

Chair's Annual Report - Dec 2020 (AGM 25/3/2021)

2020 has been a very challenging year for Vulture Club and all of its members. We commenced the year with exciting plans but as you are all aware by March we were entrenched in a world wide pandemic and the UK went into a Lock-down. But our facilitators weren't phased they met with Trustees to decide on a plan to ensure that our therapeutic activities could continue a more creative way albeit on-line.

Our aim was to continue with our activities whilst supporting as many of our members as we could. Those members who could not access the support group on face-book, were supported by telephone contact, and we encouraged members to reach out for support if they felt overwhelmed by the Covid-19 situation. We have all had to adjust to a new way of accessing our activities and support and this has been on the whole very successful, we had to undertake going "Live' on face-book a thing none of us imagined having to do - Will introduced his story time, Maggie continued with her art sessions, Annie carried on with her Creative writing, Discussion topics and monthly Personal Development workshops and I continued with the book club readings.

Being unable to access our building to meet meant we had to go virtual, we introduced members to Zoom, and whilst carrying on with our daily

activities, Monday to Friday, we soon realised that our service was now operating 7 days a week, with members being encouraged to post any interesting topics, such as poems, music, bird watch, their drawings and paintings, and any suggestions for activities. In Spring we attended a fancy dress party, doing 'turns' on the face book page. We still held our WBN on Zoom, A Roaring Twenties theme based on the Great Gatsby Book which we had received from the Reading Agency. Later when the restrictions lifted members formed a local walking group and we managed to distribute The Great Gatsby to most of our members. At the beginning of August Lorraine left our employment for pastures new, she has been greatly missed but we all wish her every success in her new job and our grateful thanks for her excellent fund-raising efforts over the years she has been involved with Vultures, I am sure we will see her again once this Pandemic is over. I wish to thank Jacqui Miller for stepping into the breach and taking up the role of Administrator to enable Vultures to carry on running smoothly supported by Marion McHugh.

In August, Will and Maggie took a leap of faith and started our Marras Project, amidst the COVID-19 restrictions and this as been delivered almost entirely by Zoom.

During October through to December, Annie, David C, and Colin H directed and encouraged all members who wished to participate, to write and video their own monologues, which they then helped members to perform and a video was put together by Colin and aired 17th December on the members Face-book support page, after which Colin produced DVD's to help raise funds for VC I understand we raised about £190.00. I also want to express my admiration to Wayne J and the other members involved who approached the Trustees about a music project called Limewood, the Trustees and Facilitators gave their approval of this project but could not offer any financial support at the time, their commitment to the project deserves a mention, even donating their own money to hiring a room they could safely meet in whilst we were unable to access our own building, to practise their music and singing, we hope that Vultures can take the Limewood Project further once we are able to meet up with Wayne and the members involved to discuss it in more detail.

Finally, I just want to thank all the facilitators, trustees, and members for their hard-work and creative ideas that have enabled VC to continue with their therapeutic activities during this pandemic and to ask you all to continue to support each other, and encourage members who are struggling and feeling overwhelmed by the situation to reach out for

support. I am hoping that we are soon able to meet again in our building and return to our face to face activities where we can shake hands and hug each other once again.

Marian Muir

Chair

Vulture Club

December 2020

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of The Vulture Club,
Market Hall, Market Place, Whitehaven. Charity Registration 1157909 CIO.**

I report on the accounts of the organisation for the year ended 30th September 2020, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Alan Stubbs FCMA, CGMA
(Chartered Management Accountant)

Right Balance Accounting

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Date: 5th March 2021

THE VULTURE CLUB

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1157909

REGISTERED 18TH JULY 2014

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 1ST OCTOBER 2019 – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

INCOME :-

SELLAFIELD	1,502.04
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COALFIELDS	10,000.00
HADFIELD	3,000.00
TESCO	500.00
CBC	250.00
CINEMATHERAPY	86.00

DONATIONS:

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MISC	2,222.00
BANK INTEREST	17.19

TOTAL INCOME 31,598.82

INCOME FORWARD

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EXPENDITURE :-

FACILITATORS EX. 41.14

ADMIN 3,609.98

TRIPS 139.00

RENT 5,550.00

UTILITIES 1,420.74

PETTY CASH 300.00

FEES 12,623.82

PAYROLL 13,540.89

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 37,225.57

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DEFICIT

-5,626.75

PLUS BALANCE FORWARD

25,313.15

CLOSING FUNDS BALANCE

19,686.40

BANK BALANCE AS AT 30.09.20

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THE VULTURE CLUB PETTY CASH ACCOUNT

FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2019 – 30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

BALANCE FORWARD	37.54	
INCOME :-		
8.10.19	100.00	
18.09.20	200.00	
TOTAL		337.54

EXPENDITURE :-		
ADMIN/STATIONERY	80.05	
TRAVEL	55.20	
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