BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1156170

Details

Other names	BUSCA
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-03-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Barrow upon Soar Library 33 North Street Barrow upon Soar Loughborough LE12 8PZ
Phone	01509416356
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Website	www.busca.org.uk

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BARROW-UPON-SOAR AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Activities: Activities include quarterly publication of a village magazine, publication and dissemination of walks and information leaflets, managing the Community Library, running Pantomime and Youth Theatre groups, attempting to establish a new community building, Twinning Association, arranging events including entertainments and street markets, heritage activities etc.

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Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,091	£61,055	-	-
2023-12-31	£93,232	£95,267	-	-
2022-12-31	£81,359	£72,159	-	-
2021-12-31	£43,399	£40,217	-	-
2020-12-31	£48,249	£45,140	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CERI FAIRBROTHER		2013-11-15
Craig O'Donnell Johnstone		2014-06-02
DAVID RODGERS		2013-11-15
FRANCES JACKLYN THOMPSON		2013-11-15
Frankie Stone		2024-11-19
Judith Mary Rodgers		2013-11-15
Riah Lauren Stevens		2026-01-13
Roy Alan Bird		2023-01-11
Sharon Gudger		2025-06-01
Steven Crossley		2019-06-12

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ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2025

Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered address: Barrow Library, 33, North St, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough LE12 8PZ

TRUSTEES May 2024

Council Members

Steven Crossley - 3 Station Rd, Cropston	07710 577122
Ceri Fairbrother - 95 Melton Road, Barrow-upon-Soar	01509 413039
Craig Johnstone - 8, The Pingle, Quorn	07540722094
Eluned Webb - 10, Beveridge St, Barrow upon Soar	07801 200 743
David Rodgers - 155 Nottingham Road, Barrow-upon-Soar	07850 471853
Judith Rodgers - 155 Nottingham Road, Barrow-upon-Soar	07718 153117
Helen Sadler - 17, Wycliffe Avenue, Barrow upon Soar	07934660426
Frankie Stone – 2 Hillsdon Avenue Barrow upon Soar LE12 8YY	07719 787752
Sharon Gudger – 8 Cave Road Barrow upon Soar LE12 8NW	07764609783
Roy Bird - Granton, New Street, Barrow upon Soar LE12 8PA	07823580468

Retired trustees during 2024

Fiona Laywood Chair	
14 Huston Close, Barrow-upon-Soar	07896963024
Nicola Noble Vice Chair and Chair Events Committee	
39, Beveridge St, Barrow-upon-Soar	07786 232766

Retired trustees during 2025

Chris Bates - 29 Mill Lane, Barrow upon Soar	01509 413475
Val Gillings - 60 Beaumont Road, Barrow upon Soar	07423 061303

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.

A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.

The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, BATS, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.

However, the Charity has potential long-term liabilities. These arise out of:

a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2024 and how they will do so in 2025.

Signed

Date

Treasurers' Annual Report 2024

Treasurer's Annual Report 2024

The Association has four treasurers;

Roy Bird	General
Sally McHale	Library
Steven Crossley	Barrow Arts and Theatre Society – BATS
James Fuller	Barrow upon Soar and District Twinning Association

Thanks go to all the above for each managing their accounts so efficiently.

Overview

Overall, total funds increased by 6.7% in 2024, up £6,036 to £95,739. All four areas made a positive contribution to this number, a very commendable situation after a few difficult years. Each area's financial performance is described in turn below.

General

During 2024, unrestricted, undesignated reserves increased by £3,261, totalling £31,237.

The key reason for this increase was a surplus in Barrow Voice activities of £2,814. Income was down by £1,375 to £11,985 when compared to 2023, but costs were also down by £5,409 to £9,171 – partly due to reduced printing cost per quarterly issue but mainly due to the Winter 2024 invoice not being received until January 2025, worth £3,098. Further, £1,550 for invoices relating to Winter 2024 issue was not paid into our account until January 2025. A detailed true issue by issue income less expenditure analysis For Barrow Voice 2024 shows a surplus of £277 for the four issues which is excellent news after a weaker 2023.

There is still no plan to develop a community building, so in 2024 the annual insurance premium of £1,987 was paid from the Community Building Designated Fund. This included a one-off additional premium for hired in equipment for the presentation of The Wedding Singer worth £137.

Improved interest rates with Loughborough Building Society generated £520 compared to £211 in 2023.

Library

The Community Library's restricted fund increased by £2,021 during the year (£2,678 increase in the previous year). The following grants were received during the year:

- Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council £12,000
- Charnwood Borough Council £2,270

We would also like to acknowledge a donation of £50 received from Mr Boardman, a valued library user, which was used to purchase a dementia friendly clock for the library.

On 31 December 2024, the Library's total funds stood at £31,651. Of this, £17,033 represents the funds for the day to day running of the Library (up from £15,512), £3,000 of advanced Parish Council funding to cover January to March 2025 (up from £2,500), and £11,618 is the development fund (no change). There were no unspent grants at the end of the year.

2024 saw the launch of the Library 100 Club as an additional means of raising funds. On 31st December 2024 there were 66 members in the Club. £792 has been raised for the Library, £411 awarded in prizes, and £381 still held in funds towards future prizes.

We must also acknowledge the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our employees and our team of volunteers for keeping the show on the road during a difficult year and thank Barrow Parish Council for their continued support of the library.

Also included in Annual Accounts is the reserve policy:

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Twinning Association

The balance of funds at the beginning of 2024 was £5,218, and at the close £5,984, an increase of £766.

In 2024, it was the turn of members to visit Marans, and the coach to Stanstead airport was paid for fully by those participating.

During the year, there were 2 quiz evenings at the Bishop Beveridge Club. These raised a net income of £463.

Memberships raised £195. Other activities added a net of £301.

Raffle income of £181 was donated to Leicester Hospitals Charity, and in a similar vein, last year's raffle income of £193 was donated to Cancer Research.

BATS

Overall, funds held by BATS have increased from £16,292 at the start of the year to £18,418 on 31st December 2024, an increase of £2,126.

This principally consists of the Wedding Singer Production held in Mountsorrel Memorial Centre generating net proceeds of £2,963 (total production proceeds of £2,283 after allowing for £680 of costs paid out in 2023). This year's murder mystery was also a success, generating net proceeds of £691.

The net proceeds were partially used to fund £1,078 of additional new equipment and £500 for the advance purchase of the script for Shrek, 2025's production.

Other activities added up to £50 net income.

The move to Mountsorrel Memorial Centre has so far been a success, providing the group with the opportunity to perform in a much more professional facility and the relationship will continue with Shrek.

Thanks go to all those who continue to make BATS such a success both those on stage and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure all performances run as smoothly as possible.

Roy Bird, BUSCA Treasurer.

GROUPS

Annual Reports of 2024 and Forward Plan 2025

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2024

As Barrow Voice begins its 50th year of publication, the editorial team is delighted to be able to show its commitment as part of BUSCA in being able to highlight BUSCA events over 2024.

At the start and end of the year we used photos from BATS for our front covers. We regularly covered previews and reviews of artistic events like the Murder Mysteries and BATS productions; library events and news; village events like the Scarecrow Festival; information from the Heritage Group, BOSCAPS and the village show.

The magazine is often limited by its production deadlines and we trialled a pro-forma sent to all groups to try to encourage as much information as possible to reach us in time. However, this did not appear to be of interest to most groups as we only ever got 2 replies and so it was dropped.

We have been delighted to welcome Frankie Stone to the editorial team who is working alongside Judith to develop and organise the advertising. We're hoping that Frankie will gradually take over from Judith, allowing her a well-earned retirement.

Forward Plan 2025

Barrow Voice is planning to dedicate several pages each issue over 2025 to celebrate its birthday year.

Karisa Krcmar (editor)

2. BATS (Barrow Arts and Theatre Society)

Annual Report 2024

BATS cast and crew took part in the Mountsorrel Revival, to advertise the upcoming production of The Wedding Singer. This was enjoyed by all. BATS were personally thanked by the MMC for always getting involved in community activities.

BATS successfully produced The Wedding Singer in October 2024. The performance was a fully immersive experience, with the audience seated in a 'Wedding reception' venue as the audience. The entire MMC theatre was decorated to give the audience a feel for a real wedding.

We managed to get an external wedding company 'A Pretty Little Wedding' who came and dressed the hall, all tables, chairs and centre pieces, free of charge. A huge thank you goes out to them.

Audience feedback was very positive and feedback gave it as the best show yet. I am massively proud of everyone who is part of BATS, we seem to just keep on growing, and I am excited for what 2025 holds.

- Huge thanks go to Dominic Boston who created the most magical lighting experience.
- Jonathon Doda – Who worked incredibly hard before the performance week to ensure all microphones were working correctly, as there were some issues with mics the previous years. This was a great success, and together with Nic Noble they even managed to keep going and get the power up and running again after a complete power outage happened during one of the show nights.

- Thanks to Elliot Wilkes, who wrote a positive review of the performance. Thank you for your continued support.

In December BATS then took part in the Christmas Light Switch on at the MMC, this was a fantastic experience and had 20 cast members join us to sing on stage some well-known Christmas carols.

Fundraising event

In December 2024, BATS held a fundraising Christmas quiz for members and their families. This was very low key this year, but would like to expand on this next year, making it more open to the people of Barrow. Thanks to everyone invested in this, we made a profit just short of £300.

Forward plan 2025

BATS will be producing *Shrek the musical* at the MMC in September 2025. Tickets priced at £18 each. Producer: Nic Noble, Director: Abi Crossley, Musical Director: James Stevens, Choreographer: Hanna Roberts. The show has now been cast, we have an enormous number of members (37) and two teams of 10 children aged 6-12. Total cast of 57 members. Membership fee is still priced at £60 per show. Costumes for *Shrek* are expensive; therefore we will be charging members an additional costume fee this year.

BATS have organised a group trip to Corby theatre so see a performance of *Shrek* in April. Each member will be paying for themselves, no cost to BATS.

We are planning a pantomime for January 2026. Pantomimes are a great money maker as they are not expensive to produce, and I think everyone is missing them! There has also been talks of a very small cast producing an 'Adult pantomime' as a Christmas fundraiser.

Thanks.

Abi Crossley – BATS director.

Murder Mystery

Annual Report 2024:

Allotted Time by Helen Sadler was performed at Humphrey Perkins School on 5th October 2024. The cast of Jackie Johnstone, Val Gillings, Sharon Gudger, Sue Booles, Abi Crossley, Aaron Parker, Neil Jones, Matt Gudger, Craig Johnstone and Matt Gudger all benefited from two sessions on the stage during the rehearsal period.
Our sound engineer was Tom Smith, occasionally helped by Jonny Doda and Steve Crossley.
Rehearsals were held at the Navigation Inn in the village. The management of the Navigation, very generously, did not charge for rehearsal space. This cannot be said of Humphrey Perkins but rental of stage for performance and rehearsal was offset by a grant of £200 given by Barrow Parish Council and a donation of £100 from Charnwood Brewery. As a result of this the Murder Mystery Group was able to raise £690.98 for BATS. Money was raised through tickets and through a raffle. Ticket prices were kept low since this was the first time that the audience was invited to bring their own picnic. We did not make a food offer due to shortage of personnel and the increasing number of food intolerances that make mass catering a hornet's nest.

Forward plan 2025

There are no plans for a murder mystery in 2025 since one of us needs a break from coming up with inventive ways of bumping people off! It has become increasingly difficult to find time in Barrow to fit in a performance so the feeling is it should be offered at a different time of the year. There is a possibility of staging another Murder Mystery in March 2026.

Helen Sadler

3. Events Committee

Annual Report 2024

The village fete was held again this year. Numbers were reduced from the year before. On talking to stallholders, this seemed to be reflected across all events of that particular weekend, due to a football match and the first weekend of good weather.

Forward Plan

The Events Team is now Frankie Stone, Lin Webb, Val Gillings and Helen Sadler following the withdrawal of Fiona Laywood and Nic Noble who stepped away in November 2024.

Planned events include:

An Easter Egg Hunt on 26/04/2025

A Scarecrow Trail to coincide with the Village Show.

Library Tales by Helen Sadler. This is a performance to be held at the Community Library about the value of volunteering.

Helen Sadler

4. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2024

We have continued to meet monthly to share any new discoveries we have made which might tell us more about the history of the village: for example, this month someone brought along a Barrow girl's photographs and memories of her years of membership of the Barrow Guides. Someone else brought along an original copy of the "Act for making and maintaining a Navigable Communication between the Loughborough Canal and the Town of Leicester" found on ABE books. On a lighter note, someone had donated a copy of the Barrow version of the Calendar Girls fund raising calendar.

We enjoyed looking at them but a continual source of frustration is that we do not have a permanent place in the village where these documents can be made available for others to look at. The Parish Council have kindly given us some space in their loft, which is not ideal but is more accessible than my spare bedroom.

Over the last twelve months I have sorted through our documents, listed them and put them in boxes. I know that there are other interesting photographs etc which would be of interest to anyone researching the history of the village.

On a more positive note, we gave a talk to the members of the Beveridge club about the history of the village and one of our group is talking to them later this year about Barrow in the nineteenth century.

We continue, with Keith Butler's help, to add material to the website. We get occasional comments and queries through the Contact facility, which we answer if we can.

Forward Plan

We are looking into a Village Heritage Trail that highlights the history of a building and includes a QR code to take an enquirer to the heritage group webpages.

Kathryn Timmons

Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2024

- Throughout the year, we have continued our core book lending activities and Information Technology provision, and again increased our other services. We now have Monday scrabble sessions, Wednesday morning Craft and Chat, Wednesday afternoon Whist Club, fortnightly Friday morning Rhyme Time sessions, monthly Friday morning Coffee & Chat, Friday afternoon Adult and Children's Chess Clubs, and Saturday afternoon monthly Sewing workshops.
- The monthly Book Lovers' Club continues to meet at the Parish Council office.
- We have successfully launched our 100 Club.
- We have continued with our sales of preserves, cards, gifts, jigsaw puzzles, books, craft items, quizzes, and raffle tickets.
- We have worked with the Loughborough Building Society, and there are now two Barrow upon Soar Library community savings accounts, which bring an annual bonus to our funds.
- With the agreed funding from the Parish Council, income from our regular activities and sales above, the Loughborough Building Society bonus, and the 100 club, we are now on a sound financial footing.
- We have signed up again to the Warm Barrow initiative, and have provided a warm space to anyone needing to keep warm in winter during our normal opening hours. Hot drinks and biscuits are available at our standard prices.
- We have completed the automation of the emergency exit door so that everyone can now access the library from the car park.
- We continue to hire the library space, and we have regular Pilates, Yoga, and Singing classes at the library, along with monthly craft and occasional hiring for meetings etc.
- We have developed lone working and data protection policies, and are continuing with our regular reviews of our policy, governance and risk assessment documents.
- We have agreed with the County Council a draft new ten-year lease agreement from July 2025.
- We continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils.

Forward Plan 2025

- To continue work with County Council and to sign a new ten-year lease when our existing lease ends in July 2025.

- To ensure the continued functions of the library and its activities.
- To continue with hiring as appropriate and to seek new hirers.
- To continue our existing fund raising and to seek new ways of income generation.
- To continue operating the Warm Barrow initiative during the Winter months.
- To continue regular reviews of our policy, governance and risk assessment documents.
- To continue to seek ways to enhance the building and library space, including conversion of the old boiler house to a store room.
- Recruit and train new volunteers and provide help with job interviews (references) when asked.
- Continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils.

Keith Butler, Chair Library Management Committee

6. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially twinned with the community of Marans in the Charente Maritime, region in south west France. The twinning Association was formed at the instigation of, and is recognised by, the Barrow upon Soar Parish Council. We continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

In 2024 the association made a visit to the Little Theatre, had two successful quizzes and sixteen of our members travelled to Marans for an enjoyable five days.

Forward Plan 2025

In 2025 we are having a meal in January at The Soar Bridge Inn. A skittles evening in February, two more quizzes are planned and we are also looking forward to welcoming our friends from Marans to our homes in June.7.

Val Gillings, Chair

Websites

Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk www.busca.org.uk www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Annual Report 2024

- Keith Butler is the sole administrator.
- The village website is ticking over. New High Street Businesses have been added and old ones moved to archive. The local events, local news and village diary pages are getting more hits than most pages, but still virtually no businesses or groups contact us to get their events published. Some groups are still maintaining their own pages, notably Barrow in Bloom, Good Neighbour Scheme, Scouting Groups and the Leicestershire Metal Detecting Society. Photographs for "A Year in Pictures" are no longer being received, so these pages are now only infrequently being updated.
- The BUSCA website has continued to be updated with BUSCA group events, but the site is still underutilised. The new application form to become a BUSCA supporter has been added.
- The Heritage website has been updated with new articles on organisations such as Carnival, Women's Institute, Toc H, Scouts & Cubs, Bishop Beveridge Club, etc.

- The Library website has been kept up-to-date with events and news items. Library documents including policies, governance and reports are also kept up-to-date.
- The Barrow Voice website has been updated with each new issue.

Forward Plan 2025

- Keep on top of requests for updates.
- Keep up with maintenance of the sites.

Keith Butler, site administrator

Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

8. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2024

- There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils but the area in front of the "Three Organic Forms" has been cleared so the sculptures can be viewed.
- Several of the previous outlets no longer provide space for our dispensers.
- We have researched the prospect of new leaflet dispensers to attach to the new display board outside the library but have been warned that loose leaflets may end up as litter. A digital option may prove more favourable.

Forward plan 2025

- Further consider a digital version of the fossil trail.

10. **Special Projects**

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- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500: Not requested
- Provide a budget of £700 for the Christmas Lights market and entertainment: Net cost £210
- Provide a budget of £100 for other Events activities: No cost
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship and ensuing changes in direction that may arise: on going

Forward Plan 2025

- Produce a new edition *What is BUSCA*
- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Provide a budget of £200 for Events activities
- Produce a new edition of Walks! leaflet: budget £1,000
- Run events as detailed above.
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship, vice chair and minutes secretary as well as Events Team.

List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I ("Round the Edge" and "Barrow's Jitties") (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller's Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)

- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- “People and Places” by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
- http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website www.barrowvoice.co.uk)
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA leaflet

Social media (Facebook pages)

- BUSCA * Library * Barrow Voice
  Frankie Stone has agreed to increase BUSCA’s social media presence by opening accounts on Instagram and TikTok and updating the Facebook pages.

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees of	**Barrow – upon - Soar Community Association**
On accounts for year ended	**31st December 2023**
Charity Number	**1156170**
Set out on Pages	**1-4**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barrow – upon – Soar Community Association (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As the charity trustees of the Charity, 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 J Beaumont

Name JOHN BEAUMONT

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any)

F.C.M.A.

Address 25, THIRLMERE ROAD, BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.

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Barrow Upon Soar Community Association 2023 **Registered Charity Number 1156170**

Unrestricted Funds

General	Receipts	2023	2022		Payments	2023	2022	Net	2023	2022
Barrow Voice Adveretising		13,360	16,659	Barrow Voice Adveretising		14,580	13,905		-1,220	2,754
Events		1,050	610	Events		845	772		205	-162
Building Society Interest		211	92	Building Society Interest		72	72			
Membership Subscriptions		105	225	Membership Subscriptions						
Miscellaneous		20	48	Miscellaneous		110	389			
Totals		**14,746**	**17,634**	**Totals**		**15,607**	**15,138**		**-861**	**2,496**

Barrow Upon Soar Community Association 2023 **Registered Charity Number 1156170**

Designated Funds

Receipts	2023	2022	Payments	2023	2022	Net	2023	2022
BATS								
Legally Blond 2022	0	12,842	Legally Blond 2022	2,317	7,914		-2,317	4,928
Little Red Riding Hood 2022	0	6,497	Little Red Riding Hood 2022	0	3,898		0	2,599
Sound of Music 2023	12,418	0	Sound of Music 2023	10,594	0		1,824	0
Beauty and the Beast 2023	6,223	0	Beauty and the Beast 2023	6,039	220		184	-220
Murder Mystery	2,630	1,447	Murder Mystery	1,301	842		1,329	605
The Wedding Singer 2024	0	0	The Wedding Singer 2024	680	0		-680	0
Grants and Donations	0	2,000	Equipment	3,180	0		-3,180	2,000
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	96	223		-96	-223
Totals	**21,271**	**22,786**	**Totals**	**24,207**	**13,097**		**-2,936**	**9,689**
Community Building Fund								
Building Society Interest	0	50	Insurance	1573	1509		-1,573	-1,459
Heritage Fund								
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	0	0		0	0
Twinning Fund								
Events	1585	500	Events	905	376		680	124
Subscriptions and Donations	210	170		0	0		210	170
Marans Hosting	1544	0	Marans Hosting	2630	0		-1,086	0
Miscellaneous	15	109	Miscellaneous	20	176		-5	-67
Totals	**3,354**	**779**		**3,555**	**552**		**-201**	**227**
Websites Fund								
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	142	25		-142	-25

Barrow Upon Soar Community Association 2023 **Registered Charity Number 1156170**

Restricted Funds

Receipts	2023	2022	Payments	2023	2022	Net	2023	2022
Library								
Barrow Parish Council Grant	10,000	11,000	Payroll	17,398	16,177			
Leicestershire CC Grant	0	305	Expenses	0	536			
Other Grants	28,523	18,346	Building Improvements	4,540	16,356			
Till and Card Receipts	10,044	6,658	Car Park Improvements	19,752	0			
Hire Fees	3,318	1,908	Premises Related	3,835	4,553			
			Development Project	0	2,483			
			Furniture	520	0			
			Equipment and Supplies	3,183	1,732			
Miscellaneous	1,976	1,943	Miscellaneous	955	72			
Totals	**53,861**	**40,160**	**Totals**	**50,183**	**41,909**		**3,678**	-1,749

Barrow Upon Soar Community Association 2023

	2023 Receipts	Payments	Net	2022 Receipts	Payments	Net	B'fwd 01 Jan 23	C'fwd 01 Jan 24
Unrestricted								
General	14,746	15,607	-861	17,634	15,138	2,496	30,600	29,739
Designated								
BATS	21,271	24,207	-2,936	22,786	13,097	9,689	19,229	16,293
Community Building Fund	0	1,573	-1,573	50	1,509	-1,459	10,153	8,580
Heritage Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	-47	-47
Twinning Group	3,354	3,555	-201	779	552	227	5,419	5,218
Websites Fund	0	142	-142	0	25	-25	433	291
Restricted								
LIbrary	53,861	50,183	3,678	40,160	41,909	-1,749	25,951	29,629
Totals	**93,232**	**95,267**	-2,035	**81,409**	**72,230**	**9,179**	**91,738**	**89,703**

Assets Carried Forward Represented By			Movement
Unity Trust General Account	**14,448**	**11,663**	-2,785
Unity Trust Library Account	**6,085**	**9,575**	**3,490**
Unity Trust BATS Account	**19,229**	**16,292**	-2,937
Loughborough Building Society General	**26,690**	**26,900**	**210**
Loughborough Building Society Library	**19,818**	**20,006**	**188**
Twinning Group Accounts	**5,418**	**5,217**	-201
Cash - Library	**50**	**50**	**0**
Total	**91,738**	**89,703**	-2,035

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees of	Barrow -Upon - Soar Community Association
On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024
Charity Number	1156170
As set out on pages	1 to 4

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barrow-upon Soar Community Association (The Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities add basis of report.

As the charity trustees of The Charity, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Direction given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accountnig records were not kept in respect of The Charity as required by section 130 0f the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 J Beaumont

Name MR. J. BEAUMONT

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.M.A.

Address: 25, THIRLMERE ROAD
BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.

Dated 8/5/25

BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2024

Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered address: Barrow Library, 33, North St, Barrow upon Soar, Loughborough LE12 8PZ

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Chair: Fiona Laywood – 14 Huston Close, Barrow-upon-Soar	07896963024
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Treasurer: Roy Bird – New Street, Barrow-upon-Soar	07823 480468
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Retired trustees during 2023

Betty Turner - 53 Damson Drive, Barrow upon Soar	01509 412911

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.

A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.

The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, BATS, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.

However, the Charity has potential long-term liabilities. These arise out of:

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2023 and how they will do so in 2024.

Signed

Date

Chair's Annual Report for 2023

The sub-groups of BUSCA are thriving and this annual report is bursting with things to be proud of. None of this would be possible without the determination of the members of these sub-groups and their dedication to providing opportunities to our village.

This year some of the most obvious changes and happenings have come in the physical changes at the library where an accessible ramp has been installed that can be reached from the newly resurfaced car park. Thanks to a couple of grants received to supplement the work, the library is now fully accessible to all during all months of the year whatever the weather. The additional flexible shelving in the library creates more space and therefore groups looking to hire the space is increasing making the library the true community hub of the village.

Barrow Voice came in the top 5% in the National Parish Magazine Awards and rightfully so! It continues to be a source of interesting and valuable information for residents in the village and its growing relationship with both Hall Orchard Primary School and Humphrey Perkins School will hopefully create valuable partnerships that may even produce new contributors!

BATS have continued to produce successful, enjoyable and well-attended shows which have yielded positive profits. The Sound of Music and Taught a Lesson were both incredibly successful and well-supported by full audiences and by the support of local businesses – a real community effort!

The first village fete in a number of years was held in conjunction with Humphrey Perkins and although started small for the first year it was a huge success. The Dog Show in particular was very competitive and hundreds of four-legged friends won rosettes and prizes kindly donated by Barrow Upon Soar's very own Feather and Fur pet shop.

2023 also saw a visiting group from Marans spend time with the Twinning Association in Barrow exploring a number of museums and attractions from the local area. Fundraising events by the Twinning Group continue to be successful.

Moving forward there is much to be excited about with The Wedding Singer, a further murder mystery and a pantomime planned for 2025 with BATS and the next Village Fete in May. The Heritage group is actively seeking a new project and the library continues to move from strength to strength. On a slightly less exciting front, yet important nevertheless, with all policies and risk assessments brought fully up to date we can move forward with an assured confidence that all of our wonderful volunteers, members and the wider community of Barrow Upon Soar can continue to enjoy everything that BUSCA has to offer safely.

Treasurers' Annual Report 2023

The Treasurers : The Association has four treasurers:

Roy Bird	General
Sally McHale	Library
Steven Crossley	Barrow Arts and Theatre Society – BATS
James Fuller	Barrow upon Soar and District Twinning Association

General Treasurer 23

During 2023, unrestricted, undesignated reserves reduced by £861, falling from £30,600 to £29,739.

The key reason for this reduction was a deficit in Barrow Voice magazine activities of £1,220. Income was down £3,299 compared to 2022, but it should be noted that this in part was due to advance payments made in 2022 that related to 2023 issues. Mechanisms are being developed to match income and expenditure to each issue to provide better insight of seasonal variation across the four issues.

There is still no plan to develop a community building, so in 2023 the annual insurance premium of £1,573 was paid from the Community Building Designated Fund.

A surplus of £205 from events held in 2023, plus £125 of membership subscriptions, helped to partially offset the deficit made on Barrow Voice.

Roy Bird Treasurer (General).

Library

The Community Library's restricted fund increased by £3,678 during the year (£1,748 decrease in the previous year). The following grants were received during the year:

- Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council £10,000
- Tarmac £2,584
- Leicestershire County Council (S106) £16,849
- Charities Aid Foundation for access door £4,090
- Awards for All for access ramp £5,000

In addition, an award of up to £2,500 towards 50% of the cost of the access ramp was made as a Community Facilities Grant by Charnwood Borough Council, but this has not yet been received. If this is utilised, then it is anticipated that a matching amount of the Awards for All £5,000 may have to be returned if an alternative use of that amount cannot be identified and agreed.

We would also like to acknowledge a donation of £200 received from Barrow Holy Trinity church which was used to purchase lightweight chairs for the library and a donation of £150 from the Barrow Co-op store which went towards the cost of a new rug for the children's area.

At 31 December, the Library's total funds stood at £29,630. Of this, £13,462 represents the funds for the day to day running of the Library (down from £14,016), and £11,618 is the development fund (down from £11,937). The balance of £4,550 represents grants received but not yet spent. The access door was completed in late December and the invoice of £4090 is due to be paid in January 2024.

We must also acknowledge the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our employees and our team of volunteers for keeping the show on the road during a difficult year and thank Barrow Parish Council for their continued support of the library.

Also included in Annual Accounts is the reserve policy:

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Sally McHale Treasurer (Library)

Twinning Association

The balance at the beginning of 2023 was £5,418, and at the close £5,217, a reduction of £201. In June, the Twinning Association hosted a party from Marans at a net cost of £1,085. In 2023 there were 42 members, which raised £210 in subscriptions.

During the year, 3 major fundraising activities took place: a 50s/60s dance at St Gregory's Hall in Sileby and 2 quiz evenings at the Bishop Beveridge Club. These raised a net income of £684, supplemented by raffle net income of £193. The Twinning Association also had stalls at the village "Party in the Park" in June and the Christmas Street Fair in December.

James Fuller Treasurer (Twinning Association).

BATS

Overall, funds held by BATS have fallen from £19,229 at the start of the year to £16,292 on 31st December 2023, a reduction of £2,937. This principally consists of £2,317 of costs processed this year but related to 2022's main production, Legally Blond, and £680 paid in advance of 2024's production of The Wedding Singer.
2023's productions consisted of a murder mystery that produced a net income of £1,328, and The Sound of Music that produced a net income of £1,824. The latter was performed at Mountsorrel Memorial Centre rather than Humphrey Perkins. These proceeds were used to purchase new equipment totalling £3,180, including microphones

and associated battery packs. The pantomime this year, Beauty and the Beast, whilst generating £6,039 of income, effectively broke even due to high production costs.

In 2024 The Wedding Singer will again make use of the performance space at Mountsorrel Memorial Centre in September and a murder mystery is planned for October. Thanks go to all those who continue to make BATS such a success both those on stage and those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure all performances run as smoothly as possible.

Steven Crossley treasure (BATS).
The Treasurers

GROUPS

Annual Reports of 2023 and Forward Plan 2024

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2023

Barrow Voice continues to be valued by many residents of Barrow. In the 2023 National Parish Magazine Awards, we came in the top 5% of 450 magazines entered - many of which are professionally, or semi-professionally, written and produced. We continue to aim to include interesting information about the village and village residents alongside some articles of wider interest. We continue to build links with both Hall Orchard and Humphrey Perkins schools. We have lost our young journalist, Xander Dolby-Campbell, to A-levels and university!

Forward plan 2024

The key challenges for the future (which the editorial team is discussing and examining different options) include:

- a sufficient number of team members to continue researching and writing article
- advertising revenue: in terms of maintaining/increasing advertising revenue but also, importantly, in finding volunteers to take on the advertising manager role to assist (ultimately replace) Judith Rodgers
- the costs involved in production, as more and more houses are built, if we want to continue to post a Barrow Voice into every house.
- John Nurse, who has been looking after the financial side and the online version of Barrow Voice for many years, is taking a step backwards, although is still involved and Keith Butler is managing the online issue. Roy Bird, BUSCA's Treasurer is now working on the financial management of the magazine.
- We aim to continue to offer a quality and interesting magazine for the benefit of the community throughout 2024 and beyond.

Karisa Krcmar (editor)

2. BATS (Barrow Arts and Theatre Society)

Annual Report 2023

- BATS produced an amazing performance of Beauty and the beast 10-11th March. Despite many sound and microphone issues.
- BATS member's Abi, Nic, Alex, Zac, Lucy and Russell went on a first aid course (1st April) and all now are fully qualified and hold a first response first aid certificate.
- BATS Attended the PAL awards (22nd April), receiving an amazing number of nominations (12) and 5 winning categories: (Best magical - Iris ; Best Sound - Russell ; Best comedy act - Jackson and Lucy ; Best chorus - Ensemble ; Unsung hero - Ed Dring

- BATS arranged a fundraising event (27th May) to raise funds for Keiron, who sadly lost his life in the River Soar. This was a huge success raising a substantial amount of money. BATS appeared on East Midlands news and Abi Crossley was interviewed by breakfast TV and Radio one. Keiron's mother was very thankful and grateful.

- BATS Cast of The Sound of Music took part in the Mountsorrel Revival (13th August) which was a fantastic day. We received very positive feedback on the children's behaviour, energy and enthusiasm. Thank you to all who helped on this day.

- BATS performed THE best production of The Sound of Music (2-4th Nov) which was a complete sell out, and received a standing ovation during the bows after every show. I am immensely proud of the company. After the big move to the MMC we were all a little worried. However, hard work paid off, and It couldn't have been any more successful. The show was reviewed by 'theatre and tonic'. It read incredibly well and received a 4 star rating. I will add we also made a very healthy profit indeed! Thank you to Nic Noble for supporting BATS with this show.
- BATS Performed at the Christmas Light Switch on at the MMC (3rd December)

- Miscellaneous: Successful application for a grant of £700 to help towards microphone costs from The Loughborough University. New microphones/headsets and sound equipment have been purchased, and worked incredibly well for The Sound Of Music, with NO mic faults.

Forward plan 2024

- Next show: 'The Wedding Singer' to take place at the MMC 24-28th September. Venue will be set up as a wedding with seating area for audience who will be sat around 'wedding tables'. Tickets are priced at £18. Production Team: Nic-Producer, Abi-Director, Lucy- Choreographer, musical director- Gareth Wyne. The show has been cast and rehearsals have already started.

- BATS trip organised to see 'Disco Inferno' at the MMC 21st March.

- Sadly there will be NO pantomime in 2024. Going forward, the plan will be to perform a 2025 pantomime back at Humphrey's during the end of November early December time.

Abi Crossley - Director

Murder Mystery

Annual Report 23:

- The Murder Mystery group produced "Taught a Lesson" by Gemma Simpson.
  By dint of careful budget control with the food by Sharon Gudger, and some rather wonderful sponsorship from local businesses that paid for the hire of the hall, this year's murder mystery

turned a healthy profit. Having said that, the bill to hire the hall for the performance night and a two hour dress rehearsal was £645.
It was a good evening, supported by local businesses such as The Navigation Inn who allowed us free rehearsal space, Charnwood Brewery who donated to the hall costs and gave a donation to the raffle, Paul Bott Builder and SJS Carpet Cleaning (donations to the hall costs.). We were also very privileged to receive donations from two local artists, Chris Bates and Stuart Pawley as well as from the village Co-op.

Forward plan 2024

- The intention is to hold another murder mystery evening in October 2024. Work has started on *Allotted Time* by Helen Sadler. Venue and timing await decision.

3. Events Committee

Annual Report 2023

- The first village fete was a huge success, with many villagers visiting to take part in the dog show. We have made a strong connection with a small team of people at Humphrey Perkins school and are looking forward to working closely with them on future events for the village.
- The Christmas Market in 2023 was successful and footfall was very high. Since the market, the Parish Council requested that all Christmas market organisation goes through their office. This was mainly due to rising costs on their side, and the councillors requesting autonomy so monies raised can be tracked.

Forward plan 2024

- In May we are holding the second spring village fete at Humphrey Perkins and working alongside their team to ensure its success.

4. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2023

- It has been another quiet year.
- We have continued to meet regularly, about once a month
- Kathryn Timmons has done two talks about the Heritage Group to The New Horizons group and the Methodist Mens' Group
- We have made some additions to the web site and with Keith Butler's help have reorganised the material into topics to make it easier for people to find what they are interested in.
- We have plans to do the history of the Barrow Cricket club, one of the oldest in the County, but our contact here has been ill so it has been delayed.
- The Parish Council have offered to house our material in the loft of the PC office, at least as a temporary measure but we would prefer a more user friendly store.
- Sue Hobbs and I went to Thrussington school to talk to the reception class about dinosaurs.

Forward plan 2024

We are seeking another project which would be of interest to the village and for which there is adequate material available.

5. Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2023

- Throughout the year, we have continued our core book lending activities and increased our other services: Monday scrabble sessions, Wednesday morning Craft and Chat, fortnightly Friday morning Rhyme Time sessions, monthly Friday morning Coffee & Chat, Friday afternoon Chess Club, and Saturday afternoon monthly Sewing workshops.
- The monthly Book Lovers' Club have kindly relocated to the Parish Council office to free up the library for weekly hiring.
- We have redesigned our library space, moving shelves from mobile units to the walls. This has reduced our mobile shelf units from 13 to 6, and has created a much more open and welcoming library space.
- In the summer, we had a campaign to understand how much the library is valued by the Barrow and Wolds villages residents. This resulted in us securing funding from Barrow Parish Council until the end of our lease in 2025, and beyond when we agree a new 10 year lease with the County Council.
- We have signed up again to the Warm Barrow initiative, and have provided a warm space to anyone needing to keep warm in winter during our normal opening hours. Hot drinks and biscuits are available at our standard prices.
- We have resurfaced our car park with tarmacadam and marked out parking bays including two disabled / parent-toddler bays using S106 funding and a grant from Tarmac.
- We have installed an accessible ramp to the rear emergency exit door using grants from Charnwood Borough Council and Awards for All.
- We have placed an order to automate the emergency exit door so that everyone can access the library from the car park. This will be funded by a grant from the Intelligent Energy Trust.
- We continue to hire the library space, and we have regular Pilates, Yoga, and Singing classes at the library, along with monthly craft and occasional hiring for meetings.
- We have documented rules around how the committee should operate; also what it is / not responsible for and likewise the groups reporting to it. Our approaches to reviewing policies and managing declarations of interest have been tightened and we have brought in a sensible approach to managing key risks.
- We continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils

Forward Plan 2024

- To work with County Council to secure a new ten year lease for when our existing lease ends in July 2025.
- To ensure the continued functions of the library and its activities.
- To continue with hiring as appropriate and to seek new hirers.
- To continue to seek new ways of income generation to help with our expected increase in running costs.
- To continue operating the Warm Barrow initiative during the Winter months.
- To continue to seek ways to enhance the building and library space.
- To complete the automation of the rear emergency exit door.
- Recruit and train new volunteers and provide help with job interviews (references) when asked.
- Continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils.

6. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2023

The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially Twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France. The Twinning Association was formed at the instigation of and is recognised by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council.

- A 50's and 60's Night and two quizzes were held in 2023 which were well attended and much enjoyed by all who took part.

- 10 Members of the French Association visited Barrow in June and enjoyed a visit to the Museum of Timekeeping in Southwark, the Space Centre in Leicester, a Reception at the Soar Bridge, Party in the Park, a cruise and meal on the River Trent and a Skittles evening.

Forward Plan 2024

- A trip to the Little Theatre in Leicester to see "April in Paris" has been arranged for the end of January
- A quiz will be held in March.
- We are looking forward to visiting Marans from 21st – 26th June 2024.
- We continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

7. Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk www.busca.org.uk www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

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- John Nurse has stepped down to take a back seat role. This leaves Keith Butler as sole administrator.
- The village website is ticking over. New High Street Businesses have been added and old ones moved to archive. The local events and village diary pages are getting more hits than most pages, but still virtually no businesses or groups contact us to get their events published. Some groups are still maintaining their own pages, notably Barrow in Bloom, Good Neighbour Scheme, Scouting Groups and the Leicestershire Metal Detecting Society.
- The BUSCA website has been updated with BUSCA group events, but the site is not used as much as it used to be.
- The Heritage website has been updated with new articles on Proctors Pleasure Park, Kevon Thompson paintings, Church Youth Drama Group in the 1940s, 1914 Christmas Card, etc.
- The Library website has been kept up-to-date with events and news items.
- The Barrow Voice website has been updated with each new issue.

Forward Plan 24

- Keep on top of requests for updates.
- Keep up with maintenance of the sites.

Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

8. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2022

- There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils but the area in front of the "Three Organic Forms" has been cleared so the sculptures can be viewed.
- Several of the previous outlets no longer provide space for our dispensers.
- We have researched the prospect of new leaflet dispensers to attach to the new display board outside the library but have been warned that loose leaflets may end up as litter. A digital option may prove more favourable.

Forward plan 2023

- Further consider a digital version of the fossil trail.

10. **Special Projects**

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- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500: Not requested

- Provide a budget of £700 for the Christmas Lights market and entertainment: Net cost £210
- Provide a budget of £100 for other Events activities: No cost
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship and ensuing changes in direction that may arise: on going

Forward Plan 24

- Produce a new edition of the Welcome Pack envelope
- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Provide a budget of £200 for Events activities
- Produce a new edition of Walks leaflet ! : budget £1,000
- Run a scarecrow festival (Helen and Lin); budget to be determined
- Explore possible publication of a children's trail with objects t find (Chris and Helen)
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship and general secretary with ensuing changes in direction that may arise:

List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I ("Round the Edge" and "Barrow's Jitties") (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller's Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- "People and Places" by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
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Unrestricted Funds

General	Receipts	2023	2022		Payments	2023	2022	Net	2023	2022
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Events		1,050	610	Events		845	772		205	-162
Building Society Interest		211	92	Building Society Interest		72	72			
Membership Subscriptions		105	225	Membership Subscriptions						
Miscellaneous		20	48	Miscellaneous		110	389			
Totals		**14,746**	**17,634**	**Totals**		**15,607**	**15,138**		**-861**	**2,496**

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Designated Funds

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Sound of Music 2023	12,418	0	Sound of Music 2023	10,594	0		1,824	0
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The Wedding Singer 2024	0	0	The Wedding Singer 2024	680	0		-680	0
Grants and Donations	0	2,000	Equipment	3,180	0		-3,180	2,000
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	96	223		-96	-223
Totals	**21,271**	**22,786**	**Totals**	**24,207**	**13,097**		**-2,936**	**9,689**
Community Building Fund								
Building Society Interest	0	50	Insurance	1573	1509		-1,573	-1,459
Heritage Fund								
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	0	0		0	0
Twinning Fund								
Events	1585	500	Events	905	376		680	124
Subscriptions and Donations	210	170		0	0		210	170
Marans Hosting	1544	0	Marans Hosting	2630	0		-1,086	0
Miscellaneous	15	109	Miscellaneous	20	176		-5	-67
Totals	**3,354**	**779**		**3,555**	**552**		**-201**	**227**
Websites Fund								
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	142	25		-142	-25

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Leicestershire CC Grant	0	305	Expenses	0	536			
Other Grants	28,523	18,346	Building Improvements	4,540	16,356			
Till and Card Receipts	10,044	6,658	Car Park Improvements	19,752	0			
Hire Fees	3,318	1,908	Premises Related	3,835	4,553			
			Development Project	0	2,483			
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			Equipment and Supplies	3,183	1,732			
Miscellaneous	1,976	1,943	Miscellaneous	955	72			
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ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022

FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2023

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Treasurer: David Rodgers - 155 Nottingham Road, Barrow-upon-Soar 07850 471853

Minutes Secretary: Ceri Fairbrother - 95 Melton Road, Barrow-upon-Soar 01509 413039

Membership Secretary: Eluned Webb 10, Beveridge St, Barrow upon Soar 07801 200 743

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Steven Crossley - 3 Station Rd, Cropston 07710 577122

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(Ann Higgins - 30, Ribble Drive, Barrow upon Soar 01509 412746) Retired May 2022

Retired trustees

Sue Rodgers - 32 Holbourne Close, Barrow-upon-Soar (retired 25th Feb 21)

Ted Rodgers - 32 Holbourne Close, Barrow upon Soar (retired 26th Feb 21)

Nick Thomas - 24, Booker Close. Barrow upon Soar (retired 14 Jan 21)

Ginnie Willcocks - 43 The Banks, Barrow upon Soar (retired 14 Jan 21)

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.

A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.

The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, BUSCA New Community Building Committee, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.

However, the Charity has potential long-term liabilities. These arise out of:

a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2022 and how they will do so in 2023.

Signed [signature] FIONA LAYWOOD

Date 16/5/23

Chair's Annual Report for 2022

It has been an exciting year for BUSCA! The committees and groups that make up BUSCA have really risen from the Covid ashes and come back with a vengeance.

In May, at the AGM, the baton of BUSCA was handed over to the new Chair and Vice Chair and a hugely successful event for members of BUSCA was held to celebrate the Community Association reaching 50 years. This was also an excellent opportunity to say a big thank you to Judith Rodgers for all the hard work she has put in over the years. It was a wonderful evening and an opportunity to reminisce for past members of all of the successes BUSCA has had over the years. Lin Webb spent an inordinate amount of time researching the history of BUSCA and this laid a solid foundation for the event. One that may be repeated at intervals of much fewer than every 50 years!

Barrow Voice has continued to go from strength to strength and alongside securing some large donations from local big businesses they have continued to secure regular funding from local advertisers. The editorial team continues to strengthen with new regular contributors.

Murder Mystery was able to back in person and a successful production of What? The Butler Saw? secured a positive profit despite the concerns over how things would work given the lack of a bar now being available at Humphrey Perkins. The creativity of the team meant that this problem was not insurmountable and the platters served were popular with the audience.

Panto proved that audiences really were ready to be back and Little Red Riding Hood boasted record breaking ticket sales! The production also secured a number of nominations in the Salute to Pantomime Alliance awards with a range of winners too. In November the Youth Theatre put on an outstanding production of Legally Blonde.

The Events team continued to work hard to support the village with a range of events from street parties to the annual Christmas market and a hugely successful new Santa's Grotto.

The library returned as the hub of the village, with events and activities returning to pre-covid levels alongside a number of new groups and hirers. Moreover, people were able to return to borrowing books and with the removal of Covid safety measures also ensured that the library could support the Warm Barrow initiative for those most vulnerable. A number of exciting plans for the library moving forward will ensure that it remains a key hub for the village and can continue to move from strength to strength.

Moving forward there is much to be done to continue to smooth transfer to the new Chair. There are key developments to be made regarding policies and more legislative areas and to ensure BUSCA can continue to thrive moving forward. We will also seek to involve the village voice further with more feedback on 'what people want' and ensuring that our direction and aims remain the ones that matter the most to community we serve. We also keep our eyes peeled for a premises that will allow us to grow a new part of BUSCA moving forward and, so, to provide another community space for the village.

Treasurers' Annual Report 2022

The Treasurers

The Association has four Treasurers:

David Rodgers – General
Sally McHale – Library
Steven Crossley – Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto, Youth Theatre and Murder Mystery) (BATS)
James Fuller – Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association.

General

During the year, unrestricted, undesignated reserves rose from £28,032 to £30,600, an increase of £2568.

The increase in reserves stems from Barrow Voice, which recorded a "profit" of £2755. This satisfactory outcome resulted from the return of business confidence on the part of our advertisers following the ending of Covid restrictions. The publication is on a firm financial footing.

As there are no current plans to develop a community building, the annual insurance premium of £1509 was again paid out of the Community Building Designated Fund.

John Beaumont has continued in his role of our independent examiner for the year 2022 and I am pleased to report that he is continuing in that role for 2023.

David Rodgers. Treasurer (General)

Library

The Community Library's restricted fund decreased by £1749 during the year (by 2908 in 2021).

The following grants were received during the year:.

- Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council £11,000
- Charnwood Borough Council £2000
- Loughborough Building Society £1403
- Leicestershire County Council £304
- Shire Grant £3000
- Community Facilities Grant £4000.

In addition, Leicestershire County Council released £9346 of S106 Contributions to support projects that have improved the infrastructure of the Library during the year.
At 31 December, the Library's total funds stood at £25,952. Of this, £14,015 represents the funds allocated for the day to day running of the Library (up from £13,281), and £11,937 is the development fund (down from £14,420).

We must also acknowledge the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our employees and our team of volunteers for their invaluable support.

Sally McHale. Treasurer (Library)

Barrow Arts & Theatre Society

I am pleased to say that 2022 turned out to be a year when we were able to return to a normal programme of productions, ending with a total net increase in our cash reserves of a very healthy £9689, to £19,229

We began the year with our annual March pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood, directed and produced by Abi Crossley and her team, with three shows at Humphrey Perkins School generating £6497 of receipts and incurring £3898 of costs, resulting in a very successful net gain of £2600, and winning numerous awards and plaudits along the way.

Next came our one-night only, October Murder Mystery production, What? The Butler Saw? Written and produced by Helen Sadler and back on stage with its cabaret style seating at Humphrey Perkins, which generated £1447 of receipts and incurred £842 of costs, resulting in a very successful net gain of £605.

Our final stage production of the year, performed at Humphrey Perkins School once again, was Legally Blond. Mainly performed by the younger members of our group, it was produced and directed by Abi Crossley and her team, who despite having to deal with a number of unexpected issues in the run-in to the four exceptional shows in November, generating £12842 of receipts and incurring £7914 of costs. After allowing for £2270 paid to Humphrey Perkins School as hire fees (paid in in 2023) this resulted in a very satisfactory net gain of £2695.

Noteworthy in this year's accounts are the £2000 in grants/donations from British Gypsum, which will go to support the promotion of opportunities for younger people and access to the arts for those struggling financially. We would like to thank them once again for that.

We have also incurred minor expenses of £220 relating to the upcoming March pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, and Miscellaneous costs along the way of £223.

As for our other productions in 2023, we expect to be able to produce a full programme of productions including the aforementioned pantomime, a Murder Mystery in October and youth musical stage show in November.

Before I sign off, I would like to thank both Abi Crossley and Helen Sadler for their boundless contributions to both the success of our group, not forgetting that they work tirelessly to maintain our fiscal viability, but also to joy that they bring to the village and the surrounding area.

Steven Crossley. Treasurer (BATS)

Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association

Finances remain healthy, the year end total is £5418.80, an increase of £226.49.

Income was £778.74 and expenditure was £552.25.

Membership generated £170, we had 38 members 4 of which paid their subscriptions in late 2021.

We held 2 quizzes, one in March and another in November, these were the only fund raising events, both were well supported. Together they generated a profit of £389.26 (197.51+191.75) from ticket sales and £106 (39+67) from the raffles.

Two donations were made to the Loughborough charity for homeless and community support, Falcon. The first was all of the proceeds from the March quiz, £236.51 (197.51+39) and the second was the proceeds from the raffle of the November quiz £67. A total of £303.51 was donated.

James Fuller. Treasurer (Twinning Association)

GROUPS

Reports and Review of Forward Plan 2022 and Forward Plan 2023

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2022

- Last year was a more financially secure year for Barrow Voice, with thanks to the sponsorship and the sterling efforts of the advertising manager who pulled in more advertising than ever before.
- On occasions we struggled to keep the balance between articles and adverts. It is the policy of Barrow Voice **not** to have more pages of advert than of copy.

- We continued to cover news and features about local people but also wrote about national issues but with a Barrow Focus.

Forward plan 2023

- We aim to continue with strong advertising support from local businesses.
- We will continue to offer a balance between copy about local people and events alongside articles of wider interest (but with a Barrow focus).
- We have been developing our editorial team to bring in more people, particularly younger people, so expect to see more names in the by-lines.

2. BATS (Barrow Arts and Theatre Society)

Annual Report 2022

- The pantomime group performed a very successful performance of 'Little Red Riding Hood' in March 2022 directed by Abi Crossley. The show sold a record breaking number of tickets and made a very healthy profit.
- The pantomime group members attended the Salute to Pantomime alliance awards on 23/04/2022 and received an impressive 9 nominations overall, and managed to win the titles of 'Best comedy act', 'best supporting act' and 'best magical being'. Leaving us with second place for best overall pantomime. We are hoping for a first this year!
- Barrow Youth Theatre produced an incredible performance of Legally Blonde in November 2022, which was a complete sell out and a huge success. The talent of the youngsters that we have at Barrow Youth Theatre deserves a lot of credit.
- Audience feedback was amazing, however the microphones were mentioned several times as they were very intermittent throughout the show run. General comments were that the performers were let down at times by their microphones not working.
- The rehearsal process was tricky with the musical director having to step down from her role just before the dress rehearsal, therefore no band was used as planned. Backing tracks were purchased and the cast adapted well and still put on a great show.
- What? The Butler Saw? - This MM rehearsal period was struck by ill health and we had few rehearsals that had a full complement. Long covid and cancer diagnosis being but two of our problems. The performance night was clobbered by actual covid. The disruption to the rehearsal programme did impact on the show in that the audience participation element was under rehearsed for such a complicated section. I noticed more than the audience, as far as I could tell. The cast, unsurprisingly, carried on. The tech team, on the night, was superb and I can't thank Tom enough.
- Tickets were £12 each and the price included a sharing platter. The bar and the raffle both did well (profits were from the raffle and the bar.) Having no bar and trying a different menu impacted slightly on profit but not madly as the show raised a profit of £857.54.

Forward plan 2023

- The pantomime group are in full swing with Beauty and the Beast rehearsals! The show will be taking place at Humphrey Perkins on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th March. All appropriate planning is in place for a successful show run, I would like to thank Nic Noble for her support through the rehearsal process.
- Pantomime Alliance of Leicestershire will be judging Beauty and The Beast on the Friday show.
- Tom Smith to get a quote to purchase new radio mics for the upcoming shows.
- BATS steering committee voted to take our next Youth Theatre performance to the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre due to the increase in prices at Humphries, MMC is considerably cheaper and a much more theatrical venue for the performers.

- Barrow Arts Theatre Society are planning to produce the performance of 'The Sound of Music' at the MMC 2nd-4th November. (The announcement of the show is NOT to be publicly shared outside of the meeting).
- New microphones will need to be purchased before the next performance in November.
- Storage of sound/lighting equipment/costumes being kept at Humphreys remains an issue. Not being able to have access to our own equipment at all times is proving very difficult.
- We are actively seeking licensed chaperones to assist the rehearsal process and shows for The Sound Of Music.
- Murder Mystery will remain at Humphrey Perkins for the time being, with the next one being written by Craig Johnstone. I am considering inviting audience members to bring their own picnic (think Glyndbourne!) and inviting them to bring their own alcoholic drinks.

3. Events Committee

Annual Report 2022

- Despite a number of attempts to hold a Scarecrow festival the timings seemed to prove wrong for people and there were too few entries to make the event worthwhile so it did not go ahead.
- The Events Committee supported the Parish Council and Love it Local to hold their Party in the Park festival.
- We successfully promoted the street parties for the Queen's jubilee and helped to signpost where people could go to secure road closures.
- The Christmas Market in 2022 was successful and footfall was very high. Despite a last minute issue with the stage we had more performers than ever before and Santa's Grotto moved into a new space within Berkley's Estate Agent.
- The other Christmas village events over Christmas were the Christmas Windows Trail, and Letters to Santa.
- We have made a strong connection with a small team of people at Humphrey Perkins school and are looking forward to working closely with them on future events for the village.

Forward plan 2023

- The Christmas Market and Light Switch on will be going ahead in December and we will be rethinking and promoting a new Christmas trail and putting work into ensuring the village are aware of the Santa letters.
- We have a Scarecrow festival scheduled to align with the Harvest festival time and aim to promote it much earlier and more widely this year to secure entries.
- In April we are holding a spring village fete at Humphrey Perkins and working alongside their team to ensure its success. Whilst we are starting small this year, we are excited about the range of different things taking place.
- At the Village Fete in April we are supporting a fancy dress competion. The winner of which will win a street party kit for the King's coronation– funded by the Parish Council – which will include decorations and a street party buffet for the street.
- We will be supporting people with road closures and the organisation of street parties for the Coronation.
- We aim to forge ahead in the planning of the River Festival for 2024.

4. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2022

- It has been another quiet year.
- We have continued to meet regularly, about once a month
- I have done two talks about the Heritage Group: The New Horizons group and the Methodist Mens' Group
- We have made some additions to the web site and with Keith Butler's help have reorganised the material into topics to make it easier for people to find what they are interested in.

- We have plans to do the history of the Barrow Cricket club, one of the oldest in the County, but our contact here has been ill so it has been delayed.
- The parish Council have offered to house our material in the loft of the PC office, at least as a temporary measure but we would prefer a more user friendly store.

Forward plan 2023

- We are seeking another project which would be of interest to the village and for which there is adequate material available.

5. Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2022

- Throughout the year, we have slowly reinstated all our services which were suspended through the Coronavirus Pandemic: fortnightly Friday Rhyme Time sessions, Friday chess club, Saturday monthly Sewing workshops and the monthly Book Lovers' Club.
- We have removed all the safety measures we installed to comply with pandemic regulations, except we still have hand sanitising stations.
- We signed up to the Warm Barrow initiative, and have provided a warm space and free hot drinks and biscuits to anyone needing to keep warm during our normal opening hours.
- We have installed Air Source heat pumps, which provide warmth in winter and cooling in summer. The system was invaluable during the 2022 hot summer. We now use no gas for heating, so we are helping the planet.
- We have installed Solar Photovoltaic panels on the library roof, and the generated energy from these is helping to reduce our energy bills.
- We have restarted hiring the library space, and we now have regular Pilates, Yoga, and Singing classes at the library, along with occasional hiring for meetings.
- We continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils.

Forward Plan 2023

- To ensure the continued functions of the library and its activities.
- To continue with hiring as appropriate and to seek new hirers.
- To seek new ways of income generation to help with our expected increase in utility costs.
- For the Library Development Group and Operations Team to continue to seek ways to enhance the building and spend any grant money within the allocated time.
- To make improvements to the existing internal space and, with professional advice, refurbish and enhance shelving and layout.
- To resurface the car park and create disabled access and egress at the rear door, from a designated parking space.
- Recruit and train new volunteers and provide help with job interviews (references) when asked.

6. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2022

- The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially Twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France. The Twinning Association was formed at the instigation and is recognised by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council.
- There were two quizzes held in 2022 which were both well attended and much enjoyed by all who took part.

- 12 Members of the Association enjoyed a relaxing visit to Marans in June 2022 which included a train ride, a visit to an aviation museum and, of course, lots of lovely food and wine.

Forward Plan 2023

- We will be having a quiz at the beginning of March and another 50's and 60's Night on 22nd April. We are looking forward to welcoming our French friends from Marans on 14th June 2023 to 19th June 2023.
- We continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

7. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2022

- There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils.
- Several of the previous outlets no longer provide space for our dispensers.
- We have researched the prospect of new leaflet dispensers to attach to the new display board outside of the library but have consider that a digital option may prove more favourable.

Forward plan 2023

- Further consider a digital version of the fossil trail.

8. Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk www.busca.org.uk www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Annual Report 22

- We continued to update individual and group pages, partly by trying to get their editors to do the updating themselves and partly by testing functioning links to businesses.
- Stats analysis was on going.
- Made links with social media.
- The library website was continually updated and developed. The BUSCA website was also improved now it lacks the library component.
- Leaflet dissemination was ongoing.

Forward Plan 23

Business will continue on similar lines

9. Special Projects

Annual Report 22

- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500: Not requested
- Provide a budget of £700 for the Christmas Lights market and entertainment: Net cost £210
- Provide a budget of £100 for other Events activities: No cost
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship and ensuing changes in direction that may arise: on going

Forward Plan 23

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List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I ("Round the Edge" and "Barrow's Jitties") (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller's Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- "People and Places" by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
- http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website www.barrowvoice.co.uk)
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA leaflet

Social media (Facebook pages)

- BUSCA * Library * Barrow Voice

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of	**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 December 2022**	**Charity number**	**1156170**
Set out on pages	**1 - 4**		

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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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.

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Date: 24/2/23

BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 1156170

Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022	2021	*Net 22*	*Net 21*
A. Unrestricted funds.							
General							
Barrow Voice Advertising etc.	16659	17921	Barrow Voice printing etc.	13905	11587	*2755*	*6334*
Events receipts	610	2466	Events payments	772	1929	*-162*	*537*
Building Society interest	92	80	Insurance	0	0		
Miscellaneous	49	0	Miscellaneous	318	135		
Membership subs	225	181	Bank charges	72	72		
	17634	20649		15066	13723	*2568*	*6926*

Receipts	2022	2021	Payments	2022	2021	Net 22	Net 21
B. Designated funds.							
Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (BATS)							
Grants/donations	2000	0	Equipment	0	0		
Little Red Riding Hood	6497	0	Little Red Riding Hood	3898	0	*2600*	
Murder Mystery	1447	1091	Murder Mystery	842	290	*605*	*801*
Legally Blond	12842	0	Legally Blond	7914	0	*4928*	
Beauty & the Beast	0	0	Beauty & the Beast	220	0		
Miscellaneous	0	0	Miscellaneous	223	53		
Carried to summary	22786	1091		13097	343	*9689*	*748*
Community Building Designated Fund							
Building Society interest	0	50	Insurance	1509	1483		
Carried to summary	0	50		1509	1483	*-1509*	*-1432*
Heritage Designated Fund							
Transfer from general funds	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Carried to summary	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Twinning Association							
Events in	500	185	Events out	376	15		
Subs and donations	170	20	Miscellaneous	176	190		
Marans hosting	0	0	Marans hosting		0	*0*	*0*
Sales	106	0					
Bank interest	3	0					
Carried to summary	779	205		552	205	*226*	*0*

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Websites Designated Fund							
Transfer from general funds	0	0	Purchases	25	150		
Carried to summary	0	0		25	150	*-25*	*-150*

Restricted funds.

Library

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Leicestershire County Council	305	1437	Expenses paid from till	536	377		
Other grants	18346	2200	Improvements to building	16356	0		
Till and card receipts	6658	2567	Equipment and supplies (inc. stationery)	1732	3581		
Hire fees	1908	642	Premises	4553	4424		
Miscellaneous (inc. donations)	1944	2420	Development project	2483	400		
Furlough receipts	0	2377	Training	0	25		
Card receipts (see above for 2022)	0	261	Miscellaneous	0	230		
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Community Building Designated Fund	0	1509	-1509	-1433	11662	10153
Heritage Designated Fund	0	0	0	0	-47	-47
Twinning Group	779	552	226	0	5192	5419
Websites Designated Fund	0	25	-25	-150	458	433
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Library	40160	41909	-1749	-2908	27700	25951
Totals	81359	72159	9200	3182	82537	91738

Assets carried forward represented by:-		
	Unity Trust General Account	14449
	Unity Trust Library Account	6085
	Unity Trust BATS Account	19229
	Loughborough Building Society (General)	26690
	Loughborough Building Society (Library)	19818
	Cash (Library)	50
	Twinning Group bank accounts	5419
	Total	**91738**

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FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2022

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Diane Thorpe 4, Adkins Court, Barrow upon Soar (retired Jan 20)

Alan Willcocks 43, The Banks, Barrow upon Soar (retired 24 June 20)

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Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.
A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.
The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, BUSCA New Community Building Committee, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.
However, the Charity has potential long term liabilities. These arise out of:

a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2021 and how they will do so in 2022.

Signed Judith M Rodgers

Date 21st Feb 2022

Chair's Annual Report for 2021

2021 continued to offer BUSCA a bumpy ride. So many new initiatives were squashed at the last minute, most notably the cancellation two weeks before the expected date of the Picnic in the Park, organized by the Events team. This was a huge disappointment.

Some BUSCA activities were put on hold: no panto and no Youth Theatre musical; no twinning exchange nor fund-raising events to fund an exchange. Only very rare meetings of the Heritage group even though research carried on at home. But there were two murder mysteries, one by Zoom and the other held in Holy Trinity church as a live event. One felt so brave attending the show. And we enjoyed outdoor activities arranged by the Events team including a Scarecrow Festival.

The library continued to provide a lifeline for many people who were keeping themselves to themselves. They either scuttled into the library to pick up books at speed or welcomed a continuing delivery service. It was thanks to the stalwart volunteers and their inspirational leader Angeline that the library was able to maintain some level of service however tight a lockdown was imposed. Thanks to imaginative fund-raising and the determined seeking out of grants of all sorts, the library has managed to remain financially viable. We are particularly grateful to Barrow Parish Council for its continued funding.

Similarly, Barrow Voice maintained a Business-as-Usual approach. Having been seriously knocked financially by the pandemic, the team set themselves the challenge of finding grants and other ways to generate income. We were thrilled to receive substantial grants from Arnold Clark Cars and British Gypsum. 2021 ended with a net income of over £6,000 to start the new year of 2022. The team is very grateful for the support of its many long-standing advertisers.

BUSCA is delighted to receive the promise of support from British Gypsum. This is in recognition of the very valuable role that BUSCA plays in the village community. They have already helped Barrow Voice to pick itself up after the financial battering of Covid with a donation of £1,000. They have also promised a further donation of £2000 to help the Youth Theatre pay the exorbitant hire charges of Humphrey Perkins School. We are very grateful for to British Gypsum.

2022 has begun to seem much more normal even though we are learning to live with a weaker but more contagious variant of Covid. The Panto group are rehearsing in the Methodist Church for a live show in to be held in March in Humphrey Perkins. This is very exciting although it will be the first time that BUSCA has entered the school in two years. The school can no longer justify calling itself a Community Centre and some of us are apprehensive of what we will find.

Once the Panto is over, the Youth Theatre will start rehearsing for a show in November. The Events team will be supporting Jubilee parties in early June and the Twinning Association is planning an exchange visit to France in mid June. The Events team is already working on the organizing of a River Festival in 2023. So perhaps things really are gradually returning to "normal".

Meanwhile, we are working hard to pass the baton of the trusteeship to a younger generation. Starting in 2021, trustees began to plan for the successful transition of Fiona and Nicola as the new chair and vice chair of BUSCA at the AGM in May 22. We will be wishing them every success. The future of BUSCA will lay in their hands but us oldies will certainly support them.

Treasurers' Annual Report 2021

The Treasurers

The Association has four Treasurers:

David Rodgers – General

Sally McHale – Library (from 1 July 2021).

Steven Crossley – Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto, Youth Theatre and Murder Mystery) (BATS)

James Fuller – Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association.

General

As was the case in 2020, some of our activities suffered disruption arising from the Covid restrictions. This report must be read in that context.
During the year, unrestricted, undesignated reserves rose from £21,106 to £28,032, an increase of £5252.
The increase in reserves stems from Barrow Voice, which recorded a "profit" of £6334. This satisfactory outcome was in part achieved through two generous grants of £1000 each – one from Arnold Clark and the other from British Gypsum. Another outside source of income was the profit from the Murder Mystery production, amounting to £402.
Additionally, the return of business resulting from the easing of Covid restrictions resulted in increased confidence on the part of our advertisers. After facing a somewhat bleak financial future at the beginning of the year, the publication is now on a much firmer footing.
A scarecrow festival and the annual switching on of the Christmas lights and its associated market raised £583.
As there are no current plans to develop a community building, the annual insurance premium of £1483 was paid out of the Community Building Designated Fund.

John Beaumont has continued in his role of our independent examiner for the year 2021 and I am pleased to report that he is continuing in that role for 2022.

David Rodgers. Treasurer (General).

Library

The Community Library's restricted fund decreased by £2908 during the year, as the library was closed for much of the year with the resultant loss of income from users and hirers. The following grants were received during the year:.

- Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council £9500
- Charnwood Borough Council £2000
- Furlough £2377
- Loughborough Building Society £1691
- Leicestershire County Council £1436
- Co-op £200

At 31 December, the library's total funds stood at £27,701. Of this, £13,281 represents the funds allocated for the day to day running of the library (down from £14,196), and £14,420 is the development fund (down from £15,043).
We must also acknowledge the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our employees and our team of volunteers for keeping the show on the road during another difficult year.

Barrow Arts & Theatre Society

We have a balance of £ 9539.93.
Despite Covid and through Helen's sheer determination, we performed two Murder Mysteries.
The first MM, while still in the pandemic, was a Zoom meeting which was well received as a first attempt. It resulted in tickets sales of £441.36 with expenses of £ 38.40, achieving a profit of £402.96 which was donated to Barrow Voice.
The second MM was at Holy Trinity church in person and this was also very well received. It resulted in takings of £613.74, expenses £162.73 and profit of £451.02 which was split equally between Holy Trinity Church and BATS
Future productions will include the annual pantomime which this year will be Red Riding Hood in March.
I would like to give my appreciation to Abi for directing and arranging rehearsals at the Methodist Church Barrow at a cost of £15 per hour which represents a substantial saving on Humphrey Perkins School. The performances will be at Humphrey Perkins with the cost still to be confirmed.
Youth theatre is still being discussed though we are anticipating a better activity year.

Steven Crossley. Treasurer (BATS)

Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association

The finances of the Twinning Association remain healthy and at the year end the funds were £5192. Net income over the year was £0.12.
Due to the uncertainties surrounding Covid at the beginning of 2021 it was decided not to request membership subscriptions for the year.
One fund raising event was held at the end of the year: a stall was taken at the Christmas Street Market on 5th December where mulled wine was exchanged for donations. £185 was raised and after expenses £170 was donated to a charity, The Falcon Support Services of Loughborough.
Another expense of £20 was countered by early payment of some 2022 membership subscriptions such that the year end funds were £5192.

James Fuller. Treasurer (Twinning Association)

GROUPS
Reports and Review of Forward Plan 2021 and Forward Plan 2022

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2021

* In 2021 members of the Barrow Voice editorial committee worked hard to search for any grants available.
* We managed to secure two grants of £1,000 each (Arnold Clarke cars and British Gypsum) and this has helped to underpin some expenses.
* The magazine continues to receive good feedback from readers with people commenting on the range of articles included and the high standard of writing and proofreading.
* Barrow Voice entered the local magazine of the year award for 2021 and came 13th out of over 300 entries.
* We have successfully moved the Barrow Voice year to match that of BUSCA (ie Jan 1st – Dec 31st).
* The team has gained two new young members.
* We have made good progress on developing an effective social media presence.
* Our finances are much healthier and, for the moment, Barrow Voice is financially viable.

Forward Plan 2022

* The editorial team will continue to produce articles about local people and events while discussing, where appropriate and possible, national and international issues of interest with a local stance
* We will aim to include a range of articles that will appeal to different demographics within the village.

2. BATS (Barrow Arts and Theatre Society)

Annual Report 2021

- The pantomime group were unable to perform a Pantomime this year due to Covid restrictions.
- Due to the current pandemic the Youth Theatre have been unable to run weekly rehearsals and there was no show to perform.
- The Youth Theatre were rehearsing some fantastic work for the Summer fete which was due to happen in July 2021, however sadly because of Covid restrictions the Summer Fete was cancelled.

* Despite the pandemic the murder mystery group managed to do a murder mystery on Zoom in February 2021. *A First Class Death* by Helen Sadler was a production nail biter, but we managed to raise £400 from donations.
* A 'live and face to face' murder mystery was performed at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 27th November. *Two's Company* was performed on what must have been the coldest night ever and the

cast was fantastic. The arrangement with the church was to split any monies raised 50-50 with the church. Unfortunately we made rather less than we are used to but did clear a small profit

Forward Plan 2022

- The pantomime group will be performing Little Red Riding Hood on 4th and 5th March 2022 with Abi Crossley as director. Unfortunately we have no pianist and no band this year, but we are hoping for it still to be a success.
- Youth Theatre will be back up and running from April 2022, for our annual show on 18th, 19th and 20th November. Humphrey Perkins has been provisionally booked for this. The show is still to be confirmed.
- We will be running weekly rehearsals now at the Methodist Church in Barrow for both Panto and Youth Theatre because the prices of Humphrey Perkins school hire have increased dramatically. We will still be using Humphries for the all day rehearsals, tech, dress and shows.
- Lewis Hickey has very kindly offered to create a new website for BATS, free of charge. The website will have the facility for the public to purchase tickets for shows, to be able to see rehearsals photos and any upcoming news and events.
- Another zoom murder mystery *What the Butler Saw* by Helen Sadler is in production for April 1st. Again it will be a free event with donations encouraged. All funds raised will go to support BATS.
- Helen Sadler, the director may retire in the summer but there are plans for the group to continue.

3. Events Committee

Annual Report 2021

- In June we had to take the unfortunate decision to cancel the Village Fete due to COVID restrictions. This is still in our back pocket and we hope to work with the Parish Council to put this wonderful event on in the future.
- In August, the Scarecrow Festival returned. It was a successful event, although the number of scarecrow entries was significantly reduced. This was probably because more people were back at work and had less leisure time.
- The Christmas Market in 2021, was bigger, and better than previous years, with enough stalls to take us up to the Holy Trinity church entrance. The market was a success and footfall was high.
- The other Christmas village events over Christmas were the Christmas Windows Trail, and Letters to Santa. There were much reduced entries compared with last year and as a team, we will look critically into these for next year.
- The net income from the year's events was over £500.

Forward Plan 2022

- Our main focus for this coming year is to forge ahead in the planning of the River Festival for 2023.
- For Easter, we are hoping to run an Easter Egg Hunt around the village to raise funds for the Library.
- BUSCA is supporting the Parish Council and the Love It Local Team with the events around the Jubilee weekend. BUSCA is planning to support the local community and promote the local street parties and the Big Jubilee Lunch across this weekend.
- The Christmas Market and Light Switch on will be going ahead in December and we will be rethinking and promoting a new Christmas trail and putting work into ensuring the village are aware of the Santa letters.
- We are looking forward to supporting the Panto group in March.

4. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2021

- This has probably been the quietest year we have ever had. Meetings have been few and far between.
- There have been no exhibitions to prepare for
- Our only achievement has been to add some articles to the website

Forward Plan 2022

- We can continue with the development of the website, but anything else depends on the situation with the pandemic
- A talk I had agreed to do at the Library about the development of the Board School has been postponed for the time being.
- We continue to be concerned about a storage place for the material which we have accumulated. The Parish Council has agreed to store in their attic but this doesn't make the material available for consultation. Other possibilities are being explored.

5. Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2021

- Although the library was closed, or with limited opening, for much of the year, a sufficient cohort of trained volunteers were maintained
- The services and facilities offered by the library, were maintained to our usual high standard, even through Covid restrictions
- Our new treasurer has successfully taken on the role and is contributing clear financial advice and support
- We continue to work closely with the Parish and County Councils.
- Our plans for a larger community space have currently been shelved. After much careful deliberation the extortionate costs made the project unjustifiable for the extra space it would provide.
- We are moving towards the idea of becoming a CIO Charity in our own right and small steps are being made.

Forward Plan 2022

- To ensure the continued functions of the library and to expand the community activities when possible
- To continue with hiring as appropriate and to reinstate group activities when considered safe to do so.
- For the Library Development Group to continue to seek ways to enhance the building and spend any grant money within the allocated time.
- To replace existing gas boiler with Air Source heat pumps, which will provide warmth in winter and cooling in summer
- To fit Photovoltaic panels to provide solar power
- To make improvements to the existing internal space and, with professional advice, refurbish and enhance shelving and layout
- To resurface the car park and create a disabled access at the rear door, from a designated parking space
- Recruit and train new volunteers and provide help with job interviews (references) when asked

6. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2021

- Barrow upon Soar is twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charente-Maritime region in the south-west of France. Twinning exchanges have taken place since the Charter between the two communities was signed in 1996.
- Unfortunately, due to the pandemic the French were not able to come to Barrow and the Association was not able to organise any events.

Forward Plan 2022

- The following events have already been confirmed:
  Quiz – 11th March 2022
  Open Evening – 25th March 2022.
- It is hoped to organise other events later in the year to include Speed Painting and a Race Night.

- This year's exchange visit to Marans is planned for 9th June to 14th June 2022.

Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

7. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2021

There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils. Leaflets have barely been accessed or accessible because of Covid regulations. Several of the previous outlets no longer provide space for our dispensers.

Forward Plan 2022

- Maintain the sculptures
- Increase the number of available leaflet dispensers
- Keep the trail leaflets topped up

8. Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk www.busca.org.uk www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Annual Report 2021

- We continued to improve and develop all five sites by helping to keep individual pages up-to-date and by encouraging individuals and groups to do their own editing. It is most difficult to keep the business pages up to date. We often don't know when a business ceases trading.
- We have kept the existing leaflet dispensers fully stocked with the website leaflet and Welcome Pack which is available to all new households so that the public's attention is drawn to the village websites. There are not as many dispensers because of closure of several businesses.
- There is good use of the village website by members of the public wanting to receive or give info about Barrow including placing adverts, offering services, and providing information.
- The Heritage site has been given a lot of new data which has been worked on to prepare it to go on the site. The pages for the shops are being update continually since the start of the pandemic a number have close or changed hands.
- The Year in Pictures has continued to be populated throughout the year and can be viewed from links on the other sites.
- We continue to do maintenance work on the server in removing unused or old files including the 29 email accounts, this helps us to keep below the allocated space allowed provided.
- Barrow Voice website is still updated every quarter to match the magazine. This year we have changed the site to a Content Management System to bring into line with the other 4 sites allowing the possibility for anyone to create a new version of Barrow Voice so not to fully rely on John. There has been a small downside to this! We've had to standardise the colour scheme to the archived issues but the content of all pages remains the same. Barrow Voice now as its own Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/barrowvoice
- The visitor stats to four sites looks healthy. The Village site has the most visitors followed by Heritage, Barrow Voice, and the Library. The BUSCA site is barely visited but has improved in the last few months. (This is probably due to the lack of events in 2020/21)

Forward Plan 2021

- We will continue to update individual and group pages, partly by trying to get their editors to do the updating themselves and partly by testing functioning links to businesses.
- Stats analysis will be on going.
- Making links with social media is ongoing. We need to establish if there are any village Twitter accounts (and others)
- The library website will be continually updated and developed. The BUSCA website will also need further improvements now it lacks the library component.
- Leaflet dissemination is ongoing.

- Addition of data to the Heritage site is ongoing.
- The interactive nature of the adverts is a selling point for getting new advertisers.
- Work continues to integrate photos between the Village, Library and BV sites.
- Work to be done to improve information etc. on the BUSCA site.

9. Special Projects

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- We underwrote BOSCAPS up to £500 but were not asked to pay anything.
- The Christmas Lights market and entertainment made a profit of £300
- Other Events activities netted £218
- Barrow Voice had a net income of £6334 (although some of this is payment for future editions).
- We haven't had much opportunity to "support with enthusiasm the building of a community facility by any agency" although the Parish Council has made some very tentative enquiries.
- We have had no Live & Local (Centre Stage) theatre shows.
- The budget for a publication by the Heritage Group was not required because there was no publication.
- We have continued effective management of Barrow Community Library
- We worked with the Parish Council to supply the text and images for a display board in Millennium Park. This is now installed and is very pleasing. It takes text and images from the BUSCA Natural History of the Millennium Park as well as a summary of the lime industry in Barrow.
- We continued to help BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means but not by consulting residents of the village. Membership remains surprisingly high which indicates good support for what BUSCA achieves.

Forward Plan for 2022

- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Provide a budget of £700 for the Christmas Lights market and entertainment
- Provide a budget of £100 for other Events activities
- Work towards a successful transfer of chairmanship and ensuing changes in direction that may arise

List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I ("Round the Edge" and "Barrow's Jitties") (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller's Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- "People and Places" by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
- http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website www.barrowvoice.co.uk)
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA leaflet

Social media (Facebook pages)

- BUSCA * Library * Barrow Voice

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of	**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 December 2021**	**Charity number**	**1156170**
Set out on pages	**1 - 4**		

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: J Beaumont

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Date: 30/3/22

BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 1156170

Receipts	2021	2020	Payments	2021	2020	*Net 21*	*Net 20*
A. Unrestricted funds.							
General							
Barrow Voice Advertising etc.	17921	4782	Barrow Voice printing etc.	11587	8363	*6334*	*-3582*
Events receipts	2466	786	Events payments	1929	1281	*537*	*-495*
Building Society interest	80	90	Insurance	0	605		
Miscellaneous	0	10	Miscellaneous	135	133		
Membership subs	181	76	Bank charges	72	72		
	20649	5743		13723	10456	*6926*	*-4713*

Receipts	2021	2020	Payments	2021	2020	Net 21	Net 20
B. Designated funds.							
Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (BATS)							
Grants/donations	0	0	Equipment	0	633		
Subscriptions from members	0	1300	Insurance	0	443		
Income from events	1091	4257	Cost of events	290	5341	*801*	*-1084*
Miscellaneous	0	651	Miscellaneous	53	266		
Carried to summary	1091	6208		343	6683	*748*	*-476*
Community Building Designated Fund							
Cash donations	0	25	Insurance	1483	47		
Bank interest	50	57	Other	0	0		
Carried to summary	50	82		1483	47	*-1433*	*36*
Heritage Designated Fund							
Transfer from general funds	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Carried to summary	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association							
Events in	185	1051	Events out	15	424	*170*	*628*
Subs and donations	20	0	Miscellaneous	190	80	*-170*	*-79*
Marans hosting	0	0	Marans hosting		0	*0*	*0*
Sales		0					
Carried to summary	205	1051		205	504	*0*	*546*

Receipts	2021	2020	Payments	2021	2020	Net 21	Net 20
Websites Designated Fund							
Interest	0	3	Purchases	150	150		
Carried to summary	0	3		150	150	*-150*	*-147*
B. Restricted funds.							
Library							
Barrow Parish Council	9500	9500	Payroll	15275	15109		
Leicestershire County Council	1437	1569	Insurance	0	637		
Other grants	2200	16568	Publicity	0	0		
Till receipts	2567	1532	Expenses paid from till	377	362	*2190*	*1170*
Hire fees	642	2137	Courses	0	0		
Miscellaneous (inc. donations)	2420	539	Equipment (inc. stationery)	3581	3582		
Furlough receipts	2377	2997	Premises (including utilities)	4424	4784		
Building Project	0	0	Building Project	400	0	*-400*	*0*
Card receipts	261	10	Training	25	84		
			Miscellaneous	230	1462		
			Laptop project	0	430		
Carried to summary	21404	34853		24312	26450	*-2908*	*8403*

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Community Building Designated Fund	50	1483	-1433	35	13095	11662
Heritage Designated Fund	0	0	0	0	-47	-47
Twinning Association	205	205	0	-271	5192	5192
Websites Designated Fund	0	150	-150	-167	608	458
Restricted						
Library	21404	24312	-2908	8403	30609	27700
Totals	43399	40217	3182	3224	79354	82537

Assets carried forward represented by:-	
Unity Trust General Account	23506
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Unity Trust Library account	2965
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ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020

FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2021

Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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TRUSTEES 2021

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Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.
A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.
The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, BUSCA New Community Building Committee, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.
However, the Charity has potential long term liabilities. These arise out of:

a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2020 and how they will do so in 2021.

Signed Judith M Rodgers

Date 07/03/2021

Chair's Annual Report 2020

2020 was always going to be a very different year: it began it with the closing of the bar at Humphrey Perkins followed by the decision that the Events Committee had come to its natural end. It became apparent that the Community Hub project was going to go nowhere. All in all it seemed that without huge effort the central heart of BUSCA was likely to peter out.

We had just managed a magical performance of Humpty Dumpty by the Panto Group when the Covid-19 pandemic struck! For a while we all froze. But then, as we adjusted to what was going on, green shoots emerged. The library started to push to offer services – home deliveries of books to the house bound; click & collect; even, for a spell, with actual opening. Nicola, Anna and Fiona dreamt up completely new ways of entertaining households: who would have imagined 84 entrants for the Barrow Scarecrow Festival! The Barrow Voice team realised that we wouldn't be allowed to deliver paper copies of the magazine in June so they came up with an online edition. It could have articles added as and when they arrived; we could offer advertising space for free to any business who wanted to tell the world just what it could provide; it could run competitions and ideas for lockdown activities (Barrow Bake-Off). Obviously there were really heart-felt cancellations: no Twinning visit to Marans in June; no Murder Mystery in October; no magical Youth Theatre production in November. Perhaps these were the cancelled events that hurt the most....and still do. We even had to postpone the AGM from May 2020 to Jan 2021. It was held by Zoom with 33 residents attending. It was really positive and successful – perhaps we will use Zoom for future AGMs (even though no provided wine!)

Meanwhile, we work hard to pass the baton of the trusteeship to a younger generation. Moving into 2021, I can see some glimmer on the horizon: having announced my intention to resign as chair, someone much younger than me has come forward.....

Treasurers' Annual Report 2020

The Treasurers

The Association has three Treasurers:
David Rodgers – General
Steven Crossley – Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto, Youth Theatre and Murder Mystery) (BATS)
James Fuller – Twinning Association.

General

2020 saw the ending of events at Humphrey Perkins School, with doubts over how far, if at all, they will return. Other activities suffered severe disruption arising from the Covid-19 lockdowns. This report must be read in that context.
During the year, unrestricted, undesignated reserves decreased from £26,377 to £21,125, a decrease of £5,252. There was no income from our events and the bar ceased trading.
In 2020, Barrow Voice recorded a loss of £3581. However, this figure is made to look worse than it really is as a result of a distortion of the timing of receipts from advertisers arising from the loss of the June paper edition. The net cost of the four 2019/20 issues was £1342.
The Community Building Designated Fund remained static.
The Community Library's restricted fund increased by £8403 during the year, despite the Library being mainly closed for much of the year with the resultant loss of income from users and hirers. This is because of the grants received, which were:

- Charnwood Borough Council, £10,000, £2700 and £613.
- Barrow-upon-Soar Parish Council £9500
- Furlough £2997
- Loughborough Building Society £1579
- Leicestershire County Council £1218

- Co-op £250
- Waitrose £209

At 31 December, the Library's total funds stood at £30,609. Of this, £14,196 represents the funds for the day to day running of the Library (up from £8304), £15,043 is the development fund (up from £13,902) and £1370 is the unspent part of the CBC Covid Recovery Grant.
We must also acknowledge the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our employees and our team of volunteers for keeping the show on the road during this difficult year.

John Beaumont has continued in his role of our independent examiner for the year 2020 and I am pleased to report that he is continuing in that role for 2021.

David Rodgers. Treasurer (General).

Barrow Arts & Theatre Society

Annual Report 2020

The bank balance to date is £8792.39. This includes profits from Humpty Dumpty of £215.40.
Due to the pandemic and no shows, pantos or Murder Mystery we have still had expenses but have been unable to increase funds.
We are hoping to return to normal activities as soon as allowed with the first being a Zoom production of a Murder Mystery.

Steven Crossley. Treasurer (BATS)

Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2020

During the year the funds increased from £4645 to £5192, an increase of £547.

Due to Covid only 2 fund raising events were held, the 2020 visit to Marans was postponed and it was decided not to collect membership subscriptions and roll membership over to 2021.

The fund raising events were a Quiz Night in January and a 50/60s Concert in early March; both were profitable and the combined net income was £518.

James Fuller, Treasurer

GROUPS
Reports and Review of Forward Plan 2020 and Forward Plan 2021

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2020
As with every other aspect of life Covid 19 had a big impact on Barrow Voice. Despite huge efforts which brought in new advertisers, many regular businesses were unable to trade and consequently unable to advertise. BUSCA has supported Barrow Voice with an extra £1,342.

Financial statements:
In the calendar year for 2020:
Printing costs: £8,235
Additional costs: £128

Advertising revenue: £4,782

In the BV production year of Autumn Issue 2019 – Summer (Corona Virus) Issue 2020 (figures from GoGo Marketing):

Design and printing costs: £8,245 (no costs incurred in the online Corona Virus Issue)

For this and forthcoming year:

Autumn and Winter Issues 2020: £5,500
Spring and Summer Issues 2021 (estimates): £5,530

GoGo Marketing is seeking to avoid any increase in the coming issues.

The first lockdown of 2020 meant that Barrow Voice summer issue (Corona Virus issue) went online. This interesting experiment did, however, involve a huge amount of work from the editor, advertising manager and IT manager. A big thank you goes to Gaynor Barton, Judith Rodgers and John Nurse. Lindsay Ord also continues to give her time for proof reading and copy checking.

Some personnel changes have occurred over the last year. Gaynor Barton stepped down after 7 successful years as editor and was replaced with Karisa Krcmar. Regular contributors Ginny Willcocks and Pam Green retired.

The Autumn Issue aimed to support the local business community during this pandemic with a very well-received four-page spread Barrow Back in Business.

A reader survey held September- November 2020 showed that the overwhelming majority of respondents (91%) wanted to remain with a printed version of the Barrow Voice. Only 22% had looked at the online version. The good news is that 82% reported that they read the magazine from cover to cover and 89% said they sometimes or always looked at the Barrow Voice for suppliers of goods or services.

Forward Plan 2021

1. To continue to act as a unifying force by keeping residents in touch with local village activities and organisations.
2. To celebrate the achievements and reflect the interests of Barrow people.
3. To actively celebrate the growing diversity of demographics in Barrow and reflect this in photographs and features where possible.
4. To continue with a range of features which reflect the interests of Barrow people both nationally and locally.
5. To continue the development of the online version of Barrow Voice.
6. To actively encourage and welcome new members to the editorial team.
7. To work towards making Barrow Voice financially viable.
8. To move the Barrow Voice year to match that of BUSCA (ie Jan 1st – Dec 31st)

2. BATS (Barrow Arts and Theatre Society)

Annual Report 2020

- The pantomime group performed a very successful performance of 'Humpty Dumpty' in March. Despite the rise in venue costs, we still managed to make a small profit.
- The pantomime group attended the Salute to Pantomime awards via an online video chat. The group was nominated for a massive 14 awards! Macauley Crossley won the best male support role across all the pantomimes in Leicester, and the group took second place in the best overall pantomime. We were delighted with the nominations and hoping to take first place when were back up and running!
- Sadly due to the current pandemic the Youth Theatre have been unable to run weekly rehearsals and there was no show to perform. Abi has set the members various activities via facebook and has been running online photo and video competitions to keep them going.
- The Youth Theatre members created some amazing videos to be sent off as part of the 'Heart Fest'. We are very excited for everyone to view these once they have been released. The talent is exceptional.

- Murder Mystery - The murder mystery was hit, as was everything else, by the Covid 19 pandemic. We did cling onto to the idea of an autumn murder mystery before accepting that it couldn't happen.

Forward Plan 2021

- Sadly due to the current pandemic and restrictions within the lockdown, there is no forward plan until further notice.
- We are staying hopeful that there is a possibility of being able to run rehearsals again after Easter.
- Murder Mystery: we are rehearsing a Zoom murder mystery for March 2021. It is called First Class Death and is set on a train. We have hopes of an outdoor event at the Hunting Lodge when the pubs are open.

3. Events Committee

Annual Report 2020

- In Jan 2020 a mass turn out of trustees and members emptied and closed down the bar at Humphrey Perkins Academy. We regretfully decided that the current Events team will not be running any more dances, having closed the bar.
- The one remaining Centre Stage performance was cancelled at the last minute because of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The most significant change to the fortunes of the Events team was that Nicola agreed to take over the organisation of events for Barrow as well as continuing to organise the street market at the switching on of the Christmas Lights. She has a small supporting committee and plenty of helpers.
- Since taking the reins in 2020, the new Events Team have produced over 5 new and exciting events for the village, during the Global Pandemic.
- We ran an online Bake Off Competition in May, with a good take up in the village.
- We successfully organised the Scarecrow Festival in July, with over 80 households taking part. We raised £240 for BUSCA and £200 for Rainbows.
- HarFest came in October, with wonderful support from the High Street shops, decorating their windows. The Hunting Lodge produced HarFest Cocktails for the week and there was a 'Squirrel Hunt' along the High Street for the younger generation.
- Christmas came, but the Market did not. We launched 3 new, successful, events for the village including the Christmas Windows Trail and Letters to Father Christmas. We received, and sent replies to, over 200 children in the village and surrounding areas.

Forward Plan 2021

- In January we will be launching #barrowkindnessproject and encouraging the village to spread a little kindness.
- In February will come Heart❤Fest. A new festival celebrating love and friendship and promoting self-care, new skills and bringing people together. Many village groups are getting involved, including: The Library, and Book Lovers Club, Who Let The Dads Out and Barrow Youth Theatre.
- July will see the return of the Scarecrow Festival, following last year's success.
- We hope to see HarFest return bigger and better in October.
- The Christmas Market and Light Switch On will return in December, alongside a village trail event and Letters to Father Christmas. We are looking to make the Christmas Market single use plastic – free, and shake up the layout and entertainment.
- We will support the Panto Group, Murder Mystery and Youth Theatre.
- We will explore new ways to raise the profile of BUSCA and it's events.
- Looking to 2022, we hope to bring a River Festival to the village.

4. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2020

We haven't met since early in the year so that most of the targets for 2020 were not accomplished but some work has continued.

The Board School project: The Record Office has been closed for much of the year due to the pandemic. Enquiries about a digital version of the Minute book we needed to complete the project would have cost £784. Someone has given us an account, written by his grandmother, of her experience as a pupil at the school.

We spent some hours finding the newspaper articles relevant to Barrow in the National Newspaper Archive. Some of them have added to the information we are gathering about the Comforts Fund. We also have more information about the Barrow Silver band, (led by Veronica Brown's granddad), and their contribution to the social life of the village in the late 19th early 20 centuries.

We have found an article about Tobias Rustat and his involvement in the slave trade. This will need an addition to the article about him on the website.

There have been a number of enquiries through the website, a recent one asking for help in reading the old documents about his house, which we have been able to help with.

We have received a donation of photographs of the village.

Forward Plan 2021

The Board school project needs to be completed.

We hope to meet to discuss what we do next; hopefully the spring might see some progress towards that.

We continue to worry about the heritage material we have accumulated – maps, books and photographs. It does need to be stored safely somewhere.

5. Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2020

Barrow Community library has continued its development as a value added service during 2019. All main Key Point Indicators (KPIs): members, book issues and footfall were struggling to be maintained during the Covid 19 virus issues. We received several grants that enabled the library to move into its 7th year as a community run library.

We have been able to acquire a growing number of books provided free to the library by the public as an Independent Book Service for free borrowing.

The cohort of about 50 volunteers has been maintained, but due to Covid this has meant a considerable reduction in those able to operate within the library. We also now have some younger volunteers. The majority of volunteers carry out frontline duties whilst others provide support through maintenance and building security duties.

The library is successfully managed by a Library Management Committee of around 10 members which meets monthly with Minutes recorded. They had been looking for a new secretary, but have now managed to recruit an excellent one.

The library has operated with significantly reduced hours due to Covid restrictions. However, the library has developed a very successful home delivery service and a click and collect service. We have also developed H&S procedures to open the library and have fitted screen etc, to ensure the H&S of our volunteers and customers.

The library operation is still financially sound and continues to receive grant support from Barrow Parish Council and a very much reduced Leicestershire County Council grant, the latter on a tapering funding model which will expire in March 2022. We have been unable to generate any income from our usual activities this year as we have not been able too hire out the library or hold events

Towards the end of 2019 the library received notification of some S.106 grant money. This has been allocated to the development fund for extending the library building, which has now proceeded to the planning approval stage.

The library digital inclusion project provides IT support outside and inside the library using portable computers and aims to provide assistance to those who are not accessing IT.

Forward Plan 2021

- To maintain a sufficient cohort of trained volunteers for front line and support services

- To maintain, and improve where possible, the services and facilities offered by the library, for both adults and children in the face of any Covid restrictions
- To have robust financial management, improving revenue for recurrent costs and capital projects including the promotion of hiring to aid sustainability. We have now recruited a treasurer to support this
- To maintain, through liaison, good relationships with the Parish and County Councils.
- To work with Leicestershire County Council to progress building plans for a larger community space, funded by S.106 and grant funding to improve facilities for children and young people, to enhance IT access and to provide a more attractive and flexible hiring space. We hope this will increase the footprint by over 402m.
- We have also been asked by BUSCA to explore becoming a CIO Charity in our own right, to ensure that the library management structure can continue even if BUSCA folds . This will be pursued and decisions made in 2021

6. New Community Building

Annual Report 2020

Following the refusal of our planning application in 2019 we engaged the services of a planning consultant who advised that the reasons given by Charnwood Borough Council for refusal where not insurmountable.

On our behalf a letter was written to Barrow Parish Council to seek a meeting with a view to opening a dialogue to find a way in which this important project might be moved forward. BUSCA had previously written to the PC and agreement had been reached that a meeting would take place when the result of the planning application was known.

Despite this and the fact that the Parish Council, in 2016 and again in 2017, had formally resolved to support the project subject to a satisfactory feasibility study, they refused to meet with us. A meeting of BUSCA Trustees later in 2020 declined to press the Parish Council for an explanation of its position or to seek a meeting.

Forward Plan 2021

In view of the Parish Councils refusal to engage with BUSCA and the general lack of support from the trustees there are currently no plans to take this project further.

This represents a very disappointing culmination of some fourteen years dedicated work by a few very committed people and the expenditure of some £18000.

It is now unlikely that the Village will ever get the Community Building that is so badly needed by the residents of this village.

7. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2020

The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially Twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France. The Twinning Association was formed at the instigation and is recognised by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council

At the beginning of March we were able to hold another 50s and 60s Night at St Gregory's in Sileby, which was well attended and much enjoyed. However, all future events had to be cancelled due to the Pandemic, including our planned visit to Marans in June.

Forward Plan 2021

At the time of writing, we are still unable to plan future events for the Association and it is looking very unlikely that any exchange visits can be arranged for this year either.

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Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

9. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2020

There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils. Leaflets have barely been accessed or accessible because of Covid regulations. Several of the previous outlets no longer provide space for our dispensers.

Forward Plan 2021

- Maintain the sculptures
- Increase the number of available leaflet dispensers
- Keep the trail leaflets topped up

10. Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk www.busca.org.uk www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Annual Report 2020

- We continued to develop all five sites by helping to keep individual pages up-to-date and by encouraging individuals and groups to do their own editing. It is most difficult to keep the business pages up to date. We often don't know when a business ceases trading.
- We have kept the existing leaflet dispensers fully stocked with the website leaflet and Welcome Pack so that the public's attention is drawn to the village websites. There are not as many dispensers because of closure of several businesses, and especially during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- There is good use of the village website by members of the public wanting to receive or give info about Barrow including placing adverts, offering services and providing information.
- The Heritage site has been given a lot of new data which has been worked on to prepare it to go on the site.
- The Barrow Voice website continues to be updated with all content from the paper based magazine. Keith has now joined the Barrow Voice team as back-up for John.
- John has worked on the compatibility of all 5 sites for mobile phone users, particularly the BUSCA and Heritage sites. There are still some pages that don't work so further tweaking is needed.
- The Year in Pictures has continued to be populated throughout the year.
- All five sites are now located on one hosting as individual sites. This has reduced the cost of hosting considerably.
- The Heritage website has been given a new layout allowing us to remove the project feature and concentrate on articles which has improved the navigation of the site.
- Barrow Voice website is still updated every quarter to match the magazine. The coronavirus issue in the spring was well received which has shown in the site stats for April and May.
- The visitors to all five sites has reduce slightly over this year, the Village site has the most visitors followed by Barrow Voice, the Heritage and Library remain much the same. The BUSCA site is barely visited with fewer than 10 visitors most months. (This is probably due to the lack of events in 2020)

Forward Plan 2021

- We will continue to update individual and group pages, partly by trying to get their editors to do the updating themselves and partly by testing functioning links to businesses
- Stats analysis will be on going
- Making links with Social media is ongoing. We need to establish if there are any village Twitter accounts (and others)
- The Library website will be continually updated and developed. The BUSCA website will also need further improvements now it lacks the Library component
- Leaflet dissemination is on going
- Addition of data to the Heritage site is ongoing.
- The interactive nature of the adverts is a selling point for getting new advertisers.

- Work on compatibility of all sites for phone users is ongoing
- Work continues to integrate photos between the Village, Library and BV sites.
- Work to be done to improve information etc. on the BUSCA site.

11. Special Projects

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- BOSCAPS could not take place because of Covid so subsidy was not needed.
- Christmas Lights market and entertainment were cancelled so there were no costs nor income.
- BUSCA underwrote Barrow Voice by £1342 (due to losses created by pandemic).
- We decided not to proceed with the Community Hub project for the moment.
- We did not underwrite Centre Stage events because there were none.
- The budget for a Heritage publication by the Heritage Group at £500 has not yet been used
- We continued effective management of Barrow Community Library as a resource during the pandemic.
- We continued to focus on helping BUSCA to become a sustainable organisation by various means including the transfer of activity to the young New Events team headed up by Nicola.

Forward Plan and budget for 2021

- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Budget for Christmas Lights market and entertainment at £700
- Budget for Events at £500
- Underwrite Barrow Voice by £1,000
- Continue to support with enthusiasm the building of a community facility by any agency
- Underwrite Centre Stage events up to £250
- Budget for a publication by the Heritage Group at £500
- Continue effective management of Barrow Community Library
- Work with the Parish Council to supply the text and images for a display board in Millennium Park
- Continue to focus on helping BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means including by consulting residents of the village

List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I ("Round the Edge" and "Barrow's Jitties") (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller's Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- "People and Places" by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
- http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website www.barrowvoice.co.uk)
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA

Social media (Facebook pages)

- BUSCA

- Library

Budget 2021

			Balance
Unrestricted undesignated reserves at 31.12 20			21125
Anticipated income in 2021 (membership subs)	Est.	50	21175
Insurance (paid from Community Building Fund)		nil	
Barrow Voice contingency	Est.	1000	20175
BOSCAPS contingency	Est.	500	19675
Christmas lights & street market	Est.	700	18975
Heritage publication (to be sold)	Est.	500	18475
Centre Stage contingency	Est.	250	18225
Events	Est.	500	17725
Allowance for other expenditure	Est.	250	17475

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of	**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 December 2020**	**Charity number**	**1156170**
Set out on pages	**1 - 4**		

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: J Beaumont

Name: MR. JOHN BEAUMONT

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.M.A.

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Date: 6/3/21

BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 1156170

Receipts	2020	2019	Payments	2020	2019	*Net 20*	*Net 19*
A. Unrestricted funds.							
General							
Barrow Voice Advertising etc.	4782	10796	Barrow Voice printing etc.	8363	11587	*-3581*	*-792*
Events receipts	786	8875	Events payments	1281	5078	*-495*	*3797*
Bank interest	90	107	Insurance	605	933		
Miscellaneous	10	142	Transfers to Comm. Building Designated Fund	0	1793		
Membership subs	76	171	Miscellaneous	205	308		
Owing to BATS	0	19	Junior Fossil Trail leaflet	0	917		
			Archaeology booklet	144	926		
	5744	20109		10597	21544	*-4854*	*-1435*
Bar							
Sales	310	3892	Purchase of stock	12	1749		
			Equipment etc.	0	0		
			Licences & legal fees	0	350		
Closing stock	0	696	Opening stock	696	1144		
Carried to summary	310	4587		708	3242	*-398*	*1345*

Receipts	2020	2019	Payments	2020	2019	*Net 20*	*Net 19*
B. Designated funds.							
Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto)							
Grants/donations	0	0	Equipment	633	153		
Subscriptions from members	1300	4349	Insurance	443	520		
Income from events	4257	13626	Cost of events	5341	16235	*-1085*	*-2609*
Miscellaneous	651	35	Miscellaneous	266	627		
Carried to summary	6208	18010		6684	17535	*-476*	*475*
Community Building Designated Fund							
Cash donations	25	0	Insurance	47	91		
Transfers from general funds	0	1793	Other	0	18		
Bank interest	57	46					
Carried to summary	82	1839		47	109	*35*	*1731*
Heritage Designated Fund							
Transfer from general funds	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Carried to summary	0	0		0	0	*0*	*0*
Barrow-upon-Soar & District Twinning Association							
Events in	1051	1797	Events out	424	513		
Subs and donations	0	290	Miscellaneous	80	20		
Marans hosting	0	0	Marans hosting	0	0	*0*	*0*
Sales	0	97					
Carried to summary	1051	2184		504	533	*547*	*1650*

Receipts	2020	2019	Payments	2020	2019	*Net 20*	*Net 19*
Websites Designated Fund							
Interest	3	0	Purchases	150	167		
Carried to summary	3	0		150	167	*-147*	*-167*
B. Restricted funds.							
Library							
Barrow Parish Council	9500	8750	Payroll	15109	13727		
Leicestershire County Council	1569	3923	Insurance	637	766		
Other grants	16568	4910	Expenses paid from till	362	680		
Till receipts	1532	6531	Publicity	0	0		
Hire fees	2137	3964	Courses	0	0		
Courses	0	0	Volunteer expenses (inc. trustees)	0	0		
Miscellaneous (inc. donations)	539	487	Equipment (inc. stationery)	3582	865		
Furlough receipts	2997	0	Premises (including utilities)	4784	4701		
Building Project	0	500	Building Project	0	800	*0*	*-300*
Card receipts	10		Training	84	0		
			Miscellaneous	1462	872		
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Summary

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General	5744	10597	-4854	-1435		
Bar	310	708	-398	1345		
					26377	21125
Designated						
Panto	6208	6684	-476	475	9268	8792
Community Building Designated Fund	82	47	35	1730	13060	13095
Heritage Designated Fund	0	0	0	0	-47	-47
Twinning Association	1051	504	547	-271	4645	5192
Websites Designated Fund	3	150	-147	-167	755	608
Restricted						
Library	34853	26450	8403	6653	22206	30609
Totals	48249	45140	3109	8331	76265	79354

Assets carried forward represented by:-		
	Unity Trust General Account	14316
	Unity Trust BATS Account	8792
	Loughborough Building Society	50999
	Cash	55
	Bar Stock	0
	Twinning Association bank accounts	5192
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Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the Trustees of	**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association**		
On accounts for the year ended	**31 December 2020**	**Charity number**	**1156170**
Set out on pages	**1 - 4**		

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: J Beaumont

Name: MR. JOHN BEAUMONT

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): F.C.M.A.

Address: 25, THIRLMERE ROAD, BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. LE12 8QQ

Date: 6/3/21

BARROW-UPON-SOAR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Registered Charity No. 1156170

Receipts	2020	2019	Payments	2020	2019	*Net 20*	*Net 19*
A. Unrestricted funds.							
General							
Barrow Voice Advertising etc.	4782	10796	Barrow Voice printing etc.	8363	11587	*-3581*	*-792*
Events receipts	786	8875	Events payments	1281	5078	*-495*	*3797*
Bank interest	90	107	Insurance	605	933		
Miscellaneous	10	142	Transfers to Comm. Building Designated Fund	0	1793		
Membership subs	76	171	Miscellaneous	205	308		
Owing to BATS	0	19	Junior Fossil Trail leaflet	0	917		
			Archaeology booklet	144	926		
	5744	20109		10597	21544	*-4854*	*-1435*
Bar							
Sales	310	3892	Purchase of stock	12	1749		
			Equipment etc.	0	0		
			Licences & legal fees	0	350		
Closing stock	0	696	Opening stock	696	1144		
Carried to summary	310	4587		708	3242	*-398*	*1345*

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B. Designated funds.							
Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto)							
Grants/donations	0	0	Equipment	633	153		
Subscriptions from members	1300	4349	Insurance	443	520		
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