

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Charity Registration No. 1139163

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2013

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Michael Bond

Clare Blair (from Sept 2012)

Valerie Cutting

Ian Manning (from Sept 2012)

Nicola Morrison (to Sept 2012)

Clive Brown (from Sept 2012)

Kenneth Turner (from Sept 2012)

Philip White (to Sept 2012)

Committee

The Committee comprised the following trustees elected at the Annual General Meeting on 29 September 2012. It met seven times during the year.

Valerie Cutting (Chairman)

Michael Bond (Treasurer)

Clare Blair (Secretary)

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Objectives and Activities

The charity was established at a public open meeting on 23 June 2009, at St Andrew's Hall Chesterton which adopted a formal constitution with the following primary objects:

- a) promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;*
- b) support the maintenance and management of St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's Road, Chesterton, as a Community Centre for Chesterton (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the above objects;*
- c) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.*

The Association has established a website offering space for listing activities in Chesterton, news of local developments, feedback for readers and publicity for Association and member activities. We have bid for grants to support local activities and act as fundholder for them where appropriate.

We are a member of Community Matters, the national association of community associations, and Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service.

Achievements

“Chesterton News” has become well-established during the year with support from a North Area Committee grant for continued publication during 2012/13. During the year we have established sufficient advertisement income to secure continued publication without further grant aid.

The production and distribution is done entirely by a voluntary team drawn from our members and the churches in Chesterton. We need more help with distribution, especially to parts of West Chesterton that lie outside St Andrew's and St George's parishes, mostly New Chesterton.

A Year in Photographs is a year-long project to record people and activities in Chesterton led by Valerie Cutting supported by Kenneth Turner. Early enthusiasm has waned a little but we hope to have the product of their labours available to purchase at the 2013 Chesterton Festival.

A photography seminar was held on 27th March for some of those involved in this project to show them how to get the best results from their digital photographs by the use of simple enhancement techniques.

Chesterton Village Sign Competition has not progressed as we had hoped but we have the support of the new owners of Elizabeth House who are keen to see the sign erected on land just outside their boundary.

The website is our primary route for information to and from members and others. It continues to attract several visits each day but we still need someone to take on the role of webmaster to keep it up to date, especially to ensure items are posted on the diary page on a regular basis.

Libraries The County Council has decided in principle to redevelop the Milton Road Library site to provide a new ground floor library with residential accommodation above as a means of paying for the redevelopment based on a model used successfully in other parts of the county. They are mounting a consultation in April-June 2013 to enlist support for the concept and to refine ideas as to the services that could be provided from the redeveloped premises in addition to the library. The Association has continued to work with the Friends of Milton Road Library (FMRL) to explore the possibilities for greater local involvement in the management of the library. In particular a survey run for FMRL by the Association indicated that there is a considerable appetite for direct involvement from local people and a number of volunteers are now involved.

Recreational facilities The redevelopment of the Cambridge City Football Ground was approved during the year with money being provided for a new pavilion on Chesterton Playing Fields off Courtney Way and an extension to the changing rooms on Chesterton Recreation Ground in Church Street to provide a club-room facility. The idea of providing facilities on the former Pye factory playing fields was not pursued beyond erecting some goalposts. For most of the year these pitches were not usable due to flooding during a very wet period of weather.

Chesterton Festival The Association continues to participate in Chesterton Festival and has bought equipment to enable the Association to have a more effective presence at this and other events.

Taster Evening We organised a programme of taster evenings during the year featuring arts and crafts, relaxation and yoga to give greater publicity to activities for people in Chesterton. These were not as well attended as we had hoped but we learned a great deal from the events and intend to continue to develop our regular programme of events for 2013/14.

Support for New Ventures: the Association was pleased to give support to the nascent **Fen Estate and Nuffield Road Residents' Association (FENRA)** which was launched on 13th December 2012 at a lively meeting at Shirley School, Nuffield Road.

We obtained a grant from the North Area Committee to purchase new coloured lights for the **Chesterton Christmas Tree** that is erected each year outside the Methodist Church in Green End Road.

We are also supporting a new **Garden Competition** that will run during the main growing season of 2013 in Old Chesterton. The Organiser is Zoe Conway-Morris and she has secured some fine sponsored prizes for successful entrants. The event is supported by a specific part of our 2013/2014 grant from the North Area Committee.

Future Activities

We continue to support Chesterton Festival through active membership of its Committee and insuring it through the Association's policy. We will be organising a programme of events for local people at St Andrew's Hall to introduce them to the activities that take place there and encourage new local group activities. We will be building stronger links with local schools to encourage involvement of younger people in community activities.

Finance

The Association ended the year with funds of £3,184, including £1,485 of restricted funds after transfer of funds from CCA's unrestricted funds to meet non-grant funded expenditure. Unrestricted funds comprise donated and membership funds and Gift Aid refunds. Members and donors are encouraged to make their payments under Gift Aid thus enabling the Association to recover income tax paid by the donor.

Valerie Cutting, Chairman

Statement of Financial Affairs for the year ended 31st March 2013

| | CCA Restricted | CCA Other | Total | Last Year |
|--|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Interest Earned | - | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Gift Aid Donations | - | 250 | 250 | 1,000 |
| Donations | - | 5 | 5 | 1,852 |
| Grants | 2,380 | - | 2,380 | 700 |
| Membership Fees | - | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Tax Refunds | - | 163 | 163 | 354 |
| Other Income | - | - | - | 140 |
| Advertisements | 2,540 | - | 2,540 | - |
| Reimbursed Expenses | 488 | 520 | 1,008 | - |
| Total Income | 5,408 | 992 | 6,400 | 4,100 |
| Computer & Internet Exp. | - | 211 | 211 | 242 |
| Dues & Subscriptions | - | - | - | 72 |
| Insurance Expenses | 230 | 310 | 540 | 493 |
| Festival Expenses | - | 62 | 62 | 28 |
| Equipment | 333 | 532 | 865 | - |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 61 | - | 61 | 168 |
| Postage & Delivery | 47 | 4 | 51 | - |
| Printing & Reproduction | 3,267 | - | 3,267 | 1,809 |
| Professional Fees - | - | - | - | - |
| Telephone | 110 | 19 | 129 | 39 |
| Conference, Meetings | 549 | - | 549 | 7 |
| Total Expense | 4,597 | 1,138 | 5,735 | 2,858 |
| Net Ordinary Income | 811 | (146) | 665 | 1,242 |
| Return of unspent grant | - | - | - | (1,011) |
| Funds Brought Forward at 1 April 2012 | 614 | 1,905 | 2,519 | 2,229 |
| Transfer between funds | 60 | (60) | - | - |
| Funds carried forward at 1 April 2013 | 1,485 | 1,699 | 3,184 | 2,460 |

Valerie Cutting, Chair

April 2013