

HACS Chairman's Report 2022

Well, we have been trying to celebrate our 40th 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.

The burning issue at the moment of course is the rising cost of fuel. At the present time we are only allowed to reimburse drivers up to 45p per mile before they have to declare it for tax. Some drivers will remember a similar situation eleven years ago when fuel prices rose sharply. We have written to Duncan Baker MP on this matter and he is sending our concerns to the Treasury, so we hope the allowance will go up in the near future. I'm very pleased Duncan is with us this evening – he might have some news, though it is early days.

Peta Benson

May 2022

Treasurer's report for 2021

This year's activity (measured by driver miles) was higher than 2020 but still below pre-Covid 2019. This year was 70% of 2019; 2020 was 53% of 2019. Otherwise, from a financial point of view, the year followed a similar pattern to previous years.

The scheme operates with an underlying deficit of around £6,000 per year. Historically this has been more than covered by legacies, grants and donations. These are clearly unpredictable but have resulted in a gradually increasing level of reserves. This has given us the opportunity to reduce our charges. We have done this by introducing a maximum charge for journeys which helps those people who need frequent long distance trips. This explains the 'Gross Surplus' reducing and becoming a deficit. This deficit is likely to increase when the maximum charge has been in operation for a full year.

Whilst we have received no legacies or other large donations this year we did receive £9,584 of Covid support from the Government via the County Council. This meant that the underlying deficit was turned into a surplus for the year of £2,007. There is unlikely to be any further Covid support but we do know that there are legacies from two people being processed by solicitors at this time.

The finances are in good shape and should cause us no difficulties in the next few years.

Geoffrey R Peel
Honorary treasurer

Income and Expenditure

Holt Area Caring Society

For the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020	2019	NOTES
Turnover				
Client Income - without Gift Aid	15,926	14,218	27,722	
Client Donations - with Gift Aid	845	524	1,075	2
Client donations - GASDS	3,303	2,212	3,185	2
Total Turnover	20,073	16,954	31,981	
Cost of Sales				
Driver Payments	20,374	15,584	29,275	
Total Cost of Sales	20,374	15,584	29,275	
Gross Surplus	(301)	1,370	2,706	
Administrative Costs				
Business Insurance	322	322	322	
Direct Wages	7,200	7,200	6,700	
IT Software and Consumables	72	72	72	
Misc Expenses	256	285	189	
Printing & Stationery	-	154	-	
Telephone	1,031	824	816	
Cov19 driver support	-	5,000	-	
Car cleaning	680	-	-	
Total Administrative Costs	9,561	13,857	8,099	
Operating Surplus	(9,862)	(12,487)	(5,392)	
Other Income				
Gift aid reclaimed	996	695	1,789	2
Interest Income	4	88	182	
Legacies	-	-	5,004	
Misc donations with gift aid	89	100	450	
Other Donations & Revenue	1,198	1,798	888	3
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Cov19 support	9,584	4,792	-	4
Total Other Income	11,870	7,473	8,315	
Surplus on Ordinary Activities	2,007	(5,014)	2,923	

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 2021	£35,160.91	
add Surplus for year	£ 2,007.27	£37,168.18
Represented by:		
Current account at 31 Dec 2021	£ 7,650.69	
Deposit account at 31 Dec 2021	£29,517.49	£37,168.18

2. Gift Aid

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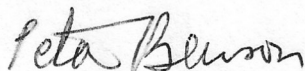
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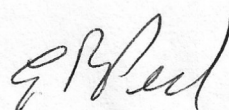
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Date: 02/02/2022



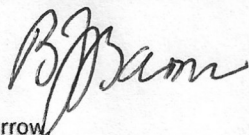
Geoffrey Peel, Honorary Treasurer

Date: 2/2/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Charity No. 294170

I have carried out an independent examination of the accounts of Holt Area Caring Society for the year ending 31st December 2021. During this review nothing has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

a. proper accounting methods have not been kept; b. the Accounts do not accord with these records.



Bruce Barrow

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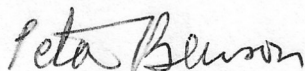
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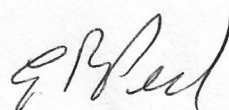
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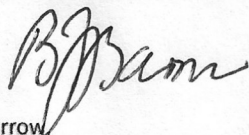
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