

The Poirier Foundation Annual Report 2022-23

Another year has gone and I'm reminded that it's 10 years since the campaign to save De Lacy House, which was the birth of our organisation. In those early days we had hoped that DLH could have been saved for the benefit of Winterton. It was not to be.

Our raison d'être was always to benefit elderly or vulnerable folk, and when we see folk having to go into residential care away from Winterton, we live in hope that one day someone will establish a care home here once again.

Undeterred by that early setback, we soon were at work to find ways to help folk in our area and it wasn't long before Lunch & Linger started.

There is much need out there, and we are well aware that there are numerous activities we could take on given money and volunteers. The Poirier Foundation continues to be true to its motto "Our Community, Our Care".

We have now registered The Poirier Foundation with HMRC and are now able to recover Gift Aid on donations made to us if the donor is a tax payer. If you have been most supportive in the past we will soon contact you as we are allowed to claim Gift Aid on donations made to us within the last 4 years .

Top of this last year's challenges was of course the cost of living crisis which worsened with Ukraine war so we started to look at how we could help.

Our Warm Place initiative was launched and we began to look for grants to enable us to make this work. In the autumn we consulted with Winterton Methodist Chapel leadership and were grateful to be offered at least 3 days per week between Jan and March 2023 when we could invite people here typically from 10am to 3pm. These would be incorporated into the already fixed dates for Lunch & Linger and Disabled Club. This was a real opportunity to help folk, mostly living alone, to provide a warm place across the winter months. Outcomes would be 1. They wouldn't have to heat their homes across the day, saving on fuel 2. There was a light lunch provided 3. They were able to socialise.

In the end we had 459 attendances in total during 26 sessions.

Activities included lots of speakers, music, Games (some people learnt to play Beetle Game and had great fun), Pyrography, Funny stories and a great Concert with Sam Barrett.

We served soup, sandwiches, cakes and hot drinks although on some occasions we had baked potatoes with various fillings/salad, bacon butties, steak pie and peas and of course the ever popular fish & chips. All sessions were free of charge.

We welcomed Jasmine Taylor for our very last session and everyone enjoyed both the music and the splendid buffet from The Phoenix Café at Winterton Shopping village.

We were glad to have volunteers making the 3 winter months so enjoyable for all the attendees.

We completed the end of year report for the grant we received from The Grocers Charity which allowed us to hold our Warm Place sessions. Our project was judged to be significant as we have been invited to provide further details so it could be featured in their 2022-2023 Annual Review. The Review is printed and sent to their 1000 strong Membership and those included in the Review.

At the Winterton Disabled Club Charity Fair where we had a display, many people were making complimentary remarks on how we held Warm Place sessions and some others expressed interested in coming to anything we could organise for next Winter. Our Crowdfunder project raised a total of £2310, truly a magnificent effort.

We are now making plans and seeking grants for Warm Place during the first part of 2024 and are looking for extra volunteers to assist with the sessions.

Now for Lunch & Linger which continues fortnightly uninterrupted with only one break; at Christmas and New Year!

The welcome extends across our catchment area for folk to come and enjoy a good nutritious meal with us.

Following a visit from North Lincolnshire Council Food Safety Officer we have been given a Food Hygiene rating of 5 and received complimentary comments on the running of our lunches
The 'Linger' part before the lunch has pepped up a bit since last year. We list those involved during the 12 months to end of March:

Sheila Craft stall April 22

David Hand Magician May 22 and March 23

Steve Stubbins Down Memory Lane in Winterton, Ashby & Scunthorpe May, June, October and November 22. We always enjoy Steve and are glad he's so willing to come

Healthwatch July & August 22

Mike Joyce Coast to Coast Walk August 22

Malcolm Dolby The Dukeries October 22

Sheila Craft stall November 22

Kate Lutley OPSA cards November 22

Kevin Whitby Return to Nepal Feb23

Nigel Barley National Service March 23

We are grateful to all speakers and presenters and to The Shopping Village Café for supplying an excellent Christmas Lunch.

We're something of a family... a miniature community supporting one another with good opportunity to fellowship around the table. Although we only make small profit we can still keep the cost of the meal at £5 thanks to grants to cover the cost of hiring the Chapel Hall and covering travel costs to bring some of our guests to lunches.

Our Transport scheme enables a taxi to be provided for folk who may have mobility issues and need transport especially for visits for medical attention and other very necessary trips. This has enjoyed a challenging year. The taxi service is provided by Winterton Taxis. Paul continues to provide a very good service, giving the necessary time and going beyond the call of duty to help those with mobility issues. We're glad to have help from a volunteer driver. We are most grateful to Winterton Methodist Church Benevolent Fund for a £250 thoughtful donation, to boost the depleted funds of this Scheme after all the assistance we have had to give a lot of people, especially trips for Covid boosters and hospital. Another fantastic boost of £1000 came from 'Pete Fest' fundraiser held in April at The Butchers Arms.

Our Winter Support Scheme continues. Last Winter we got off lightly again, but who knows what will be coming, and we are ready as always. As the last time it snowed, several helpers are on hand. Winterton is divided into 4 zones and we have over 120 households on our lists and we would like to thank volunteers for their willingness to be in touch with all concerned if severe weather arrives. Our energies and funds were directed towards Warm Place in the absence of snow.

We are fortunate to have the ongoing Co-op Community Fund. Each purchase from the Co-op provides a small sum to Poirier.

We are grateful to all the Co-op staff for their assistance in preparing our orders and to all Winterton Co-op & Tesco Express customers for their continued donations in store to the food bank collections. We work in partnership with Winterton & District Lions to distribute locally. We are extremely grateful to all the people who are still donating despite difficult times.

A word on people: we sadly lost Edna Clark, a founder member of The Poirier Foundation. She enjoyed attending lunches and all the pre lunch activities too. On the days she couldn't make it she was still interested in knowing what was on the menu and what we were doing. May she rest in peace.

We are always looking for volunteers. We want to share the work out so that we have someone able to help at any time, so the more, the merrier!.

We continue to keep a supply of disability aids available to be loaned out thanks to various folk who have given them.

Hugo's Foot Care services.. holding regular clinics here between 1pm and 4pm on L&L Wednesdays. As TPF we are simply facilitating footcare here, it's all down to Hugo. But what a help it is having him here. Anyone can make an appointment and discuss their needs by contacting Hugo direct on his land-line number 01724 645286.

Another successful year ... thanks to so many willing people.

Mike Joyce (Chair 2022-23)

THE POIRIER FOUNDATION

Reg Charity No 1160090

8 King Street
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**The Poirier
Foundation**

Our Community
Our Care

ACCOUNTS

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Signed:

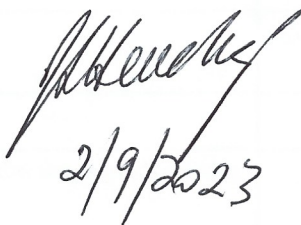


Mike Joyce
Chair

Dated:

2/9/2023

Signed:



Jim Harding
Treasurer

Dated:

2/9/2023

Signed:



Mrs E Wilson
Independent Examiner

Dated:

2/9/2023

THE POIRIER FOUNDATION

Registered Charity No. 1160090. Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Statement of activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared as "Receipts & Payments Accounts".
- (b) Voluntary Income is received by way of donations and is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- (d) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred unless billing has not been issued by the end of March. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (e) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
- (f) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (g) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of administration costs.

Restricted funds include: Lunch and Linger, Assisted Transport Service, Winter Support Scheme, Warm Place and Coronavirus support.

INCOME

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds For year £ | Total Funds Prev. year £ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | |
| Donations | 340.00 | 160.00 | 500.00 | 414.78 |
| Training | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Operating activities to further the charity's objects: | 0.00 | 3607.00 | 3607.00 | 1772.00 |
| Lunches | 0.00 | 5250.00 | 5250.00 | 0.00 |
| Warm Place | 0.00 | 13.37 | 13.37 | 0.00 |
| Winter Support Scheme | | | | |
| Fund raising | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 313.00 |
| Grants (Blakemore Foundation, Coop Community Fund) | 0.00 | 1999.85 | 1999.85 | 250.00 |
| Transport Lunches | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Assisted transport: (Coop, Asda, Donations) | 0.00 | 720.00 | 720.00 | 1582.18 |
| | | | | |
| Total | 340.00 | 11750.22 | 12090.22 | 4331.96 |

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Statement of activities for the year ended 31st March 2023

EXPENDITURE

| | Unrestricted Funds | Restrict- ed Funds | Total Funds For year | Total Funds Prev. year |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Resources expended | | | | |
| Fundraising | 0.00 | 8.00 | 8.00 | 0.00 |
| Charitable expenditure | | | | |
| Cost of activities: Lunches Warm Place | | 2970.88 4159.71 | 2970.88 4159.71 | 3895.27 0.00 |
| Transport (Lunches) | 0.00 | 915.05 | 915.05 | 370.35 |
| Transport (Warm Place) | | 676.25 | 676.25 | 0.00 |
| Winter Support / Covid 19 | | 61.24 | 61.24 | 89.89 |
| Management & Administration | 174.75 | 100.00 | 274.75 | 224.93 |
| Training/Equipment | 0.00 | 273.21 | 273.21 | 606.46 |
| Transport service | 0.00 | 3165.55 | 3165.55 | 3957.00 |
| Total resources expended | 174.75 | 12329.89 | 12504.64 | 9143.90 |
| Net income for the year | 165.25 | - 579.67 | - 414.42 | - 4811.94 |
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| Total funds at 1/4/2021 | | | | 25774.55 |
| Total funds at 1/4/2022 | 4187.60 | 16775.01 | 20962.61 | |
| Total funds at 31/3/2023 | 4352.85 | 16195.34 | 20548.19 | |

Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2023

Monetary assets: £20548.19

No Liabilities

| Total | General Fund | Lunches & Warm Place | Transport Lunches | Transport Service | Training | Winter Support Covid 19 |
|-------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Cash | 19.16 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Bank | 8143.08 | 3093.40 | 1519.27 | 1686.37 | 121.82 | 5965.09 |