Trustees Report
for the year ended 30 September 2026

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2026. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the constitution, 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

Structure, governance and management

The group is an unincorporated charity.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were as follows:

C Hamill, B Jeffers, C Green, M Madden, A Carr, J Clarke, J Clarke, E McHugh.

Objectives and activities

The objects for which the group is established are:

- To provide a range of activities for clients of the Everton Day Centre.
- To promote access to benefits through information and opportunities for networking.

Achievements and performance

Another year has passed, bringing with it inevitable changes and reducing our numbers and capabilities. Basil Jeffers our treasurer since 2017 has decided to relinquish his role but, I'm glad to say, is staying on our board. He has been on the board since 2003 and given sterling service. Emma McHugh, a recent arrival on our board, replacing her father, Brendan McCaughey, is our new treasurer and I look forward to working with her. Brendan is still hale and hearty, though well into his nineties. Looking back over my records, I find that our numbers have gone down over the years. Ten years ago, we had thirteen members; today we have eight. And none of us is getting any younger. We do need to get an injection of new members who will bring fresh energies and ideas to our board.

I'm sad also to report the demise of the Dockers' Club. They were very generous over the years when John Denvir was active in it and, pre-Covid, they ran a pre-Christmas dance for members of Everton, the highlight of the year according to many members. They have closed and the £350 donation they gave us this year will be the last we get from them.

I'm glad to note that there will be a dance, something like the Dockers' one. But this time it will be a Halloween party in Everton on 29 October and I look forward to being there.

The issue of the inconsistent transport arrangements arose at all our meetings. On behalf of the parents and carers, I wrote to Paul McNally, Service Manager in the BHSCT Transport Department in November last year. He admitted that their biggest problem was the recruitment and retention of

drivers. He acknowledged the difficulties experienced by Everton and other Centres and assured us that everything possible was being done to address this problem.

Our main function is to support the Everton staff in their work with our loved ones. To that end, we had a presence at a number of events in Everton throughout the year when members and staff gathered for music and coffee & buns We also donated around £1500 to the impressive summer programme.

Everton staff have maintained their professional and caring approach to their work during the year. Every time I visit Everton, I see examples of the members receiving individual, personal attention. There is definitely a sense of a caring inclusive atmosphere throughout the Centre. I would ask the Centre Manager, Anna Dunlop to pass on our appreciation and thanks to all the staff.

Financial review

During the year the group maintained sound financial reserves.
This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
This report was approved by the Board on 14th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by

C. Hamill, Chairman