GOSFORTH AND JESMOND COMMUNITY MINIBUS

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2026

Charity Number 1188198

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Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended 31 March 2026

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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)

1. Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are the relief of the inhabitants of Gosforth, Jesmond and other identified Wards of Newcastle upon Tyne (the area of benefit) who are in need because of age, sickness or disability (mental or physical) or poverty or because of the lack of availability of adequate safe public passenger services, by the provision of a community transport service to community groups at an affordable cost.
Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus (G&JCM) is managed and operated entirely by volunteers. The charity has recently traded in its nine-year-old minibus and with the help of generous sponsors acquired a new replacement 13 seat minibus equipped with a tail lift This we continue to maintain and deploy for the sole purpose of providing services and support to local groups and organisations which might otherwise be unable to access suitable transport. Drivers are assessed before being authorised to drive the minibus and regular licence checks are undertaken. Where necessary volunteer passenger escorts are provided to assist users. Records are kept of all journeys. With the support of Local Ward Councilors and other charities, regular shopping trips have been arranged for isolated elderly residents, several with accessibility requirements. We transport community groups including special needs children, refugees, mental health groups, young cancer sufferers and elderly residents. We also transport isolated elderly individuals to and from Jesmond Community Library for monthly Wellbeing sessions and provide transport support to local associations and clubs. We continue to seek users who can benefit from our facilities. Cost of maintaining the minibus and offsetting the cost of replacement is covered through rental charges paid by minibus users.

Aims of the Charity

Objectives, strategies and activities for the year

2. Public Benefit Statement

Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus (G&JCM) is run entirely by volunteers. Thanks to support from grant-giving organisations, the charity acquired a new accessible minibus in January 2026, equipped with a tail lift and used solely to provide transport for local groups who might otherwise struggle to access suitable services.
All drivers are assessed and undergo regular licence checks. Where needed, volunteer passenger escorts assist users, and full records are kept for every journey.

With the backing of Local Ward Councillors and partner charities, we run regular shopping trips for isolated elderly residents, many with accessibility needs. We also transport a wide range of community groups, including special needs children, refugees, mental health groups, young cancer patients and older residents. In addition, we support Jesmond Community Library by bringing isolated elderly individuals to monthly Wellbeing sessions, and we provide transport for local clubs and associations.
We continue to welcome new users who may benefit from our service. The cost of maintaining and eventually replacing the minibus is met through rental charges paid by users.

3. Policy on Grant Making

Not applicable.

4. Policy on Social Investment

Not applicable.

5. Contribution by Volunteers

G&JCM's activities have been delivered entirely by 16 volunteers. Six Volunteer Trustees oversee operations and finance, set strategic direction, identify and assess risks, and adopt policies appropriate to the organisation's work. The charity has no paid staff.

Growing our volunteer numbers at all levels remains a priority.

6. Achievements and Performance

- Transport support provided to around 20 regular user groups, including libraries, special needs children, elderly residents, worship groups, Teenage Cancer Trust, mental health groups, local associations, refugees and community cohesion groups.
- Over 800 passengers transported across 140 trips.
- User feedback shows we make a valued difference to individuals and help community groups deliver their services effectively.
- Volunteers continue to make a strong impact through our community service.
- Successful grant funding secured, enabling replacement of the minibus with a Euro 6 compliant vehicle.
- Volunteers contributed well over 1,000 hours of personal time and expertise during the year.
- G&JCM registered for Gift Aid.
- Kept price increases to a minimum despite rising fuel and operational costs.
- Implemented a new online booking system, due to go live shortly.
- Upgraded our safeguarding policy for vulnerable passengers.
- Delivered induction training for all volunteer drivers on the new minibus.
- Replaced our laptop and printer and began migration to a cloud-based database.
- Recruited a new Trustee with responsibility for safeguarding and HR.
- Continued developing a stronger social media presence.
- Established an updated First Aid policy.

- Secured an extension of Ward Council grants to support key activities.
- Offered MiDAS training to regular drivers.
- Recruited several new volunteer drivers to maintain capacity amid turnover.
- Reviewed our risk profile as part of the regular review cycle.
- Streamlined volunteer and user applications through new online forms.

Evaluation and outputs

7.Fundraising

During the year the Charity raised funds of £61,500 by way of grants from various local charitable trusts, The National Lottery and Newcastle City Council towards the cost of a new minibus.
We will continue to seek assistance from Local Authority and other grant providers to assist towards our community support activities
We will encourage donations form members and supporters from time to time taking advantage of our Gift Aid relief arrangements

8.Investments

The Charity's reserves are held in deposit accounts at Barclays Bank and Skipton building Society.

9. Financial review

Review of the year
The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £81,685 (2025: £17,632) of which £62,594 was restricted (2025: £8,635) and expenditure of £82,212 (2025: £5,292) of which £69,822 was restricted (2025: £nil). Including the capital grants received, the purchase cost of the new minibus and the sale proceeds of the old one, there was an operating deficit of £527 (2025: surplus of £12,340) of which a deficit of £7,228 was restricted (2025: surplus of £8,635).

At 31 March 2026 the Charity had net assets of £25,274 (2025: £17,166) of which £1,067 was restricted (2025: £8,635).

Reserves policy/No reserves reason/Going concern
The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £24,207 (2025: £25.000), prudent for the Charity at this time taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased, and as provision towards the cost of a replacement minibus in due course. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually. The Trustees have now adopted a policy whereby the whole of the reserves, apart from a sum equivalent to six month's operating costs (as shown in the immediately preceding annual financial statements) shall be designated as restricted for the purposes of funding the eventual replacement of the minibus and any necessary repairs and other contingencies.

10. Risk Management

G&JCM operates a full risk assessment which is reviewed annually along with risk mitigations including insurances, policies and procedures.

11. Plans for future periods

Sustain, broaden and continue the service that we currently offer.

12. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Registered charity name	Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus
Charity number	1188198
Registered office	1 Otterburn Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 3AP
T**rustees and Members of the Board**	Mark Beverley (Chair) Peter Hall, Treasurer Francis Mogg, Hon. Secretary Gary Graham Gemma Johnson David Melton
Chief Executive and Senior staff members	N/A
Independent Examiner	Doug Maltman FMAAT Connected Voice Business Services One Strawberry Lane Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 4BX.
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc

13. Fund held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Not applicable

14. Exemptions from disclosures

Not applicable

15. Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus
Charities Act 2011
Approved by Charity Commission 27th Feb 2020

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

Trustee Induction and Training

New Trustees are introduced to the work of the organisation and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Trustees includes:

- A briefing by the Chair
- An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Trustee
- Copies of the main charity documents including the Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation and the Financial Statements
- Copy of the relevant policies and update on current business position and plans for the future.
- Copies of recent Trustee minutes including budgets and management accounts
- A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee."
- A copy of the governance structure.

16. Related parties

Not applicable.

17. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 08/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Mark Beverley
Chair



GOSFORTH AND JESMOND COMMUNITY MINIBUS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2026

I report on the financial statements of Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 8 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a ‘true and fair view’ and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of 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 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.

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Date: 10/09/2026

GOSFORTH AND JESMOND COMMUNITY MINIBUS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT

For the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
Receipts from:					
Donations and legacies	5	130	-	**130**	840
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	6	1,000	62,594	**63,594**	7,835
Other trading activities	7	16,720	-	**16,720**	8,540
Investments	8	1,241	-	**1,241**	417
Total receipts		19,091	62,594	**81,685**	17,632
Payments on:					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	12,390	69,822	**82,212**	5,292
Total payments		12,390	69,822	**82,212**	5,292
Reconciliation of funds					
Transfers between funds		340	(340)	**-**	-
Net of receipts/payments		6,701	(7,228)	**(527)**	12,340
Cash funds brought forward		17,166	8,635	**25,801**	13,461
Cash carried forward		24,207	1,067	**25,274**	25,801

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity Number 1188198

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	**Total 2025 £**
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	18	24,207	1,067	25,274	25,801
Assets retained for own use	14				
Minibus				75,693	10,000
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	19			**649**	62
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds				24,207	17,166
Restricted income funds				1,067	8,635
Total funds				**25,274**	**25,801**

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 09/09/2026

and are signed on its behalf by: P Hall, Treasurer

P A Hall

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

The accounts 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.

Gosforth and Jesmond Community Minibus meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £24,207 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of receipt have been met.

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of receipts and payments, unless required or permitted by SORP.

3.3 Grants and donations

Receipts from government and other grants, whether ‘capital’ grants or ‘revenue’ grants, is recognised when the charity has received the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met.

3.4 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the payment was incurred.

4.5 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Analysis of receipts

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
5	**Donations and legacies**				
	Donations and gifts	130	-	**130**	840
		130	-	**130**	840
6	**Charitable activities**				
	Receipts from grants				
	Newcastle City Council - Vale House	-	1,094	**1,094**	835
	SJP Charitable Foundation - MIDAS fees	-	-	**-**	1,000
	Sir James Knott Trust - Minibus	-	-	**-**	5,000
	Rothley Trust - Minibus	-	-	**-**	1,000
	Catherine Cookson Trust - Minibus	-	20,000	**20,000**	-
	Wellbank Foundation - Minibus	-	15,000	**15,000**	-
	TNL Community Fund - Minibus	-	20,000	**20,000**	-
	The Joicey Trust - Minibus	-	2,000	**2,000**	-
	Newcastle City Council Caz - Minibus	-	4,500	**4,500**	-
	Newcastle City Council - North Jesmond Ward	1,000	-	**1,000**	-
		1,000	62,594	**63,594**	7,835
7	**Other trading activities**				
	Hire of minibus	7,616	-	**7,616**	7,982
	Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	8,750	-	**8,750**	-
	Other	354	-	**354**	558
		16,720	-	**16,720**	8,540
8	**Receipts from investments**				
	Bank interest	1,241	-	**1,241**	417
		1,241	-	**1,241**	417

Receipts were £81,685 (2025: £17,632) of which £19,091 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £8,997) and £62,594 was restricted (2025: £8,635)

Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2026 £**	Total 2025 £
9 ***Charitable activities***				
Direct costs				
Fuel	390	834	**1,224**	1,218
Vehicle tax and insurance	2,722	-	**2,722**	1,201
Support costs				
Administration	910	-	**910**	144
MIDAS and medical fees	-	-	**-**	498
Repairs and maintenance	1,178	-	**1,178**	1,657
General insurance	171	-	**171**	167
Bank charges	-	-	**-**	87
Other payments	314	688	**1,002**	320
Assets and investments				
Assets purchased	6,705	68,300	**75,005**	-
	12,390	69,822	**82,212**	5,292

Payments on charitable activities were £82,212 (2025: £5,292) of which £12,390 was unrestricted or designated (2025: £5,292) and £69,822 was restricted (2025: £0)

10 **Fees for examination of the accounts**

	2026 £	2025 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	**643**	-
	643	-

11 **Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel**

The charity currently does not employ staff.

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £0.

12 **Transactions with trustees**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 **Corporation Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

14 **Assets retained for own use**

	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£
Minibus	**75,005**	10,000
Laptop	**688**	-
	75,693	10,000

18 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Current account	**4,121**	1,415
Premium account	**5,102**	2,552
Short term deposits	**16,054**	21,862
Credit card	**(6)**	(31)
Cash in hand	**3**	3
	25,274	25,801

19 **Liabilities (payable within 1 year)**

	2026	2025
	£	£
Independent examination fee 2025-26	**643**	31
Other creditors	**6**	31
	649	62

20 **Events after the end of the reporting period**

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

21 **Analysis of charitable funds**

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds at 31 March 2026

Unrestricted funds	**Fund balances brought forward** £	**Incoming resources** £	**Resources expended** £	**Transfers** £	**Fund balances carried forward** **£**
General unrestricted fund	17,166	19,091	(12,390)	340	**24,207**
Totals	17,166	19,091	(12,390)	340	**24,207**

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund	The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds at 31 March 2026

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Vale House	835	1,094	(1,522)	-	**407**
MIDAS fees	1,000	-	-	(340)	**660**
Minibus	6,800	61,500	(68,300)	-	**-**
Totals	8,635	62,594	(69,822)	(340)	**1,067**

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Vale House	Funds are used to provide shopping trips for the residents of Vale House.
MIDAS fees	MIDAS is a minibus driver training scheme which is provided by a third party to whom we pay fees.
Minibus	Funds to cover the cost of a new minibus.

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	MIDAS fees paid from unrestricted funds during the period 2024-25.	**340**

22 **Capital commitments**

As at 31 March 2026, the charity had no capital commitments (2025 £75,693)

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