

The Poirier Foundation Trustees Report 2023-24

Trustees report is for the year April 2023 to March 2024.

The Poirier Foundation continues to be true to its motto "Our Community, Our Care".

In April 2023, the cost of living crisis was still very much with us as our first Warm Place initiative had just ended.

We still had funds left thanks to folk donating throughout, and we began to plan for Warm Place 2024 and to look for other possible ways of providing help in the community.

Trinity METHODIST Church's Leadership agreed again to allow us to hire their hall for 2 days per week between Jan and March 2024 when we could invite people here typically from 10am to 3pm. These dates would be incorporated into the already fixed dates for Lunch & Linger and Disabled Club.

As last year the benefits in mind were 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 390 attendances in total during 18 sessions. Thank you to the Humber Charity Team for their £1000 donation towards Warm Place sessions.

We routinely served soup, sandwiches, cakes and hot drinks although on some occasions we went a little further with baked potatoes, steak pie and peas and of course the ever popular fish & chips. All sessions were free of charge.

Activities included speakers and entertainers, music and games

9th January Funny Stories

16th January History of Lions Club

17th January History of Grocers Charity

23rd January Photography

30th January Concert with Helen

31st January Games

6th February St Cuthbert's Way walk. Nick Dew

13th February Winterton Gardens photos

14th February Valentine Day celebrations

20th February Cheryl Beal. Reminiscence

27th February Concert with Helen

28th February Concert with Fourum/Magic

5th March Rachel Dixon. Drumming

12th March Sharing stories

13th March 700th anniversary of the Winteringham Charter

19th March Sharing stories

26th March Local geography/history

27th March Concert with Helen

We were glad to have volunteers including Tracy, Margaret, Linda, Cindy and Kathy throughout and thanks go to all who made the 3 winter months so enjoyable for all the attendees. Local support has been much appreciated.

So even as we finished Warm Place we were making plans and seeking grants for Warm Place during the first part of 2025. As before, we will be looking for extra volunteers to assist with the sessions.

There is much need out there, and we are well aware that there are numerous activities we could take on given money and volunteers.

At the 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 interest in coming to anything we could organise for next Winter.

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

The welcome extended across our catchment area for folk to come and enjoy a good nutritious meal with us. Stuart our chef consistently blessed us with top quality cuisine. Averil and Cindy helped in the kitchen. We're always so grateful for these our hard working volunteers.

The Linger time before the lunch hasn't always been easy to get speakers for. Here's a list those involved during the 12 months to end of March:

Steve Stubbins (twice)

Carers Support

Nick Dew. "Railway Poster Art. A Whimsical Look at Railway Publicity"

Amanda Barnett. Flowers

OPSA Cards

Auction

Fourum Concert

Craft stall. Sheila Rhodes

NHS Consultation

Carers Support "Dementia Direct"

Care Call Service

Kevin Whitby. Update on Nepal

Nigel Barley. RAF Cranwell

Wilderspin School Reminiscence

Our sincere thanks to all speakers and presenters.

We are most grateful to The Shopping Village Café for supplying an excellent Lunch on one occasion. Also special thanks to Button & Huteson from Dignity for sponsoring our Christmas Lunches and to some of their staff for helping to serve meals on the day.

We're something of a family... a miniature community supporting one another with good opportunity to fellowship around the table.. It's great. 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.

It's clear from the revised terms of our insurance that Personal Care is specifically excluded. As such, it was pointed out that members must bring a personal carer with them if Personal Care is needed.

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 enjoyed a challenging year. The taxi service is provided by Winterton Taxis. Paul continued 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 Roger K with us too as a volunteer driver. We were most grateful to Reverend Vicki A and Winterton Methodist Church Benevolent Fund for a £250 thoughtful donation to boost the depleted funds of this Scheme after all the assistance we had to give to a lot of people, especially trips for Covid boosters, flu jabs and hospital visits.

Another fantastic boost of £1000 came from Pete Fest fundraiser held in April at The Butchers Arms. We send our grateful thanks to all involved.

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. Stuart Maw was not as mobile as he would like, but, as the last time it snowed, several helpers were on hand.

Winterton is divided into 4 zones and we have over 120 households on our lists and we would like to thank Kathy, Nicky, Stuart and Kerrie 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.

Funding

We were fortunate to be a good cause in the Co-op Community Fund and received £1602.43 last October.

Thank you 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.

Last year we registered for Gift Aid and this is bringing in small but significant amounts.

People

A word on people: we sadly lost Barbara S, Maureen W and Edna C. We are most grateful to have received substantial tributes in memory of these dear friends.

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.

An important footnote!

Another successful year of Hugo's Foot Care services.. holding regular clinics here between 10am 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.

Thankyou

Finally, a big thank you to all volunteers whatever your role. We greatly value you, and are most grateful for your part in our success.

Trustees 2023-4: M. Joyce (Chair), N. Mumby(Vice Chair), J.Harding(Treasurer), C.Pick, C. Richardson.

THE POIRIER FOUNDATION

Reg Charity No 1160090

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Winterton
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Our Community
Our Care

ACCOUNTS

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Signed:

Mike Joyce
Chair

Dated:

31st March 2024

Signed:

Jim Harding
Treasurer

Dated:

31st March 2024

Signed:

Mrs E Wilson
Independent Examiner

Dated:

27th June 2024

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Registered Charity No. 1160090. Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Statement of activities for the year ended 31st March 2024

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. Interest is recorded in the year it is paid into account.
- (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 and Warm Place.

INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds For year £	Total Funds Prev. year £
Incoming resources				
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating activities to further the charity's objects:				
Lunches	0.00	4686.78	4686.78	3607.00
Warm Place	0.00	4273.93	4273.93	5250.00
Winter Support Scheme	0.00	161.10	161.10	13.37
Fund raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants (Blakemore Foundation, Coop Community Fund)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1999.85
Transport Lunches	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assisted transport: (Coop, Trinity Methodist Church, Petefest)	0.00	2852.43	2852.43	720.00
Assisted transport: (Donations, Gift Aid)	0.00	825.44	825.44	0.00
Total	0.00	12799.68	12799.68	12090.22

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EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restrict- ed Funds	Total Funds For year	Total Funds Prev. year
	£	£	£	£
Resources expended				
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00
Charitable expenditure				
Cost of activities: Lunches		3769.27	3769.27	2970.88
Warm Place		2516.32	2516.32	4159.71
Transport (Lunches)		636.45	636.45	915.05
Transport (Warm Place)		401.25	401.25	676.25
Winter Support		0.00	0.00	61.24
Management & Administration	143.47	164.83	308.30	274.75
Training/Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	273.21
Transport service	0.00	2544.30	2544.30	3165.55
Total resources expended	143.47	10032.42	10175.89	12504.64
Net income for the year	-143.47	2767.26	2623.79	- 414.42
Total funds at 1/4/2022				20962.61
Total funds at 1/4/2023	4352.85	16195.34	20548.19	
Total funds at 31/3/2024	4209.38	18962.60	23171.98	

Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2024

Monetary assets: £23171.98

No Liabilities

Total	General Fund	Lunches	Warm Place	Transport Service	Training	Winter Support
Cash	33.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank	4409.95	2866.85	1793.27	2819.94	121.82	1126.19
Savings	5000.00					5000.00