

Waterhouses Community Association
Trustees Annual Report 2018-19

As Hon. Secretary, I would like to review our activities throughout the past year with you.

Waterhouses Community Association's goals are:

- a) to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Waterhouses and the neighbourhood without ANY discrimination and by working with others to advance education and provide social, recreational and leisure activities, so improving the quality of life of residents and surrounding villagers.
- b) Maintain and manage the Village Hall so that it can be used in the furtherance of these objects.
- c) Promote other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Association shall be non-party in politics and non- sectarian in religion.

Our Committee Members and Volunteers work hard towards these aims and we must thank them all for their efforts.

Sadly, we lost two members of the Association this year, Enid Hudspeth, who was a regular visitor and loved to join outings, and Philippa Bowley, who was a relatively new member, but no less enthusiastic in her support – especially to the Cake Stall at our Fairs! They are both missed.

Projects

The Orchard – The trees planted are thriving, including the transplanted ones. This is down to the care of Stefan, and we thank him for his efforts. The Committee has agreed to fund some equipment to help with the trimming of the areas around the trees and making water carrying easier.

Kitchen – We have agreed a quote to refurbish the kitchen and this will happen in August whilst the Hall is quiet.

Holiday Lunches - We have found it difficult to facilitate this, as volunteers and reaching the right group of children has proved a problem. There were 2 sessions where children made food and ate it, which were well attended. Vicky Beasley is intending arrange further sessions of this nature. There are funds of £2429.64 from the Co-op available for this.

Woodland Trust – The County Council and Woodland Trust are attempting to find funding to allow the woods in this area to be better managed, and they are asking

locals to get involved. We are hoping that this goes ahead, and Stefan has agreed to be the contact on our behalf. He has written to confirm our commitment to participate in the scheme.

Hall Activities

The Hall runs the following regular activities:

Drop In, Cinema Club, Theatre Club (thanks to Pat), Grub Club, Puddle Jumpers Playgroup, (thanks to Vicky, Susan and helpers), Family Nights (thanks to Teri and her helpers), Quiz Night, (thanks to Stefan and his team), Knit and Natter (thanks to Beryl), Wine Club, and Floorball (thanks to Elizabeth Shove).

There is also SOSA run by Jude, Social Club, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and Music and Memories.

The Ceilidhs have been very well supported this year – we were not only able to pay the full price for the Band, but made a profit of £223 over the 2 dances.

The Village Trip in July was to Lightwater Valley again, and again proved popular with all 53 seats taken. This was fully funded by the Association.

A local girl, Charlotte Bradley approached us for help in raising funds so that she could go to a Drama School in London. It was agreed that she could use the Hall free of charge to hold events. She arranged a Princess and Superhero Academy and a Singing with Tea event. We were pleased to hear that Charlotte made it to the Drama School and at Christmas sent an email thanking us and updating us on her progress.

The Halloween Party proved to be a success once again, and we must thank Diane Wilkinson for organising it.

The Produce Show was very well supported and there were some excellent entries, although the number of Scarecrows was disappointing. Thanks go to the Judges of the various categories.

The Music and Memories Group is no longer run by the RVS but by Linda Wilson and other Volunteers. It is a self-financing group within the Association and appears to be running very well with lots of support.

Other events included the Members Trip to Eden Camp, Seniors Dinner, Tree Lighting and Children's Party, Summer and Christmas Fairs.

Fund Raising

There were 2 Fairs during the year – Summer and Christmas. They raised £303.40 and £488.36 respectively. There are costs to be deducted from these figures – mainly the Father Christmas gifts as this is non profit making!

A Race Night organised by the Lions raised £473.60 to fund Kid's Activities. And a new event, Afternoon Musical Tea proved popular and raised £222.76

The other 2 main fundraising events, the Duck Race and the Christmas Raffle, went very well raising a total of £651.40.

Charitable Donations/Events

A Coffee Mornings in aid of McMillan Nursing raised a record £652.

We must thank all our volunteers; we are struggling to put on events as the number of volunteers has dwindled considerably – so, if you know of anybody who would be willing to help either on a regular basis or occasionally, please let us know.

Hall Matters

It was decided to stop putting monthly flyers through every door in the village, as the cost of printing, volunteers to post and the effectiveness of them were questionable. Posters are still placed around the Village, including in a new Notice Board at Hedley Hill Terrace. Flyers will be produced periodically for certain events. Ann Barnshaw also ceased compiling the What's on – for similar reasons, we believe.

Financial

A copy of the audited Profit and Loss Report from the Treasurer is available. The full Accounts are available for anyone who wishes to look at them. The hi-lights are as follows:

Opening Balance of £30k and closing balance of £34k.

There were no major purchases this year, and maintenance costs were routine.

The local Parish Councillor gave us £100 at Christmas time from her budget. Thanks go to Mrs. Wharton. The solar panels income was £997. We received £5500 gift from the Social Club this year.

The Hall lettings have decreased, and after discussion it was decided to streamline the charges to £10 an hour to hire the Hall and £5 an hour seven days a week.