

COPE Annual Report 2023-24

During the year, COPE eventually recovered from the covid lockdown and member's concerns regarding the fear of catching covid. It has though reduced the number of members attending outings, such that some were cancelled. Also there has been difficulty in finding members willing to become trustees or volunteer to help with the Charities work load. We are, however, continuing to advertise and urge members to help in any way they can.

To keep in touch with its members, COPE continued to produce a 20 page bimonthly Newsletter. For this we must thank Nick Brenton for ensuring it was prepared for the printers on time. This was posted or emailed as required to not only all members, but also to Local Councils, Community Centres, GP Clinics, libraries, Care homes, etc. The Newsletter besides giving local information gave information on local activity groups, social meetings, outings, members lunches , etc. Above all it gave details of campaigns that COPE conducts on behalf of its members, these are against loneliness and isolation of older people, over digitalisation, loss of cash.

To help with the reduction of isolation and loneliness Talking Together continued to flourish. Deborah Katznelson ensured that four sessions were held during the year, with an eclectic variety of subjects for those taking part to discuss. The administrator, Sally Fenn retired and was replaced by Sonia Leach. A successful Zoom trial was held.

Social Meetings continue to be held at Queen Edith's Chapel, and St Ives Corn Exchange. Both continued to attract 30 to 40 members who enjoyed talks and refreshments. Successful lunches for the Coronation, Christmas and Spring were held at the Cambridge Regional College, with a Christmas lunch at the Golden Globe, St Ives. Unfortunately, the Victoria Road Friendship Club was closed through lack of support.

As COPE is free for anyone living in Cambridgeshire who is over 50, COPE relies on grants from Local Councils, Community Funds, Donations etc to enable it to operate. Unfortunately, Budget cuts have meant that many funds have been seriously reduced, and that from the County Council cancelled. COPE is therefore seeking funds from other sources, such as the National Lottery. We must thank the many members who have made donations totalling over £2,000 during the year. Membership numbers in spite of the loss of many members continued to increase with a total at the end of the year of 2,870.

The present Committee still only consists of six trustees, David Bailey (Chairman), Peter Murfitt (Treasurer), Jenny Jenks (Secretary), Deborah Katznelson (Talking Together), Brian Reynolds and Doreen Ryan. Volunteers are Nick Brenton (Computer) Michael Bloy, Barbara Oliver, Ida Patel and Monica Rae. In spite of repeated requests for members to help either as volunteers or trustees, there has been a lack of applicants. The St Ives Group main committee members are Angie Walters, Chi Kau Tsang and Tony Moffat, the previous treasurer Carol Burrows having resigned. Qiuxiang Chen ensures the Newsletters and COPE notices are successfully sent to those who choose to receive them by email.

On a personal note I would like to thank all those trustees, volunteers and members who have contributed over the years to continue ensuring the success of COPE, and that it continues to be the Older People's champion in Cambridgeshire. As I said last year, I will be relinquishing as soon as possible the role of Chairman, although I will be around to help if and when asked.

David Bailey.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds / South Cambs DC 30%	Restricted Funds / Cambs County Council 54%	Restricted Funds / Cambridge City Council 46%	Restricted Funds / TALKING TOGETHER Project	Unrestricted Funds / TALKING TOGETHER Project	Restricted Funds / St Ives	Unrestricted Funds / St Ives
								Total
Receipts								
Grants - Cambridge City Council - Community				2,000.00				2,000.00
Grants - Cambridge City Council - South Area Committee				1,050.00				1,050.00
Grants - Cambridgeshire County Council			10,092.00					10,092.00
Grants - South Cambs District Council		2,000.00						2,000.00
Grants - Cambridge City Council - Talking Together					2,000.00			2,000.00
Grants - Pye Foundation - Talking Together					1,655.00			1,655.00
Grants - Leys School - Talking Together					1,250.00			1,250.00
Grants - Childwick Trust - Talking Together					4,000.00			4,000.00
Grants - Cambs CC Community Fund - Talking Together					7,000.00			7,000.00
Grants - Evelyn Trust								0.00
Grants - Huntingdon District Council - St Ives							600.00	600.00
Donations - Members	2,083.00							2,101.00
Fundraising Income							18.00	0.00
Activity - Raffle	88.20							400.12
Activity - Sale of Refreshments at AGM/Events	55.00							55.00
Activity - Lunch Income	6,155.50							6,155.50
Activity - QE	244.51							244.51
Activity - Victoria	34.00							34.00
Activity - St Ives - Admission & Outing Fees							6,519.00	6,519.00
Activity - St Ives - Christmas lunch								0.00
Newsletter Advertising Income	1,000.00							1,000.00
Weather Lottery Income								0.00
Bank Interest	396.63							396.63
HMRC - Gift Aid	701.10							701.10
Other Income - Misc								0.00
	10,757.94	2,000.00	10,092.00	3,050.00	15,905.00	0.00	600.00	6,848.92
								49,253.86

Payments								
Activity - Hall Hire - Queen Edith Group		83.50	200.00	100.00				383.50
Activity - Speaker Fees - Queen Edith Group		15.00	40.00	20.00				75.00
Activity - Other Costs - Queen Edith Group	213.87							213.87
Activity - Hall Hire - Victoria				360.00				360.00
Activity - St Ives Meetings - Hall hire & Speakers						886.60		886.60
Activity - St Ives Outings - Coach & Entrance fees							5,165.50	5,165.50
Activity - St Ives - Christmas lunch							991.00	991.00
Activity - St Ives - Raffle Prizes							155.82	155.82
Activity - Newsletter Printing	3,445.51	916.50	6,757.00	1,577.00				12,696.01
Activity - Talking - Facilitators					4,602.77			4,602.77
Activity - Talking - Phones/Zoom					2,987.27			2,987.27
Activity - Talking - Events						197.21		197.21
Activity - Lunch Costs/Xmas Lunch Deposit	1,500.00							1,500.00
Activity - Events	1,300.09	485.00	1,845.00	380.00				4,010.09
Activity - AGM Costs	822.37							822.37
Advertising / Consultants Costs					283.00			283.00
Rent - St Luke's Community Centre		500.00	1,250.00	613.00				2,363.00
Insurance	96.00							96.00
Bank Charges								0.00
Postage								0.00
Admin & Stationery	307.05				631.12		173.82	1,111.99
Telephone	839.29							839.29
Office Refreshments								0.00
Website Costs								0.00
	8,524.18	2,000.00	10,092.00	3,050.00	8,504.16	197.21	886.60	6,486.14
								39,740.29
Net Income / (Expenditure)	2,233.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,400.84	-197.21	-286.60	362.78
								9,513.57
Transfers between funds	-316.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	316.02	0.00	0.00
Opening Balance brought forward at 01-Apr-23	30,789.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,405.80	2,462.85	1,346.70	1,168.21
								38,173.27
Closing balance carried forward at ###	32,707.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,806.64	2,581.66	1,060.10	1,530.99
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RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS

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Cambridge City Council - South AC	-	1,050.00	1,050.00	-	-	Bank - Lloyds (32561368) TT	12,388.30
Cambridgeshire County Council	-	10,092.00	10,092.00	-	-	Bank - Lloyds (45107268) St Ives	2,591.09
South Cambs District Council	-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	Building Society - Cambridge	21,110.82
Evelyn Trust	2,405.80	-	-	-	2,405.80	Petty Cash	85.66
Cambridge City Council - Talking Together	-	2,000.00	1,060.00	-	940.00		47,686.84
Pye Foundation - Talking Together	-	1,655.00	884.16		770.84		
Leys School - Talking Together	-	1,250.00	680.00		570.00		
Childwick Trust - Talking Together	-	4,000.00	2,130.00		1,870.00		
Cambs CC Community Fund - Talking Together	-	7,000.00	3,750.00		3,250.00		
Huntingdon District Council	670.00	600.00	576.60		693.40		
St Ives Parish Council	676.70	-	310.00		366.70		
Total Funds	3,752.50	31,647.00	24,532.76	-	10,866.74		

for the Year

1 April 2023 - to 31 March 2024

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

CAMBRIDGESHIRE OLDER PEOPLE'S ENTERPRISE

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MARCH 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1110887

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

21/06/2024

Name:

CHRISTOPHER HUGH BARTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

N/A