

MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1161566

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-05-07

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE OF THE AREA OF MATLOCK.2) THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST BY PROMOTING HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING, DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING MATLOCK.

Activities: We are a Civic Association dedicated to improving Matlock. We comment on proposals/plans affecting the town, campaign for improvements and carry out projects such as painting the Matlock mural, publishing Town Trails and installing Blue Plaques. Our objects are to educate the public in various aspects of the town and to preserve, protect and improve buildings and other features of public interest.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,493	£964	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,371	£15,598	-	-
2023-03-31	£4,839	£15,107	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,459	£4,288	-	-
2021-03-31	£176,410	£540	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANTHONY ROBIN SYMES	Chair	2014-11-03
Anne Elizabeth Bird		2025-11-06
David Charles Puxley		2021-11-08
David Smith		2015-10-12
MR KENNETH PARKER B.SC.,MLI		2014-11-03
Richard Morris Walker		2020-11-09

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MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for FINANCIAL YEAR April 2024 - March 2025

(extended to September 25)

MCA met 9 times in the year with an average attendance of 11. Membership is now 26 plus 4 friends. The Trustees remained the same, although David Smith is unable to attend monthly meetings. Tony Symes has given notice of stepping down as Chairman at the 2025 AGM, but will remain as a Trustee for the time being. The financial situation continued to be healthy with funds of just over £193,000 - largely due to the David Barker Bequest. MCA now meet at 7pm at Church in the Peak, Lime Tree Road as regrettably the Methodist Church has closed for financial reasons,

Unfortunately we have not been able to complete any major new projects this year mainly due to the lack of resources by the relevant Local Authorities, but much preparatory work has been undertaken for projects including Artists Corner, which is due for completion at the end of this calendar year. This will open up the view of High Tor, favoured by Victorian Artists, by initially clearing the trees and shrubbery to be followed by a seat and hopefully information board. A Blue Plaque has been installed at Oldham House (Hydro) on Wellington Street, whilst installation is imminent at the Limes Boarding House funded by the owner and a third is agreed in principle by the new owner of Chatsworth Hall (Hydro). The creation of an East Bank Trail along the river to Matlock Bath has been pursued with David Puxley submitting, along with others, a grant bid for a scoping study, which unfortunately has been unsuccessful, but this project will be pursued. No real progress on the Hydro themed Artwork project.

Following recognition of the ageing of Members and Trustees, Ken Parker has spent a huge amount of time on proposals for the Future of MCA. Submissions have been made to the Charity Commission to approve this proposal for a David Barker Bequest Charity, with ring fenced funds, to be operated by the Town Council, who have agreed in principle to this plan. This new Charity would act within the existing MCA objectives and constraints with some continued involvement of one or more members of MCA. It would be the means of holding and spending the majority of MCA's funds into the future. MCA would continue as the Civic Society until such time as it becomes impossible for us to continue. At that point MCA would be wound up with any remaining funds also transferred to the DBB Charity. The proposal was submitted to the Charity Commission in June 2025 but, although acknowledged, no decision has yet been made.

Led very ably by Richard Walker we have been active in making representations on many Planning Applications. This has included continued objections the Wolds Rise/Gritstone Road application and Public Inquiry which decided in favour of the Wolds Action Group rejection of the appeal despite the District Council withdrawing their objection. We argued against key elements of the proposals for the former RBS building, but lost out on retention of the flat roof for the revised extension. We objected to revised proposals for the Cawdor Quarry site which include 12 new four storey tower blocks on the edge of open countryside. We have been involved in plans for the Hurst Farm Heritage Trail and made significant comments on the proposals for the Aldi replacement of Hadfield House, Chatsworth Hydro and the Chatsworth Hall site along with a number of smaller applications.

Other activities have included cleaning the Matlock Mural, well organised by Annie Bird, and tidying up the Shiploads Garden (originally created by MCA back in the 1980s) plus pressing for improvement of the paving outside Greggs and proposals by Murray Gordon for repairing Evans historic clock on Dale Road and installing more seats up Bank Road and Steep Turnpike, all of which are ongoing. Dave Puxley prepared a comprehensive paper on a programme for the Regeneration of Matlock, which was presented to Officers of the District Council, who were interested and sympathetic, but could not progress it further at this stage due to resource limitations.

Administration continued with the AGM in November 2024 at which Andrew and Vanessa Pugh vividly described their original purchase of the Heights of Abraham and subsequent development of the high risk Cable Car project, which has culminated in a successful tourist attraction and the Heights being awarded a Gold Medal by the English Tourist Board. A big thank you to Dave Puxley for producing the Accounts and managing the investments and many thanks to Brian Wood for auditing the Accounts. Membership of Civic Voice has been renewed, with their bulletins circulated as appropriate, the Charity Commission annual return completed, insurance cover repeated and the Remembrance Service attended etc.

As usual huge thanks to Ken for all his hard work and thanks to all our members for their continued support particularly those who are able to make it to the meetings.

Drafted by Tony Symes {Chairman} Revised by Trustees Oct 2025 and Agreed by AGM on 6 Nov 2025.

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FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR 1.4.2024 – 31.3.2025

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1.4.2024

Mansfield Building Society	£ 26981.24
Lloyds Bank Account	£ 12708.62
Unity Trust Bank	£ 85000.00
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£ 60000.00
Petty Cash	£ 140.00

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE **£184,829.86**

INCOME FOR 1.4.2024 – 31.3.2025

Membership	£ 540.00
Friends membership	£ 40.00
Jitty booklet sales	£ 443.00
MCV assets transfer	£ 379.90 ¹
Building Society interest	£ 8089.65

TOTAL INCOME **£ 9492.55**

EXPENDITURE FOR 1.4.2024 – 31.3.2025

Bank charges	£ 0.00
Room hire	£ 234.00
Sundry expenses (wreath, Civic Voice memb., Legal advice)	£ 561.99 ²
Insurance	£ 167.58

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£ 963.57**

DIFFERENCE (between income & expenditure) **£ 8,528.98**

CLOSING BALANCE AT 31.3.2025 **£193,358.84**

FUNDS AT 31.3.2024

Mansfield Building Society	£ 27633.29
Lloyds Bank Account	£ 17629.11
Unity Trust Bank	£ 85000.00 ³
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£ 63016.44 ⁴
Petty Cash	£ 80.00

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31.3.2025 (carry over to 2025-26) **£193,358.84**

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Notes

1. MCV assets have been received and this sum is ringfenced for projects in line with MCV objectives
2. The £500 donation to DDCVS (part of the Sundries sum) was agreed by MCA meeting (and not requested by the CVS) as thanks for the legal advice given to MCA by Neil Moulden (chief executive of CVS) regarding the creation of a new charity to administer the David Barker bequest
3. The balance of the United Trust Bank stays constant as interest is paid into Lloyds to avoid the balance going above the £85K protected limit
4. The funds in Cambridge & Counties were transferred into a 2-year bond when the original investment matured. This has to stay there until 9th September 2026 to avoid any withdrawal penalty

General Note

It is the intent of MCA to gradually transfer the bulk of its funds (arising from the David Barker bequest) to a new charity (to be called the David Barker bequest) that will be administered by Matlock Town Council as the sole trustee. If the formation of this new charity is approved by the Charity Commission, MCA will begin to transfer funds to this new charity as and when accounts / bonds mature.

Dave Puxley, MCA Treasurer

30/4/2025 (audited)

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MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES` ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR April 2023_-March 2024 (extended to September 2024)

MCA met 9 times in the year with an average attendance of 11, and I am pleased to say membership increased to 28 plus 4 friends. The Trustees remained the same, although David Smith is unable to attend monthly meetings. The financial situation continued to be very healthy due to the earlier bequest from David Barker.

A major project was the design and installation of the large Locomotive Cut Out Artwork on the station footbridge together with an associated lectern/plaque and planters. This project had dragged on for many years, was only completed by Ken's persistence and was unveiled at a ceremony of the interested parties in February 2024.

Thanks to Peter Wild 4 more Blue Plaques have been installed at Jackson House Hydro, Bank House Hydro (Derbyshire Archives), Chesterfield House Hydro (Presentation Convent), and Prospect Place on Wellington Street. Two others have been designed for Chatsworth House Hydro and Oldham House, but changing ownership has delayed installation.

It has been decided that arrangements should be made now for the future transfer of the MCA Charity together with its funds (like a will with a power of attorney) because of ageing of the Trustees and membership and the difficulty of spending our considerable funds due to 'cash strapped' local authorities not being prepared to take ownership of any foreseeable completed MCA projects. After some research it was decided that Matlock Town Council should be the recipient and custodian of MCA at some future date and be required to comply with its charitable objectives and the criteria set down by David Barker, all of which required the drafting of a new Governing Document. Final approval by MCA membership and the Town Council is awaited, but progress is looking good.

One such project, which suffered due to the above local authority pressures and constraints, was the Hydro Themed Artwork for Crown Square or the Park, but it is hoped this can be resurrected as soon as possible. Plans to create a new public viewpoint at Artists Corner have been similarly delayed and we still await feedback on the DCC commissioned viability study of developing the East Bank trail to Matlock Bath.

475 copies of the Jitties Trail booklet have been sold up to September 2024 and Richard has kept supplying our sales outlets in local shops. Brian Wood organised cleaning of the mural, which should be repeated next Spring (2025). Together with the Town Council, and especially Martin Burfoot, some progress has been made to deter lorries damaging the paving outside Gregg's on Bakewell Road but the tarmac patching really needs to be repaired in matching stone and DCC action will be necessary. Discussions

are underway to support costly repair work to the old clock outside Evans jewellers on Dale Road.

Led by Richard Walker we have been very active in making representations on Planning Applications. We secured significant improvements to the Quarry Lane development of 75 houses and have continued to object strongly to the Gritstone Road proposals, which have been rejected so far. However, despite our repeated objections, including speaking at the planning committee meeting, the RBS development has been approved with a flat roof extension, which could be a dangerous precedent in this Conservation Area. We have made representations on design and materials on the Halldale Quarry application, which seems to have stalled.

Richard has also led our submissions on the Local Plan and revisions to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). We have influenced the rebuilding of the Riverside Wall next to Matlock Bridge by the Environment Agency and secured better, matching stone work to the new wall instead of the 'stone in metal cages' originally proposed. We also persuaded EA to add large rocks to mask the harsh concrete wall opposite and it is now softening with new vegetation. However our request to create a viewing terrace on the new wall (possibly with an outdoor café) was unsuccessful. Richard has represented us on the reconvened DDDC Conservation Advisory Forum until March 2024 (since when it has not met). Our involvement with Matlock Community Vision has ceased as it has been wound up with their remaining funds of approximately £400 transferred to MCA by agreement. The redevelopment of the Bakewell Road site, which MCV had championed for 10 years, will remain substantially unchanged apart from the frontage (another opportunity in waiting).

Administration continued with the AGM in November 2023 at which Alan Belton, a member from Essex, described the work of The School of Military Intelligence at Smedley's Hydro (now County Hall) during the 2nd World War. A big thank you to Dave Puxley for producing the accounts, managing the investments and renewing our insurance, and many thanks to Brian Wood for auditing the Accounts. Civic Voice emails are circulated as appropriate, the Charity Commission annual return was completed and the Remembrance Service attended.

As usual huge thanks to Ken for all his hard work especially on the frustrating loco cut out project and the complex transfer document. Finally thanks to all our members for their continued support particularly those who are able to make it to the meetings.

Drafted by Tony Symes (Chairman MCA) Revised by Trustees on 25 October 2024
Agreed by AGM on 11 November 2024

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ACCOUNTS FOR MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR 1.4.2023 – 31.3.2024

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1.4.2023

Melton Building Society	£ 84494.61
Mansfield Building Society	£ 85505.85
HSBC Bank Account	£ 25353.81
Lloyds Bank Account	£ 1622.79
Petty Cash	£ 60.00

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE £197037.06

INCOME FOR 1.4.2023 – 31.3.2024

Membership	£ 620.00 ¹
Friends membership	£ 50.00
Donations	£ 70.00 ²
Jitty booklet sales	£ 642.50
Building Society interest	£ 1988.52 ³

TOTAL INCOME £ 3371.02

EXPENDITURE FOR 1.4.2023 – 31.3.2024

Bank charges	£ 10.00 ⁴
Sundry expenses (room hire, web site, wreath, CV memb.)	£ 779.24 ⁵
Insurance	£ 160.58
Jitty trail booklet production	£ 1083.00 ⁶
Rail footbridge artwork	£ 11665.00 ⁷
Blue Plaques	£ 1900.40

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 15598.22

DIFFERENCE (between income & expenditure) - £ 12207.20

CLOSING BALANCE AT 31.3.2024 **£184,829.86**

FUNDS AT 31.3.2024

Mansfield Building Society	£ 26981.24 ^A
Lloyds Bank Account	£ 12708.62 ^B
Unity Trust Bank	£ 85000.00 ^C
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£ 60000.00 ^D
Petty Cash	£ 140.00

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31.3.2024 (carry over to 2024-25) **£184,829.86**

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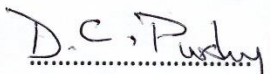
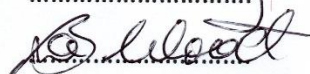
Notes

1. Membership income covers all of this year's subs and some late income (#3) for previous year
 2. Donations are for receipt of Eurotunnel shares (from David Barker's will) and from Churchill (via Ken)
 3. Building Society interest from closing Melton B.S. account (£60.77) (*NB this was only the final interest payment from Melton; a payment of £210.71 was paid on 31/3/2023 and was therefore included in last year's accounts*) plus part-year interest (£452.36) from UTB, plus £1475.39 from Mansfield BS.
 4. Bank charges comes from the old HSBC account (now closed)
 5. An unusually large Sundries figure. Room hire is generally the largest contributor to this. This year it was boosted significantly (to a total of £695) by the fact that the Methodist Church did not send us any bills throughout Covid, hence a very large backlog this year
 6. Costs of a second print run
 7. The Rail Footbridge Artwork was our only major project this year. This expenditure figure is very misleading as much of this funding was received from other bodies (notably the Rail Partnership) in previous years
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- A. The Mansfield pays a lower interest rate than the other savings accounts but has money available at only 30 days' notice
 - B. Lloyds is our current account for day to day transactions. It incurs no bank charges but bears no interest
 - C. United Trust Bank offers the best rate of interest, 180 day notice, initially paying 5.25% but linked to Base Rate. Interest is paid into Lloyds to prevent balance going above FSCS limit. £452.36 received in Oct. 2023
 - D. Cambridge & Counties Bank pays a slightly lower rate (5.00%) but is fixed until Sept. 2024. No interest received yet but is expected to pay £3016 then at term end.
 - E. The HSBC and Melton BS accounts have been closed during this year

Prepared by Dave Puxley, MCA Treasurer; 9/4/2024;

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Audited by Brian Wood, MCA Official Auditor; 20/4/2024;

Signed 
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To be approved at MCA 2024 AGM

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28th April 2024

Dear Dave

Matlock Civic Association Accounts 01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024

I confirm that the Independent Examination of the Income and Expenditure accounting records presented to me agreed with the Bank Reconciliation for the period 01.04.2023 - 31.03.2024 in the sum of £184829.86

A signed copy of the Examiners Report to the Trustees is enclosed.

Yours sincerely



Brian Wood

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Matlock Civic Association Charity No 1161566

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31ST March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of the Trust 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 the examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting statements

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(Signed)  Date 28th April 2024

Qualification: D.M.A.

Address: Amberley, 298 Smedley Street, Matlock, DE4 3LH

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR April 2022–March 2023 (extended to September 2023)

MCA had another busy year on projects, on planning applications and many other matters. We continued to meet almost every month, although average numbers were still down post-Covid and attendance averaged 9 members per meeting. However I am pleased to report that membership remains at 21 full members and 6 friends. Sadly we have to record the passing in June 2022 of Tottie Holden - a founder member and stalwart of MCA over very many years. As far as Trustees are concerned Jerry Drew resigned as a Trustee and member following ill health, whilst Dave Puxley, our new Treasurer, produced his first set of Accounts, which continued to be very healthy. In the light of increasing interest rates, Dave reviewed, and with approval, implemented our investments which are set out in the separate financial report. Ken Parker, Richard Walker, David Smith and Tony Symes continue as Trustees with Dave Puxley our newest Trustee.

A major project was the enhancement of the War Memorial Stone in Hall Leys Park by the addition of four powder-coated steel black cut out figures representing each of the three services and the Women's Voluntary Service together with a plaque explaining the 'Together' theme. The scheme was supported by a whole range of organisations and was officially recognised at the 2022 Remembrance Ceremony. It was funded by the bequest from David Barker, who was a founder member of MCA and a great supporter of the Service Organisations – so a very appropriate first use of his Bequest.

After years of slow progress, Ken's dormant Ashton's Tree project suddenly took off with funding from the Environment Agency. It was unveiled in March 23 as the Queen's Oak and sits on a much improved island triangle complete with grassed area and, of course, obligatory plaque. Local resident Ian Grant (a Friend of MCA) has taken on the grass cutting on behalf of the Town Council while the completed scheme has been adopted by the County Council.

Richard devised and designed the 48 page 'Jitties of Matlock' Booklet (no.3) of five walking trails with detailed directions, relevant information and an enclosed large map. 400 copies were printed and will retail at £5 each. Richard organises the distribution of the booklets and a very successful early take up meant a second edition of 200 copies have been printed. Richard presented the whole project at the 2022 AGM. Whilst we have retained a small number of Trail Booklets 1 and 2, slow sales meant that the vast majority have been passed to Highfields school for project purposes.

With so many parties involved, the Station (ugly) Footbridge Project has regrettably been dragging on for years and has now been taken over by Ken. Chris Addison has been selected as a new supplier of the large locomotive cut out and associated lectern/plaque after competitive quotes including Twiggs. The conditions attached to the necessary licences and approvals are now resolved. Details of the information plaque are being finalised and planters (which will be supplied by TDP of Wirksworth to match other recently installed planters in the town) have also been agreed. We look forward to implementation of this complex project in the reasonably near future.

There has been no further progress on the Smedley Memorial Hydro-Heritage feature proposed for Park Head, or the proposed East Bank Trail to Matlock Bath, or on the proposed viewpoint at Artists' Corner. In all these cases the difficulty of securing Local Authority commitment to take ownership of a completed project implemented by MCA is proving difficult to overcome at a time of severe pressure on Local Authority resources.

In a very welcome development MCA have been specifically consulted on applications for both the large Hall Dale Quarry scheme and the former RBS bank. The development of Hall Dale Quarry has been approved in outline for years, but MCA, led by Richard, have made extensive comments on design etc. on the new detailed proposals for this site. Similarly on the RBS conversion to apartments we have been involved in detailed discussions with the Architect.

We initially opposed the application for 75 dwellings off Quarry Lane as it was a greenfield site, but once outline approval was given we then commented on design, layout and materials. The large scheme at Gritstone Road is still under consideration and we continue to object as it is a greenfield site and also has major drainage and traffic issues.

Thanks to Peter Wild we are pleased to report that four more blue plaques have been commissioned, in this case all for former hydros, with others under consideration. Ken and Tony have continued to represent MCA on Matlock Community Vision seeking a redevelopment of the Bakewell Road site, but due to substantial post-Covid cost pressures the scheme has been diluted to a two-screen cinema and a food and beverage unit and as yet several rounds of tendering have not produced a quote within budget. Additionally Ken has been in discussion with the Environment Agency on the detail of their Riverside Flood Wall Rebuilding project and has secured significant improvements. However he was unable to achieve the creation of a new public viewpoint (apparently for legal reasons the Agency could not secure the necessary agreements from the neighbouring properties – an opportunity lost). A big thank-you to Brian Wood for auditing the Accounts and for organising cleaning of the mural on national Civic Day in June. Also to Dave Puxley for continuing to maintain the MCA website which now includes a selection of old postcards donated to the Association.

The administration of Charity Commission reporting, renewal of insurance etc continued as usual.

Behind almost all these activities Ken has produced report after report, ably assisted by Richard and David, of detailed information and recommendations plus of course producing regular minutes. We are very grateful to Ken as he continues to be the mainstay of our organisation. Finally thanks to those members who are able to, and do, attend our monthly meetings and to all our other Members and Friends for their continued support.

Drafted by Tony Symes (Chairman MCA). Revised by Trustees on 18 Oct 2023.

Approved at AGM 13 Nov2023

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ACCOUNTS FOR MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION FOR 1.4.2022 – 31.3.2023

OPENING BALANCE AS AT 1.4.2022

Melton Building Society	£84283.90
Mansfield Building Society	£84509.56
HSBC Bank Account	£38363.12
Petty Cash	£ 148.29

TOTAL OPENING BALANCE £207304.87

INCOME FOR 1.4.2022 – 31.3.2023

Membership / donations	£ 470.00
Friends membership	£ 60.00
Bank refund	£ 40.00
Old trails booklet sales	£ 80.00
Jitty booklet sales	£ 982.00
Rail artwork contributions	£ 2000.00
Building Society interest	£ 1207.00

TOTAL INCOME £ 4839.50

EXPENDITURE FOR 1.4.2022 – 31.3.2023

Bank charges	£ 68.40
Sundry expenses (web site, wreath, CV membership)	£ 102.50
Insurance	£ 158.68
Jitty trail booklet production	£ 2970.53
War memorial artwork	£ 11443.60
Rail footbridge artwork	£ 255.30
Information boards	£ 108.30

TOTAL EXPENDITURE £ 15107.31

DIFFERENCE (between income & expenditure) - **£ 10267.81**

CLOSING BALANCE AT 31.3.2023 £197037.06

FUNDS AT 31.3.2023

Melton Building Society	£ 84494.61
Mansfield Building Society	£ 85505.85
HSBC Bank Account	£ 25353.81
Lloyds Bank Account	£ 1622.79
Petty Cash	£ 60.00

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31.3.2023 £197037.06

Explanatory Notes (added since audit)

1. The annual running expenses of MCA, largely made up of insurance, bank charges (latter should largely disappear in the next financial year), remembrance wreath, website domain and Civic Voice membership) are more than matched by membership fees. Therefore, there is no need to dip into savings (or any of the David Barker bequest) to subsidise these. Neither is there any need to increase membership fees.
2. The major projects this year have been the War Memorial Artwork, which was entirely financed by the bequest and the Jitty Trail booklet & Map. The latter ran at a slight loss but proved very popular and has gone into a second print run. The small shortfall was financed from MCA funds.
3. In view of the major positive impact that the David Barker bequest has had upon MCA funds, we have decided to keep a running account to show how that money has been / will be used to the benefit of the people of Matlock.

David Barker Bequest

Total monies received by MCA from estate administrator (as per estate accounts from Lovedays)	£193,213.25
War Memorial Artwork project	- £11,443-60
TOTAL REMAINING	£181, 769.65

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18th May 2023

Dear Dave

Matlock Civic Association Accounts 01.04.2022 - 31.03.2023

I confirm that the Independent Examination of the Income and Expenditure accounting records presented to me agreed with the Bank Reconciliation for the period 01.04.2022 - 31.03.2023 in the sum of £197037.06.

A signed copy of the Examiners Report to the Trustees is enclosed.

Yours sincerely



Brian Wood

Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION – CHARITY NO 1161566

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 43(3) of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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)



(Brian Wood)

Qualification: D.M.A.

Address: Amberley, 298 Smedley Street, Matlock, DE4 3LH

Date: 18.05.2023

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT April 21 – March 22 (extended to 9/22)

As Covid continued, albeit at a lower level, MCA met irregularly with email updates from Ken as necessary. Dave Puxley was appointed a Trustee, raising the number to 6, and took over the Treasurership from Tony after almost 10 years. Annual subscriptions were reinstated. Membership remained almost constant at 25 members and 10 friends, but with no life members by the end of the year with the passing of Tottie Holden.

Again it has been a busy year for projects. The memorial stone enhancement project organised by Ken consists of four impressive cut out metallic figures representing each of the services and the Women's Voluntary Service together with an explanatory plaque explaining the Together theme. The project has been supported by the British Legion, Fellowship of the Services, the District and Town Councils and the nominees in the Will of David Barker, whose bequest funded this project. 'Achieve Training' fabricated the figures and Leander Architectural supplied and fitted the bronze plaque. The local authorities provided approval and licences. The installation was successfully 'unveiled' in mid-2022 and will be further explained at the 2022 Remembrance Service.

The Jitty Guide, project managed by Richard Walker, is a glossy 48 page coloured booklet describing in detail 5 walking trails in and around Matlock each encompassing numerous jitties, plus a large comprehensive map. The project has involved considerable research and design supplemented by volunteer checkers walking the routes. The guide will be launched at the 2022 AGM and Richard has arranged for several of the existing sales outlets to stock them, together with some new ones (making 7 in total) with payment up front.

Jerry led the project to design and produce the History of Matlock plaque, which was successfully installed outside Robert Young's shop on Crown Square. Jerry also raised a substantial portion of the project funding. The loco cut out project on the end of the 'Ugly Footbridge' at Matlock Station has been progressing slowly with complex approval and licensing involved. Jerry hopes to place the order soon and again has been heavily involved in the funding.

Ken continues to work on future projects for Artists' Corner and Crown Square Artwork with replacement of Ashton's Tree resurrected and the East Bank Trail a long-term possibility.

Ken, Richard and Jerry have collectively commented on relevant planning applications. We have maintained our stance of brownfield development before greenfield, which we have repeated in our continued objection to the proposed Gritstone Road development. Following our comments on the RBS conversion and extension into apartments, the application was refused (and an appeal dismissed) and the Developer is now seeking our support for a new proposal. The Matlock Ford apartment blocks on Causeway Lane have gone ahead despite our arguments that it was over dominant and out of character with a flat roof. The revised Lilybank application for a large block of apartments on Chesterfield Road was opposed and refused by DDDC. We await a better application more in scale and character with the area and better accommodating the prominent Copper Beech tree. We have also commented on several other applications including Harvey Dale Quarry, Farmers Garage etc.

Ken and Tony continue with the Matlock Community Vision (MCV) steering group's discussions about the Bakewell Road scheme for a two-screen cinema and beverage unit, which has now received

planning permission. Discussions are ongoing about the associated public realm and space for a community room, although funding is constraining such matters.

At a monthly meeting Marie Schmidt of DDDC explained the proposals for a well-funded Heritage Trail at Hurst Farm and she has accepted many of Ken's suggestions for improving the design and materials of the Trail. We have agreed to provide limited support to the local Lions Club in their proposal for a Peace Garden dedicated to local people who died of Covid, but have expressed concerns and made provisos.

In other matters Dave Puxley completed a very comprehensive MCA website, Brian Wood organised another substantial cleaning of the Derwent Way mural in summer 2021 and Ken is exploring the restoration of a large old Rockside Hydro sign.

The full financial situation is shown in the Accounts. The main source of income this year has been nearly £18,000 as the final instalment of David Barker's very generous bequest of £207,500. The main items of expenditure were the History Board together with part payment for the Memorial Plaque. Total funds at 31.3.22. amounted to £207,305, which is split between two Building Societies and the Bank. With the increase in interest rates, Dave Puxley is in the process of changing banks, one Building Society and adding a third B.S. to reduce cost, maximize interest and improve accessibility. Other normal administration continues including Charity Commission input, insurance renewal, Civic Voice membership etc.

Finally thanks not just to all the people named above but also to Martin for keeping us informed on DDDC issues, to Peter for getting three articles into Reflections Magazine based on his comprehensive input on the History of Matlock (now on the website) and to Brian for auditing our Accounts. Thanks too to Tony who was finally able to relinquish the Treasurer role as well as being Chairman – a dual role for many years. Also thanks of course to all our other members for their support - without whom we would not exist.

Prepared by Tony Symes, Chair 24th October 2022. Amendments by Ken Parker 25 Oct. Corrections 27 Oct 2022

Approved by Trustees and by AGM on 14.11.22.

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ACCOUNTS for MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION 1.4.21 – 31.3.22.

OPENING BALANCE at 1.4.21.

Melton Building Society	84024.35
Mansfield Building Society	84001.05
Bank Account	21985.96
Petty Cash	123.05
Total Opening Balance	190,134.41

INCOME 1.4.21. – 31.3.22.

David Barker Bequest	17,976.84
Anonymous Gift for Memorial	2,000.00
Subscriptions and £100 Donation	650.00
Trail Booklets	54.00
Bank Refund	10.00
Building Society Interest	768.06
Total Income	21,458.90

EXPENDITURE 1.4.21. – 31.3.22.

History Board	1,750.00
Interpretation Panels (contribution to T.C.)	528.00
Memorial Plaque (part payment)	1,443.60
Jitties Guide (part payment)	265.00
Web Site	76.76
Insurance	153.68
Civic Voice	39.00
Remembrance Wreath	17.00
Bank Charges	15.40
Total Expenditure	4,288.44

DIFFERENCE (between income and expenditure) +17,170.46

CLOSING BALANCE 207,304.87

FUNDS at 31.3.22.

Melton Building Society	84,283.90
Mansfield Building Society	84,509.56
HSBC Bank Account	38,363.12
Petty Cash	148.29
TOTAL FUNDS at 31.3.22.	207,304.87

Prepared by A.Symes

Audited by B.Wood

Approved by A.G.M

MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1161566

Accounts

MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT April 2020 – March 2021 (extended to 9/21)

In this unprecedented Covid year without meetings, MCA organised its affairs very differently with bimonthly email updates and electronic decision making by Trustees and members as appropriate. It was decided at last years virtual AGM to suspend annual subscriptions, which pay for the normal running expenses of hall hire and insurance. Despite the lockdown restrictions we gained three new members and one new Friend. Accordingly the membership is now 27 with 12 Friends. We now have one Life Member (Tottie Holden) following the death of Peter Attwater. The AGM also appointed Richard Walker, who has welcome professional planning experience, as a Trustee. He joins Ken (Secretary), Jerry Drew (Assistant Planning Secretary), David Smith and Tony (Chairman and Treasurer) as MCA Trustees.

Two projects were carried over from last year. The **Locomotive Artwork** plus planter for the ugly footbridge, driven by Jerry, appears to be back on track (puns intended) with DCC now having granted the licence and Twiggs having been instructed to commence fabrication. The **Matlock History Board** to be sited on Robert Young`s wall has now been approved by the interested parties and should soon proceed. The new Town Council Boards have already been installed and include an acknowledgement of MCA`s contribution.

Most of Ken`s demanding project work this year has been based on David Barker`s bequest of just over £193,000 and his instruction that it should be used for projects to benefit and enhance the Town, the choice of which followed detailed consultation with MCA membership. The most advanced project is the enhancement of **the Memorial Stone** at Park Head by the addition of four cut-out figures and a plaque, which has been approved by MCA membership and DDDC (who will take ownership), supported by the British Legion, Fellowship of the Services and David`s consultees and welcomed by the Town Council. The aim was for an unveiling at the Remembrance Service in November, but recent complications with the designer mean that it will be delayed until early 2022. The **Jitty/Gennels Trail Booklet** under the leadership of the appropriately named Richard Walker is progressing well, although he has been obliged to change the design and printing arrangements.

The other shortlisted projects using the Bequest funds have not progressed very far. The **Artists` Corner Viewpoint** proposal put to DDDC in May is still awaiting approval by them. **The Hydro-heritage**

Artwork at Parkhead is on the back burner until the memorial stone nearby is completed. **The Derwent East Bank Track** and the related idea for a new bridge is now linked to a new Feasibility Study being organised by DCC – we have offered help, landowner contacts and some financial assistance.

New arrangements for storage of the existing **Trails booklets** have had to be made by John Tresadern. Thanks to Dave Puxley the solution has been to use his loft. But heavy moving of stock in cramped conditions has been necessary. Covid restrictions and shop closures during Lockdowns have badly affected our sales arrangements and once the situation has normalised John will be re-establishing contacts with sales outlets.

Ken, Jerry and Richard have collectively commented on relevant **planning applications** and policies, including the proposed planning reforms, as they have arisen. Consultation from DDDC on the revision of the Local Plan has also required a first response. We have maintained our stance of brownfield development before greenfield, which we have also repeated in our continued objections to the proposed Gritstone Road development. We successfully opposed the applications for a large apartment block at Lilybank Hydro. We were less successful in our attempts to moderate the over dominant, flat roofed 4 floor apartment redevelopment of the Matlock Ford site. Following consultation on the RBS redevelopment into apartments we have been particularly concerned about the design for the proposed adjacent flat roofed block in a Conservation Area and the Council's insistence on retaining the existing unsightly 20th C flat-roof extension - we await a new application for this important site.

Ken and Tony continue with the **Matlock Community Vision** (MCV) steering group's discussions with DDDC about their planning application for the proposed two screen cinema and food and beverage unit on the Bakewell Road site. The aim has been to ensure an appropriate design for this Matlock gateway, an attractive adjacent public realm and long term allocation of space for a community room, but tough District Council budgetary constraints in Covid times have severely limited our influence.

Peter Wild organised the installation of a new **Blue Plaque** at 'The Woodlands' on Bakewell Road – the house of a father and son both called Charles White and both local MPs. The details of all our blue plaques are among the items on a very comprehensive new **MCA website** being developed by Dave Puxley. This provides detailed information on MCA and its projects and will hopefully lead to more interest and new members, together with much local information as well.

The full financial situation is shown in **the Accounts**. There has been limited income and expenditure during the financial year other than the very generous David Barker bequest as above, which resulted in a balance of just over £190,000 at 31st March 21 (after the final bequest payment

the total is now £207,500). Following the decision of the November 2020 AGM that our investment should be in Building Societies up to the £85k guarantee, Tony eventually was able to arrange for our funds to be split between the Mansfield and Melton Building Societies and our traditional HSBC bank account. Furthermore Richard Walker has been added to the existing account signatories of Ken and Tony since Josephine stood down as a Trustee and David cannot participate fully. Other normal administration continues including Charity Commission input, insurance renewal, Civic Voice membership etc.

Finally thanks to Ken for his prodigious activity often in the face of slow or poor responses from local authorities, to Jerry and Richard for leading on projects and considerable planning input, to Dave for his website work and thanks to you all as members for your support and interest in such difficult times.

Prepared by Tony Symes, Chair 22nd September 2021 (corrections by Ken Parker 30 Sept 2021).

Revised and Approved by MCA Trustees on 12 Oct 2021.

Approved at the AGM on 8 November 2021

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ACCOUNTS for MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION 1.4.20. - 31.3.21.

OPENING BALANCE at 1.4.20.

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Bank Account		
7911.69		Building Society
6229.77	Petty Cash	
123.05		-

Total Opening Balance		
14264.51		

INCOME 1.4.20.- 31.3.21.

David Barker bequest		
175736.41		Grant for Footbridge sign
500.00	Trail booklets	
123.40	Subscriptions (no meetings so no subs for year, except one	
carry over)	20.00	Building Society interest
29.79		-
-----	Total Income	
176,409.60		

EXPENDITURE 1.4.20. - 31.3.21.

Blue plaque		
341.40	Insurance	
145.30	Civic Voice and Remembrance Wreath	
53.00		-
-----	Total Expenditure	
539.70		

DIFFERENCE (between expenditure and income)

175869.90

CLOSING BALANCE at 31.3.21.

190134.41

FUNDS at 31.3.21.

Melton Building Society	
84024.35	Mansfield B.S.
84001.05	Bank Account (including transfer in from closed
Derbys/NW. B.S.)	21985.96
Petty Cash	

123.05

190134.41

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Total Funds at 31.3.21.

Prepared by A. Symes
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19th June 2021

Dear Tony

Matlock Civic Association Accounts 01.04.2020 - 31.03.2021

I confirm that the Independent Examination of the Income and Expenditure accounting records presented to me agreed with the Bank Reconciliation for the period 01.04.2020 - 31.03.2021. A signed copy of the Examiners Report to the Trustees is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Brian Wood

Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION - CHARITY NO 1161566

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under Section 43(3) of the Act and to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 41 of the Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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)

(Brian Wood)

Qualification: D.M.A.

Address: Amberley, 298 Smedley Street, Matlock, DE4 3LH

Date: 17.06.2021

