



Annual Report

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Registered Charity Number 1161986

Introduction

Heathfield Park Community Action Network was formed on July 22nd 2014 to replace and continue the work of the Heathfield Park Local Neighbourhood Partnership (Heathfield Park LNP), covering the Heath Town, New Park Village and Springfield areas of Wolverhampton.

As one of the 14 Local Neighbourhood Partnerships established by Wolverhampton City Council across Wolverhampton in 2006, Heathfield Park LNP's purpose was to share a vision for the Heathfield Park Neighbourhood; to develop a collaborative approach to improving local services; to provide a voice for the local community and to make collective decisions about local issues.

In 2012 Heathfield Park LNP gained forum status for the purpose of creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the area under the Localism Act 2011, which was made in July 2014 following a successful examination and referendum.

Following council budget cuts in April 2014, council financial and officer support was withdrawn, necessitating the reformation of the Heathfield Park LNP as an independent organisation.

To enable this to happen, the Council offered a grant of £10,000.00. The grant was awarded in October 2014 and was paid quarterly over two years.

It was agreed by the Heathfield Park LNP Board to re-constitute as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, whose only voting members are trustees, and re-name the organisation as the **Heathfield Park Community Action Network**. A successful application to the Charity Commission was made and the organisation was entered on the Register of Charities on 3rd June 2015.

As part of the legacy of Headstart (a nationwide initiative aimed at addressing mental health and well-being among 10 - 16year olds, funded by the National Lottery.), the need to work collaboratively across the area was identified to be able to secure future major project funding. With this in mind a consortium between **Heathfield Park CAN, New Park Village Activities Network, Park Village Education Centre, Guru Nanak Satsang Gurdwara** (Cannock Road), **Stratton Street Community Centre** and **New Park Village Football Development** was proposed. It was agreed that Heathfield Park CAN should become the lead organisation for the consortium. This required minor amendments to the objects of HPCAN's constitution, agreed by the Charity Commission 8th November 2018. An agreement was drawn up, and the **Community Action Network Consortium Agreement** (CAN Consortium) document signed by all parties on 18th December 2018.

There are currently 10 trustees (max. 12) :-

Mr David Cope
Mr William Nicholls
Mr Daniel Williams Smith
Mrs Elizabeth Cope
Mr Yusuf Shafi
Mr Joseph Jackson
Rev. Richard Merrick
Mr Joshua Charles
Mrs Gail Reynolds
Mrs Bal Atwal

Aims and Objectives

The following aims and objectives were agreed:-

Aims

1. To promote, for the public benefit the urban regeneration of Heathfield Park, an area of social and economic deprivation.
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in Heathfield Park who are socially excluded on the grounds of their youth, age, ethnic origin, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstance, to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into society.

Objectives

1. To bring together key public agencies, representatives of business, community and voluntary sectors providing a local network group that encourages and enables all to participate more effectively with the wider community.
2. To increase, or co-ordinate opportunities for the socially excluded to engage with service providers, to enable those providers to adapt services to better meet the needs of the community.
3. To promote the relief of poverty in the area.
4. To promote the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance as identified in the Neighbourhood plan
5. To promote the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, ethnic origin, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities.
6. To encourage the protection or conservation of the local environment

The work to be delivered

Heathfield Park CAN aims to deliver the aims and objectives by:-

1. Developing a web site for the area as a communication network and to promote the area.
2. Supporting local community groups especially those working with youth, identifying gaps in provision and seeking solutions.
3. Supporting an annual Family Fun Day held in Heath Town Park.
4. Facilitating consultation events for the area.
5. Organising local public meetings for residents to disseminate information, agree on local priorities and receive feed back.

Heathfield Park CAN, as the designated Heathfield Park Neighbourhood Plan Forum, also has three further important roles:-

1. In promoting and ensuring all developments as they come forward in the area are in line with the Neighbourhood Plan through consultation both with developers, planning officers and local residents.
2. Ensuring all section 106 monies raised are allocated in line with the Plan's priorities for the benefit of the area.
3. Taking a lead, in partnership with other organisations, in improving local community facilities.

Activity

The trustees normally meet bi-monthly, and at other times when needed. The following areas are discussed:-

1. Finance
2. Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring.
3. Community Engagement.
4. Project development 'Together for Heathfield Park'
5. CAN Consortium development.

This year has seen a less gradual recovery from the Covid19 pandemic than anticipated due to the war in Ukraine. This has added to economic pressures and has caused increased food and fuel inflation. This is causing considerable hardship in our local community.

During the year, the trustees' meetings have been combined with the CAN Consortium. This was to facilitate the development of the 'Together for Heathfield Park' project grant application to the National Lottery Community Fund application. The full costed proposal was submitted in April 2022. In July 2022 we received confirmation that the grant application had been approved for £284,000.00 over three years.

The three-year project aims to build on what was already being delivered by CAN Consortium members and develop a variety of new ones for all ages across the areas of Heath Town, New Park Village and Park Village. These are aimed at addressing issues of isolation, mental wellbeing and financial, which have increased during the pandemic, building back stronger communities and greater social cohesion.

A launch event was held at the Cannock Road Gurdwara on 14th November 2022 which was well attended by the local community and councillors.

As lead organisation of the CAN Consortium, management of the project has become a focus for the charity.

Maintaining contact with key Council Officers has continues to be difficult with changing roles within the council but continues to be a priority. The Chair continues to be in contact with the council and Gaddu Associates as the plans for Heath Town Baths and Library continue to develop. Plans for the building were submitted mid 2023 and approved by the council. The hope is to start restoration work late 2023 early 2024.

Looking Ahead

The continued development of the CAN Consortium will be a major priority for the forthcoming year. The management and monitoring of the 'Together for Heathfield Park' project will be a major focus for the next three years. We will also look to enable member organisations to secure funding for future projects for the area, continue to identify issues and needs, manage funding opportunities and look for ways to improve sustainability.

We also look to continue working with Gaddu Associates as the Heath Town Baths project moves forward. We will continue to monitor the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and Master Plan for the Heath Town Estate and maintain channels of communication and to work with Council Officers to ensure matters are progressed.

Independent Examination
Heathfield Park Community Action Network
(HPCAN)

For the accounting period ending 31st March 2023

Having examined the books of accounts and statement of affairs of Heathfield Park Community Action Network, I hereby state that they represent accurate records of affairs of the organisation for the period stated.

The accounts have been produced on income and expenses basis in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting of Charities: *SORP applicable to Charities preparing accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard of Smaller Entities (FRSSE) 2015*



Signed by:

4-11-2023

HEATHFIELD PARK COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK
Accounts for year ending 31st March 2023

Income, expenditure and balances for the year ending 31st March 2023

	Bank	Cash
Income		
Gazebo hire	£ 45.00	
Main Grants	£ 46,808.36	
Total	£ 46,853.36	£ -
Expenditure		
Insurance	£ 342.40	
Promotion	£ 278.74	
Community Group	£ 47,058.32	
Bank Charges	£ 72.00	
Total	£ 47,751.46	£ -
Balances expenditure over income	-£ 898.10	£ -
Balance brought forward	£ 14,903.89	£ 291.85 *
Balance taken forward (Unity Bank)	£ 14,005.79	£ 291.85

* Cash held by Chair

Examined and found correct

Signed:

D. J. [Signature]

Date: *4-11-2023*

HEATHFIELD PARK COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK
Accounts for year ending 31st March 2023

Income for year ending 31st March 2023

Date	Amount	Received from	Notes
28/07/2022	£ 45.00	PCC Holy Trinity Heath Town	Gazebo hire
07/10/2022	£ 46,808.36	Main Grants	National Lottery Community Fund 'Together for Heathfield Park'

Total **£ 46,853.36**

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Expenditure for year ending 31st March 2023

Date	Amount	Paid to	Type	Insurance	Promotion	Community Group	Bank Charges
30/06/2022	£ 18.00	Service Charge					£ 18.00
07/09/2022	£ 750.00	Stratton Street CC				£ 750.00	
07/09/2022	£ 2,000.00	NPV Football				£ 2,000.00	
30/09/2022	£ 18.00	Service Charge					£ 18.00
07/10/2022	£ 6,058.32	Hope Community				£ 6,058.32	
11/10/2022	£ 7,500.00	NPV Football				£ 7,500.00	
13/10/2022	£ 7,550.00	NPVAN				£ 7,550.00	
14/10/2022	£ 7,200.00	Stratton Street CC				£ 7,200.00	
11/11/2022	£ 278.74	Lyncraft Marketing			£ 278.74		
15/11/2022	£ 342.40	Access Insurance	£ 342.40				
05/12/2022	£ 7,500.00	Aladdins Education				£ 7,500.00	
09/12/2022	£ 1,000.00	SARBAT CS Network				£ 1,000.00	
09/12/2022	£ 7,500.00	SARBAT CS Network				£ 7,500.00	
31/12/2021	£ 18.00	Service Charge					£ 18.00
31/03/2022	£ 18.00	Service Charge					£ 18.00
	£ -						
	£ -						
	£ -						
Total	£ 47,751.46		£ 342.40	£ 278.74	£ 47,058.32	£ 72.00	

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Accounts for year ending 31st March 2023

Petty cash transactions for year ending 31st March 2023

Income

Date	Amount	Received from	Notes
No transactions			

Total £ -

Expenditure

Date	Amount	Paid to	Notes
No transactions			

Total £ -

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