Chorley Shopmobility

Annual Report for the Year to 31st March 2026

Chorley Shopmobility, The Unit, Flat Iron Car Park (Clifford Street Side) Chorley, Lancashire, PR7 1AY is registered with the Charity Commission (no. 1209498) and is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution dated 24th July 1999.

The charity is administered by a management committee, comprising:

Patrons:	Rt Hon Sir Lyndsay Hoyle MP, Lady Catherine Hoyle
Chairman	Councillor Danny Gee
Vice Chairman	Mr Roger Handscombe
Secretary	Mrs Kirsty Yates
Treasurer	Nick Fish
Other Members	Mrs Sandra Allen, Councillor June Molyneaux, Nora Hollinshead, Councillor Tommy Gray
Co-opted Members	Rev. Gerard Fishwick

Councillor June Molyneaux is a representative for Chorley Council and has no voting rights on committee matters. All officers and committee members are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting. All members of the committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity. Any personal expenses incurred by the trustees are not claimed and the potential reimbursements are donated to the charity. The trustees estimate the value of donations at about £2,000 for the year.

Appointment as a trustee is by recommendation from one of the existing trustees, who approach both users and other interested parties involved with similar organisations with a view to recruitment. Following initial discussions with the committee potential new trustees are initially invited to attend a meeting with the committee. After their appointment, new trustees are provided with a pack of information including copies of the charity's formal documents and latest financial information, together with the relevant literature from the Charity Commission.

The management committee usually meets on a bi-monthly basis to deal with ongoing matters for the charity. New information and guidance from the commission is discussed at committee meetings. The charity's trustees confirm they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit, published by the commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The object of the charity is to relieve disabled persons in Chorley and district by providing facilities, particularly self-propelled wheelchairs, in order to improve their mobility and enable them to use the Town Centre amenities. A full-time manager runs the charity's main activities from a unit in the Town Centre close to both the Bus and Railway stations. The charity is affiliated to the national federation of Shopmobility charities.

The charity's facilities are available to persons registered with the charity, with registration being available to the public at large.

A charge is made for the use of the charity's equipment, but the trustees aim to keep the charges at a reasonable level to ensure the facilities are made available to as wide a number of users as possible. Charges have increased this year in line with inflation.

The trustees have a promotion plan in place to increase the number of new users & increase the income from fundraising & donations. The plan includes active marketing via Chorley Council, prominent presence at the flower show and an annual open day when local dignitaries will be in attendance.

The charity will be able to continue into next year due to the support from Chorley Council and the fundraising activities undertaken by the Manager, Volunteers and Trustees. Partnerships are also in place with 2 retirement homes in Chorley & 1 in Leyland.

The charity's main source of income remains the grant received each year from Chorley Council and the charity is reliant on this essential core funding to enable its activities to continue. However, the grant is not sufficient on its own to cover all the annual expenditure, the charges and additional fundraising are therefore equally essential.

The trustees have carried out a risk review to ensure all significant problems are identified and relevant steps taken to minimise any areas of risk. The increase in funds is an example of actions taken by the trustees and they continue to monitor risks annually, new procedures will be introduced when necessary.

The level of reserves has been considered in line with the formal policy previously adopted. The funds are all held in the charity bank account since the level of interest which could be generated from investing is minimal. Both the reserves and investment policy will continue to be reviewed by the trustees on a regular basis and changes made as appropriate.

Councillor Danny Gee

For and on behalf of the Management Committee



Treasurer's Report

Year Ended 31st March 2026

Since 1993 when a small group of people had the idea that people with disabilities need to have a degree of independence, the future trustees and other volunteers worked tirelessly to open a Shopmobility Scheme in Chorley. A successful start was made in 1995 with 4 scooters and 4 wheelchairs.

Chorley Shopmobility continues to thrive with the help of the trustees giving their time and energy, donations from many sources, fundraising efforts from volunteers and support from Chorley Council & Local Councillors. Our expenses are kept to a minimum as no trustee or volunteer currently claim expenses. We currently employ 1 full time Manager, who deals with all aspects of running the Shopmobility unit.

In order to attract trustees in future years, the charity transitioned this year to a "Charitable Incorporated Organisation" with the assets being transferred from charity number 1035095 to 1209498.

Total income for this year has been maintained at a similar level to last year amounting to £32,465. Following the push to encourage new users of the services, income from hire charges within this total amounted to £9,796, up from £6,834 in the previous year.

Expenditure has been monitored closely increasing slightly from £30,445 the previous year to £30,979, leaving the charity with a small in-year surplus of £1,486 and a healthy reserve balance of £40,315.

Volunteers continued to fundraise whenever possible and contributed £2,476 (£2,698 in the previous year) towards the income.

Next year will see a continuation of encouraging new users to the service and a drive to increase fundraising income.

Nick Fish

Treasurer

Chorley & South Ribble Shopmobility

Receipts & Payments Account For The Year Ended 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
Income		
Grants	**£18,800**	**£18,800**
Donations	**£461**	**£3,302**
Charges	**£7,614**	**£5,378**
Short Term Hire	**£2,182**	**£1,456**
Fundraising	**£2,476**	**£2,698**
Scooter & Misc Sales	**£932**	**£1,138**
Income Total	**£32,465**	**£32,772**
Expenditure		
Salary, NI & Pension	**£25,259**	**£24,948**
Stationery	**£62**	**£20**
Telephone	**£493**	**£463**
Computer & Internet	**£276**	**£226**
Heat, Light & Water	**£0**	**£0**
Insurance	**£1,977**	**£1,832**
Training	**£0**	**£0**
Fundraising Costs	**£582**	**£0**
Volunter Expenses	**£0**	**£0**
Professional Fees	**£95**	**£50**
Repairs & Servicing	**£1,973**	**£1,503**
Sundry Costs	**£263**	**£1,403**
Expenditure Total	**£30,979**	**£30,445**
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	**£1,486**	**£2,327**
Bank Balance B/Fwd	£27,478	£38,718
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	£1,486	£2,327
Creditors Movement	£134	
Restricted Funds Movement	-£3,028	-£13,567
Bank Balance C/Fwd	**£26,070**	**£27,478**

Note: These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments Basis and comply with the appropriate legal requirements for this basis to apply

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31st March 2026

	2026	2025
Fixed Assets:		
Portakabins	£0	£0
Electric Scooters	£14,269	£11,241
Manual Wheelchairs	£1,226	£1,226
Computer Equipment	£180	£180
Office Equipment		-
CCTV System		-
Sub-Total	£15,675	£12,647
Current Assets:		
Cash & Bank	£26,070	£27,478
Liabilities:		
PAYE	£406	£272
Restricted Funds	£1,024	£4,052
Net Current Assets	£24,640	£23,154
TOTAL ASSETS	£40,315	£35,801

The Accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 29th July 2026

..... Mr Danny Gee, Chairman

..... Mrs Kirsty Yates, Secretary

..... Nick Fish, Treasurer

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Chorley Shopmobility		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1209498
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended .

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	B.M. Thurston	**Date:**	16/07/26
Name:	Ben Thurston		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACCA		
Address:	Thurstons Accountancy, Suite 207, Business First Centre, Burnley Lancashire, BB12 6HH		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.