

Report - AGM 2023

2022-23

My Time has had another fun filled year full of new experiences and making new friends and partners.

We have enjoyed good membership across all clubs during 22-23, with the biggest change being our departure from Trinity school and moving to Leatherhead Community Hub for one of our Mole Valley junior clubs. The ambition was to support more young carers in the Leatherhead area and not only children attending Trinity school. We have gained new membership, but engaging with all the different schools remains a work in progress due to the lack of a local Home School Link Worker. Membership at all other clubs is 15 plus children, with Ewell remaining the busiest, running a junior club on Monday and Wednesday and a senior club Tuesday.

The session leaders have provided a varied programme of events which has included new crafts, with a special mention to Jenny our arts & craft director and her awesome creative talents, continuing to showcase the abilities of our members. They have tried a variety of crafts, including candle holders, denim craft, bead work and 3D animals to name a few!

The other session leaders have kept the children entertained with parties, park play, crafts, games and with the help of a long-standing volunteer who has scout connections, we have tried air rifles, archery, and clay pigeon shooting. Horton Country Park, Epsom and Meadowbank, Dorking are a favourite for park play, with a joint BBQ being held only this week for Ewell & Leatherhead clubs and a children's entertainer supporting an end of year party at Dorking.

Last summer in the very hot weather we took the seniors camping to Polyapes scout campsite in Cobham. This was new for us, but with the help of volunteers and staff we enjoyed one night in the large scout hut and provided a programme that included team building skills, axe throwing, water fights and remote-controlled cars for entertainment. We sweltered, but had enormous fun, which we will be repeating this August but this time for two nights. A very huge thank you goes out to

volunteer David who has made this all possible. He is very generous with his time, ideas and sharing contacts to make it possible for us to expose the members to new experiences for free.

Holiday activities for our juniors have included a trip to Bocketts Farm, a session at Art K in Stoneleigh, pantomime with visits from Father Christmas and finally a day out to Hampton Court to enjoy the Magic Garden and the Easter Bunny.

Our seniors also enjoyed a Christmas party and bowling with Christmas presents. We went on a trip to Epsom theatre to see Sister Act and tackled some taxing puzzles in escape rooms, followed by lunch at McDonalds in Epsom.

As always, none of this can happen without the fantastic support we receive from volunteers. The fact they give up their time for clubs and holiday activities, plus undergo the training so this can all happen safely with limited costs to the charity, means everything we aspire to do can be delivered. They bring their skills and passions, and the drivers their cars free of charge, which means we can provide meals, delicious cakes, crafts and expose the members to new experiences. They are willing to clear out cupboards, repair kit, go shopping and wash up pots, just so our members have time out and help us keep costs down. We have awesome teams across all clubs, and I cannot thank them enough for their kindness and support.

A special thanks goes to Helen at Ewell and her husband Ben, who delivered another Quiz night for us at Ewell United Reformed Church earlier this year raising over £1.1K and to our own trustee, George who whilst studying for his Masters and holding down a job, also trained and run the London Marathon to help raise funds.

Over the year we have had continued support from Epsom Arts Society, who applied for grants and received funding for the Art K and theatre trip to Epsom playhouse.

Other supporters of note are Epsom Rotary Club who donate our Christmas pantomime trip to Epsom playhouse for our junior members and Truly Giving a partner charity, who for

another year have organised and supplied all the Christmas presents (80 plus) which Father Christmas distributed at either our Pantomime trips, our Christmas parties or bowling. These generous donations represent a very large saving to the charity and generate especially delighted faces at Christmas.

At the end of 22 we said temporarily goodbye to the Co-op community fund, so launched a successful Christmas appeal on social media and amongst friends, plus we also received generous donations from Anthony Wakefield & Company Solicitors, Dorking and The Welfare Trust, Ashted. We were very lucky to be chosen as a beneficiary charity by the Sacred Heart Chorus and Orchestra at St. Joseph's Church, Wimbledon for their annual classical concert and received a £1K donation from Wyfold Charitable Trust.

Support also comes from smaller local organisations and local people who run Christmas craft stalls, and the places we visit who give discounts, such as Bocketts Farm and Hampton Court, who provide free entry. Ewell scouts let us use their facilities for free and provide their minibuses very cheaply. Every kindness helps us achieve our aim, in giving the young carers a break from their role and is very much appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you to Nickie and Camelot Events in Beare Green, Dorking who beat the previous year's fundraising Mud Run total and raised over £3K in 2022. We had a large team of young carers, their friends, family, and staff, getting dressed up, muddy and wet on a Sunday morning. It is fantastic to see nervous members really grow in confidence after successfully completing an arduous course with the support of their My Time friends and club leaders. And whilst the mud levels were lower than usual due to the hot summer, it was still challenging to complete and will be done again this year!

The 2023 Mud Run will be our final year and we hope it will be our best. I am hoping that local businesses can be encouraged to sponsor us the price of a club (£100), so if you know anyone who might be willing to help please let me know!

In the early part of 2023, we reviewed our contracts with staff to reflect their hard work but also to create more resilience

during times of leave and ill health. With that in mind we recruited Sarah Alexander to the team as a bank team member for Ewell. She has been brilliant at volunteering at clubs to get to know the children, volunteers, and processes, but has also stepped into a Session Leader's shoes in their absence. We have been very lucky to find such a fantastic and qualified team member and we welcome her.

So, as we look forward to another year of providing valuable respite and entertainment for our members, finding new young carers and making new friends within the community I thought I would leave you with some words from our young carers who were asked this week what My Time meant to them.

Thank you. Cathy

'I like My Time, it is nice to meet different people and to get away from family. It's just different and nice.'

'It is great to have time out with mates where no-one judges anyone.'

'My Time is a safe haven away from stress and family.'

'It's my little bit of freedom after working hard helping everyone else.'

'It is escape from home for me and I like it. I have good friends.'

'I like meeting new people who relate to me and trying all the activities.'

'I like coming to My Time, it gets me away from my sister. I really like hanging out with my friends.'

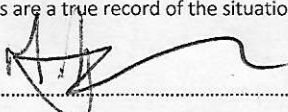
'I love My Time, it's great to get out of the house and try doing different things. I must love it I have been coming for years!'

My Time for Young Carers
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	£	£		£	£
RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
B/Fwd	20,350	25,518	Charitable Activities		
Grant Income	13,222	0	Session Worker	8,245	6,259
Fundraising Income	3,202	909	Project Manager costs	7,087	8,203
Donations	12,477	11,759	Training	1,010	492
Just Giving Donations	4,593	5,142	Promotion/Materials	0	0
Interest	169	2	Hire of Halls	906	479
Additional Gift Aid	0	0	Holiday Activity costs	2,300	4,105
	33,662	17,812	Clubs catering costs	1,796	513
			Clubs equipment & Materials costs	3,657	1,271
	54,011	43,329	Volunteer Expenses	0	145
			Support Costs		
			Printing Postage & Stationery	9	97
			Telephone	404	425
			Insurance	223	256
			Gifts - Other	0	0
			Website /computer costs	368	415
			Fund raising	0	0
			Just Giving	216	198
			Bank Charges	72	96
			Recruitment costs	0	0
			Misc Costs	0	25
				26,293	22,980
Balance carried forward				27,719	20,350
BALANCE AT BANK AND CASH IN HAND					
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.....Independent Reviewer

M.Kelly, ACMA

Date: 18/7/23

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A. Wilson, MyTime Treasurer

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