

HACS Chairman's Report 2024

I welcome you all to our 45th 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peta Benson".

Peta Benson

May 2024

Income and Expenditure for Holt Area Caring Society

**Holt Area Caring Society
For the year ended 31 December 2023**

Prepared by Elizabeth Brett

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Holt Area Caring Society

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022	2021	NOTES
Turnover				
Client Income - without Gift Aid	19,783	16,925	15,926	
Client Donations - with Gift Aid	386	760	845	2
Client donations - GASDS	1,417	2,831	3,303	2
Total Turnover	21,586	20,516	20,073	
Cost of Sales				
Driver Payments	22,698	21,179	20,374	
Total Cost of Sales	22,698	21,179	20,374	
Gross Surplus	(1,112)	(663)	(301)	
Administrative Costs				
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	
Total Administrative Costs	10,364	10,657	9,561	
Operating Surplus	(11,476)	(11,319)	(9,862)	
Other Income				
Gift aid reclaimed	423	1,003	996	2
Interest Income	1,924	378	4	
Legacies	5,146	31,188	-	4
Misc donations with gift aid	100	140	89	
Other Donations & Revenue	1,038	838	1,198	3
Cov19 support	-	-	9,584	
Total Other Income	8,630	33,547	11,870	
Surplus on Ordinary Activities	(2,846)	22,227	2,007	

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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 2023	£59,395.22	
less Deficit for year	£2,845.85	£59,395.22
Represented by:		
Current account at 31 Dec 2023	£10,730.52	
Deposit account at 31 Dec 2023	£45,818.85	£56,549.37

2. Gift Aid

We claim Gift Aid on allowable donations. These comprise additional amounts received above the standard charge for a journey and other donations. Both Gift Aid by declarations and the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) are used.

3. Other donations and revenue

Comprises: Norfolk County Council: £838 and Individual donations £200

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During the year we received legacies from the estates of:

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Peta Benson, Chair

Date: 28 September 2024



Elizabeth Brett, Treasurer

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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 2022. During this review nothing has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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Geoffrey Peel, Honorary Examiner

Date: 30 September 2024

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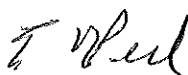
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