

## Chairman's Report

2021 has seen another challenging year for the association as Covid still affected our activity and fundraising ability. Despite this we have been able to hold our regular meetings via zoom and plan for what was a most marvelous celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the home.

Going back to the start of the year we began 2021 in lockdown again and we as a committee quickly realised that it would not be possible to hold our main fundraising event The Summer Fair in June. Given this Chris Turner our vice chairman had initiated a scheme in Lincolnshire to get masons to sign up to a regular donation each year thus taking some of the pressure off the Summer Fair as our main fundraising activity. This scheme has made a good start and I'm sure will grow year on year.

We have been able to continue to fund projects at the home due to the generosity of 3 Provinces which support the home. This was further evidenced at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration where a total of £13,000 was donated with commitment from the Provinces for support in the coming years. Without this generosity in

such difficult times we would not be able to continue our work.

So what do we spend this money on? This year we have been able to keep our regular payments to the home totalling £12,500 which is spent by Stephanie and Fran

on entertainment, trips out and not forgetting sherry! In addition to this we purchased a portable PA system so that concerts could be facilitated outside when

performers were not allowed in the home. We also purchased at a cost of £7000 two large touch screen computers which can be used interactively with the residents

throughout the home. These are just some of the examples of where the money goes.

On the 17 September Connaught Court celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I was lucky enough to be here 10 years ago to organise the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

where we held a Proms concert in the grounds. We knew that this year would be very different and we would have to work within the guidelines set out by the

Government and RMBI Policy. At the heart of the celebrations had to be the residents and it was decided that after the formal ceremony organised by the RMBI

we would host a tea party in the grounds. After a year and a half of not mixing and for some (including myself) who had been shielding for much of that time it was

an amazing sight to see the marquee full of residents and staff enjoying the event. Whilst I would like to thank the committee for their support and to Victoria,

Stephanie and Fran for the wonderful ideas they come up with for us to spend money on I should particularly like to thank a few members of the committee in

particular. Martin as secretary, you are the engine room which keeps us all running and straight, Chris as vice chairman, for your friendship and ideas and for being

at the end of the phone to talk to and to Bruce our Treasurer. Bruce has been on the committee longer than I have and has served as Treasurer for many years. His

financial knowhow and foresight in always keeping 2 years of funds in the bank for a rainy day has certainly proved invaluable over the past couple of years. Bruce

stands down as treasurer today so I would like to thank him for all of the work and commitment he has shown to the Friends and to the home and Kevin for all

your hard work in making the Anniversary celebrations a success.

Today after 10 years on the committee and 2 years as chairman I am standing down a year early due to my health but I feel immensely proud of the association and the work that it does in

providing the 'extras' which go to improving the life for the residents who live at Connaught Court.

We are in a strong financial position and will continue our work with pride and passion.

**Association of Friends of Connaught Court**

**Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account  
Year ending 30 September 2021**

INCOME		2021	2021	2020	2020
		£	£	£	£
General Donations	Lodges	10,583.78		5,067.00	
	Provinces	20,000.00		13,000.00	
	WRMCL	0.00		0.00	
	Individuals	4,540.00		1,725.22	
Shop Sales		0.00		150.00	
Summer Fair		0.00		0.00	
Summer Fair Flyers		0.00		1,287.05	
Badges		0.00		390.00	
Interest		499.48		179.53	
Investment Income		1.03		19.23	
Membership		140.00		780.00	
Demonstration Ceremony		0.00		0.00	
		0.00			
			35,764.29		22,598.03
EXPENDITURE					
Advertising		0.00		0.00	
Amenity Fund		(11,500.00)		(11,500.00)	
Secretary Expenses		0.00		0.00	
Life Membership Secretary Expenses		0.00		0.00	
Postage		0.00		0.00	
Publications		0.00		0.00	
Badges		0.00		(404.44)	
Summer Fair Expenses	0.00	0.00	(290.00)		
Less Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0	(290.00)	
Anniversary/Tea Party	(5,765.00)	0.00			
Less Sale of Badges	150.00	(5,615.00)			
Website		(216.00)		(185.88)	
Amenities	(8,560.80)	0.00		(13,925.71)	
Write back 2020 provision	10,000.00	1,439.20			
Sundry		(20.00)		(20.00)	
			(15,911.80)		(26,326.03)
Net Income/(Expenditure)			19,852.49		(3,728.00)

## Independent Examiner's Report

### to The Association of Friends of Connaught Court

I have examined the attached account and statement for the year ended 30th September 2021.

#### **Respective responsibilities of director and auditors**

The trustees of the Charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act. It is my responsibility to

examine accounts,  
to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission  
Commission, and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **Basis of Examiner's Statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **Examiner's Statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept; and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed David Arthur Taylor Date 25th October, 2021

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