

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100006

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Registered 2013-12-13

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Activities

Purposes: The object of the company is to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs (hereinafter called 'the area of benefit') for people who have special need of such facility because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with young children or those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate public transport facilities without distinction of sex, race or political, religious or other opinion as set out in Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, and in particular: (i) to assist the work of organisations and bodies engaged in the relief of poverty, sickness and the disabilities of age, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation within the meaning of Section 1 of the Recreational Charities Act 1958 and other charitable purpose in the Lisburn area and its environs (the "area of benefit"); and (ii) when necessary, to relieve poverty, sickness and the disabilities of age.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Community transport

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Mental health, Older people, Parents, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Sensory disabilities, Specific areas of deprivation, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£273,863	£275,996	£-28,574	10

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Andrew Corscadden		
Mr Brian Murray		
Mr Mark O'neill		
Mr Nathan Kelly		
Mrs Claire Preston		
Ms Kimberely Ward		

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr M O'Neill Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey Mr G Hendrie Mr N Kelly Mr A J Corscadden Mrs E Finney Ms K R Ward	(Appointed 23 October 2024) (Appointed 23 October 2024) (Appointed 23 October 2024)
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Senior Management Team	Richard Dougherty	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT28 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 33 - 35 University Road Belfast BT7 1ND	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children or those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

During the financial year, the charity made 3,262 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 35,129 miles. Of these trips, 63% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 15% of the journeys were used for Health, 1% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 1% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 10% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching to Dundrod, Stonyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 1,059 passenger trips, 66% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 3,550 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 26% were for Shopping or Social visits, 1% for Training and Employment, 13% for Health and 49% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 23. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £6,132 (2024: net unrestricted surplus of £12,083). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2025 amounted to £233,496 (2024: £227,364). Restricted funds reflected a net outflow for the year of £8,265 (2024: net outflow £27,125).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mr Richard Dougherty, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	(Resigned 22 October 2024)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs C Preston	
Mr R Harvey	
Mr G Hendrie	
Mr N Kelly	
Mr A J Corscadden	(Appointed 23 October 2024)
Mrs E Finney	(Appointed 23 October 2024)
Ms K R Ward	(Appointed 23 October 2024)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the deficit returned this year, the charity's reserves have decreased slightly. However, the trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date: .26/8/25.....

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

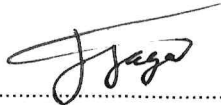
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Ground Floor
Block A, The Sidings
Antrim Road
Lisburn
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Date: *26/8/25*

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	UnrestrictedDfl funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Other Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	200	149,520	18,720	168,440	100,299
Charitable activities	4	4,977	1,258	97,588	103,823	113,936
Investments	5	1,600	-	-	1,600	1,663
Other income	6	-	-	-	-	8,758
Total income		6,777	150,778	116,308	273,863	224,656
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	645	154,127	121,224	275,996	239,698
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		6,132	(3,349)	(4,916)	(2,133)	(15,042)
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		6,132	(3,349)	(4,916)	(2,133)	(15,042)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		227,364	12,802	49,676	289,842	304,884
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		233,496	9,453	44,760	287,709	289,842

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net outgoing resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3 , 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		914		22,125
Current assets					
Debtors	13	38,146		59,016	
Cash at bank and in hand		277,223		243,162	
		315,369		302,178	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(28,574)		(34,461)	
Net current assets			286,795		267,717
Total assets less current liabilities			287,709		289,842
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	16	44,760		49,676	
Dfl Restricted funds	16	9,453		12,802	
Unrestricted funds	17	233,496		227,364	
Total funds			287,709		289,842

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 26/8/25 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee



Mr G Hendrie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies

	Dfl Restricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Dfl Restricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Dfl RTF Scheme	116,168	-	-	116,168	57,227	-	-	57,227
Dfl ARTS	14,244	-	-	14,244	5,244	-	-	5,244
Dfl Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	19,108	-	-	19,108	19,108	-	-	19,108
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-	18,720	-	18,720	-	18,720	-	18,720
Lisburn School Uniform Bank	-	-	200	200	-	-	-	-
	<u>149,520</u>	<u>18,720</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>168,440</u>	<u>81,579</u>	<u>18,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,299</u>

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4 Charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds 2025 £	Other Restricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Dfl Restricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Dial a lift	1,258	-	-	1,258	735	-	-	735
Dfi DATS	-	97,588	-	97,588	-	107,167	-	107,167
Hire & Other Charges	-	-	3,482	3,482	-	-	4,824	4,824
DAL Membership Fees	-	-	1,495	1,495	-	-	1,210	1,210
	<u>1,258</u>	<u>97,588</u>	<u>4,977</u>	<u>103,823</u>	<u>735</u>	<u>107,167</u>	<u>6,034</u>	<u>113,936</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,600	1,663

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	-	590
Rental of Vehicle	-	4,200
	-	4,790

	Dfi Restricted funds	Dfi Restricted funds
	2025	2024
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	-	3,968

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	9,010	18,720	-	27,730	36,053
Employment costs	98,911	77,637	-	176,548	104,441
Staff Training	329	276	-	605	1,038
Postage & Stationery	673	565	-	1,238	520
ICT Costs	3,865	3,247	-	7,112	6,078
Travel Expenses	4,533	3,808	-	8,341	5,720
Clothing Costs	367	308	-	675	-
General Expenses	701	589	-	1,290	675
Telephone	1,844	1,549	-	3,393	2,920
Professional Fees	1,924	1,616	-	3,540	38,048
Premises Costs	7,109	5,972	-	13,081	13,031
Insurance	531	446	-	977	1,151
Heat & Light	2,197	1,846	-	4,043	3,918
Repairs & Renewals	171	144	-	315	491
Membership Fees	-	-	645	645	404
Bank Fees	376	316	-	692	535
Depreciation	19,108	2,103	-	21,211	21,211
Accountancy services	713	599	-	1,312	430
	<u>152,362</u>	<u>119,741</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>272,748</u>	<u>236,664</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				254,706	214,523
Support costs				18,042	22,141
				<u>272,748</u>	<u>236,664</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,765	1,483	-	3,248	3,034
	<u>154,127</u>	<u>121,224</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>275,996</u>	<u>239,698</u>

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8 Governance costs

	Governance costs £	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	3,248	3,248	3,034
Analysed between Charitable activities	3,248	3,248	3,034

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,248 (2024- £3,034) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	3,248	3,034
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	21,211	21,211

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Charitable activities	9	6
Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	165,498	99,690
Social security costs	7,974	2,725
Pension costs	3,076	2,026
	176,548	104,441

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	IT Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	6,309	156,427	162,736
At 31 March 2025	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2024	3,625	136,986	140,611
Depreciation charged in the year	2,103	19,108	21,211
At 31 March 2025	5,728	156,094	161,822
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	581	333	914
At 31 March 2024	2,684	19,441	22,125

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Charitable activity debtors	1,047	18,062
Prepayments and accrued income	15,401	13,593
Other debtors	21,698	27,361
	38,146	59,016

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income	15	500	19,108
Operating creditors		7,883	5,387
Other taxation and social security		10,902	618
Accruals and other creditors		9,289	9,348
		28,574	34,461

15 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred funding	500	19,108

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15 Deferred income

(Continued)

During the current year a restricted grant was received from Co-Op Local Community Fund and as this is due to be spent towards PR costs in the year ended 31 March 2026, the grant has been deferred in full at the year-end and will be released in line with the related expenditure.

16 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Restricted funds	49,676	116,308	(121,224)	-	44,760
Dfl Restricted funds	12,802	150,778	(154,127)	-	9,453
Total restricted funds	<u>62,478</u>	<u>267,086</u>	<u>(275,351)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,213</u>

17 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>227,364</u>	<u>6,777</u>	<u>(645)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,496</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Dfl Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Dfl Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total
	2025	2025	2025	2025	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	914	914	-	-	22,125	22,125
Current assets/(liabilities)	233,496	9,453	43,846	286,795	227,364	12,802	27,551	267,717
	<u>233,496</u>	<u>9,453</u>	<u>44,760</u>	<u>287,709</u>	<u>227,364</u>	<u>12,802</u>	<u>49,676</u>	<u>289,842</u>

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19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2024	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	243,162	34,061	277,223

20 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2025.

21 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

22 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)).

In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £21,698 (2024: £21,664). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

23 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

24 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey Mr G Hendrie Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023) (Appointed 24 October 2023)
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Senior Management Team	Richard Dougherty	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT26 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT26 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

During the financial year, the charity made 2,201 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 40,527 miles. Of these trips, 66% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 14% of the journeys were used for Health, 3% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 6% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching to Dundrod, Stoneyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 1,051 passenger trips, 66% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,722 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 22% were for Shopping or Social visits, 3% for Training and Employment, 14% for Health and 49% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 23. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £12,083 (2023: net unrestricted surplus of £5,338). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2024 amounted to £227,384 (2023: £215,281). Restricted funds reflected a net outflow for the year of £27,125 (2023: net outflow £3,615).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mr Richard Dougherty, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs J Irvine	(Resigned 4 October 2023)
Mrs C Preston	
Mr R Harvey	
Mr G Hendrie	(Appointed 24 October 2023)
Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the deficit returned this year, the charity's reserves have decreased slightly. However, the trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date: 17/10/24

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 17/10/24

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Other Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	81,579	18,720	100,299	161,839
Charitable activities	4	6,034	735	107,167	113,936	113,001
Investments	5	1,663	-	-	1,663	798
Other income	6	4,790	3,968	-	8,758	5,940
Total income		12,487	86,282	125,887	224,656	281,578
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	404	92,405	146,869	239,698	279,855
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		227,364	12,802	49,676	289,842	304,884

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net outgoing resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3, 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		22,125		43,336
Current assets					
Debtors	13	59,016		45,635	
Cash at bank and in hand		243,162		269,689	
		302,178		315,324	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(34,461)		(53,776)	
Net current assets			267,717		261,548
Total assets less current liabilities			289,842		304,884
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	17		49,676		70,675
Dfii Restricted funds	17		12,802		18,925
Unrestricted funds	18		227,364		215,281
Total funds			289,842		304,884

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee



Mr G Hendrie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100000

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

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

3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total		DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
DfI RTF Scheme	57,227		-		-		57,227		115,330		-		-		115,330	
DfI ARTS	5,244		-		-		5,244		8,681		-		-		8,681	
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	18,108		-		-		19,108		19,108		-		-		19,108	
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720	
	<u>81,579</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>100,299</u>		<u>143,119</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>161,839</u>	

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

4 Charitable activities	DfI Restricted Funds 2024		Other Unrestricted Funds 2024		DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total 2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dial a lift	735	-	-	-	721	-	-	-	721	-
DfI DATS	-	107,167	-	-	-	107,740	-	-	107,740	-
Hire & Other Charges	-	-	4,824	-	-	-	-	3,725	3,725	-
DAL Membership Fees	-	-	1,210	-	-	-	-	815	815	-
	<u>735</u>	<u>107,167</u>	<u>6,034</u>	<u>113,936</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>107,740</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>113,001</u>		

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,663	798

6 Other Income

		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
		2024	2023
		£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	15	590	-
Rental of Vehicle		4,200	-
		<u>4,790</u>	<u>-</u>
		Restricted funds	Restricted funds
		2024	2023
		£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	5,940
		<u>-</u>	<u>5,940</u>
		DfI Restricted funds	DfI Restricted funds
		2024	2023
		£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	15	3,968	-
		<u>3,968</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	9,931	26,122	-	36,053	68,728
Employment costs	36,357	68,084	-	104,441	135,870
Staff Training	361	677	-	1,038	512
Postage & Stationery	181	339	-	520	1,756
ICT Costs	2,116	3,962	-	6,078	6,241
Travel Expenses	1,991	3,729	-	5,720	7,264
Clothing Costs	-	-	-	-	187
General Expenses	235	440	-	675	3,769
Telephone	1,016	1,904	-	2,920	2,975
Professional Fees	13,245	24,803	-	38,048	6,374
Premises Costs	4,536	8,495	-	13,031	13,218
Insurance	401	750	-	1,151	1,103
Heat & Light	1,364	2,554	-	3,918	5,876
Repairs & Renewals	171	320	-	491	1,519
Membership Fees	-	-	404	404	535
Bank Fees	186	349	-	535	636
Depreciation	19,108	2,103	-	21,211	20,630
Accountancy services	150	280	-	430	-
	<u>91,349</u>	<u>144,911</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				214,523	257,693
Support costs				22,141	19,300
				<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,056	1,978	-	3,034	2,862
	<u>92,405</u>	<u>146,889</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>239,698</u>	<u>279,855</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Governance costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Audit fees	3,034	3,034	2,862
Analysed between Charitable activities	3,034	3,034	2,862

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,034 (2023- £2,862) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	3,034	2,862
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	21,211	20,630
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(5,940)

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	6	7
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	99,690	127,245
Social security costs	2,725	6,604
Pension costs	2,026	2,021
	104,441	135,870

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

12 Tangible fixed assets	IT Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	6,309	156,427	162,736
At 31 March 2024	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	1,522	117,878	119,400
Depreciation charged in the year	2,103	19,108	21,211
At 31 March 2024	3,625	136,986	140,611
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	2,684	19,441	22,125
At 31 March 2023	4,787	38,549	43,336
13 Debtors		2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Charitable activity debtors		18,062	10,128
Prepayments and accrued income		13,593	14,508
Other debtors		27,361	20,999
		59,016	45,635
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Deferred income	16	19,108	38,216
Operating creditors		5,387	5,869
Other taxation and social security		618	5,876
Accruals and other creditors		9,349	3,815
		34,461	53,776

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

15 Misappropriation of funds reimbursed during the year

During the year a misappropriation of expenses funds was recovered, as detailed below:

	£
Amount recovered	6,937
Amount recovered relating to year end March 2024 Expenses - allocated to contra with related expenses	<u>(2,379)</u>
	<u>4,558</u>

16 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred funding	<u>19,108</u>	<u>38,216</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

17 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	125,887	(146,889)	-	49,676
DfI Restricted funds	18,925	86,282	(92,405)	-	12,802
Total restricted funds	<u>89,603</u>	<u>212,169</u>	<u>(239,294)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,478</u>

18 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	215,281	12,487	(404)	-	<u>227,364</u>

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

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

19 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	22,125	22,125	-	-	43,336	43,336
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,364	12,802	27,551	267,717	216,281	18,925	27,342	261,648
	<u>227,364</u>	<u>12,802</u>	<u>49,676</u>	<u>289,842</u>	<u>215,281</u>	<u>18,925</u>	<u>70,678</u>	<u>304,884</u>

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

20	Analysis of net funds	At 1 April 2023	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2024
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	269,689	(26,527)	243,162

21 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2024.

22 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

23 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)). In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £21,664 (2023: £20,999). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

24 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

25 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Annual report

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT
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(CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey Mr G Hendrie Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023) (Appointed 24 October 2023)
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Senior Management Team	Richard Dougherty	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT26 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT26 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

During the financial year, the charity made 2,201 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 40,527 miles. Of these trips, 66% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 14% of the journeys were used for Health, 3% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 6% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching to Dundrod, Stoneyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 1,051 passenger trips, 66% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,722 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 22% were for Shopping or Social visits, 3% for Training and Employment, 14% for Health and 49% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 23. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £12,083 (2023: net unrestricted surplus of £5,338). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2024 amounted to £227,384 (2023: £215,281). Restricted funds reflected a net outflow for the year of £27,125 (2023: net outflow £3,615).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mr Richard Dougherty, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs J Irvine	(Resigned 4 October 2023)
Mrs C Preston	
Mr R Harvey	
Mr G Hendrie	(Appointed 24 October 2023)
Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the deficit returned this year, the charity's reserves have decreased slightly. However, the trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date: 17/10/24

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


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James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Ground Floor
Block A, The Sidings
Antrim Road
Lisburn
BT28 3AJ

Date: 17/10/24

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Other Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	81,579	18,720	100,299	161,839
Charitable activities	4	6,034	735	107,167	113,936	113,001
Investments	5	1,663	-	-	1,663	798
Other income	6	4,790	3,968	-	8,758	5,940
Total income		12,487	86,282	125,887	224,656	281,578
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	404	92,405	146,869	239,698	279,855
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		227,364	12,802	49,676	289,842	304,884

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net outgoing resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3, 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		22,125		43,336
Current assets					
Debtors	13	59,016		45,635	
Cash at bank and in hand		243,162		269,689	
		302,178		315,324	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(34,461)		(53,776)	
Net current assets			267,717		261,548
Total assets less current liabilities			289,842		304,884
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	17		49,676		70,675
Dfii Restricted funds	17		12,802		18,925
Unrestricted funds	18		227,364		215,281
Total funds			289,842		304,884

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee



Mr G Hendrie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100000

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

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

3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total		DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
DfI RTF Scheme	57,227		-		-		57,227		115,330		-		-		115,330	
DfI ARTS	5,244		-		-		5,244		8,681		-		-		8,681	
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	18,108		-		-		19,108		19,108		-		-		19,108	
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720	
	<u>81,579</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>100,299</u>		<u>143,119</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>161,839</u>	

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

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

4 Charitable activities	DfI Restricted Funds 2024		Other Unrestricted Funds 2024		DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total 2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dial a lift	735	-	-	-	721	-	-	-	721	-
DfI DATS	-	107,167	-	-	-	107,740	-	-	107,740	-
Hire & Other Charges	-	-	4,824	-	-	-	-	3,725	3,725	-
DAL Membership Fees	-	-	1,210	-	-	-	-	815	815	-
	<u>735</u>	<u>107,167</u>	<u>6,034</u>	<u>113,936</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>107,740</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>113,001</u>		

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,663	798

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	590	-
Rental of Vehicle	4,200	-
	<u>4,790</u>	<u>-</u>

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5,940

	DfI Restricted funds	DfI Restricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	3,968	-

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	9,931	26,122	-	36,053	68,728
Employment costs	36,357	68,084	-	104,441	135,870
Staff Training	361	677	-	1,038	512
Postage & Stationery	181	339	-	520	1,756
ICT Costs	2,116	3,962	-	6,078	6,241
Travel Expenses	1,991	3,729	-	5,720	7,264
Clothing Costs	-	-	-	-	187
General Expenses	235	440	-	675	3,769
Telephone	1,016	1,904	-	2,920	2,975
Professional Fees	13,245	24,803	-	38,048	6,374
Premises Costs	4,536	8,495	-	13,031	13,218
Insurance	401	750	-	1,151	1,103
Heat & Light	1,364	2,554	-	3,918	5,876
Repairs & Renewals	171	320	-	491	1,519
Membership Fees	-	-	404	404	535
Bank Fees	186	349	-	535	636
Depreciation	19,108	2,103	-	21,211	20,630
Accountancy services	150	280	-	430	-
	<u>91,349</u>	<u>144,911</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				214,523	257,693
Support costs				22,141	19,300
				<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,056	1,978	-	3,034	2,862
	<u>92,405</u>	<u>146,889</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>239,698</u>	<u>279,855</u>

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Governance costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Audit fees	3,034	3,034	2,862
Analysed between Charitable activities	3,034	3,034	2,862

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,034 (2023- £2,862) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	3,034	2,862
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	21,211	20,630
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(5,940)

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	6	7
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	99,690	127,245
Social security costs	2,725	6,604
Pension costs	2,026	2,021
	104,441	135,870

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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12 Tangible fixed assets	IT Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	6,309	156,427	162,736
At 31 March 2024	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	1,522	117,878	119,400
Depreciation charged in the year	2,103	19,108	21,211
At 31 March 2024	3,625	136,986	140,611
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	2,684	19,441	22,125
At 31 March 2023	4,787	38,549	43,336
13 Debtors		2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Charitable activity debtors		18,062	10,128
Prepayments and accrued income		13,593	14,508
Other debtors		27,361	20,999
		59,016	45,635
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Deferred income	16	19,108	38,216
Operating creditors		5,387	5,869
Other taxation and social security		618	5,876
Accruals and other creditors		9,349	3,815
		34,461	53,776

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15 Misappropriation of funds reimbursed during the year

During the year a misappropriation of expenses funds was recovered, as detailed below:

	£
Amount recovered	6,937
Amount recovered relating to year end March 2024 Expenses - allocated to contra with related expenses	(2,379)
	<u>4,558</u>

16 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred funding	<u>19,108</u>	<u>38,216</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

17 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	125,887	(146,889)	-	49,676
DfI Restricted funds	18,925	86,282	(92,405)	-	12,802
Total restricted funds	<u>89,603</u>	<u>212,169</u>	<u>(239,294)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,478</u>

18 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	<u>215,281</u>	<u>12,487</u>	<u>(404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,364</u>

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	22,125	22,125	-	-	43,336	43,336
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,364	12,802	27,551	267,717	216,281	18,925	27,342	281,648
	<u>227,364</u>	<u>12,802</u>	<u>49,676</u>	<u>289,842</u>	<u>215,281</u>	<u>18,925</u>	<u>70,678</u>	<u>304,884</u>

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20	Analysis of net funds	At 1 April 2023	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2024
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	269,689	(26,527)	243,162
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

21 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2024.

22 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

23 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)). In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £21,664 (2023: £20,999). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

24 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

25 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Annual return

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

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(CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey Mr G Hendrie Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023) (Appointed 24 October 2023)
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Senior Management Team	Richard Dougherty	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT26 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT26 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

During the financial year, the charity made 2,201 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 40,527 miles. Of these trips, 66% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 14% of the journeys were used for Health, 3% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 6% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching to Dundrod, Stoneyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 1,051 passenger trips, 66% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,722 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 22% were for Shopping or Social visits, 3% for Training and Employment, 14% for Health and 49% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 23. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £12,083 (2023: net unrestricted surplus of £5,338). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2024 amounted to £227,384 (2023: £215,281). Restricted funds reflected a net outflow for the year of £27,125 (2023: net outflow £3,615).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mr Richard Dougherty, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs J Irvine	(Resigned 4 October 2023)
Mrs C Preston	
Mr R Harvey	
Mr G Hendrie	(Appointed 24 October 2023)
Mr N Kelly	(Appointed 24 October 2023)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the deficit returned this year, the charity's reserves have decreased slightly. However, the trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date: 17/10/24

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Ground Floor
Block A, The Sidings
Antrim Road
Lisburn
BT28 3AJ

Date: 17/10/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Other Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	81,579	18,720	100,299	161,839
Charitable activities	4	6,034	735	107,167	113,936	113,001
Investments	5	1,663	-	-	1,663	798
Other income	6	4,790	3,968	-	8,758	5,940
Total income		12,487	86,282	125,887	224,656	281,578
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	404	92,405	146,869	239,698	279,855
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		12,083	(6,123)	(21,002)	(15,042)	1,723
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		227,364	12,802	49,676	289,842	304,884

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net outgoing resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3, 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		22,125		43,336
Current assets					
Debtors	13	59,016		45,635	
Cash at bank and in hand		243,162		269,689	
		302,178		315,324	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(34,461)		(53,776)	
Net current assets			267,717		261,548
Total assets less current liabilities			289,842		304,884
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	17		49,676		70,675
Dfii Restricted funds	17		12,802		18,925
Unrestricted funds	18		227,364		215,281
Total funds			289,842		304,884

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/10/24 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee



Mr G Hendrie
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100000

The notes on pages 11 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) **Restricted funds** - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) **Unrestricted funds** - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total		DfI Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds		Total	
	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2024	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£	2023	£
DfI RTF Scheme	57,227		-		-		57,227		115,330		-		-		115,330	
DfI ARTS	5,244		-		-		5,244		8,681		-		-		8,681	
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	18,108		-		-		19,108		19,108		-		-		19,108	
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720		-		18,720	
	<u>81,579</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>100,299</u>		<u>143,119</u>		<u>18,720</u>		<u>-</u>		<u>161,839</u>	

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4 Charitable activities	DfI Restricted Funds 2024		Other Unrestricted Funds 2024		DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total 2023	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dial a lift	735	-	-	-	721	-	-	-	721	-
DfI DATS	-	107,167	-	-	-	107,740	-	-	107,740	-
Hire & Other Charges	-	-	4,824	-	-	-	-	3,725	3,725	-
DAL Membership Fees	-	-	1,210	-	-	-	-	815	815	-
	<u>735</u>	<u>107,167</u>	<u>6,034</u>	<u>113,936</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>107,740</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>113,001</u>		

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable	1,663	798

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	590	-
Rental of Vehicle	4,200	-
	<u>4,790</u>	<u>-</u>

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	5,940

	DfI Restricted funds	DfI Restricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Misappropriation of expenses reimbursed	3,968	-

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	9,931	26,122	-	36,053	68,728
Employment costs	36,357	68,084	-	104,441	135,870
Staff Training	361	677	-	1,038	512
Postage & Stationery	181	339	-	520	1,756
ICT Costs	2,116	3,962	-	6,078	6,241
Travel Expenses	1,991	3,729	-	5,720	7,264
Clothing Costs	-	-	-	-	187
General Expenses	235	440	-	675	3,769
Telephone	1,016	1,904	-	2,920	2,975
Professional Fees	13,245	24,803	-	38,048	6,374
Premises Costs	4,536	8,495	-	13,031	13,218
Insurance	401	750	-	1,151	1,103
Heat & Light	1,364	2,554	-	3,918	5,876
Repairs & Renewals	171	320	-	491	1,519
Membership Fees	-	-	404	404	535
Bank Fees	186	349	-	535	636
Depreciation	19,108	2,103	-	21,211	20,630
Accountancy services	150	280	-	430	-
	<u>91,349</u>	<u>144,911</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				214,523	257,693
Support costs				22,141	19,300
				<u>236,664</u>	<u>276,993</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,056	1,978	-	3,034	2,862
	<u>92,405</u>	<u>146,889</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>239,698</u>	<u>279,855</u>

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8 Governance costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Audit fees	3,034	3,034	2,862
Analysed between Charitable activities	3,034	3,034	2,862

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £3,034 (2023- £2,862) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	3,034	2,862
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	21,211	20,630
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(5,940)

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	6	7
Employment costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	99,690	127,245
Social security costs	2,725	6,604
Pension costs	2,026	2,021
	104,441	135,870

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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12 Tangible fixed assets	IT Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	6,309	156,427	162,736
At 31 March 2024	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2023	1,522	117,878	119,400
Depreciation charged in the year	2,103	19,108	21,211
At 31 March 2024	3,625	136,986	140,611
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	2,684	19,441	22,125
At 31 March 2023	4,787	38,549	43,336
13 Debtors		2024	2023
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Charitable activity debtors		18,062	10,128
Prepayments and accrued income		13,593	14,508
Other debtors		27,361	20,999
		59,016	45,635
14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
Deferred income	16	19,108	38,216
Operating creditors		5,387	5,869
Other taxation and social security		618	5,876
Accruals and other creditors		9,349	3,815
		34,461	53,776

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15 Misappropriation of funds reimbursed during the year

During the year a misappropriation of expenses funds was recovered, as detailed below:

	£
Amount recovered	6,937
Amount recovered relating to year end March 2024 Expenses - allocated to contra with related expenses	<u>(2,379)</u>
	<u>4,558</u>

16 Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred funding	<u>19,108</u>	<u>38,216</u>

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

17 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	125,887	(146,889)	-	49,676
DfI Restricted funds	18,925	86,282	(92,405)	-	12,802
Total restricted funds	<u>89,603</u>	<u>212,169</u>	<u>(239,294)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,478</u>

18 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	<u>215,281</u>	<u>12,487</u>	<u>(404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>227,364</u>

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19 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	DfI Restricted funds	Other Restricted funds	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2023	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	22,125	22,125	-	-	43,336	43,336
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,364	12,802	27,551	267,717	216,281	18,925	27,342	261,648
	<u>227,364</u>	<u>12,802</u>	<u>49,676</u>	<u>289,842</u>	<u>215,281</u>	<u>18,925</u>	<u>70,678</u>	<u>304,884</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

20	Analysis of net funds	At 1 April 2023	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2024
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	269,689	(26,527)	243,162

21 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2024.

22 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

23 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)). In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £21,664 (2023: £20,999). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

24 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

25 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs J Irvine Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 10 November 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022)
Senior Management Team	Mrs T McMillan	
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT28 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

The financial statements reflect a successful year, generating a small surplus, which has been credited to reserves. The trustees are satisfied with the charity's results and will continue to capitalise on their current activities for the foreseeable future.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

During the financial year, the charity made 2,240 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 27,009 miles. Of these trips, 65% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 13% of the journeys were used for Health, 1% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 7% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching Dundrod, Stonyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 886 passenger trips, 85% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,450 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 28% were for Shopping or Social visits, 13% for Training and Employment, 10% for Health and 35% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 24. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £5,338 (2022: net unrestricted surplus of £2,022). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2023 amounted to £215,281 (2022: £209,943).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mrs Tina McMillan, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr J Scott	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs N Afshar	(Resigned 25 January 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs K Weekes	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs J Irvine	(Appointed 10 November 2022)
Mrs C Preston	(Appointed 31 October 2022)
Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 31 October 2022)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the surplus returned this year, the charity's reserves have increased. The trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

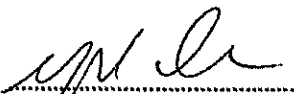
Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date: 17/8/23

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 17/8/2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Dfl Restricted funds 2023 £	Other Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	143,119	18,720	161,839	221,468
Charitable activities	4	4,540	721	107,740	113,001	117,643
Investments	5	798	-	-	798	28
Other income	6	-	-	5,940	5,940	-
Total income		5,338	143,840	132,400	281,578	339,139
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	-	147,455	132,400	279,855	243,899
Net incoming resources before transfers		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		209,943	22,540	70,678	303,161	207,921
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net incoming resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3 , 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023		(As re-stated) 2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		43,336		57,657
Current assets					
Debtors	13	45,635		59,165	
Cash at bank and in hand		269,689		252,108	
		315,324		311,273	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(53,776)		(65,769)	
Net current assets			261,548		245,504
Total assets less current liabilities			304,884		303,161
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	16		70,678		70,678
Dfl Restricted funds	16		18,925		22,540
Unrestricted funds	17		215,281		209,943
Total funds			304,884		303,161

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 17/8/23 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Mrs C Preston
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total		DfI Restricted Funds 2022		Restricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2022		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
DfI RTF Scheme	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	115,330	-	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,330
DfI ARTS	8,681	-	-	-	-	-	8,681	-	13,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,682
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	19,108	-	-	-	-	-	19,108	-	19,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,483
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-	-	18,720	-	-	-	18,720	-	-	18,720	-	-	-	-	-	18,720
DfI Covid Relief (Resource) Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,709	-	-	-	-	-	14,709
DfI Community Transport Lease Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,529	-	-	-	-	-	17,529
	<u>143,119</u>	<u>18,720</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>161,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,510</u>	<u>50,958</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>221,468</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities	DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Other Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total 2023		DfI Restricted Funds 2022		Restricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2022	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Dial a lift	721	-	-	-	-	-	721	-	713	-	-	-	-	-
DfI DATS	-	107,740	-	-	-	-	107,740	-	-	-	114,936	-	-	-
Hire & Other Charges	-	-	-	3,725	-	3,725	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,094	-
DAL Membership Fees	-	-	-	815	-	815	-	-	-	-	-	-	900	-
	<u>721</u>	<u>107,740</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,540</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,001</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>114,936</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>1,994</u>

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	798	28
	<u>798</u>	<u>28</u>

6 Other income

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	5,940	-
	<u>5,940</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	DfI Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	23,103	45,625	-	68,728	64,552
Employment costs	80,531	55,339	-	135,870	111,948
Staff Training	512	-	-	512	166
Postage & Stationery	1,756	-	-	1,756	2,159
ICT Costs	2,800	3,441	-	6,241	4,244
Travel Expenses	-	7,264	-	7,264	4,549
Clothing Costs	186	1	-	187	547
General Expenses	3,769	-	-	3,769	2,980
Telephone	-	2,975	-	2,975	3,244
Professional Fees	5,159	1,215	-	6,374	2,371
Premises Costs	6,000	7,218	-	13,218	14,315
Insurance	1,103	-	-	1,103	1,077
Heat & Light	1,256	4,420	-	5,676	3,121
Repairs & Renewals	-	1,519	-	1,519	2,044
Membership Fees	-	535	-	535	571
Bank Fees	636	-	-	636	536
Depreciation	19,108	1,522	-	20,630	22,775
	<u>145,919</u>	<u>131,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				257,693	224,208
Support costs				19,300	16,991
				<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,536	1,326	-	2,862	2,700
	<u>147,455</u>	<u>132,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,855</u>	<u>243,899</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

8 Governance costs

	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	2,862	2,862	2,700
Analysed between Charitable activities	2,862	2,862	2,700

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £2,862 (2022- £2,700) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	2,862	2,700
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	20,630	22,775
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(5,940)	-

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable activities	7	6
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	127,245	105,548
Social security costs	6,604	4,756
Pension costs	2,021	1,644
	135,870	111,948

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12 Tangible fixed assets

	IT Equipment Motor vehicles		Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	-	201,627	201,627
Additions	6,309	-	6,309
Disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
At 31 March 2023	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	-	143,970	143,970
Depreciation charged in the year	1,522	19,108	20,630
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
At 31 March 2023	1,522	117,878	119,400
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	4,787	38,549	43,336
At 31 March 2022	-	57,657	57,657

13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Charitable activity debtors	10,128	9,845
Prepayments and accrued income	14,508	26,440
Other debtors	20,999	22,880
	45,635	59,165

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Deferred income	15	38,216	57,324
Operating creditor		5,869	3,577
Other taxation and social security		5,876	2,165
Accruals and other creditors		3,815	2,703
		53,776	65,769

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred funding	38,216	57,324

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

16 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	132,400	(132,400)	-	70,678
DfI Restricted funds	22,540	143,840	(147,455)	-	18,925
Total restricted funds	93,218	276,240	(279,855)	-	108,528

17 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	209,943	5,338	-	-	215,281

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	252,108	17,581	269,689

20 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2023.

21 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

22 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)).

In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £20,999(2022: £20,321). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

23 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

24 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

25 Previous year comparative

The previous year comparatives (31 March 2022) have been re-stated in line with funder requests.

	Fund balances before £	Fund balances after £
Other Restricted funds	17,616	70,678
Dfi Restricted funds	10,476	22,540
Unrestricted funds	275,069	209,943
	<u>303,161</u>	<u>303,161</u>

The total fund balances at 31 March 2022 remain unchanged.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Annual report

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs J Irvine Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 10 November 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022)
Senior Management Team	Mrs T McMillan	
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT28 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

The financial statements reflect a successful year, generating a small surplus, which has been credited to reserves. The trustees are satisfied with the charity's results and will continue to capitalise on their current activities for the foreseeable future.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

During the financial year, the charity made 2,240 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 27,009 miles. Of these trips, 65% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 13% of the journeys were used for Health, 1% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 7% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching Dundrod, Stoneyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 886 passenger trips, 85% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,450 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 28% were for Shopping or Social visits, 13% for Training and Employment, 10% for Health and 35% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 24. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £5,338 (2022: net unrestricted surplus of £2,022). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2023 amounted to £215,281 (2022: £209,943).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mrs Tina McMillan, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr J Scott	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs N Afshar	(Resigned 25 January 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs K Weekes	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs J Irvine	(Appointed 10 November 2022)
Mrs C Preston	(Appointed 31 October 2022)
Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 31 October 2022)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the surplus returned this year, the charity's reserves have increased. The trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date:

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

.....
James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Ground Floor
Block A, The Sidings
Antrim Road
Lisburn
BT28 3AJ

Date:

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		UnrestrictedDfl	Restricted	Other Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds		
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	143,119	18,720	161,839	221,468
Charitable activities	4	4,540	721	107,740	113,001	117,643
Investments	5	798	-	-	798	28
Other income	6	-	-	5,940	5,940	-
Total income		5,338	143,840	132,400	281,578	339,139
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	-	147,455	132,400	279,855	243,899
Net incoming resources before transfers		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		209,943	22,540	70,678	303,161	207,921
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net incoming resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3 , 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	(As re-stated) 2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		43,336		57,657
Current assets					
Debtors	13	45,635		59,165	
Cash at bank and in hand		269,689		252,108	
		<u>315,324</u>		<u>311,273</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(53,776)</u>		<u>(65,769)</u>	
Net current assets			261,548		245,504
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>304,884</u>		<u>303,161</u>
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	16		70,678		70,678
Dfl Restricted funds	16		18,925		22,540
Unrestricted funds	17		215,281		209,943
Total funds			<u>304,884</u>		<u>303,161</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

.....
Mrs C Preston
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total		DfI Restricted Funds 2022		Restricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2022		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
DfI RTF Scheme	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	115,330	-	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,330
DfI ARTS	8,681	-	-	-	-	-	8,681	-	13,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,682
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	19,108	-	-	-	-	-	19,108	-	19,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,483
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-	-	18,720	-	-	-	18,720	18,720	-	18,720	-	-	-	-	-	18,720
DfI Covid Relief (Resource) Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,709	-	-	-	-	-	14,709
DfI Community Transport Lease Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,529	-	-	-	-	-	17,529
	143,119	18,720	-	-	-	-	161,839	170,510	50,958	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,468

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5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	798	28
	<u>798</u>	<u>28</u>

6 Other income

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	5,940	-
	<u>5,940</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	23,103	45,625	-	68,728	64,552
Employment costs	80,531	55,339	-	135,870	111,948
Staff Training	512	-	-	512	166
Postage & Stationery	1,756	-	-	1,756	2,159
ICT Costs	2,800	3,441	-	6,241	4,244
Travel Expenses	-	7,264	-	7,264	4,549
Clothing Costs	186	1	-	187	547
General Expenses	3,769	-	-	3,769	2,980
Telephone	-	2,975	-	2,975	3,244
Professional Fees	5,159	1,215	-	6,374	2,371
Premises Costs	6,000	7,218	-	13,218	14,315
Insurance	1,103	-	-	1,103	1,077
Heat & Light	1,256	4,420	-	5,676	3,121
Repairs & Renewals	-	1,519	-	1,519	2,044
Membership Fees	-	535	-	535	571
Bank Fees	636	-	-	636	536
Depreciation	19,108	1,522	-	20,630	22,775
	<u>145,919</u>	<u>131,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				257,693	224,208
Support costs				19,300	16,991
				<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,536	1,326	-	2,862	2,700
	<u>147,455</u>	<u>132,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,855</u>	<u>243,899</u>

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8 Governance costs

	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Audit fees	2,862	2,862	2,700
Analysed between Charitable activities	2,862	2,862	2,700

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £2,862 (2022- £2,700) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	2,862	2,700
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	20,630	22,775
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(5,940)	-

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	7	6
Employment costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	127,245	105,548
Social security costs	6,604	4,756
Pension costs	2,021	1,644
	135,870	111,948

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	IT Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	-	201,627	201,627
Additions	6,309	-	6,309
Disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
	<u>6,309</u>	<u>156,427</u>	<u>162,736</u>
At 31 March 2023	6,309	156,427	162,736
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	-	143,970	143,970
Depreciation charged in the year	1,522	19,108	20,630
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
	<u>1,522</u>	<u>117,878</u>	<u>119,400</u>
At 31 March 2023	1,522	117,878	119,400
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,787</u>	<u>38,549</u>	<u>43,336</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>57,657</u>	<u>57,657</u>

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Charitable activity debtors	10,128	9,845
Prepayments and accrued income	14,508	26,440
Other debtors	20,999	22,880
	<u>45,635</u>	<u>59,165</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	15	38,216	57,324
Operating creditor		5,869	3,577
Other taxation and social security		5,876	2,165
Accruals and other creditors		3,815	2,703
		<u>53,776</u>	<u>65,769</u>

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15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred funding	38,216	57,324

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

16 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	132,400	(132,400)	-	70,678
DfI Restricted funds	22,540	143,840	(147,455)	-	18,925
Total restricted funds	93,218	276,240	(279,855)	-	108,528

17 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	209,943	5,338	-	-	215,281

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19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	252,108	17,581	269,689

20 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2023.

21 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

22 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)).

In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £20,999(2022: £20,321). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

23 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

24 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

25 Previous year comparative

The previous year comparatives (31 March 2022) have been re-stated in line with funder requests.

	Fund balances before £	Fund balances after £
Other Restricted funds	17,616	70,678
Dfi Restricted funds	10,476	22,540
Unrestricted funds	275,069	209,943
	<u>303,161</u>	<u>303,161</u>

The total fund balances at 31 March 2022 remain unchanged.

Lagan Valley Rural Transport

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100006

Annual return

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

Company Registration No. NI054558 (Northern Ireland)

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CHARITY REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Mr J E McQuillan Mr M O'Neill Mrs J Irvine Mrs C Preston Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 10 November 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022) (Appointed 31 October 2022)
Senior Management Team	Mrs T McMillan	
Charity number	NIC 100006	
Company number	NI054558	
Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland	NIC100006	
Registered office	Units 1-6 PRM Complex Rathdown Road Moira Road Lisburn BT28 2RE	
Auditor	Johnston Kennedy DFK Chartered Accountants Ground Floor Block A, The Sidings Antrim Road Lisburn BT28 3AJ	
Bankers	AIB (NI) 34 - 36 Market Square Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1AG	
Solicitors	Mildred Breakey 52 Bachelors Walk Lisburn Co. Antrim BT28 1XN	

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity exists to provide rural transportation services.

The charity aims to provide transport facilities in Lisburn and its environs, for the people who have special need of such facilities, because they are elderly, poor or disabled, people with small children of those living in isolated areas where there are no adequate transport facilities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Public benefit

In line with its stated aims and objectives, as noted above, the trustees are confident that the charity is undertaking activities which provide public benefit to those who avail of its services.

Achievements and performance

Funding has been received from various bodies throughout the period to facilitate the provision of services.

The charity's principal funders are:

1. Department for Infrastructure
2. Disability Action
3. Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

The financial statements reflect a successful year, generating a small surplus, which has been credited to reserves. The trustees are satisfied with the charity's results and will continue to capitalise on their current activities for the foreseeable future.

The trustees are satisfied that all grants, including the grants provided by the Department for Infrastructure through the Rural Transport Fund and Assisted Rural Transport Scheme, have been used solely for the purposes intended and in accordance with each of the terms and conditions of the grants.

During the financial year, the charity made 2,240 individual passenger trips under the DfI Rural Dial a Lift Scheme, covering a total of 27,009 miles. Of these trips, 65% were made by passengers going shopping or social visiting, therefore having a major impact on their wellbeing, while also reducing social isolation. 13% of the journeys were used for Health, 1% of the journeys were used for Social Welfare, 2% of the journeys were used for Training and Employment, while 7% were used for Day Opportunities. The operational area for the scheme is the entire Rural Lagan Valley area, stretching Dundrod, Stoneyford, Moira, Dromore, Hillsborough, Annahilt, Carryduff and into Moneyreagh. Our Group Hire completed 886 passenger trips, 85% of which were for Recreational and social activities. Furthermore, the charity made just over 2,450 trips under the Disability Action Transport Scheme (DATS). Of these trips, 28% were for Shopping or Social visits, 13% for Training and Employment, 10% for Health and 35% for Day Opportunities. The operational area for DATS covers Lisburn and Dunmurry, along with Dundonald, Comber and Downpatrick.

Use of volunteers

The charity utilises the services of volunteers. The trustees acknowledge that all volunteers contribute to the success of the charity's activities.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Financial review

The results for the year are set out on pages 9 to 24. The charity generated a net unrestricted surplus for the year of £5,338 (2022: net unrestricted surplus of £2,022). The level of free reserves at 31 March 2023 amounted to £215,281 (2022: £209,943).

The trustees have developed a reserves policy in order to protect the company against unforeseen circumstances. This policy states that the company will seek to build sufficient financial reserves to provide for six months activities in order that the charity's ability to deliver services and develop the charity in the manner planned can be achieved without a negative impact. The financial results for the year are encouraging and the level of retained reserves ensure that this objective has been achieved.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It has been granted charitable status by The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under registration number NIC100006.

The charity is governed by its trustees who meet between eight and ten times annually to discuss financial and strategic issues, policy and procedure decisions, and to ratify significant legally binding decisions.

Mrs Tina McMillan, company manager, is responsible for the day to day running of the charity.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J E McQuillan	
Mr M Busch	(Resigned 2 May 2023)
Mr J Scott	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs N Afshar	(Resigned 25 January 2023)
Mr M O'Neill	
Mrs K Weekes	(Resigned 31 October 2022)
Mrs J Irvine	(Appointed 10 November 2022)
Mrs C Preston	(Appointed 31 October 2022)
Mr R Harvey	(Appointed 31 October 2022)

If appropriate, new trustees are invited onto the Board when the need arises. There are no specific requirements regarding skills or experience. However, the current trustees recognise the importance of a diverse and competent Board and this will impact upon any nomination. Those who are invited will be involved with Lagan Valley Rural Transport and will be held in high regard for their work.

New trustees receive appropriate induction procedures and training upon appointment.

No trustees receive any remuneration for their services.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the assumption that the charity will continue to operate as a going concern. As a result of the surplus returned this year, the charity's reserves have increased. The trustees are confident that the charity retains sufficient reserves to enable its continued operation for the foreseeable future. Additionally, the trustees are constantly reviewing the operations in order to ensure it retains sufficient reserves to maintain its operations. On this basis, the trustees believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lagan Valley Rural Transport for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Johnston Kennedy DFK be reappointed as auditors of the charity will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Disclosure of information to Auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

Special Provisions Relating to Small Companies

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

Date:

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lagan Valley Rural Transport (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the nature of the activities and sector, control environment and performance;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists where necessary regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and Taxation Legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of terms of funding, relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with HMRC; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

.....
James Gage (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of:
Johnston Kennedy DFK
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Ground Floor
Block A, The Sidings
Antrim Road
Lisburn
BT28 3AJ

Date:

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		UnrestrictedDfl	Restricted	Other Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds		
		2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>						
Donations and legacies	3	-	143,119	18,720	161,839	221,468
Charitable activities	4	4,540	721	107,740	113,001	117,643
Investments	5	798	-	-	798	28
Other income	6	-	-	5,940	5,940	-
Total income		5,338	143,840	132,400	281,578	339,139
<u>Expenditure on:</u>						
Charitable activities	7	-	147,455	132,400	279,855	243,899
Net incoming resources before transfers		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		5,338	(3,615)	-	1,723	95,240
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		209,943	22,540	70,678	303,161	207,921
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		215,281	18,925	70,678	304,884	303,161

Statement of comprehensive income

There is no other comprehensive income to report for the financial year.

Continuing operations

The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Historical Cost

The results as disclosed in the statement of financial activities and the net incoming resources for the year have been presented on an historical cost basis.

Comparatives

The comparative amounts by fund have been disclosed in notes 3 , 4 and 7.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	(As re-stated) 2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		43,336		57,657
Current assets					
Debtors	13	45,635		59,165	
Cash at bank and in hand		269,689		252,108	
		<u>315,324</u>		<u>311,273</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(53,776)</u>		<u>(65,769)</u>	
Net current assets			261,548		245,504
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>304,884</u>		<u>303,161</u>
Income funds					
Other Restricted funds	16		70,678		70,678
Dfl Restricted funds	16		18,925		22,540
Unrestricted funds	17		215,281		209,943
Total funds			<u>304,884</u>		<u>303,161</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Mr M O'Neill
Trustee

.....
Mrs C Preston
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI054558

Charity Registration No. NIC 100006

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form part of these financial statements

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Units 1-6 PRM Complex, Rathdown Road, Moira Road, Lisburn, BT28 2RE.

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Fund Accounting

The charity has different types of funds for which it is responsible, and which require separate disclosure. These are as follows:

(a) Restricted funds - Funding received which can only be used for a specific purpose as determined by the funder. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation and are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

(b) Unrestricted funds - Funds which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in the furtherance of the objectives of the charity. In addition the funds may be held in order to finance capital investment and working capital.

1.4 Income and expenditure

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received. All income arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. The majority of costs are directly attributable to charitable activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of staff time spent on those activities.

1.5 Support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, human resources, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated against the expenditure on charitable activities.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

IT Equipment	33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles	25% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

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1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is not liable to tax on funds generated from activities within the scope of the charitable exemptions.

1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

1.13 Hire purchase and finance leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accruals model and are measured at the fair value received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related expenditure is incurred. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to deferred income and released as income over the expected useful life of the assets.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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3 Donations and legacies	DfI Restricted Funds 2023		Restricted Funds 2023		Unrestricted Funds 2023		Total		DfI Restricted Funds 2022		Restricted Funds 2022		Unrestricted Funds 2022		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
DfI RTF Scheme	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	115,330	-	115,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,330
DfI ARTS	8,681	-	-	-	-	-	8,681	-	13,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,682
DfI Blue / Green Infrastructure funding	19,108	-	-	-	-	-	19,108	-	19,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,483
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council	-	-	18,720	-	-	-	18,720	18,720	-	18,720	-	-	-	-	-	18,720
DfI Covid Relief (Resource) Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,709	-	-	-	-	-	14,709
DfI Community Transport Lease Funding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,015
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,529	-	-	-	-	-	17,529
	143,119	18,720	-	-	-	-	161,839	170,510	50,958	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,468

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	798	28

6 Other income

	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	5,940	-

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Dfl Restricted Funds	Other Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Transport Costs	23,103	45,625	-	68,728	64,552
Employment costs	80,531	55,339	-	135,870	111,948
Staff Training	512	-	-	512	166
Postage & Stationery	1,756	-	-	1,756	2,159
ICT Costs	2,800	3,441	-	6,241	4,244
Travel Expenses	-	7,264	-	7,264	4,549
Clothing Costs	186	1	-	187	547
General Expenses	3,769	-	-	3,769	2,980
Telephone	-	2,975	-	2,975	3,244
Professional Fees	5,159	1,215	-	6,374	2,371
Premises Costs	6,000	7,218	-	13,218	14,315
Insurance	1,103	-	-	1,103	1,077
Heat & Light	1,256	4,420	-	5,676	3,121
Repairs & Renewals	-	1,519	-	1,519	2,044
Membership Fees	-	535	-	535	571
Bank Fees	636	-	-	636	536
Depreciation	19,108	1,522	-	20,630	22,775
	<u>145,919</u>	<u>131,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Analysed between:					
Charitable activities				257,693	224,208
Support costs				19,300	16,991
				<u>276,993</u>	<u>241,199</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,536	1,326	-	2,862	2,700
	<u>147,455</u>	<u>132,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>279,855</u>	<u>243,899</u>

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8 Governance costs

	Governance costs £	2023 £	2022 £
Audit fees	2,862	2,862	2,700
Analysed between Charitable activities	2,862	2,862	2,700

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £2,862 (2022- £2,700) for audit fees.

9 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	2,862	2,700
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	20,630	22,775
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(5,940)	-

10 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

None of the trustees received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including senior management team) during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Charitable activities	7	6
Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	127,245	105,548
Social security costs	6,604	4,756
Pension costs	2,021	1,644
	135,870	111,948

No employees received emoluments of £60,000 or more during the current or previous year.

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12 Tangible fixed assets

	IT Equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	-	201,627	201,627
Additions	6,309	-	6,309
Disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
	<u>6,309</u>	<u>156,427</u>	<u>162,736</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>6,309</u>	<u>156,427</u>	<u>162,736</u>
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2022	-	143,970	143,970
Depreciation charged in the year	1,522	19,108	20,630
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(45,200)	(45,200)
	<u>1,522</u>	<u>117,878</u>	<u>119,400</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>1,522</u>	<u>117,878</u>	<u>119,400</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,787</u>	<u>38,549</u>	<u>43,336</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>57,657</u>	<u>57,657</u>

13 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Charitable activity debtors	10,128	9,845
Prepayments and accrued income	14,508	26,440
Other debtors	20,999	22,880
	<u>45,635</u>	<u>59,165</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	15	38,216	57,324
Operating creditor		5,869	3,577
Other taxation and social security		5,876	2,165
Accruals and other creditors		3,815	2,703
		<u>53,776</u>	<u>65,769</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred funding	38,216	57,324

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a restricted grant was received under the DfI Blue/Green Infrastructure Funding Programme for the purchase of an electric vehicle, charging point and associated civil works. This grant has been credited to deferred income and is being released to the Statement of Financial Activities over the expected useful life of the related asset.

16 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Other Restricted funds	70,678	132,400	(132,400)	-	70,678
DfI Restricted funds	22,540	143,840	(147,455)	-	18,925
Total restricted funds	93,218	276,240	(279,855)	-	108,528

17 Unrestricted income funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds	209,943	5,338	-	-	215,281

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

18 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted funds		Dfl Restricted funds		Other Restricted funds		Total	
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:								
Tangible assets	-	-	43,336	-	43,336	57,657	57,657	57,657
Current assets/(liabilities)	215,281	209,943	18,925	22,540	261,548	13,021	245,504	245,504
	215,281	209,943	18,925	22,540	304,884	70,678	303,161	303,161

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022	Financing cash flows	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	252,108	17,581	269,689

20 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments as at 31 March 2023.

21 Non-audit service provision

In common with many other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

22 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Lagan Regional Transport CIC

(The charity shares some common directors with Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT)).

In 2012, the Board decided to obtain a Private Bus Operators Licence. As a result of the funding restrictions within the charity, this had to be achieved via another company. Accordingly Lagan Regional Transport CIC (LRT) was created, a company which shares some common directors with the charity. An initial loan of £15,000 was made to LRT, to ensure that it complied with the required financial resources necessary to launch the company. Additional sums have been paid, in the intervening years, on the company's behalf. The loan is made on an interest free basis and is unsecured. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Lagan Regional Transport CIC was £20,999(2022: £20,321). This amount is included within other debtors due within one year.

23 Trustees' liability

Lagan Valley Rural Transport is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

24 Control

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

LAGAN VALLEY RURAL TRANSPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

25 Previous year comparative

The previous year comparatives (31 March 2022) have been re-stated in line with funder requests.

	Fund balances before £	Fund balances after £
Other Restricted funds	17,616	70,678
Dfi Restricted funds	10,476	22,540
Unrestricted funds	275,069	209,943
	<u>303,161</u>	<u>303,161</u>

The total fund balances at 31 March 2022 remain unchanged.