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A.G.M. Monday 14th September 2026
12pm at the Churchgate Community Centre Lutterworth

Agenda

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes from the AGM 2025
3. Treasurers Report
4. Report of the Board of Trustees
5. General Manager
6. Trustees for the year 2026/27
7. Election of Chair
8. AOB

Age Concern Lutterworth & District a financially independent local charity.

A local Age Concern working for people of Lutterworth and surrounding villages, making later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. A Lutterworth charity working for local people.

Minutes of the AGM held on 16th September 2025 at 1.15pm

1. Welcome and apologies: Carol Scholes (Chair of Trustees) welcomed 30 people to the meeting, including the Town Mayor – Val Cooper and her Deputy- Tony Hirons. The following Trustees were also present- Helen Potter, Shirley Farinha, Carole Harrington, Sarah Simms. Apologies were received from S. Weller (Trustee), C. Sandland, J. Leaning, R. Corfield.S. Wheelwright (Trustee), Inger Parsons (Trustee), A.Harvey,L. McConnachie, D. Gibson, T. Berry, S, Thomas, J. Booth,
2. Minutes from the 2024 AGM: The minutes were approved.
3. Treasurers Report: Carol presented Roger Platt's report for the year ending 31/03/2025 which was approved by Val Cooper to whom we send our thanks. The total funds at the year end were £160,111. The deficit figure showing last year has been reduced and Carol congratulated staff and volunteers on achieving this. Income from investments has also improved. The reserve figure is set at £92,000 to cover 9 months.
4. Report from the Board of Trustees: Carol went through the report. Anne Hicks stated that the work on the Market Square is now scheduled for early in 2026. Graham from Community Transport related a comment from Belper Community Transport that our range of activities etc. was amazing! Beacon Health is a focus group for older people and their representative Rachel will be sending our charity a list of questions in a survey for our clients.
5. Trustees for 2025/26: The following Trustees are continuing—Carol Scholes, Carole Harrington, Helen Potter, Sam Weller, Inger Parsons, Sandy Wheelwright, Roger Platt, Shirley Farinha, Sarah Simms. Carole Harrington will be moving away in due course and a new Secretary will be needed.
6. General Manager: Sarah Boot thanked Trustees and volunteers for their work this year. She stated that she is proud of the direction which the charity has taken in the past year.
7. Election of a Chair: Carol Scholes is standing down after many years but will continue as a Trustee. Helen Potter is appointed as the new Chair. Beryl Morgan thanked Carol for her work on behalf of everyone. Carol was presented with a gift of a garden rose.
8. Any other business: None.

The meeting closed at 1.45pm. and the meeting adjourned to the shop for refreshments.

Treasurer's Report 2026
Annual Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 Mar 2026

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025-26	Total Funds 2024-25
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Fundraising Activities				
General Fundraising including Shop Sales	98,856	-	98,856	101,073
Services to Further the Charities Objectives				
Lunch Clubs	2.652	-	2,652	2,424
All other services	53,429	-	53,429	88,197
Other Income				
Donations inc Gift Aid	11,864	-	11,864	11,594
Grants	488	-	488	-
Investment Income	4,274	-	4,274	4,021
Total Incoming Resources	**171,563**		**171,563**	**207,309**
Resources Expended				
Services to Further the Charities Objectives				
Lunch Clubs	2,859	-	2,859	3,943
Provision of Other Services	49,117	-	49,117	80,173
Staff	94,493	-	94,493	86,956
Property	26,801	-	26,801	27,232
Overheads	7,694	-	7,694	9,790
Total Resources Expended	**180,965**	**-**	**180,965**	**208,094**
Net Incoming Resources	**(9,402)**	**-**	**(9,402)**	**(785)**
Balances Brought Forward	160,011	-	169,367	160,796
Fund Balances	**150,609**	**-**	**159,965**	**160,011**

Balance Sheet

For the Year Ending 31 Mar 2026		2025-26 £	2024-25 £
Current Assets			
	Prepayments	1,488	1,794
	Short Term	138,564	144,346
	Cash at Bank & in hand	10,559	14,179
	Total	**150,609**	**160,319**
Current Liabilities			
	Accruals & deferred income	-	308
		150,609	**160,011**
Funds			
	Restricted	-	-
	General	150,609	160,011
	Total	**150,609**	**160,011**

The Trustees would like to express our thanks to the clients and residents who have made generous donations during the last year and, to those who make regular monthly or annual donations. Gift Aid has been claimed where applicable.

The accounts have been examined by Valerie Cooper (Company Accountant Retired) she reported
“Once again, I must report that the maintenance of these accounts is kept to a very satisfactory level. I had no queries and as in past years I found everything is clear, simple, analysed and balanced, a credit to those concerned in the upkeep of these accounts”.

We recommend these accounts for adoption.

Reserves

Reserves are to be maintained at a level which ensures Age Concern Lutterworth & District’s core activities could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

In order to provide for these obligations, the Trustees consider it necessary to establish financial reserves for costs over a 9-month period of £105,000

Board of Trustees Report 2026

The Trustees of Age Concern Lutterworth and District present this annual report to inform you how the charity works, including its successes and challenges. The Board of Trustees carry out their roles voluntarily. They meet bi monthly and have a responsibility to ensure the charity is run in a professional manner, and its finances are used appropriately.

The Trustees are pleased to report that throughout the year April 2025 - March 2026 Age Concern Lutterworth & District continued to develop, providing a varied selection of day trips, lunches, social activities and party events. Staff also provide essential information and help through the office. For many people locally the charity's services provide an opportunity to socialise and enjoy the company of others. This is especially important for those who live alone.

Our mission and aims are:
"Combat loneliness and isolation, promote health and wellbeing along with providing information and support for older members of Lutterworth and local villages".

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During the year a committed team of experienced employed staff carried out the day-to-day work of the charity with dedication and professionalism. We are confident that this commitment and experience will continue to provide a varied range of services, activities and day trips, which meet the needs and expectations of our clients.

One of the priorities is maintaining and improving the shop and office, where the staff evaluate and make changes to improve all aspects of the charities services wherever possible. Within the shop, staff and volunteers process donations and use the limited selling space to the best advantage, whilst ensuring a quality shopping experience for customers. The Charity's eBay store continues to develop, and is providing an essential source of income. The service provided by the office offers an open door, with a friendly welcome, providing access and to support clients and potential clients.

The trustees would like to give a special mention to our shop volunteers, who generously give their valuable time to the charity. Your cheery smiles and helpful attitude certainly make the shoppers experience the best it can be. If you are a volunteer who operates the till, sorts, steams or puts out donations you provide an essential service because, without you there would be no goods to sell. Every volunteer whether it be in the shop or at a service, assists the charity in its successful work. Volunteers are the backbone of the charity, essential and highly valued by staff and trustees. A Sincere thank you to you all.

Financially there continue to be challenges, the living wage has increased year on year, the cost of utilities, coaches, minibuses, meals and room hire have also increased. We continue to work hard to maintain the financial support the charity provides towards the services and trips, this includes regular gift aid claims and sales on our eBay shop. For added security we replaced the back door to our premises at a cost of over £1500, this was possible by accessing money from our reserves. A generous grant from Lutterworth Town Council enabled us to replace the washing machine and refrigerator.

We would like to thank the families who have lost a loved one and, found it in their hearts to donate to our charity in their memory. Thank you it is very much appreciated.

The charity continues its links with local organisations, businesses and charities including, the Town Council. The Share and Care group, VASL, Lutterworth Community Transport, the Churchgate Community Centre, WOW (warm & wise), Vita Health Group, the local PSCO's and the Lutterworth Town Team. Working with other groups maintains us as a respected part of the community.

During the year, 2 long standing Trustees moved away from the area to be nearer to their families. Firstly, Carole Harrington who was a Trustee/ Secretary for more than 20 years, she was someone who would help out whenever needed. Also, Inger Parsons who was a Trustee for more than 8 years. They are both missed, we hope they are enjoying their new adventures.

The landscaping work of the Town Hall carpark was due to start in February 2026, when these works do start we expect they will cause serious disruption to our access, both during and after the development. At the time of writing this report work has not started, this will remain a challenge for the year ahead. Lutterworth saw the opening of another charity shop this year-Pawprints. We have felt its impact on the level of donations we receive. Donations are now being spread amongst a larger number of charities. We do continue to appreciate all our supporters who continue to donate to us.

Looking forward, we believe with strong financial management from trustees and staff we will secure Age Concern Lutterworth & District's long-term viability, while retaining the focus of meeting the needs of the older people we are privileged to support.

Thank you for attending today.

General Manager

Trustees for the year 2026/27:

Helen Potter,
Sam Weller,
Helen Sowerby,
Sarah Simms,
Carol Scholes,
Roger Platt.

There are 3 Trustee vacancies, interested parties should contact the chair for more information.

Nomination for chair of Trustees 2026/27

Any other business