

## **MATLOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

### **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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| 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