

ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, MARKET PLACE, CROOK, DL15 8NE

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Community Centre is continuing to flourish and we have noticed increased attendance at many of our regular and additional events and activities. We also hosted an increased number of external training sessions and several information and consultation events throughout the year.

Wednesday afternoon Bingo sessions are very well attended and that has greatly increased the income of the Community Cafe on that day with many attendees having food on arrival, and taking food away at the end of the session. The income on the Tuesday Cafe has also increased over the year, with a number of regulars for the lunch provision.

Our 'Special Events' this year included a show 'Cilla and the Swinging Sixties' in September which featured Sandy who has also appeared at several of our 'parties' and been popular. The Panto was also well attended and have provisionally booked for next year.

In August we were given the news that our lease, which was due to end in April 2024 would not be renewed as the owners had decided that they wished to sell the building. This was not something we had anticipated so came as a shock but the Committee discussed the matter and decided that we should organise ourselves to save, what we consider to be a very important facility for the residents of Crook and surrounding areas. This led to a campaign to raise awareness of the situation within the area and start to investigate funding options to be able to proceed with the purchase. We found one funding scheme aimed at saving community buildings in danger of being lost and pursued this. In order to do this we would have had to change our charity status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and sought help in achieving this. We also started raising funds to go towards the matched funding that will be required and the anticipated costs of legal and other expenses. An Expression of interest was submitted to the funders. In addition to this we have also approached some of our regular users and obtained letters of support for our bid as well as getting massive support from the community at large in the form of a 'register of support' and individual notes stating what the centre means to them. A local business owner is helping us prepare a business plan.

We are therefore looking to the future very optimistically and relishing the challenges ahead. There are already bookings into the new year including two 'Drag Shows' which previously went to the Working Mens Club, which has now closed, and the Durham & Wolsingham Rabbit Shows. Training groups are also booked in to start courses.

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<u>BANK A/C'S</u>	01/01/2023	27313.50
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	01/01/2023	<u>13.40</u>
		27326.90

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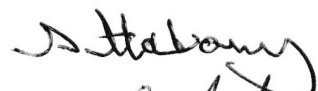

HIRE	14862.00	
FUNDRAISING	12559.40	
DONATIONS	753.53	
CATERING	15363.20	
BANK INTEREST	307.19	
GRANTS/FURLOUGH		
OTHER	<u>120.68</u>	<u>43966.00</u>
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EXPENDITURE

FINANCE/WAGES	120.68	
UTILITIES/RENT	4278.50	
INSURANCE	2407.16	
LICENCES	659.49	
HYGIENE/CATERING	5828.91	
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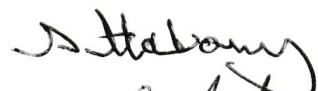

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