

Trustee Report for Charity Commission -2020-2021

Since January of 2021 with the Covid lockdown there wasn't the volume of work that the charity usually has. The charity has struggled to be able to function as normal. as the majority of work the charity does is events and community gatherings.

Many of the plans for 2021 were put on hold until lockdown was lifted. The project manager attended Zoom and Team meetings to keep in the loop of the small amount of work that was happening.

The first of the Tilbury Riverside Project committee meetings in person took place in April 2021. This gave the project to start thinking of some of the plans that were put on hold from 2020.

One of the projects for June 2021 was 'The Walkway of Memories'. This was an artist that created images from the Windrush. The Windrush ship arrived in Tilbury in June 1948. The event took place with all the Covid restrictions in place. It was good to be able to hold a successful, safe event after a long period of time.

Two heritage guided walks took place in August and September with a limited number of people due to Covid

Many of the events planned for 2021 were considered but with Covid still very much part of planning, it was decided not to risk having them A summer community festival day at the Port of Tilbury in June to coincide with the anniversary of the Windrush A Picnic in the Park community event in the summer holidays for the children of Tilbury was cancelled.

The project manager continued to raise funds for the display of the Tilbury

Christmas Lights in the town. Funds were raised through the work of the project manager applying to Port of Tilbury, Amazon, Thurrock Council, Tesco Bags for Life funding. The Christmas lights display will be from Dec 3rd 2021 to Jan 6th 2022. The switching on of the Christmas lights in Tilbury town will go ahead this December and will bring civic pride to the town.

Tilbury and Chadwell memories website still were able to be accessed for the local people.

It has been a difficult year for the charity. With the vaccine for Covid the charity is really hoping to have many events next year in 2022.