us to keep these costs down. If a client still has difficulty paying the fare, we will quietly let them pay a smaller amount. Many clients though want to give more than we ask for.

In order to use some of our current account money for the benefit of drivers, the committee has agreed to pay each driver for three car washes, costing up to £15, per year.

As always, I'm sure we all want to thank Liz and Rachel for their unceasing work filling the rota in such a cheerful way. You are the lynch pins of the organisation, Liz and Rachel. Thank you!

I would also like to thank Rod our secretary, even though he is cruising on the Baltic at the moment, for his support. And our lovely committee help the whole thing run smoothly, for which I am very grateful.

Geoff Peel has been our excellent treasurer for 5 years and I thank him for all his work. He would now like to step down as treasurer, but I'm delighted to tell you that Garry Pilgrim has agreed to take over for one year at least. As Garry still has some work commitments he hopes to be available from July and he and Geoff may work in tandem for a while. So we will say a proper goodbye to Geoff when the time comes (though I hope he continues to drive for us!)

Thanks go to Henry Crawley for being our hands-on President, and we are grateful to Bruce Barrow for auditing our accounts.

And thanks to you all.

Peta Benson

May 2023

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## Committee

Peta Benson – Chair

Julia Peart - Vice -chair

Rod Sibson – Secretary

Geoff Peel – Treasurer

Liz Traynier – Co-ordinator

Rachel Jolliffe – Co-ordinator

Viv Cooke – Website Organiser

Sheila Bennett – Drivers' Representative

Terry Temple – Drivers' Representative

Julie Lewis - Holt Medical Practice Representative

President - Dr. Henry Crawley

Auditor -Bruce Barrow

With the sad loss of Stephen Hume, we have a vacancy, which Mike Cartwright has kindly agreed to fill.

I have already spoken about Garry Pilgrim and so can we vote him onto the committee.

Julie Lewis our Holt Medical Practice Rep is proving to be a very useful liaison person. She was co-opted last year, so may we vote for her now.

The rest of the committee have agreed to carry on so would you be happy to vote for everyone on bloc?

Thank you to Henry Crawley for being our hands-on President, and thank you Bruce Barrow for doing our auditing

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### **Treasurer's report for 2022**

Financially, the most significant event this year was that four legacies came together totaling £31,188. To put this into perspective our total operating cost for the year totalled £31,836. Our underlying operating deficit is around £8,000 to 10,000 per year and so we should be able to cover that deficit for the next three or so years. We don't know of any other legacies which are being processed as of January 2023.

Driver miles are increasing but still below the peaks we saw before 2020. This year, 2022, was about 46,000 miles. The miles are approximate because Drivers' sheets come in somewhat irregularly.

Year	Miles
2022	46,000
2021	44,000
2020	34,000
2019	64,000
2018	61,000
2017	55,000

The legacies of £31,188 meant that our surplus for the year was £22,227. Therefore the finances remain in good shape and should cause us no difficulties in the next few years assuming we continue as we are.

Geoffrey R Peel  
Honorary treasurer

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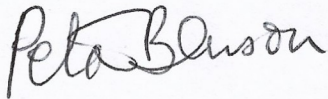
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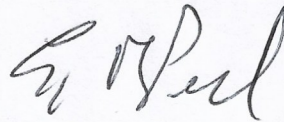
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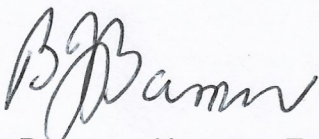
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Holt Area Caring Society

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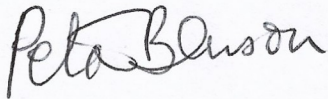
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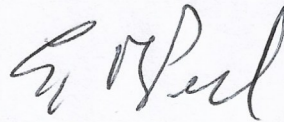
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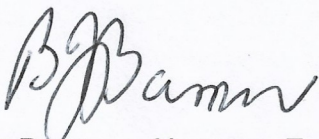
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# Accounts

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## HACS Chairman's Report 2022

Well, we have been trying to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the past two years and at last we can. So a warm welcome to you all, drivers, ex-drivers, families and honoured guests.

As it's the reason for us all to be here, before this year's report, I would like to give you a short history of Holt Caring.  
(HISTORY.)

Over the past year the number of requests for journeys has returned to pre-pandemic levels and I would like to thank all our drivers for the time and care they have given. We would not exist without you! Clients have expressed a lot of appreciation for the service you give. We have lost three drivers this year, namely Charles Lacoste, Steve Benson and Olive White, so very many thanks to them. I'm very pleased to welcome five new drivers – Andrew Cannon, Michael Cartwright, Nigel St Quintin, Lisa Lubin and Frances Mixer. We have 48 drivers, though some are not available at the moment, so we are always pleased to have new ones.

Many thanks must go to Liz and Rachel for their skill and patience in finding drivers for every trip. I'm also very grateful to Geoff our treasurer, who not only understands how charity finances work, but spends a huge amount of time counting money and checking claim forms. Stephen Hume has agreed to shadow Geoff, so at least someone else knows the system. Thanks also go to all the committee members for their cheerful support.

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Peta Benson

May 2022

## **Treasurer's report for 2021**

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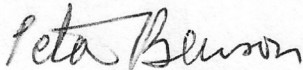
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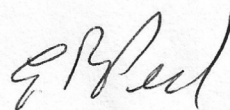
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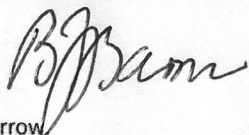
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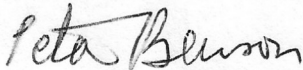
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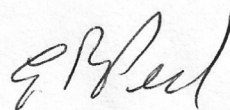
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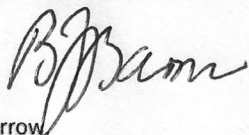
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