

Chairmans Report, AGM 21/3/21

2020 was a year of unbelievable trauma and triumph. Starting the year we had already had terrible flooding of the heritage centre and the floor was in a poor state. Then in February we were flooded again, followed shortly by the Covid-19 first lockdown.

The demands on our team of volunteers over the year have been very high, and all of the team have excelled at delivering a beautiful floor and refurbished centre.

Thanks to the amazing work of the whole team, especially Kath Taylor in organising everything, coordinating everything, and running everything. Her work went well beyond that of a volunteer secretary.

Pat Guy Collections Volunteer and Jeff Guy, volunteer support

David Fenny photographer, who regularly recorded the progress of the project.

Nikki Hening Grants Coordinator and builder liaison

Cathy Phillips – Chartered Health & Safety and Environment professional volunteer and flood response coordinator and Paul Phillips, volunteer support.

Liz and William Jarrom – Neighbour and Flood emergency responders, including moving the collection to safety; repairing the floor; then after subsequent floods, removing the floor.

Kath Taylor Secretary and Project Manager, supported by Ron Taylor as chief dehumidifier condition monitor.

Kevin Walker – long term volunteer, supporter and adviser.

Neil Curling, Structural engineers, future flood risk mitigation, including walking the brook and removing obstructions, and providing professional advice for free

Mervyn Johnson - Chartered Engineer and Chartered Water and Environmental Manager volunteer for future flood risk mitigation, again walking the brook and providing professional advice for free

Tim Wagstaff Provision of secure storage for all DHC furniture, display cabinets etc. during the floor replacement work

Tom Miller – IT expert volunteer, responsible for sourcing and getting laptops user-ready, including providing secure storage.

Peter Miller, Trust Treasurer, providing advice and support throughout.

Thanks also to the Long Whatton History Group for being able to keep going over these difficult times.

Due to the hard work of the volunteers, we are now more flood resilient, able to comply with social distancing, and have a more disabled accessible computer group. We have still got work to finish on making the DHC grounds more flood resilient, and will require ongoing monitoring of the brook and flood risk, but the centre is now available for use. This amazing team of volunteers are the reason we are likely to be here serving our community for decades to come.

Going forward, 2021 is bringing its own challenges. Covid is still here, and currently we are still in lockdown but we are able to plan for a brighter future, reopening coffee mornings, hoping for new events and making use of the summer to come.

One area which is vital for us, is to bring in new volunteers with new ideas for events and ways to engage our community with their local history.

It is vital that we find more Trustees to help direct the course of the Heritage Trust into the future, so that our organisation reflects the sustainability we have invested into our buildings.

To this end Pat Guy and I have been attending Succession Planning workshops with Heather Lomas, and with help from Nikki have started advertising for people to get involved.

Once we are able, I plan to create posters and information so that people can come and see our flood story, visit us and learn about who we are and what we do.

To attract people we need to be available, so I hope we can reopen on Sundays 2-4. It would be great to find volunteers to help man these sessions from time to time, so we share out our Sundays.

I am hoping to submit two projects for funding in the near future;

- To capture the social history in the making from people's life experiences through covid-19. We have nothing to tell us about the Spanish Flu, but we can capture the experiences of Covid for future generations.
- To be inclusive to Diseworthians and Long Whattans of today, by running a Diversity and Inclusion project of 'I am Diseworth / I am Long Whatton', where we ask people to tell us about who they are, how they came to be Diseworthian, and a bit about themselves. We can then link it to the history of the place where they live, and the people in the past who lived there, farmed there, or worked there. The aim of the project is to make everyone feel welcomed and valued as an interesting member of the community.

Its hoped that these projects will enable us to engage with people in the village and inspire people to become involved in the Heritage Centre and what we do, as both volunteers and also as Trustees.

We have done an amazing amount of work through 2020, and we have a lot to do in 2021, but I am sure we can do it together, because we make a great team.

					Gross of Grants			Net of Grants	
Income									
	Bridge Club and CC				£ (1,392.50)			£ (1,392.50)	
	Donations				£ (702.00)			£ (702.00)	
	Leaflets								
	Lettings				£ (540.00)			£ (540.00)	
	Grants received				£ (38,800.00)				
						£ (41,434.50)			£ (2,634.50)
Expenses									
	Premises maintenance and running costs				£ 747.10			£ 747.10	
	IT Support				£ 71.86			£ 71.86	
	Utilities phone gas and electric security				£ 2,108.10			£ 2,108.10	
	Sundries				£ 606.68			£ 606.68	
	Donations Made				£ -			£ -	
	Bank charges				£ 120.00			£ 120.00	
	Grant Spent				£ 1,553.00			£ 1,553.00	
	Insurance				£ 1,022.41			£ 1,022.41	
	Subscriptions				£ 116.40			£ 116.40	
	IT Equipment				£ 753.78			£ 753.78	
	Flooding				£ 774.31			£ 774.31	
	Boiler care				£ 378.85			£ 378.85	
	Building depn				£ (259.00)			£ (259.00)	
	Equip depn				£ 10,096.58			£ 10,096.58	
						£ 18,090.07			£ 18,090.07
	Net Profit					£ (23,344.43)			£ 15,455.57



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DISFORTH HERITAGE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30/9/20

Charity no
(if any)

11/2223

Set out on pages

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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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

25/4/21

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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