



ELLESMERE PORT & NESTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT LIMITED

ANNUAL REVIEW

26th June
2024

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Company and Charity Information

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BOARD MEMBERS

Graham Fair	Chairman
Brenda Candeland	Treasurer
Ron Candeland	Vice Chairperson
Pat Kynaston	Vice Chairperson
Les Jones	Board Member
Dawn Stride	Board Member
Aileen Doherty	Company Secretary

Volunteers

Graham Fair	Aileen Doherty	Brenda Candeland	Cate Holmes
Pat Kynaston	Leslie Jones	Ron Candeland	Dawn Stride
Terry Warren	Dave Benjafield	Chris Binks	Syd Tarr
Guy Barker	Ken Tweedle	Rob Kynaston	David Clark
Brenda Marple	Deryck Rydall		

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a unique and valued non-profit making provider of minibus and car travel, offering our services to community groups and individuals, able and disabled, within Ellesmere Port & Neston and the surrounding area of Cheshire West & Chester. Our service provides essential, affordable transport to meet local peoples' needs.

We provide a range of high quality, reliable and safe vehicles to hire at an affordable cost. Our Community Car Scheme provides volunteer drivers who transport vulnerable people who cannot access conventional transport, to where they want to go.

We endeavour to meet all community/individual transport needs and continually monitor and evaluate our services to ensure that we are providing the services the community wants and needs.

We believe that transport is a vital element in our everyday lives, enabling people to access real choice and independence on how they operate their lives. Without access to transport many groups and individuals cannot take a full and active part in society therefore leaving them at a disadvantage.

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd is a local Incorporated Charity and a Social Enterprise.

We were established in 1997 as a Charity to provide high quality, low cost transport for those members of our community who are wheelchair users, disabled, vulnerable, disadvantaged, elderly or those who for a variety of reasons are disadvantaged when trying to access transport.

June 2008, we became a Limited Company with Charitable Status and Social Enterprise.

We have salaried staff, volunteer drivers and volunteer Board members.

We operate 3 adapted cars; 1 in Ellesmere Port, 2 in Neston & 3 accessible mini buses.

We believe everyone is entitled to get out & about when & where they want to go.



Chair Persons Report

Welcome from the Chairperson of the Board, Graham Fair, to our Annual Review for 2022 /2023.

2022/2023 has not been an easy period as we recover from the effects that Covid has had on our finances. The Organisation continued through the recovery period, ensuring that our registered clients were able to get to medical appointments and also to resume the social connections that are so important to good mental health.

Recruiting volunteers is a challenge that many Charities face and we are no different. Ensuring that we have sufficient drivers is critical to maintaining the service so people who, sign up to use both our cars and minibuses, can continue to get to essential appointments despite, sometimes the poor transport services around Ellesmere Port & Neston.

However, those volunteers that we do have deserve the Board's heartfelt thanks for all their efforts.

I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for all the work they do, some behind the scenes. Special thanks to our newest Board member, Dawn Stride who joined the Board during this recovery time so has weathered a baptism of fire extremely well.

Dawn also supports our Co-Ordinator in the office, for which I am extremely grateful.

The Board wishes to record their appreciation to our Transport Co-Ordinator, Dave Benjafield, who due to his persistent management of the vehicles, enables us to keep the fleet on the road.

Our Company Secretary, who also volunteers, keeps the Board on a straight and narrow path by keeping us all in line.

Our Services;

The School Bus Club continues providing transport for pupils travelling to / from Upton High School in Chester. During Covid our contracted drivers left the organisation so when the service resumed after Covid, we were grateful to one of our Board members, Les

Jones, who offered to drive this service until we could recruit a regular driver.

This service continues to provide vital support for some parents sending their children to Upton High School.

Most of our regular clients from local schools and community groups are now travelling regularly again and we appreciate their loyalty in coming back to us.

Finally, we will continue to offer this valued service where it is needed with our team of dedicated volunteer drivers.

Graham Fair.

Chairperson.

Vice Chair Persons Report

As many charities over time have found, we are struggling with getting more volunteers. We are trying to get volunteers from various

different methods which we will continue to do and expand our services.

We have one permanent employee who works extremely hard keeping us on the straight and narrow and keeping our heads above the water.

Most of our clerical and driving work is carried out by volunteers, without them, we would not survive.

I would like to express my thanks to all volunteers for supporting EPNCT.

I sincerely hope we continue to save these volunteers and the work and the work we have.

Ron Candeland

Vice Chairperson.

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Treasurer's Report

I took over as Treasurer 2 years ago on the resignation of my colleague due to ill health. Stepping up at this time has been a challenge and I am grateful to the Board for their support.

The Charity came through Covid with very limited finances but solvent, thanks to grant support during the pandemic.

During 2022 / 2023 we have managed to keep expenditure close to income and securing 2 small grants has enabled to ensure we maintain a small reserve.

Our volunteers have stepped up into areas where we would have had paid staff and this has enabled us to ensure we maintain that small reserve.

In the coming year we will be actively seeking donations and looking at available grants alongside prudent finance decisions to secure our future.

Brenda Candeland

Treasurer.

Co-Ordinators Report

The end of another year, where so much has happened since the last Annual Report. Some of our vehicles have been replaced to ensure the fleet remains serviceable and safe.

We seem to be in a better position than we were 12 months ago with several new clients registering with us for use and old clients returning. We hear positive feedback from many of them on the quality of our drivers and requests from many for the same driver/s for their next booking. While this isn't always possible, it is good for our drivers to get to know our clients and their routines.

But that leads us to the normal crux of the matter that we have to use the same drivers over and over again. This can put a strain on their volunteering time and we need to be aware we are not asking too much of them.

We will sadly be losing two of our long time volunteers: Mr David Clark and Mr Terry Warren. They will be missed for all the contributions they have made over the years. Replacing experienced volunteers is a challenge and, like all voluntary organisations, we always need more committed, enthusiastic volunteers to join our ranks.

The office work for the main part is now being shared with one of our volunteers, Mrs Dawn Stride, which at times is invaluable as it frees me up to do other work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who assists us either on a regular or part time basis. Without their help, we could not offer a Community Transport service.

David Benjafield

Transport / Office Co-Ordinator.

Company registration number: 06279786

Charity registration number: 1121037

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Secretary	Aileen Joyce Doherty
Charity Registration Number	1121037
Company Registration Number	06279786
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England & Wales. Unit A3 Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre Dover Drive Ellesmere Port Cheshire CH65 9BF
Independent Examiner	ESA Accountancy Ltd t/a AIMS 1 Chapel & Vestrey Vownog Road Sychdyn Mold Flintshire CH7 6ED

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 30 June 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Graham John Fair
Trustee

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Brenda Candeland
Trustee

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The company is a registered charity which exists to provide safe, affordable transport to various communities within the area of Cheshire West & Chester.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Graham John Fair
	Brenda Candeland
	Ronald Candeland
	Patricia Hazel Kynaston
	Leslie Jones

Secretary:	Aileen Joyce Doherty
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Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash flow risk

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

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Trustees' Report

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd for the purposes 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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, comprising FRS 102 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

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Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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Graham John Fair
Trustee

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Brenda Candeland
Trustee

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 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 original financial statements were 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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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Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and 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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 4), the trustees 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Detecting irregularities, including fraud

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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's trustees 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 charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of ESA Accountancy Ltd t/a AIMS, Statutory Auditor

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25 March 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	9,005	9,005
Other income	4	52,237	52,237
Total income		61,242	61,242
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(16,782)	(16,782)
Charitable activities	6	(38,008)	(38,008)
Other expenditure	7	(32)	(32)
Total expenditure		(54,822)	(54,822)
Net income		6,420	6,420
Net movement in funds		6,420	6,420
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(2,522)	(2,522)
Total funds carried forward	17	3,898	3,898
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	10,217	10,217
Other income	4	31,630	31,630
Total income		41,847	41,847
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(15,971)	(15,971)
Charitable activities	6	(28,251)	(28,251)
Other expenditure	7	(37)	(37)
Total expenditure		(44,259)	(44,259)
Net expenditure		(2,412)	(2,412)
Net movement in funds		(2,412)	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(110)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	17	(2,522)	(2,522)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains
and Losses)**

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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(Registration number: 06279786)

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	5,666	1,982
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	14	4,373	1,886
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(6,141)</u>	<u>(6,390)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,768)</u>	<u>(4,504)</u>
Net assets/(liabilities)		<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>
Total funds	17	<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Graham John Fair
Trustee

.....
Brenda Candeland
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Unit A3

Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre

Dover Drive

Ellesmere Port

Cheshire

CH65 9BF

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 25 March 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Income and endowments

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (e).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
	9,005	9,005
Total for 2023	9,005	9,005
Total for 2022	10,217	10,217

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Fees and supplies	4,232	4,232
Rental income	30,447	30,447
Total for 2023	34,679	34,679
Total for 2022	31,630	31,630

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	8	4,133	4,133
Total for 2023		<u>4,133</u>	<u>4,133</u>
Total for 2022		<u>4,281</u>	<u>4,281</u>
			Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Governance costs	8	38,008	38,008
Total for 2022		<u>28,251</u>	<u>28,251</u>
			Total expenditure £

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £38,008 (2022 - £28,251) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Other resources expended		32	32
Total for 2023		<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
Total for 2022		<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	1,416	1,416
Other governance costs	36,592	36,592
Total for 2023	38,008	38,008
Total for 2022	28,251	28,251

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,416	495

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	12,649	11,690

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2022	100,168	100,168
Additions	5,100	5,100
At 30 June 2023	<u>105,268</u>	<u>105,268</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2022	98,186	98,186
Charge for the year	1,416	1,416
At 30 June 2023	<u>99,602</u>	<u>99,602</u>
Net book value		
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,666</u>	<u>5,666</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,982</u>	<u>1,982</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	4,273	1,786
	<u>4,373</u>	<u>1,886</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	79	39
VAT grant repayable	(2,257)	(1,959)
Other creditors	8,319	8,310
	<u>6,141</u>	<u>6,390</u>

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(2,522)</u>	<u>61,242</u>	<u>(54,822)</u>	<u>3,898</u>
	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(110)</u>	<u>41,847</u>	<u>(44,259)</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,666	5,666
Current assets	4,373	4,373
Current liabilities	<u>(6,141)</u>	<u>(6,141)</u>
Total net assets	<u>3,898</u>	<u>3,898</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,982	1,982
Current assets	1,886	1,886
Current liabilities	<u>(6,390)</u>	<u>(6,390)</u>
Total net assets	<u>(2,522)</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	At 30 June 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,886</u>	<u>1,886</u>
Net debt	<u>1,886</u>	<u>1,886</u>

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	At 1 July 2021	At 30 June
	£	2022
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,622</u>	<u>1,622</u>
Net debt	<u>1,622</u>	<u>1,622</u>

20 Related party transactions

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities	9,005	10,217
Other income	52,237	31,630
Total income	61,242	41,847
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(16,782)	(15,971)
Charitable activities	(38,008)	(28,251)
Other expenditure	(32)	(37)
Total expenditure	(54,822)	(44,259)
Net income/(expenditure)	6,420	(2,412)
Net movement in funds	6,420	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	(2,522)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	3,898	(2,522)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	9,005	10,217
Other income (analysed below)	52,237	31,630
Total income	61,242	41,847
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(16,782)	(15,971)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(38,008)	(28,251)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(32)	(37)
Total expenditure	(54,822)	(44,259)
Net income/(expenditure)	6,420	(2,412)
Net movement in funds	6,420	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	(2,522)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	3,898	(2,522)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Primary purpose trading	5,146	5,838
Contractual income from government or public authorities	3,859	4,379
	<u>9,005</u>	<u>10,217</u>
<i>Other income</i>		
Fees and supplies	4,232	3,892
Rental income	30,447	27,738
Other income	17,558	-
	<u>52,237</u>	<u>31,630</u>
<i>Raising funds</i>		
Wages and salaries	(12,649)	(11,690)
Staff welfare	(615)	(1,144)
Telephone and fax	(1,569)	(1,437)
Legal and professional fees	(1,949)	(1,700)
	<u>(16,782)</u>	<u>(15,971)</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Rent and rates	(8,288)	(8,224)
Light, heat and power	(2,626)	(2,374)
Insurance	(1,770)	(1,231)
Motor expenses	(5,677)	(6,062)
Motor insurance	(13,816)	(8,145)
Motor repairs and renewals	(4,415)	(1,720)
Depreciation of motor vehicles	(1,416)	(495)
	<u>(38,008)</u>	<u>(28,251)</u>
<i>Other expenditure</i>		
Bank charges	(32)	(37)
	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(37)</u>

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Company registration number: 06279786

Charity registration number: 1121037

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

ESA Accountancy Ltd t/a AIMS
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Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

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Reference and Administrative Details

Secretary	Aileen Joyce Doherty
Charity Registration Number	1121037
Company Registration Number	06279786
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England & Wales. Unit A3 Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre Dover Drive Ellesmere Port Cheshire CH65 9BF
Independent Examiner	ESA Accountancy Ltd t/a AIMS 1 Chapel & Vestrey Vownog Road Sychdyn Mold Flintshire CH7 6ED

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 30 June 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Graham John Fair
Trustee

.....
Brenda Candeland
Trustee

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

The company is a registered charity which exists to provide safe, affordable transport to various communities within the area of Cheshire West & Chester.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Graham John Fair
	Brenda Candeland
	Ronald Candeland
	Patricia Hazel Kynaston
	Leslie Jones

Secretary:	Aileen Joyce Doherty
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Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Cash flow risk

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

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Trustees' Report

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd for the purposes 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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, comprising FRS 102 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 25 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Graham John Fair
Trustee

.....
Brenda Candeland
Trustee

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 30 June 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 June 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 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 original financial statements were 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 trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 to the Members of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and 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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; 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.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 4), the trustees 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 charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Detecting irregularities, including fraud

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, 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's trustees 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 charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

.....
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of ESA Accountancy Ltd t/a AIMS, Statutory Auditor

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25 March 2024

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	9,005	9,005
Other income	4	52,237	52,237
Total income		61,242	61,242
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(16,782)	(16,782)
Charitable activities	6	(38,008)	(38,008)
Other expenditure	7	(32)	(32)
Total expenditure		(54,822)	(54,822)
Net income		6,420	6,420
Net movement in funds		6,420	6,420
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(2,522)	(2,522)
Total funds carried forward	17	3,898	3,898
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Charitable activities	3	10,217	10,217
Other income	4	31,630	31,630
Total income		41,847	41,847
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	5	(15,971)	(15,971)
Charitable activities	6	(28,251)	(28,251)
Other expenditure	7	(37)	(37)
Total expenditure		(44,259)	(44,259)
Net expenditure		(2,412)	(2,412)
Net movement in funds		(2,412)	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		(110)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	17	(2,522)	(2,522)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains
and Losses)**

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

(Registration number: 06279786)

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	5,666	1,982
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	14	4,373	1,886
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(6,141)</u>	<u>(6,390)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,768)</u>	<u>(4,504)</u>
Net assets/(liabilities)		<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>
Total funds	17	<u>3,898</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 25 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Graham John Fair
Trustee

.....
Brenda Candeland
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

Unit A3

Stanlaw Abbey Business Centre

Dover Drive

Ellesmere Port

Cheshire

CH65 9BF

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 25 March 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Ellesmere Port & Neston Community Transport Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

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Income and endowments

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £0.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Debt instruments

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method:

(a) The contractual return to the holder is (i) a fixed amount; (ii) a positive fixed rate or a positive variable rate; or (iii) a combination of a positive or a negative fixed rate and a positive variable rate.

(b) The contract may provide for repayments of the principal or the return to the holder (but not both) to be linked to a single relevant observable index of general price inflation of the currency in which the debt instrument is denominated, provided such links are not leveraged.

(c) The contract may provide for a determinable variation of the return to the holder during the life of the instrument, provided that (i) the new rate satisfies condition (a) and the variation is not contingent on future events other than (1) a change of a contractual variable rate; (2) to protect the holder against credit deterioration of the issuer; (3) changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law; or (ii) the new rate is a market rate of interest and satisfies condition (a).

(d) There is no contractual provision that could, by its terms, result in the holder losing the principal amount or any interest attributable to the current period or prior periods.

(e) Contractual provisions that permit the issuer to prepay a debt instrument or permit the holder to put it back to the issuer before maturity are not contingent on future events, other than to protect the holder against the credit deterioration of the issuer or a change in control of the issuer, or to protect the holder or issuer against changes in levies applied by a central bank or arising from changes in relevant taxation or law.

(f) Contractual provisions may permit the extension of the term of the debt instrument, provided that the return to the holder and any other contractual provisions applicable during the extended term satisfy the conditions of paragraphs (a) to (e).

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

With the exception of some hedging instruments, other debt instruments not meeting these conditions are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Commitments to make and receive loans which meet the conditions mentioned above are measured at cost (which may be nil) less impairment.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
	9,005	9,005
Total for 2023	<u>9,005</u>	<u>9,005</u>
Total for 2022	<u>10,217</u>	<u>10,217</u>

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Fees and supplies	4,232	4,232
Rental income	<u>30,447</u>	<u>30,447</u>
Total for 2023	<u>34,679</u>	<u>34,679</u>
Total for 2022	<u>31,630</u>	<u>31,630</u>

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5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	8	4,133	4,133
Total for 2023		<u>4,133</u>	<u>4,133</u>
Total for 2022		<u>4,281</u>	<u>4,281</u>
			Total costs £

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Governance costs	8	38,008	38,008
Total for 2022		<u>28,251</u>	<u>28,251</u>
			Total expenditure £

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £38,008 (2022 - £28,251) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 8 for further details.

7 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Other resources expended		32	32
Total for 2023		<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>
Total for 2022		<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>

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8 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Depreciation, amortisation and other similar costs	1,416	1,416
Other governance costs	36,592	36,592
Total for 2023	38,008	38,008
Total for 2022	28,251	28,251

9 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,416	495

10 Trustees remuneration and expenses

11 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	12,649	11,690

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

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12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2022	100,168	100,168
Additions	5,100	5,100
At 30 June 2023	<u>105,268</u>	<u>105,268</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 July 2022	98,186	98,186
Charge for the year	1,416	1,416
At 30 June 2023	<u>99,602</u>	<u>99,602</u>
Net book value		
At 30 June 2023	<u>5,666</u>	<u>5,666</u>
At 30 June 2022	<u>1,982</u>	<u>1,982</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	4,273	1,786
	<u>4,373</u>	<u>1,886</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	79	39
VAT grant repayable	(2,257)	(1,959)
Other creditors	8,319	8,310
	<u>6,141</u>	<u>6,390</u>

16 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(2,522)</u>	<u>61,242</u>	<u>(54,822)</u>	<u>3,898</u>
	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	<u>(110)</u>	<u>41,847</u>	<u>(44,259)</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,666	5,666
Current assets	4,373	4,373
Current liabilities	<u>(6,141)</u>	<u>(6,141)</u>
Total net assets	<u>3,898</u>	<u>3,898</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,982	1,982
Current assets	1,886	1,886
Current liabilities	<u>(6,390)</u>	<u>(6,390)</u>
Total net assets	<u>(2,522)</u>	<u>(2,522)</u>

19 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 July 2022 £	At 30 June 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,886</u>	<u>1,886</u>
Net debt	<u>1,886</u>	<u>1,886</u>

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	At 1 July 2021	At 30 June
	£	2022
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,622</u>	<u>1,622</u>
Net debt	<u>1,622</u>	<u>1,622</u>

20 Related party transactions

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities	9,005	10,217
Other income	52,237	31,630
Total income	61,242	41,847
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(16,782)	(15,971)
Charitable activities	(38,008)	(28,251)
Other expenditure	(32)	(37)
Total expenditure	(54,822)	(44,259)
Net income/(expenditure)	6,420	(2,412)
Net movement in funds	6,420	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	(2,522)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	3,898	(2,522)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	9,005	10,217
Other income (analysed below)	52,237	31,630
Total income	61,242	41,847
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(16,782)	(15,971)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(38,008)	(28,251)
Other expenditure (analysed below)	(32)	(37)
Total expenditure	(54,822)	(44,259)
Net income/(expenditure)	6,420	(2,412)
Net movement in funds	6,420	(2,412)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	(2,522)	(110)
Total funds carried forward	3,898	(2,522)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Primary purpose trading	5,146	5,838
Contractual income from government or public authorities	3,859	4,379
	<u>9,005</u>	<u>10,217</u>
<i>Other income</i>		
Fees and supplies	4,232	3,892
Rental income	30,447	27,738
Other income	17,558	-
	<u>52,237</u>	<u>31,630</u>
<i>Raising funds</i>		
Wages and salaries	(12,649)	(11,690)
Staff welfare	(615)	(1,144)
Telephone and fax	(1,569)	(1,437)
Legal and professional fees	(1,949)	(1,700)
	<u>(16,782)</u>	<u>(15,971)</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Rent and rates	(8,288)	(8,224)
Light, heat and power	(2,626)	(2,374)
Insurance	(1,770)	(1,231)
Motor expenses	(5,677)	(6,062)
Motor insurance	(13,816)	(8,145)
Motor repairs and renewals	(4,415)	(1,720)
Depreciation of motor vehicles	(1,416)	(495)
	<u>(38,008)</u>	<u>(28,251)</u>
<i>Other expenditure</i>		
Bank charges	(32)	(37)
	<u>(32)</u>	<u>(37)</u>

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