

2019-20 Finance report 1st August 2019 to 31st July 2020

This report should be read in conjunction with the Income and Expenditure Report, a printed copy of which is available on request and which is published in full on our website www.woodhousegns.org.uk.

The WWE GNS was awarded three grants in the year. The steering group would like to thank all three donors for their support.

The £200 grant from Woodhouse Parish Council was to cover the costs of a community event to be held in May 2020. The Annex was booked and preparations were well advanced before the event had to be cancelled. The remainder of the grant has been included as a provisional cost in the expenditure as it is being held to cover the costs of a similar event to be held in the future.

The £500 grant from Charnwood Borough Council was received in October 2019 to cover the costs of a new scheme operated by the WWE GNS – the Community Wheelchair Scheme. From January 2020 parish residents can borrow a wheelchair free of charge. The costs included insurance, servicing and cleaning of the wheelchairs and were incurred from October 2019 to March 2020.

The £500 grant from Tesco was specifically to cover costs incurred in relation to the coronavirus pandemic. These included flyers, DBS checks for volunteers and face masks for our drivers. The grant was spent in full before 31st July 2020 with no funds remaining to be carried forward.

Other income was from donations, either from individuals or from our volunteer drivers, and from the 10% charge on driving jobs. The decrease in driver donations and mileage income from the previous financial year reflects the decrease in the number of driving jobs, which could not take place whilst restrictions were in place. Again, the steering group would like to thank all donors for their support.

Expenditure for the year is largely in line with the previous year, apart from the following: Volunteer expenses and training costs of £492 include the costs of a "Moving and Handling" course of two sessions, held in October 2019; Volunteer PPE includes the costs of face masks and sanitising sprays for our volunteer drivers; DBS fees of £384 are higher than anticipated on account of the number of new volunteers in the year; Insurance costs have doubled as a result of the Community Wheelchair scheme.

The funds of £921 carried forward into 2020/21 are sufficient to cover the most basic costs including insurance, advertising in Roundabout and mobile phone charges. New events or services in 2020/21 (apart from the community event covered by the Parish Council grant) will require additional sponsorship or donations.

I am happy to respond to any queries so, if you have any questions or comments, please leave a message on the WWE GNS mobile number 07561 890 100. Finally, the steering group would like to thank the independent examiner for his time and valuable comments.

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