WEDMORE AND AXBRIDGE COMMUNITY HEALTH FUN
CHARITY NUMBER 1201248
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31

INCOME

Donations Received	£50.00
Interest on Investments	£10,991.00
S/T	£11,041.00

EXPENDITURE

Donations made	£84,809.08
Admin costs	£3,763.18
Management Fees for Investment	£0.00
S/T	£88,572.26
Loss for Year	£77,531.26

OPENING BALANCES AS AT 1ST APRIL 2025

Natwest	£14,987.83
Flagstone Holding A/c	£14,749.47
Flagstone Investments	£299,659.24
S/T	£329,396.54
Deficit for year	£77,531.26
S/T	£251,865.28

CLOSING BALANCES ASAT 31ST MARCH 2026

Natwest	£14,465.57
Flagstone Holding A/c	£80,637.12
Flagstone Investments	£156,762.59
Total as at 31st March 2026	£251,865.28

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Wedmore & Axbridge Community Health Fund CIO

Registered Charity No. 1201248

Trustees' Report for the Year ended 31st March 2026

We are pleased to report that throughout the past, interesting, twelve months, the Wedmore & Axbridge Community Health Fund (W&ACHF) has continued to actively provide support for both the medical practice and the wellbeing of patients who live within the hundred square mile catchment area of the Axbridge & Wedmore Medical Practice (A&WMP) whose patient numbers exceed 9000.

Over this period, we have held six trustee meetings, including the AGM, a Budget Meeting and a 'Meet and Greet' Meeting for our new trustees.

MEETING OUR OBJECTIVES (Full financial details in Treasurer's Report)

As a Charity, the W&ACHF provides medical equipment and services that may not otherwise have been available from the NHS for the benefit of the registered patients of the A&WMP. We support deserving patients and residents that have been identified within the practice area; also, approved community projects such as Weston Hospicecare, proportionate to the number of their patients who are from our practice area (approx. 13%).

Examples of W&ACHF spending over the past year are:

- Continued funding for Music Matters
- Continued funding for Music in Mind
- Continued Funding for the Art Group
- Continued Funding for Stairlift Rental
- Sing to Breathe
- Wedmore Directory
- Wedmore Men's Shed
- Axbridge Men's Shed
- Community Farm – Wedmore
- Heads Up
- Women of Axbridge
- Desk Stand and Screen
- Warm in Wedmore
- Axbridge Carer's Group (closing during current year)
- A number of items for the Medical Practice and a major contribution towards the upgrading of both surgeries.

It is always important to remember that, historically, the W&ACHF income has normally derived from donations from grateful patients and bereaved relatives, bequests and from our invested funds. Since local people have become aware of the large sum of money currently held by W&ACHF, and the disappointing failure of the surgery project, very little income has come from these sources.

OUR ACTIVITIES

As previously stated, over the past twelve months we have had six trustee meetings. Following the 'Meet and Greet Meeting', the new trustees joined us for the January meeting. During the current year, we have not invited any guests to join us.

MOVING FORWARD

I must reiterate, the current situation regarding the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom officially resigned at the 2025 AGM. Two trustees stepped down after many years of service, and throughout 2025, new trustees were appointed. This being the case, it was understandable that there was nobody prepared to take over these roles and the incumbents of all three positions agreed to continue in post until the 2026 AGM. This enabled the business of the Fund to continue and provided a twelve-month period during which the new trustees could familiarise themselves with the work of the Fund and replacements could come forward.

Unfortunately, to date this has not transpired but I am very hopeful that there will be volunteers at this year's AGM. Without these three appointments, the Fund cannot survive.

NEWS FROM THE SURGERY

Celia, A&WMP Practice Manager, has kept us updated about staff changes over the past year and has confirmed that we currently have a full complement of doctors.

Finally, I would like to thank the W&ACHF trustees for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to the aims of the Health Fund. I am particularly grateful to David Luke, our Treasurer, who – yet again - has had a difficult year keeping on top of the new banking system. Also, Shirley Wederell, our tireless Secretary, who is the driving force behind our organisation. Shirley also makes all the purchases for the Health Fund and arranges excellent discounts.

I hope that the work undertaken by the Trustees over the past year will be seen as successful, despite the many problems encountered.

Alan Benson (Chair)