



## OVER DAY CENTRE

### Report for Willingham Parish Council - April 2026

#### The Budget

Client income continues to increase, rising from 63% (2024/25) to 79% of breakeven (2025/26) - representing an increase of 21% on last year. This is a very positive improvement, due exclusively to an increase in client numbers that show at year end at 77% of breakeven.

We are still forecasting a loss of £31,692 for 2024/25 an improvement on last year's loss of £44,481. Again the shortfall in income will to be made up from reserves. We are reasonable confident that at the end of our new year that we will be close to breakeven.

Grants from local Parish Councils, Charities, fund-raising activities and donations, along with our investments have helped stabilised our financial position and contributed to a number of capital projects.

Whilst our good levels of reserves have been under pressure, at the end of the year we have £101,333 assets and reserves. We are hopeful that the continued increase in client numbers will enable us to manage the future years without the use of reserves.

We are in our third year of Cambridge County Council funding that is used to help us increase the number of days booked through a series of incentives and discounts. Client fees have increased for the new year helping to maintain our financial position, something we continue to monitor (full details can be read in our Annual Report & Accounts).

#### What actually happened?

Activities to increase client numbers continue to be our priority and, whilst a continued slow return, client numbers increased to 77% of breakeven - a positive step forwards from 64% reported last year. Our last quarter reports client numbers averaging 83% of breakeven, with the last three months reporting 83%, 87% & 80% of breakeven.

There has been a fantastic increase in activities and booked entertainers, something that is key in creating a fun and enjoyable day and attracting new clients. Volunteers continue to provide support of the Day Centre, providing bus escorts, bringing in pet therapy dogs, gardening and entertaining clients. Volunteers are immensely important to help us manage the Day Centre, both resources and financially.

Maintenance of the Day Centre continues with funds raised for projects allowing us to complete our accessible garden with raised beds and seating. Officially opened in July, the ceremonial ribbon was cut by Dr Larry Amure, who spent 24 years at the Over Surgery and



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has been a great supporter of the Day Centre over the years. The garden has provided a fabulous space for clients to grow plants and vegetables and enjoy time outside.

Grants from local Parish Councils, Charities, fund-raising activities and donations have contributed to a number of capital projects planned for the year that include a new day room extension and a second minibus that we took delivery of at the end of the year. This is allowing us to get to clients North and East with a mix of existing adding days and new clients, this we hope will build over the year.

S106 Funding to build an extension for a small 'day room' to the front of the building, has been released and allowed us to appoint contractors. Building works are to start later this year once all planning and legalities are in place. To date we have raised £50,000 towards the project that we expect to require a further £16,000. Fundraising activities will continue this year to enable us to complete all works.

We completed the installation of solar panels in February this year year, the cost of installation of £14,000 met by a £10,000 grant from South Cambs District Council's Zero Carbon Communities fund and donations from UK trusts and foundations. Generation has started and we expect our PV panels to generate 33% of the Day Centre's electricity annually and provide a revenue of over £600 through export to the grid. In total this will reduce our electricity costs by over 50%. The revenue created will also fund annual maintenance costs and safety checks required by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Our Memory Café has proved to be extremely popular with both existing clients and new. Following our Café our Saturday Lunch Club has also become a very popular event, requiring that we increase our capacity to 36 diners. In total we welcome around 50 guests each month to enjoy a Saturday with songs, entertainment, refreshments and lunch. Both are run by volunteers who enjoy the day immensely and continue to support the events with great enthusiasm.

Promotion of the Day Centre continues with a focus on local doctors surgeries and social subscribers.

Later this year we hope to start a discharge service with key partners - Cambridgeshire Acre, The Care Network, Age UK (Cambridgeshire & Peterborough), Cambridge North Villages and HI Friends in support of Addenbrooke's Hospital (CUH) discharge team. A grant of £30,000 per year for three years has been secured from South Cambs District Council to fund a coordinator, driver and general costs. The service will make use of capacity in our minibuses and support those wishing to return home in a safe and comfortable fashion.



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### Reserves

At the end of the year we have £101,333 assets and reserves. After deducting assets and earmarked provision for the replacement of our minibus and other assets we were left with a little over £22,000 accumulated profit at March 31, 2025 down from £54,288 at March 2024. Our general reserves are just over 5 months of gross expenditure.

This is a significant issue that we continue to review, however the continued increases in client numbers is providing a good indication that this year's accounts will show a much reduced loss or breakeven. Trustees regularly assess and monitor major risks to which the charity is exposed and we are working hard to return our financial position to a more secure position.

Client fees have increased by 5% this year, from £38 to £40. We believe this represents good value and, along with our discount scheme of £10 per week attended and £20 for an additional day, funded by Cambridge County Council, ensure we offer a high quality and affordable Day Centre.

### Structure, governance and management

If any Trustee has a conflict of interest over any matters being considered they must disclose this and take no part in the discussion or decision.

### With Thanks

We continuously remind ourselves of our core purposes - to provide day care for the frail and elderly of Over and surrounding villages. We help to maintain the quality of life for our clients through social contact, recreation and informative activities. Key to our service is to provide relief and respite for carers and family members in what is physically and mentally exhausting period in their lives.

We look forward to returning client levels to a strong, breakeven position and are confident that we have the support of our staff, volunteers, local Parish Councils, SCDC and Charities in making this a success.

We are again enormously grateful to local Trusts, Parish Councils and individuals who generously support the Day centre year on year. Your continued support is so important to the Day Centre, helping us provide the exemplary service to our clients.

We welcome any questions, comments, or suggestions you may have.

Chair of Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Barker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Barker