

THE JIGSAW CLUB

Year 2023 (1st January to 31st December 2023) Annual Report and Audited Accounts

Charity Commission Number: 1161907

Purpose:

We are a club based in Flitwick, Bedfordshire providing social needs for disabled people.

We have been in existence for over 48 years and currently have over seventy members of all ages and disabilities.

We meet once a fortnight at Flitwick Village Hall and provide a varied programme of entertainment, as well as informative evenings that are of benefit to disabled people. We own three ambulances which we use to collect our members from their homes to bring them to our meetings and to take them home again. We also use these vehicles to take our members on various outings including trips to garden centres and the pantomime at Christmas. All our volunteers are unpaid who give up their time freely to help make a difference to people who would otherwise be isolated in their own homes. Throughout the year various charity events are organised to raise funds to enable us to deliver events, trips and activities for our members as well maintaining and upkeeping the ambulances which play an important part of the charity.

List of Trustees:

- Olive Mary Mitchell (Chairperson)
- Frederick Ash
- Valerie Bates
- Jan Sexton
- Reg O'Dell
- Susan Mary Derrick (Treasurer)
- Phillip Charles Hines
- Sheila Anne Meads
- Sandra Mary Hines
- John Ernest Roberts

Annual Report (Chairperson):

To quote the song "here we go again" another 12 months have passed and they have been another busy twelve months for the Jigsaw Club.

Our club has continued to grow, we now have a total of 74 names on our register which includes helpers as well as members.

We have welcomed 8 new members during 2023. We have also sadly lost 3 members during the same period. One of these members was a founder member of Jigsaw club who helped to establish the club in 1976. Our condolences go to their families and may they rest in peace.

Unfortunately, one of our members no longer comes to Jigsaw Club because they have moved to Shefford. This particular member did a sterling job in raising funds for the Club and over several years raised hundreds of pounds. Many thanks for their support.

During April 2023 Agate House, Ampthill (Leonard Cheshire Homes) closed which resulted in residents who lived there needing to be relocated. Sadly some of these members who were Jigsaw Club members could no longer attend for logistical purposes. Fortunately, this did not apply to one resident of Agate House who continues to live in Ampthill and happily attends our meetings.

Our programme throughout 2023 has been wide and varied, a mixture of old favourites alongside new items. The old favourites have been entertainment by Parkside Singers and Ampthill Singers, excitement at Ascot on Race Night, Ampthill Town Band playing for us, we've played Bingo, racked our brains with one of our members Quiz, played a variety of games, enjoyed visits from Inner Wheel, and of course had our Pub Night Out and a members lunch at the Cross Keys in Pulloxhill.

This year we also cheered local Morris Dancers, sat in awe when Mike and Ness told us about their lives, experience and development of their Inclusive Farm in Steppingley which they own and run. Listened to a guest speaker who presented a fascinating insight about the Orphanage in Nepal, with which she is involved as well as having a wonderful day out in September in London for our Summer Outing. This included a cockney afternoon aboard the "Tereza Joanne" where members had lunch, sang, waved flags, and danced to a wide selection of Cockney songs.

The above programme of activities was organised by the Jigsaw Club Secretary and his hard work and commitment to providing a variety of interesting topics, activities and trips has been duly appreciated by Jigsaw Club members.

Treasurer's Report.

The final accounts for 2023 have been audited by Charles Goldthorpe and all transactions have been agreed and signed off. We ended the financial year with a very healthy combined bank balances of £29,180.02, made up of £2,136.44p in our current account and £26,760.58 in our business reserve account. We also have £283 in floats and money waiting to be banked.

The report gives a breakdown of the figures that have been audited. It shows how money was raised (receipts) and how it was spent (payment activities). While it might appear that some activities only made a small profit or even ran at a loss, additional monies accumulated at these events are included, for auditing under different headings, for example in raffles, heads and tails, members donations, individual donations and corporate donations.

Receipts:

Our biggest receipt this year, thanks to the Club Secretary's hard work, was the grant from Grantscape/Covanta for £28,000 towards a new vehicle, however the cost of the new vehicle was £39,000. This replaced the oldest of our existing vehicles which we were able to sell for £3,000. The remaining £8,000 was funded from the fundraising activities that the committee organised throughout the year.

As always, we started 2023 with the January lunch organised by one of our long standing members that raised £1,200. We also had a very successful Elton John tribute night organised by the committee that raised £1,527 and a joint quiz night with Houghton Conquest Care Group in Houghton Conquest Village Hall, raising £770. A new event that was added to our fundraising calendar this year was the two coffee mornings held at Flitwick Village Hall, these raised £530 and a coffee morning at a committee members house raised £406. We also raised £190 with our stall at the Ampthill Gala and £182 at Ampthill Lights Switch On. East Beds Charity Cricket Shield continued to support us with a donation of £500, Flitwick Vale Rotary Club donated a very generous £2,000 and Ampthill Fireworks £1,000. The Wingfield Club in Ampthill also raised £1,000 for us and Maulden Players gave us £260 donation. A local resident did a sponsored run and donated all their sponsorship money of over £1,500 to the Jigsaw Club and John Lewis gave us a grant of £500. Gift Aid this year from HMRC came to £750. Central Beds continue to reimburse us for the fees for the hire of Flitwick village hall which for 2023 was £1,038.

In addition to these large amounts our loyal "Friends" continue to make generous donations and purchase tickets for our fundraising activities and take part in raffles supplemented by the club's secretary's ever popular heads and tails. All of the members contribute to the Jigsaw's Club income by making donations towards our refreshments and transport and buying raffle tickets at each meeting.

Payment Activity:

Running and maintaining the three vehicles was the biggest expenditure of 2023 at between £1,500 and £2,000 a vehicle, this is just to keep them running and roadworthy. The responsibility for ensuring the roadworthiness and maintenance of the vehicles is undertaken by the main drivers, who ensure the vehicles are always safe for the members who use them for transport. In total we spent £17,175.00 on the three vehicles which included three lots of insurance and the £8,000 that we put towards the new vehicle. We also have indemnity insurance which costs £414.92 which covers public and product liability and accidents to people and property at

meetings and outside events. Our two popular events, the pub night out and the members lunch at the Cross Keys in Pulloxhill, was paid fully out of Jigsaw funds at a total of £1,993 for the two events. Other events such as the summer outing and pantomime are funded by members donations with a subsidy from Jigsaw funds. The accounts were closed and prepared for audit at the end of 2023 and showed a healthy total assets of £29,180. The committee have decided to ring-fence £1,000 to go towards our 50th anniversary celebrations and £5,000 towards a vehicle replacement when it is needed. In 2024 these figures will be increased by £1,000 and £5,000 respectively.

Fundraising Report:

Once again fundraising during 2023 was a very busy year, raising funds for the club.

The Chairperson's report has already spoken about the grant that we received from Covanta which enabled us to replace our older bus, which we used for the first time at the pantomime in January 2023.

During 2023 we have had a variety of events that are tried and tested and some new ones. Different events attract different supporters, so it is important to keep a good variety of events.

We always start the year with our fundraising lunch in Ampthill, Bedfordshire at the Masonic rooms which is always a sell out and a great success, with over eighty people attending. As always, we have stalls at the Ampthill Gala in July 2023 and also the Lights Switch On in November 2023. Both events attract large numbers of people, and it is very worthwhile for Jigsaw Club representatives to be there. We have attended these two events over many years and many people regularly visit us either for the homemade sausage rolls, our home-made cakes, or the egg game.

Every Friday at Flitwick Village Hall, tea and refreshments are provided as a service to customers visiting the local market. Jigsaw Club were afforded a new fundraiser opportunity at this village hall on two occasions during 2023 to serve refreshments and provide homemade cakes, sausage rolls etc, together with a raffle. There is no charge, but customers are requested to give a donation for their refreshments. The hall provides the tea, coffee, and sugar, all Jigsaw Club provide are the food and organise the raffle. Jigsaw Club are booked to hold two more of these Friday events during 2024.

In June, one of the key helpers opened his garden to have a "Coronation" themed coffee morning, and this was very successful with many people attending, and all being very generous with their donations. All the refreshments and food were supplied by Jigsaw members and supporters.

In October we had a tribute night at Parkside Hall in Ampthill, and we had "Elton John" as the act. Over 100 people attended and had a great time with a fish and chip supper which was excellent.

Also, in the autumn we had a joint "Quiz Night" with Houghton Conquest Carers Group at Houghton Conquest village hall. This was a great night with the proceeds being shared between Jigsaw Club and the Carers Group.

Audited Accounts (Follow on next page):

The Jigsaw Club
BALANCE SHEET

As at 22 December 2023

General funds

MONETARY ASSETS

Nat West current account	2,136.44
Nat West deposit account	26,760.58
Floats (John Roberts)	100.00
Awaited Refundable Deposit from Parkside Hall	100.00
Cash in hand awaiting bank deposit	83.00

TOTAL ASSETS

29,180.02

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ending 31st December 2023

General funds

RECEIPTS

Members' Donations (Refreshments)	1,971.00
Members' Donations (Transport)	945.00
Individual Donations	1,583.90
Easy Fundraising	81.38
Amazon Smile	24.26
Just Giving	1,573.47
Gift Aid	705.93
Interest on Deposit Account	287.95
Raffles/Heads & Tails	3,061.06
Corporate Donations & Grants	36,011.84
Members' Lunch	0.00
January Lunch	2,181.00
Pantomime	145.00
Coffee Mornings	663.00
Summer Outing	1,848.00
Amphill Gala	246.79
Pub Night out	0.00
Quiz Night	1,000.00
Tribute Function Evening	3,023.51
Tribute Function Bar Sales	866.50
Amphill Lights	225.92
Vehicle Sale/Insurance Rebate (Citroen MW08 FBA)	3,043.20

PAYMENTS

Refreshments	514.33
Hall hire	1,193.00
Vehicle Costs RENAULT LV63 LXX	1,994.13
Vehicle Costs PEUGEOT MX67 GSV	41,548.83
Vehicle Costs PEUGEOT WA61 BYP	1,643.46
Entertainment & Events	438.47
Raffles/Heads & Tails	389.38
Members' Gifts/Poppy Wreath	25.00
Property	260.46
Members' Lunch	1,140.30
January Lunch	1,794.00
Pantomime	221.00
Coffee Mornings	0.00
Summer Outing	2,674.00
Amphill Gala	45.99
Pub Night out	853.70
Quiz Night	832.81
Tribute Function Evening	1,991.56
Tribute Function Bar Sales	399.39
Amphill Lights	42.97
Insurance	414.92
Printing/Photos/Christmas Cards/Postage	222.41
Auditor's Fees	50.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

£59,488.71

EXPENDITURE

£58,690.11

Net surplus/(deficit) for 2023

£798.60

Net assets @ 31 December 2022

£28,381.42

Assets 31 Dec 2022 + Inc/Exp £29,180.02

Net assets @ 19 December 2023

£29,180.02

Total assets

£29,180.02

I have followed the guidelines set out by the Charity Commission and can confirm no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause for concern and that you are complying with the rules under Section 41 Of the Charities Act 2011 and the accounting requirements thereof.

Charles Goldthorpe

Auditor

15/01/24