

May 29, 2026

Over Parish Council
Over Community Centre,
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Dear Amy,

The Over Day Centre continues its work in support of the elderly in Over, Willingham and surrounding villages. Now in our 25th anniversary year since opening the Day Centre building and over 39 years since we were established by Dr. Pamella Cressey and Dr Fiona Waters where we continue to help provide day care for the frail and elderly, maintaining the quality of life 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.

In what is increasingly a challenging economic period we are striving to increase client numbers. In our last financial year we welcomed more clients, now standing at 77% of breakeven - a positive step forwards from 64% reported last year. Our last quarter reported client numbers averaging 83% 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 support the Day Centre, providing bus escorts, bringing in pet therapy dogs, gardening and entertaining clients. Our volunteers are immensely important to help us manage the Day Centre, both with additional resources and financially.

Income continues to increase, rising from 63% to 79% of breakeven - representing an increase of 21% on last year. This is a very positive improvement, due exclusively to an increase in client numbers.

We are still forecasting a loss of £31,692 for the last financial year, an improvement on the previous year's loss of £44,481. This is in some ways due to recent changes in National Insurance and increases to the living wage. Again the shortfall in income will to be made up from our reserves. However, we are 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 has contributed to a number of capital projects. Although our good levels of reserves continue to be under pressure, at the end of the year we have £101,333 assets and reserves.

Over Parish Council have very generously supported the Over Day Centre over the years. We would be immensely grateful if you could do so again for the new year, any donation helping us to minimise the daily charge to our clients.

Yours Sincerely



David Barker
Chair of Trustees