

Transition Towns Trustees report July 2023

The year got off to a scientific start with the results of our sunset survey of Tumbledown carried out at the AGM in September being shared through national bat week.

The Portland Permaculture group have continued, with the hard work of a small but active community of growers, working the land together, and amalgamating with the Incline Community Garden to make a community space.

During a late Christmas meal at the Cove Inn transition towns generated a list of ways forward including support for Tumbledown Farm; a wide range of local transition events; the Great British Green Week (now being organised by the management committee of the Climate emergency centre or CEC) . We continue our mission as a **'coalition of moderates'** in supporting all local actions moving us toward a more sustainable future.

Tumbledown support included events in January such as the Tumbledown Open Day and the Wassail for the new orchard. On the capital expenditure side Jon has been busy raising funds to replace a barn. Some trustees have jointly worked with other members to develop a plan for our permaculture plot. Should be underway next year.

On the financial side we are holding money for the Portland Community Fridge (food bank), used to cover their on-going costs. This function of the group continues to be useful; we just offer support with banking and when necessary, governance advice. There has been feedback that TTWP engagement with issues of food insecurity and the subsequent work of the 'food group' were instrumental in kickstarting the now highly effective Weymouth foodbank. There are undoubtedly many offshoots stemming from this group.

New projects are still springing up under the Transition Towns banner. We have agreed to support the County Energy and solar groups actions, as well as the other projects co-ordinated by Dorset CAN. Also, before Christmas a member of TTWP ran a free swaps table for Children's things at a tabletop sale. The idea being that with the cost of living increasing some people might be more inclined to make use of pre-loved clothes, books, and toys. On the day lots of lovely items were donated by a couple of individuals and then taken away by some of the visitors. From this a permanent weekly swap tables have been introduced at two playgroups in Weymouth because of this idea. The weekly swaps are working well as people can bring their items at the time when they are no longer needed and many people at the playgroup can make use of them. There has been a lot of feedback about it being a great idea and very useful. Hopefully some people will be more open to using pre-loved as a result and therefore reduce consumption and save precious resources.

Numbers remain consistently at around 50, but through collaboration with others, we seek to extend our message and support positive action throughout Weymouth and Portland well into the future.

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Transition Town Weymouth and Portland 2022-23 Accounts

Cash Accounts for year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	<u>2022 - 2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Income		
Donations/ Raffle	1200.00	1360.00
Donation for Tumbledown	10000.00	
Sale of trees		44.00
Portland Community Fridge Grant	3100.00	
Total Income	14300.00	1404.00
Expenditure		
Portland 4 Planet purchases		3500.00
Insurance	157.00	314.00
Land rentals	150.00	220.00
Great Big Green Week grant		270.00
Tumbledown Purchase	305.50	3688.84
Portland Permaculture Purchases		154.61
Portland Community Fridge	469.28	
Total expenditure	1081.78	8147.45
 Funds at year start	 2712.88	 9456.33
 Surplus/deficit for year	 11587.12	 -6743.45
Total Monies at year end	15931.10	2712.88
 Held as:		
Funds in Bank at year end	15912.15 Note 1	2693.93
Petty Cash in Hand TTWP	18.95	18.95
 Total Monies at year end	 15931.10	 2712.88

Note 1 including monies held on behalf of
Tumbledown Project £9694.50
Portland Community Fridge £2630.72

Certification by the Treasurer

I certify that these cash accounts are backed by accounting records, that I have found no inconsistency between those records and these accounts, and no expenditure by the Trustees was on activities outside the objectives of the Charity.

Signed

G. Lambert

30-Jun-23

Graham Lambert, Treasurer Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO TTWP AGM

This year income exceeded expenditure by £11587.12 as a result of monies received on behalf of Tumbledown Project (£10,000) and Portland Community Fridge (£3,100)
The year ends with a healthy balance of £3605.88 in TTWP only funds.

Many thanks are due to our regular donor, without whom TTWP income would be nil.