Holsworthy Day Companions

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Annual report from Chairman Andre Farmar.

2025 was a difficult year for me with several challenging health problems so I wish to thank all the volunteers who kept the group going. Reading through the 2024 report, nearly all my comments apply equally to 2025 with very little change.

2025 was a quiet year again for Holsworthy Day Companions with the cost of living still impacting the activities we can supply and the clients who can attend. Since access to the Ring & Ride bus was withdrawn by DCC / SS in 2017, clients have found it increasing hard to come into Holsworthy as there is now no regular, suitable transport available, the cost of a taxi from outlying villages is, for many, prohibitive and many are reliant on family members to bring them in, which is not always possible.

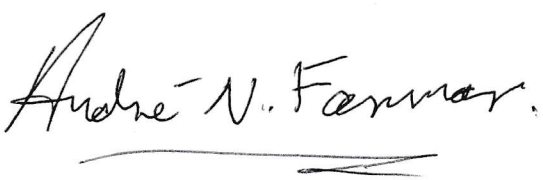
Clients attending are still between 7 to 9 every Wednesday and it is disappointing that more people do not make use of our service. We try to supply the same service as always, taking them out to Christmas dinner. This year we went to the Golf Club and I wish to compliment the staff with the way they were so very helpful to my less able members. We also put on 'special' lunches throughout the year. The usual soup and a roll was replaced many times during the year with fish and chips, much enjoyed, by the members and at their request, eaten straight out of the paper! I am sure they would like fish & chips every week if I let them!! The Folk group from Bude came and entertained us a couple of times. They give us a lovely afternoon but although we advertised for outsiders to join us free of charge, as usual, it's only our members who enjoyed them. Pre Covid, we would have had a room full. One of our Volunteers does Karaoke once a month with an option for those that don't like singing, to play games instead. Everyone wishes we could have as many trips out as we used to do pre Covid. Unfortunately, I need to fill a coach to make the trip financially viable and trips out etc are dependent on 'outsiders' joining us to help with the costs. We used to have lots of locals pre Covid come on our outings, but they have not joined us since.

Our fees have stayed at £5. We are all volunteers, so no wages to pay and the increasing numbers of clients does now cover the hall rent but not the other unavoidable expenses which are currently being covered by pre-Covid fundraising. We knew this would happen and hoped to attract someone to help with a grant application but that hasn't happened yet. In an effort to reduce some cost, we cancelled our telephone contract. We had paid for the line to be installed when we first moved in and we did offer to share the cost of our current contract with our landlords, but they declined so we now have to rely on a trustee's mobile and computers.

The fallout from Covid continues to have an impact on us, not only with client members but also with committee and volunteer numbers.

It is clear that the transport .. a mini bus with escort .. that we had the use of for many years and was withdrawn from us by Social Services in 2017 together with the lack of referrals from them and the Covid reluctance, is still having a very detrimental effect on the numbers attending.

Signed by Chairman Andre Farmar



HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS

REGISTERED CHARITY
NO. 1171699

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD

31ST DECEMBER 2025

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1171699

CLIENT APPROVAL CERTIFICATE

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, I approve the attached financial statements. I acknowledge my responsibility for the financial statements and for providing Westcotts (SW) LLP with all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

Signed: Andrew D. Farman

Date: 7th Oct 26.

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
REGISTERED CHARITY No. 1171699

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have prepared for your approval the attached financial statements from the accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com.

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval your financial statements. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than you for our work or for this report.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

Westcotts

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Date: 10/09/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Commission for England and Wales

Holsworthy Day Companions
Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

I have independently examined the accounts of Holsworthy Day Companions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

My Responsibilities are to;

Identify whether or not proper accounting records have been kept;

Check that the accounts agree with the accounting records;

Look for possible significant errors in the accounts;

Check that the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission for England and Wales Accounting Regulations in so far as these apply to the Receipts and Payments;

Where matters arise from this examination that give cause for concern it is my duty to report it.

My Report:

The matters that have arisen during the course of my examination where I have to give an adverse report are set out below.

1. These accounts are produced on a cash basis and therefore do not take into account any debtors owed by clients at the start or end of the period. Records have not been created so there is no control in this area. Direct costs are exceeding income.

2. The minutes of the charity continue to be too sparse and must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

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9 September 2026

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
31ST DECEMBER 2025

	NOTES	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME	1	2,156	2,177
LESS DIRECT COSTS	2	(3,438)	(3,513)
		(1,281)	(1,336)
LESS ADMINISTRATION	3	(1,225)	(1,652)
LESS CAPITAL ITEMS		0	0
(LOSS)/SURPLUS IN PERIOD		(2,507)	(2,988)
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		12,422	15,410
ADJUSTMENT RE BUILDING SOCIETY BALANCE		137	0
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		10,052	12,422
BEING REPRESENTED BY:			
BANK		9,987	12,357
CASH		65	65
OTHERS		0	0
		10,052	12,422

HOLSWORTHY DAY COMPANIONS
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
31ST DECEMBER 2025

NOTE 1 INCOME	**31.12.25**	**31.12.24**
RECEIPTS FOR CLIENTS	1,607	1,658
DONATIONS AND GRANTS	549	519
	2,156	2,177

NOTE 2 DIRECT COSTS		
MEALS	702	606
RENT	2,736	2,832
OUTINGS	0	75
	3,438	3,513

NOTE 3 ADMINISTRATION		
TELEPHONE	0	646
REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS & KITCHENWARE	48	278
ADVERTISING	328	181
ACCOUNTANCY	504	0
SUBSCRIPTIONS	47	35
INSURANCE	299	448
SUNDRIES	0	64
	1,225	1,652