

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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Charity Registration No. 1139163

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2011

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Michael Bond
Valerie Cutting
Nicola Morrison
Philip White

Committee

The Committee was elected at the first Annual General Meeting 8 July 2010. It met seven times during the year.

Michael Bond (Chairman)
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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 open meeting also approved draft Standing Orders for the Association and a scheme of paid membership. The Steering Committee subsequently decided that this should not be implemented for new members in the first year.

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.

We had to relinquish the services of Olive Hamblin as Administrative Support Worker in September 2010, when we were unable to secure funding for a continuation of her role. She had done most of the work to make the website work effectively for us. She also edited and organised the production and distribution of the two newsletters.

Achievements

We were successful in securing registration of the Association with the Charity Commission but we have had to change our relationship with the Chesterton Festival which the Commission did not accept as being wholly within our charitable objects. We have helped to establish the Chesterton Festival Committee with its own banking arrangements and all funds we were holding on their behalf have been transferred to the Committee's account.

We successfully bid for grants from the City Council to support: The Association's continuing running costs (apart from the Administrative Support Worker); and Chesterton Village Sign Competition

The website, a primary route for information to and from members and others, continues to attract several visits each day but we do 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.

We produced two newsletters to all residents of Chesterton which were distributed to every household in Chesterton in May and July 2010.

The Association has responded to the County Council's Library Service Review with an offer to take over the management of the Milton Road Library building and run it as a community hub. It is our view that the future of this valuable community resource can only be secured by transferring its ownership and management to the local community with a library service being part of its core offer. We also put forward a proposal for a City wide trust based on the same concept to secure the future of Arbury Court, Barnwell Road, Cherry Hinton and Rock Road libraries as well as Milton Road. Both proposals await a formal response from the County Council. The Friends of Milton Road Library have been exploring the possibilities for greater local involvement in the management of that library.

A public meeting we organised on 4th March 2011 was very well attended with Sir Peter Brown (Executive County Councillor for Community and Adult Services) and Christine May (Head of Library Services) in attendance to listen and respond to our proposals and answer questions from the floor.

During the year the City Council accepted the need for a replacement cricket strip on the former Pye factory Playing fields as well as provision for football.

Future Activities

We continue to support Chesterton Festival through active membership of its Committee and the second year was a success with funds available to plan for this year's event on 24th to 26th June. This year they will be running a licensed raffle in the run-up to the festival which will raise funds for local charitable and community events and the association has agreed to administer these funds on behalf of the Festival Committee.

We will be organising a taster day for local people at St Andrew's Hall to introduce them to the activities that take place there and encourage new local group activities.

Finance

The Association ended the year with funds of £2,229 in the bank, including £1,323 of unspent North Area Committee grant. The remainder comprises donated and membership funds and Gift Aid refunds due to be claimed.

Members and donors are encouraged to make their payments under Gift Aid thus enabling the Association to recover income tax paid by the donor.

Michael Bond
Chairman

**Chesterton Community Association
Accounts for year to 31 March 2011**

	CCA Restricted	CCA Other	Total CCA	Festival	Total	Last Year
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
Bank Interest Earned	-	2	2	-	2	1
Gift Aid Donations	-	2,788	2,788	-	2,788	750
Donations	-	-	-	250	250	
Grants	2,852	-	2,852	-	2,852	7,933
Membership Fees	-	91	91	-	91	115
Other Income	-	-	-	676	676	
Reimbursed Expenses	-	145	145	500	645	29
Total Income	2,852	3,027	5,879	1,426	7,304	8,828
Expense						
Computer & Internet Expense	55	18	73	-	73	77
Dues & Subscriptions	42	-	42	-	42	44
Insurance Expenses	493	-	493	-	493	489
Festival Expenses	-	-	-	3,257	3,257	
Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	-	-	25	1,324
Postage & Delivery	745	-	745	-	-	
Printing & Reproduction	1,216	-	1,216	1,000	2,216	70
Professional Fees						
Newsletter	-	-	-	-	-	284
Website	-	-	-	-	-	300
Professional Fees - Other	295	2,267	2,561	-	2,561	264
Telephone	72	-	72	-	72	-
Conference, Meetings	250	25	275	99	374	222
Total Expense	3,167	2,314	5,281	4,381	9,863	3,074
Transfers	-	(200)	-	200	-	-
Net Ordinary Income	(315)	913	597	(3155)	(2,558)	5,754
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April 2010	1639	(7)	1,632	4,122	5,754	-
Transfer to Chesterton Festival Committee				(967)		-
Funds carried forward at 1 April 2011	1,323	906	2,229	-	2,229	5,754

Notes

Restricted funds are those given for specific purposes. Any balance must be repaid to the donor if not required for that purpose.

Chesterton Festival was a restricted fund of the Association. It has now been closed.

**Signed: Michael Bond
Chairman & Treasurer**