

OKEHAMPTON DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP

Treasurers Report for the Annual General Meeting

Accounts

The accounts to 31st March 2019 show a profit for the year of £2652 and at the end of the financial year we had reserves of £33814. Once again making a surplus instead of the budgeted loss of £5400 is down to the generosity of our funders and donations in cash and goods from our clients, coupled with the sterling efforts of Sue and Liz in raising money from many sources.

We received £5000 from the Devon Community Fund, £3000 from the Friends of Okehampton Hospital and £1000 from the Charities of Holditch. A total of £2198 was received from local parish councils. Clients were extremely generous, including two donations of £2000 and £1000, and in supporting the "100 Club". We claimed gift aid for the years 2015-18 and this realised £2477.

The new financial year is again uncertain and challenging. West Devon have reduced our grant from £10315 to £6533. The legal battle over commercial contracts rumbles on and Devon CC have transferred the Ring and Ride bus to us, so that we are now responsible for all the records and maintenance. It remains to be seen whether we are better off paying the costs rather than the lease charges, but hopefully the excellent care that Mark has taken of our vehicle will work in our favour.

As stated last year we would like to replace our Peugeot wheelchair accessible vehicle and thanks to a generous grant of £20000 from Okehampton United Charities we are now in a position to order a new one. The age of the minibus transferred from DCC means that a replacement will be required at some stage, and we have been extremely fortunate in receiving £40000 from the Charities of Holditch towards the £70-80K that will be needed to buy a new one.

The future is uncertain, but my view is that we do whatever is necessary to continue providing transport for our clients.

Graham Harding

Treasurer

16th July 2019