

CHESTERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Charity Registration No. 1139163

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 March 2012

Reference and administrative information

Trustees

Michael Bond
Valerie Cutting
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Committee

The Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting 11 July 2011. It met seven times during the year.

Valerie Cutting (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 Committee subsequently decided that this should not be implemented.

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 Village Sign Competition attracted 142 entries, 134 of them on the last day from the Shirley School who really entered in to the spirit of the event. Our thanks go to Yvonne O'Brien and her colleagues for encouraging the children to take part and to the children themselves whose ideas were many and varied. Valerie Cutting presented certificates to winners at the new Shirley Primary school on 14th March 2012.

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.

"Chesterton News" is our greatest achievement to date. We joined forces with the churches in Chesterton following news of the demise of "Chesterton Challenge" which had covered St George's parish. A pilot edition published in December 2011 was very well received. The final edition of "Chesterton Chimes" the newsletter for St Andrew's parish was published in February 2012 following a decision by the St Andrew's PCC to

commit St Andrew's parish to the new magazine. Funding was secured from the North Area Committee to support a second edition of "Chesterton News" in March 2012.

The North Area Committee has also awarded a grant for continued publication during 2012/13 and it is hoped that this grant, with revenue from advertisements, will enable us to secure a long-term future for the magazine which is now delivered by volunteers into the whole of East and West Chesterton Wards plus some of those parts of Kings Hedges falling within St George's parish. Our thanks to all those who give their time to do this.

Libraries 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 that library. In particular a survey run for FMRL by the Association indicated that there is a considerable appetite for direct involvement from local people.

Recreational facilities We were unable to make any progress with ideas for improvements to Chesterton Recreation Ground or the former Pye factory playing fields.

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

Taster Evening We organised a taster evening on 8th March 2012 to give greater publicity to activities for people in Chesterton. It was not as well attended as we had hoped but we learned a great deal from the event and intend to build a regular programme of events for 2012/13.

Future Activities

We continue to support Chesterton Festival through active membership of its Committee. 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 £2,460, including £555 of restricted funds. 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.

Localgiving.com During the year the Association joined Localgiving.com so can now receive donations through their website. In March we participated in the March Match where new donations were matched from a pot of money made available to Localgiving.com. We were successful in more than doubling the value of a £500 donation once Gift Aid had been claimed.

Valerie Cutting, Chairman

Statement of Financial Affairs for the year ended 31st March 2012

	CCA Restricted	CCA Other	Total	Last Year
Interest Earned	-	4	4	2
Gift Aid Donations	500	500	1,000	2,788
Donations	859	993	1852	250
Grants	700	-	700	2,852
Membership Fees	-	50	50	91
Tax Refunds	-	354	354	-
Other Income	140	-	140	676
Reimbursed Expenses	-	-	-	645
Total Income	2,199	1,901	4,100	7,304
Computer & Internet Exp.	-	242	242	73
Dues & Subscriptions	-	72	72	42
Insurance Expenses	-	493	493	493
Festival Expenses	-	28	28	3,257
Miscellaneous Expense	155	13	168	25
Postage & Delivery	-	-	-	745
Printing & Reproduction	1,801	8	1,809	2,216
Professional Fees -	-	-	-	2,561
Telephone	-	39	39	72
Conference, Meetings	-	7	7	374
Total Expense	1,956	902	2,858	9,863
Net Ordinary Income	243	999	1,242	(2,558)
Return of unspent grant	(1,011)		(1,011)	
Funds Brought Forward at 1 April 2011	1,323	906	2,229	5,754
Transfer festival funds				(967)
Funds carried forward at 1 April 2012	555	1,905	2,460	2,229

Valerie Cutting
Chair

June 2012