AGM Report for year 1 Feb 2025 – 31 Jan 2026

The Management Committee has continued meetings in person during 2025/6, and met on 3 occasions in the accounting year, February, May, and October 2025. The AGM was held as part of the May meeting. Under the constitution this only requires attendance of the Trustees.

There has been one significant change to the membership of the DVD Committee this year with the death of the previous secretary Margaret Ewen in October 2025. Margaret had been a member of DVD for many years and will be missed.

The current Trustees are:

Chair - Sue Scane

Secretary – Chris Holmes

Treasurer - Helen Cooper

Members – Margaret Abbott

- Jacqui Oldham

- Cllr Ian Snowdon. SODC Co-opted member

Organiser – Tony Cooper

Deputy Organiser - Bill Major

Minutes of all meetings are available on request.

In addition to the death of Margaret Ewen, we also heard of the death of Margaret Hamilton in September 2025, and after a short illness. Margaret had been a driver for a number of years and will be much missed.

During the year there were pleased to welcome Penny Marsh and Melanie Payne to our drivers, and were very sad to see Etta Thomas retire from the Office after many years of service. We have recently welcomed Kim Gould and Celia Davies into the office, which helps us avoid the need to use drivers as volunteers.

2025/26 has again been a busy year for drives. We undertook 2,539 jobs with only 99 that we were unable to fulfil. This was up on the previous year, when we did 2,405 jobs, although we only had 71 we couldn't fulfil. Of our clients 459 travelled at least once with us.

The nature of drives has been restricted to only medical related appointments for some time, and the majority of drives being to primary and secondary medical centres (1,986).

A list of DVD journeys 2025-2026 is attached.

2025/6 saw the introduction of a Congestion charge in Oxford, which has required our drivers to get permits as community transport providers for use of all routes to the hospitals. We are currently awaiting the introduction of a new restriction scheme in Didcot, but have had agreement that we will get continued access.

We have continued to be supported this year by Community First Oxfordshire for Octabadges and advice; advisors at CTA and Age UK; Volunteer Link Up for their DBS service.

FUNDING - the audited year end accounts are attached.

The grant funding from Oxfordshire County Council was renewed in October 24 and covers this year, and through to 30 September 2026. The grant was paid in full in 2024/25 and has been managed across the period, which crosses 3 financial years. This money continues to pay the salary of our part-time organiser and deputy.

We again had discussions about raising the requested levels of donation for registration, but this year agreed that we would raise the requested donation to £10 per year, recognising that the increasing rents and utility costs may need this rise to allow us to continue to cover future costs.

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10 February 2026

DIDCOT VOLUNTEER DRIVERS
Audit of Accounts - Year ended 31st January 2026

I have examined the summary accounts of the Didcot Volunteer Drivers as at 31st January 2026 together with the books and records supplied to me. In my opinion the summary shows a true and fair view of the receipts and payments for the period and of the state of affairs as at 31st January.

I confirm the accounts show a shortfall of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £3729.82, and Total Funds as at the 31st January of £24,895.32.

Yours sincerely

Chris Spearing (FCA retired)

Didcot Volunteer Drivers
Receipts and Payments - YE 31.01.26

	2025/2026	2024/2025
Income		
Grants	0.00	12500.00
Donations	1556.45	569.55
Registrations	4265.00	4203.00
Interest	352.69	325.58
Other	0.00	35.10
Total	**6174.14**	**17633.23**
Expenditure		
Salary	6454.00	6216.00
Telephone	630.72	710.14
Insurance	693.13	622.65
Rent	1250.00	1250.00
Hire Charges	0.00	12.20
Disbursements to Drivers	32.05	63.00
Postage & Stationery	320.23	1057.74
Office	0.00	0.00
Membership Fees	125.88	75.50
Donation	0.00	0.00
Computer Equipmemt	362.95	388.80
Covid	0.00	0.00
Other	35.00	690.54
Total	**9903.96**	**11086.57**
Excess of Income over/under Expenditure	**-3729.82**	**6546.66**

Statement of Movement of Funds
01.02.25 to 31.01.26

	31.01.26	31.01.25
Barclays Current Account	2588.09	398.60
Barclays Deposit Account	22307.23	28226.54
Total	24895.32	28625.14
Increase in balances held	2189.49	-206.92
Increase in balances held	-5919.31	6753.58
Total	**-3729.82**	**6546.66**