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49

YEARS

OF

SERVICE

Contact

To
Name
ANYONE IN NEED
Address
Anywhere in
DAVENTRY &
DISTRICT
+
SOUTH
NORTHANTS

Daventry Contact
(Charity No. 1002659)

Annual Report & Accounts

2024-2025

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DAVENTRY CONTACT

Units 1 & 2 South March, Long March Industrial Estate

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DAVENTRY CONTACT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dr. Richard Barrett – Chairman	Heather Clarke – Secretary	
Chris Whitell – Treasurer	Anne Muir – HR & Safeguarding	
Pat Manchester	Mike Cashmore	Agnes McFeat

EMPLOYEES & SUPPORT STAFF

John Trench – Managing Supervisor Kristen Middleton – Administrator
Adam Badger – Driving Supervisor Danny O’Kane – Workshop / Warehouse Operative
Karl Hyde – Warehouse Operative Neil Sumner – Warehouse Operative



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I want to begin this year's Chairman's Report by describing how we have helped one family in our community during the past year.

"Late in 2024, we were approached by a young couple with three children, one of whom has severe physical disabilities. Both parents work hard to support their young family, Dad in full time work outside the home, and Mum at home, taking care of the children. Despite their best efforts, money remained tight.

The couple's disabled child needs lots of medical equipment, so sleeps in the largest bedroom, whilst Mum and Dad sleep in the second bedroom. This leaves the small box room for the other two children, who shared a mattress on the floor.

Fortunately, we were able to help. We provided the family with a bunk bed, mattresses, duvets, pillows and bedding so that the children could sleep in beds, each with their own space. During our phone conversations with Mum, we learned a little about the children's interests so that we were able to choose bedding they loved. We also included a teddy for each of the three children with their furniture delivery.

The family reported that their sofa was old and broken, so we delivered a sofa, an armchair and other furniture that they needed.

Mum 'phoned us after the delivery, to say how much they appreciated our help, and that the bunk bed made the box room much more manageable and homely. She also explained that the little touches (such as selecting specific bedding that the children would enjoy) meant such a lot to the family. Mum said that she had been feeling a bit overwhelmed, but that our friendly and non-judgemental support had really helped. Mum told us that meeting their disabled child's needs sometimes makes her feel that her other two children are being overlooked, so she had been overjoyed at the excitement on their faces as they saw their favourite TV characters on their new bedding. It was our privilege to be able to meet and help this family, who love and support each other so well and just needed a little extra help at a difficult time."

Daventry Contact has been able to help thousands of families and individuals over the past 49 years because of a vision that was birthed by the Daventry Council of Churches in 1976 to facilitate various "Good Neighbour" schemes. Daventry Contact has been the only one that has survived and it has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to have been involved with this great local charity for such a long time.

Over the years I have met many wonderful people who have been trustees, staff and volunteers, all having a heart to help those within our community who need a helping hand.

I want to thank all our dedicated staff who coordinate the collection, sorting, cleaning and delivering donated furniture, white goods and household effects.

This year it is especially pleasing to see that our warehouse is really tidy and most items are stacked in the correct bay on the racking. All white goods are PAT

tested and checked for safe and reliable operation and all the sheets, duvets, pillow cases, towels etc are cleaned before being stored in the bedding bay.



Beds and Mattresses



White Goods Testing in the Electrical Workshop

I also want to thank my fellow trustees who all bring their giftings and skills so that Daventry Contact remains a very well run charity.

We are also blessed by our regular volunteers who help with driving and all the necessary jobs that are needed to be done within the warehouse.



Bedding Bay

This year great progress has been made with the Daventry Men's Shed. After many months of preparation within the woodworking workshop a group of 15 men meet to socialise and to carry out various tasks involving woodwork, metal work and bicycle repairs. Another half day slot is being allocated to the Shed to cater for the increased numbers.



Men's Shed in the Daventry Contact Workshop



I want to thank all those within our community who provide us with good quality furniture and other household items. These not only bless others but also have a positive environmental footprint. When we are short of certain items our Facebook page is very proactive as I discovered recently when I found a new home for a lovely upright piano which was no longer needed.

I also want to thank all the Charitable Trusts and Foundations who have contributed to the funding of Daventry Contact during the past year. This year the number of sponsors who support us has dropped by almost half and this is a concern because of rising costs of employment and overheads we have to face.

However, the Lord has been faithful over the past 49 years and we place our complete trust in Him who is our source and provider YHWH Jireh – the Lord is our Provider.

Bless you all,
In His Service

Dick Barrett

Dr. Richard Barrett MBE
Chairman



**Daventry Contact is a member of
the Reuse Network**



**CHARITY OPERATIONS
2024 – 2025**

Over this last year we have reused a total of 2,089 items of furniture and goods donated to us by the public with a value of £207,045 inclusive of delivery, therefore avoiding them going to landfill. These items have been used to help more than 950 people which include 252 Families and 94 Individuals in need.

Total number of 478 items distributed to South Northamptonshire district area (including any referrals from the council or other organisations) with a value of £48,224 inclusive of delivery.

Total number of 1611 items distributed to Daventry District and surrounding areas (including any referrals from the council or other organisations) with a value of £158,821 inclusive of delivery.

COLLECTIONS 667	DELIVERIES 370
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FAMILIES HELPED 252	INDIVIDUALS HELPED 94	PEOPLE HELPED 950
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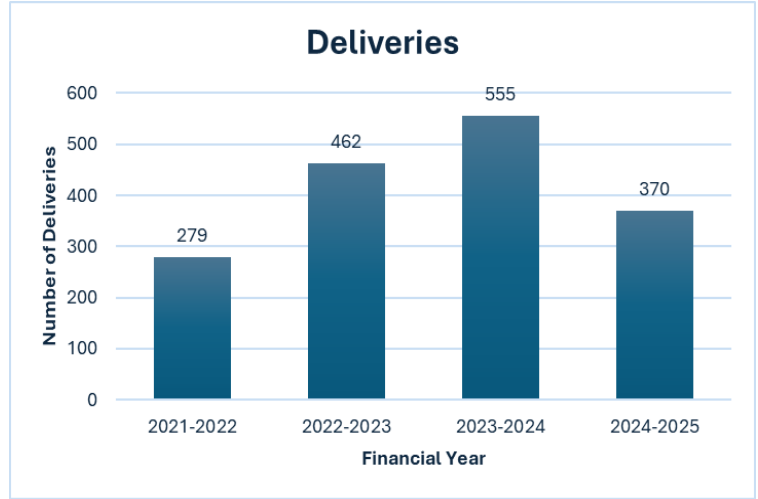
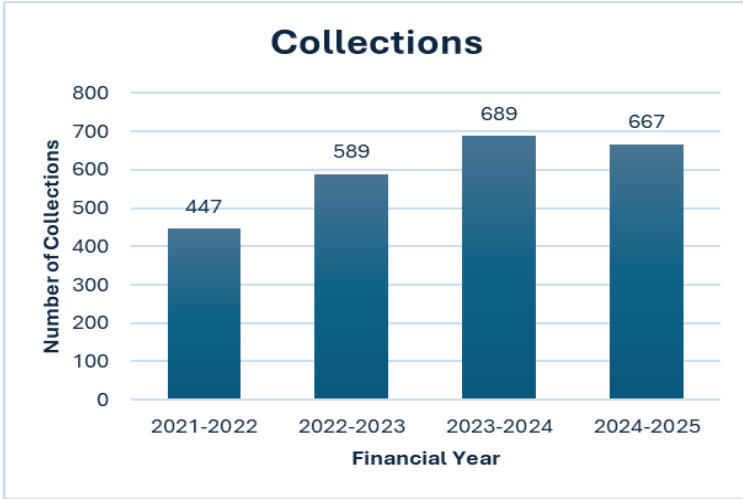
DELIVERIES AND REFERRALS FROM THE FOLLOWING

South Northamptonshire 56	Daventry Area 314
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94% RATE OUR SERVICE AS EXCELLENT

Year Comparison

Year	Collections	Deliveries	Items
2024-2025	667	370	2089
2023-2024	689	555	3130
2022-2023	589	462	2717
2021-2022	447	279	1996



CHARITY PRODUCTS DELIVERED 2024-2025

Mattresses	Bed Bases	Bed Bales	Pillows	Headboards	Cot Bale
Single	Single	Single	120	35	4
73	56	30	Duvets	Cots	Towel Bale
Double	Double	Double	43	9	24
72	68	34	Blankets	Cot Mattresses	Baby Changing Units
King	King	King	1	7	2
19	13	7			

Sofa Beds 10	Cabin bed 2	Wardrobes 87	Bedside Cabinets 82	Sideboards 15	Coffee Tables 36
Z bed 1	Mirrors 12	Chests of Drawers 133	Dressing Tables 10	Bookcases 20	Nests of Tables 16
Bunk Beds 2					

TV Units 42	3 Piece Suites 8	Three-Seater Sofas 46	Two Seater Sofas 45	Armchairs 25
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Rugs 31	Curtain Rails/Poles 5	Curtains (Pairs) 40	Tables (Kitchen/Dining & Drop Leaf) 60	Chairs (Dining / Kitchen) 185
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Cutlery Packs 34	Kitchen Utensil Packs 25	Pots & Pan Sets 43	Vacuum Cleaners 21	Irons (Electric) 4
Crockery Packs 45				Ironing Boards 3

TV 34	Kettles 15	Electric Hob 2	Washing Machines 38	Tumble Dryers 7	Fridge-Freezers 45
DVD player 4	Toasters 12	Baby Belling 2	Washer Dryer 2	Fridges 24	Chest Freezer 7
Lamps 21	Microwaves 21	Cookers (Electric) 9	Dishwasher 4	Freezers 17	Food Parcels (20kg) 5

Note: All electrical appliances undergo PAT testing by trained Daventry Contact staff. After testing, they are then cleaned by our team before being redistributed. Thank you to the team for this important aspect of our work.

Bedroom and Lounge furniture is checked for cleanliness and compliance with current Fire Regulations to ensure collection of the same is suitable for redistribution. Any furniture requiring minor repairs and varnishing is prepared by our dedicated team of qualified workers with help from skilled volunteers when required.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2024-2025

We are indebted to **West Northamptonshire Council**, who have assisted us over many years, as well as the following Charitable Trusts, Charitable Foundations and groups who supported us this year:

Amazon	Archer Trust
Barleycorn Trust	Benham Charitable Settlement
Daventry Consolidated Charity	Eric Stanton Northampton Trust
Daventry Methodist Church	Lowther Charitable Settlement
Farthing Trust	Maud Elkington Charitable Trust
Marsh Charitable Trust	Northants Community Aid
Northants Community Foundation	Sandra Charitable Trust
Sabina Sutherland Charitable Trust	Steyn Charitable Trust
Thomas and Rosemary Greenhalgh Trust	

Our thanks are due to **Keba Computer Services Limited**, who provide our IT services free of charge.

We would also like to thank **Daventry Methodist Church**, for their ongoing provision of food and toiletries, so that we can provide food parcels with our furniture deliveries as needed.

In addition, we are grateful to **B & M Stores**, for donating bedding items and **Senior Move Partnership** for telling their customers about us and thus facilitating extra furniture donations.

Chris Whitell

Treasurer

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

DAVENTRY CONTACT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Name and Address:	Daventry Contact Units 1 & 2 South March Long March Industrial Estate Daventry NN11 4PH
Charity Registration Number:	1002659
Trustees:	Dr R M Barrett H J Clarke P A Manchester C J Whitell A M McFeat M Cashmore A.M. Muir
Bankers:	Lloyds TSB 18 High Street Daventry NN11 4HT
Independent Examiner:	TC Ollis Limited Nelson House 2 Hamilton Terrace Leamington Spa CV32 4LY
Objects:	The relief of poverty by the provision of furniture, other household accessories and services. The relief of persons with mental health problems requiring treatment including persons suffering from emotional distress by the provision of assistance. The advancement of the Christian religion in England and Wales.
Governing Document:	Constitution adopted on 4 April 1991 and subsequently amended on 17 September 1996 and 4 June 2003.
Appointment of Trustees:	Appointed by a majority of the existing Trustees.

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to keep funds on hand at any one time to cover expenditure for 4 to 6 months ahead.

Commitments

The Charity has no material commitments or planned expenditure for the forthcoming year other than the usual day to day expenses.

Summary of the Main Activities and Achievements

Please refer to the detailed reports accompanying these accounts.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance of Public Benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the Charity and in planning the Charity's future activities. The detailed reports accompanying these accounts demonstrate the Charity's continued commitment to public benefit.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Daventry Contact (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 9.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the application directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act.
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records: or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Richard Smith
TC Ollis Limited
Nelson House
2 Hamilton Terrace
Leamington Spa
Warwickshire
CV32 4LY

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
INCOME				
Donations and grants:				
Local authority and NHS grants	37,910		37,910	32,000
Trust fund grants	60,250		60,250	72,715
Delivery donations	6,424		6,424	925
Restricted donations		4,050	4,050	6,300
Other donations	6,625		6,625	1,963
	<hr/> 111,209	4,050	115,259	113,903
Other Income:				
Surplus items sold	432		432	263
Room Hire	964		964	-
Bank interest receivable	367		367	455
	<hr/> 112,972	4,050	117,022	114,621
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
Resources expended in furtherance of charitable objects:				
Staff wages and NIC	91,465		91,465	80,836
Pension costs	1,925		1,925	2,674
Light, heat, rates & water	2,465		2,465	2,778
Property & other repairs	2,300	3,559	5,859	8,774
Insurance	5,134		5,134	4,813
Postage, stationery, computer & website	712		712	897
Telephone	1,413		1,413	1,148
Motor & travel expenses	8,811		8,811	9,828
Training			-	1,045
Miscellaneous	1,597		1,597	2,241
Depreciation of vehicles	3,250		3,250	4,333
Depreciation of fittings and equipment	537		537	716
Accountancy, examination and consultancy fees	1,610		1,610	1,592
Bedding		973	973	2,223
	<hr/> 121,219	4,532	125,751	123,898
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES				
	(8,247)	(482)	(8,729)	(9,277)

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BALANCE SHEET

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	2025	2024	
	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets (note 3)	276,361		280,148
 CURRENT ASSETS			
Prepayments	4,582	3,875	
Bank deposit accounts	14,547	27,680	
Bank current account	27,286	20,518	
Cash	165	72	
	46,580	52,145	
 CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals	1,025	975	
Other creditors	366	1,039	
	1,391	2,014	
 NET CURRENT ASSETS	45,189	50,131	
 TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	321,550	330,279	
 REPRESENTED BY			
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (note 4)	249,380	257,136	
RESTRICTED FUNDS (note 5)	1,470	2,443	
REVALUATION RESERVE	70,700	70,700	
	321,550	330,279	
	321,550	330,279	



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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Date 01/05/2025

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting basis and standards

The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are shown on pages 4 to 5.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the 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.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

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

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Depreciation on fixed assets is provided on the reducing balance basis at a rate estimated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life at the following rates per annum.

Motor Vehicles	25%
Fittings & Equipment	25%

Following the revaluation in the year to 31 March 2006, no depreciation has been provided on the freehold property as the Trustees consider that the market value is greater than that valuation.

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Accounting policies continued:

Recognition of incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources
- The trustees are certain they will receive the resources and
- The monetary value may be measured with sufficient reliability

Grants

Grants are allocated to the accounting period during which the relevant expenditure is incurred. Any grants received for future periods are included in creditors.

Investment Income

Investment income is recorded when received.

Expenditure and liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid reclaimable on donations to the Charity is recorded when received.

2. STAFF COSTS AND EMOLUMENTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
The staff costs for the year are analysed as follows:		
Salaries	91,465	80,836
Employer's National Insurance	-	-
Employer's Pension, including scheme charges	1,925	2,674
	<u>93,390</u>	<u>83,510</u>

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3. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Freehold land & Buildings	Fittings & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost or Valuation				
At 1 April 2024	265,000	23,932	41,086	330,018
Additions				
Disposals				-
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At 31 March 2025	<u>265,000</u>	<u>23,932</u>	<u>41,086</u>	<u>330,018</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2024		21,784	28,086	49,870
Charge for the year		537	3,250	3,787
Depreciation on disposals				-
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At 31 March 2025		<u>22,321</u>	<u>31,336</u>	<u>53,657</u>
Net book value				
31 March 2025	265,000	1,611	9,750	276,361
31 March 2024	265,000	2,148	13,000	280,148

The freehold property was revalued during the year ended 31 March 2006 by Blacklee Smith, Chartered Surveyors at £265,000

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4. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	2025	2024
At 1 April 2024	257,136	267,190
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(8,247)	(10,054)
Transfer from restricted funds	491	
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At 31 March 2025	249,380	257,136
	—————	—————
 5. RESTRICTED FUNDS		
At 1 April 2024	2,443	1,666
Contributions received	4,050	6,300
Restricted expenditure	(4,532)	(5,523)
Transfer to unrestricted funds	(491)	
	—————	—————
At 31 March 2025	1,470	2,443
	—————	—————
 6. ACCOUNTANCY & INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION FEES		
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	1,022	960
Payroll Services	588	632
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	1,610	1,592
	—————	—————

7. TRUSTEES EXPENSES & SALARIES

No expenses nor salaries were paid to any of the Trustees.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the charity received donations from trustees with a total value of £8,774.