

Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO

Working with and for older people



2026 Calendar

Annual Report 2024 - 2025



A word from Lynda

A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and our 1,600

plus members for your ongoing dedication and support. Your energy and commitment make Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO a place to give and receive support - and above all, to enjoy and have fun.

Our decision last year to concentrate on the Scheme and close the Community Hub has allowed us to focus resources where they are most needed. The services provided from the Hub have transferred to the Scheme, ensuring continued support for the wider community.

This year, we also said farewell to some valued staff through retirement or relocation, but we are delighted to

welcome new team members who are already making a positive impact. Their efforts, alongside our volunteers, ensure services run smoothly and efficiently.

A particular highlight this year has been the purchase of two new accessible minibuses, made possible through our Buy-a-Bus campaign and the commitment of our supporters. This milestone ensures safe, reliable transport for our members for years to come.

I am confident that together, we can look forward and meet any challenges 2026 may bring. Thank you for everything you do to make our Scheme thrive.

I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026.

Lynda Pitts | Chair



Leave a legacy of kindness | With a gift to Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO in your will, you can do so much to make sure local older people have the support they need in years to come.



---and thank you from the Treasurer

I am pleased to report that we remain in a good financial position. While we continue to seek longer-term, sustainable funding for overheads, we have successfully secured resources across multiple projects, allowing us to maintain and enhance our services for members.

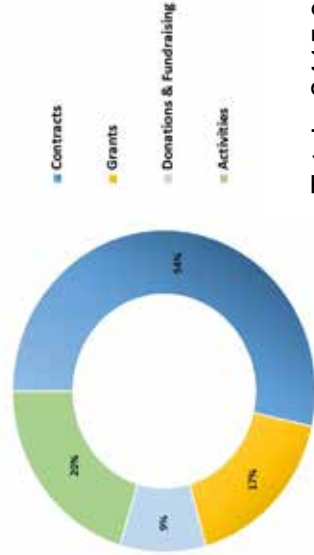
Thanks to careful planning and successful external funding, we can maintain existing staff levels and welcome additional team members, strengthening our capacity to deliver vital services.

On a personal note, when I took on the Treasurer's role it was always intended to be on a temporary basis, whilst I will continue to support in the office with payments and invoicing. I am delighted to hand over to our new Treasurer, **Tracey Sheils**, whose 36 years of banking experience will be invaluable in maintaining the Scheme's financial health.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on building financial resilience and planning for sustainable growth. Every contribution, whether through the 100 Club, donations, or legacies, plays a vital role in supporting our work. Thank you for your continued support, which enables us to develop our services and look confidently to the future. Janet Deighton | Treasurer

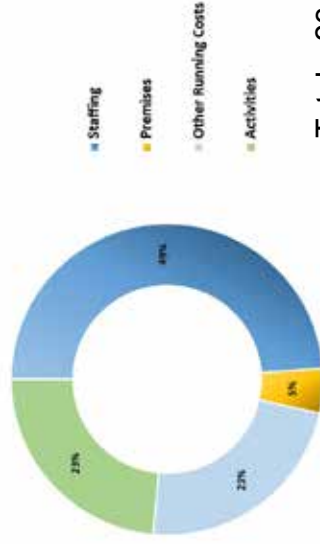


Income (October 2024-September 2025)



Total - £415,960

Expenditure (October 2024-September 2025)



Total - £345,370

The £87,500 cost of two minibuses purchased this year has been capitalised and will be depreciated over their expected life, and therefore is not reflected as expenditure in this year's accounts.



Trustees and Staff



David Smith



Jackie Lawrence (Vice Chair)



Irene Midgley



Lynda Pitts (Chair)



Anita Naylor



Cllr Pauleen Grahame



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Charley Blankley-Connor
Office Manager



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Support Worker



Nadine (Dee) Oliver
Lead Project Worker



Emily Baxendale
Group Support Worker



Claire Wall
Operational Manager



Samantha Haggart
Digital Co-ordinator

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January						
5	6 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	7 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Food and a Film 12-3pm	28 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	29	30	31	

“I’m proud to be part of a team that works together to make a real difference in people’s everyday lives.”



Our
volunteers
donate the
equivalent in time
to ten full-time
staff.



Volunteering

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February						
2	3 Sandwich & a Song 12-2pm	4 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	5	6	7	8
9	10 Tea Dance 11am-1pm	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Food and a Film 12-3pm	25 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	26	27	28	

“I’ve been volunteering as a driver here for over ten years now and I get as much out of it now as the first day I started!”



“Friendship,
support, and access
to the services we
need”

Support



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March						
2	3 Sandwich & a Song 12-2pm	4 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	5	6	7 Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO Working with and for older people	1
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Food and a Film 12-3pm	25 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

“I couldn’t cope without this place, the staff are so caring and supportive and it’s brought some joy back into our lives.”



Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO

Working with and for older people



Working with and for older people to:

- Reduce loneliness and isolation
- Support independence
- Promote healthy lifestyles
- Try new things



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Travel with Confidence

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April						
6 Easter Monday	7 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	8	9	10 Good Friday	11	12
13	14 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	15	16	17	18	19 Easter Sunday
20	21	22 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Food and a Film 12-3pm	29	30			

Travel with Confidence is funded by the Mobility Foundation and managed by Leeds Older People’s Forum.



“At the
Health Hub
I can
access care in a
friendly, social
setting.”



Enhance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
May Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO Working with and for older people						
4 Early May Bank Holiday	5 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	6 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Scheme closure - no groups this week.						
18	19 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	20	21	22	23	24
25 Spring Bank Holiday	26 Food and a Film 12-3pm	27 Panto 1.30-3pm Bereavement Support 2-3pm	28	29	30	31

We successfully secured Year Four Enhance funding to develop and deliver a weekly Health Hub in partnership with the Seacroft Neighbourhood Team funded by Leeds Community Health Care.

Last year our
Walkers walked
over 7,680 miles.

Keeping Healthy



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	3 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	4	5 Volunteer Social 1-3pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Food and a Film 12-3pm	24 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	June Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO Working with and for older people				

Here at the Scheme, health and wellbeing is part of daily life, with ten different physical activities on offer every week.

"The impact
that Good
Neighbours has
on the people of
Leeds is
unmatched."



**Reducing loneliness
and social isolation**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July						
6	7 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	22 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	23	24	25	26
27	28 Food and a Film 12-3pm	29	30	31		Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO Working with and for older people

“Thank you for all your hard work and support with Arthur. I saw him this morning, and he looked like a new man, smiling and full of life. It was lovely to see.” Seacroft Neighbourhood Team nurse



Out and About

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August Cross Gates & District Good Neighbours' Scheme CIO Working with and for older people						
3	4 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	5 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	6	7	8	9
10	11 Scheme closure - no groups this week.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Summer Fayre 11-1pm Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Food and a Film 12-3pm	26 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	27	28	29	30
31 Summer Bank Holiday	“Our shared outings and short walks help keep our members active, out and about, enjoying fresh air and meeting new friends.”					



“The effort they go to, the support they provide, the knowledge, understanding and empathy is unlimited.”



Supporting Independence

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	2 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Food and a Film 12-3pm	23 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	September			

“Receiving Attendance Allowance has eased mum’s worries about paying for carers. As a family, we couldn’t have managed without your advice and insights, your expertise was invaluable.”



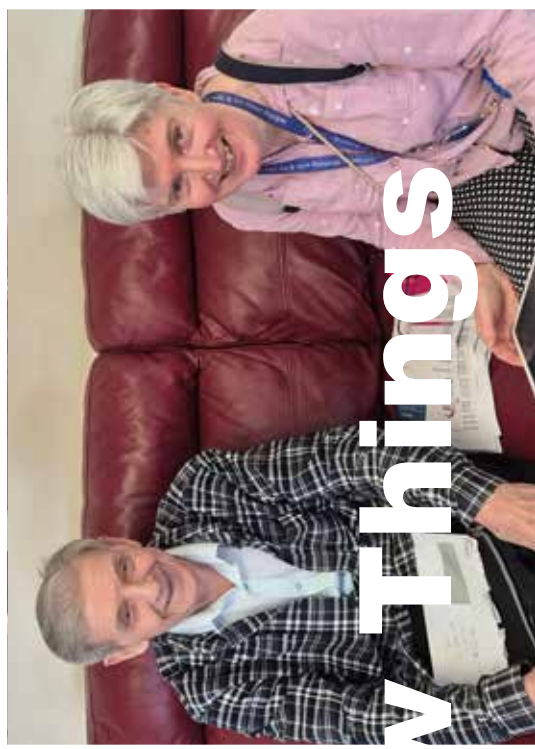
We provided
over 3,237
journeys to our
groups last
year.



Transport

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
October						
5	6 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	7 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Food and a Film 12-3pm	28 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	29	30	31	

A big thank you to HT Autos Leeds Ltd who maintain our buses and The Newman Centre for allowing us to store our buses safely.



Learn New Things

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November						
2	3 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	4 Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	5	6	7 	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Birds of a Feather 1-3pm	18	19	20	21	22
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30						

Training is a key part of how we develop and deliver our services. It supports our staff, volunteers and members, helping everyone gain confidence, skills and independence.



Everyone
had great fun at
our annual
Christmas
celebrations!



Having fun!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Sandwich and a Song 12-2pm	2 Panto 1.30-3pm Carers Leeds Support 2-3.30pm	3	4 Volunteer Social 1-3pm	5	6
7	8 AGM 11am	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Xmas party @ The Newman Centre	16	17	18 Xmas party @ St Mary's	19	20
21	22 Food & a Film 12-3pm	23 Bereavement Support 2-3pm	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28 Substitute Boxing Day Bank Holiday	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	December		

Thank you to our local councillor Pauleen Grahame, for funding some of our Christmas activities through Leeds City Council Members Improvements in the Community (MICE) funding.

Funders and Partners for the year October 2024 – September 2025

Leeds City Council Adults and Health, 100% Digital Leeds: Digital Inclusion Fund, Access Bus, Active Leeds, Adel Lodge No 6250, AFJ Limited, Age Friendly Leeds, Asda Killingbeck, B&M, Barnbow, Bengal Lounge, Brown Cow, Busconducters, Carers Leeds, Christ Church Halton, Clarion Futures - Digital Grant, Coe's Fisheries, Colton Methodist Church, Connecting Crossgates, Cross Gates & York Road Local Care Partnership, Crossgates Library, Crossgates Methodist Church, Crossgates Shopping Centre, Crossgates Traders, Department for Transport - Tackling Loneliness with Transport, Food Aid Network, Forum Central, Good Things Foundation, Green's Leeds, Groundworks, H T Autos Leeds Ltd, Halifax Bank, HIT Coffee, Iceland, Kingswear Gallery, La Cantina, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Christian Community Trust, Leeds City College, Leeds City Council Community Committees, Leeds City Council Small Grants / MICE Fund, Leeds City Council Wellbeing Fund, Leeds Community Foundation, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust - Enhance, Leeds Convalescent Society, Leeds Older People's Forum, Leeds Sensory Services, Linking Leeds, Lloyds Bank, Local Community Policing Team, Lotherton Hall, Luigi's Pizzeria Trattoria, Malcolm Michaels Quality Butchers Ltd, Manston Park Bowling Club, Masala Hut, McCarthy Stone Foundation, Mecca Bingo, Money Buddies, Persimmon Homes, Places for People Orchard Croft, St James's Place Sovereign Wealth, St Mary's Community Centre, St Vincent's, Savers, Skills for Life Multiply, Skipton Building Society, South Group 5 Family Services, Specsavers, Spice Zone, Swarcliffe Good Neighbours' Scheme, Taylor Wimpey Yorkshire, Temple Newsam House, The Charles and Elsie Sykes Trust, The Devon, The Hobby Shop, The Keith Howard Foundation, The Newman Centre, The Skyliner, The Woodman at Halton, Tranquillity Court, Transport Trust Fund, TUI, Voluntary Action Leeds, Wade's Charity, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, William Merritt, Woodland & Whikirk Neighbourhood Watch, Zero Waste Leeds, all our local partners and last but not least, our service users for regular donations.

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