

**MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 20 JUNE 2023**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report on another successful year for our organisation. You have heard the financial report from our Treasurer and how our income has exceeded our expenditure BUT of course we are not about making money, even though we seem to be quite good at it, our reason for existing is to support the community of Mersea Island.

More and more of the Island community are using the facilities we provide with the Saturday Coffee Morning & Bric a Brac, Tuesday Lunch Club, Friday Fish and Chips, the Coffee Craft group, the Mobility Equipment Loan service and of course our latest venture the Monday Social Afternoon. Our dedicated group of volunteers turn up week in week out organising and helping out with each of these activities, we would not have a successful charity without them, BUT you can never have too many volunteers, remember the saying "Many Hands Make Light Work"? Well that is true, the more volunteers we have the less work it is for each of us. At the present time we have 34 volunteers helping out regularly and another half dozen that we can call on in an emergency as well as myself and the other 6 Trustees. Sixteen of these volunteers are also now qualified in Food Safety and Hygiene to Level 2 and I am grateful to them for giving up even more of their time to complete the course. Unfortunately our volunteers will age the same as anyone else and we will need "new blood". If you know of anyone who is looking to help within the community, maybe someone that's just retired then please point them in our direction.

Many of you here tonight regularly attend our meetings for volunteers on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, this gives you the opportunity to mix with other volunteers and chat over tea and biscuits as well as listening to a speaker. This last year we have heard about Refresh Mersea, Alpacas, Cat Rescue, Dog grooming, History of Mersea Island as well as other interesting topics and of course we now have our own projector and screen which makes for an easier and more interesting presentation. We are grateful to Val Wareing for organising the speakers. If you do not already come to these meetings please do try this coming year, we have a good social evening and it is free!

During the 12 months to the end of March this year we have given out grants to Refresh Mersea for summer plants, the local Methodist Church to help with the expense of Warm Space, the upcoming Beach Club to help with craft materials and the purchase of tee shirts, the Porch Pantry, helping with restocking and also Christmas Hampers and also M.I. Lions and M.I. Scouts. We complemented the Jubilee Celebrations by offering free Afternoon Teas, spearheaded another Community Open Day at the MICA, ran our own "Warm Space" which has now become a regular weekly Social Afternoon on Mondays and our Craft Group organised a fundraising Craft Fayre.

At the heart of a well run charity is the management team and I need to put on record my thanks for the amount of time and hard work put in by your Trustees who regularly meet and make decisions on the future of the charity as well as being "hands on" Trustees with their various jobs within the organisation.

Long may this commitment by our Trustees and Volunteers continue.

Judith Wingar
Chairman

MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Registered Charity No 1163377

ACCOUNTS for the period 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Saturday Coffee Club | 4002 | Supplies for Coffee Club | 1151 |
| Tuesday Lunch Club | 6741 | Supplies for Lunch Club | 2855 |
| Friday Fish and Chips | 6444 | Supplies for Fish and Chips | 6345 |
| Monthly Meetings | 146 | Monthly Meeting Expenses | 257 |
| Bric a Brac | 4407 | Grants (see notes) | 2800 |
| Coffee Craft Club | 193 | Coffee Craft Club Expenses | 12 |
| Car Boot Parking | 171 | Sundry Expenses | 294 |
| Xmas Craft Fair | 376 | Cleaning | 337 |
| Public Donations (see notes) | 839 | Insurances | 852 |
| Jubilee Tea Donations | 103 | Hall Equipment (see notes) | 3388 |
| Mobility Equipment Donations | 1690 | Mobility Equip Expenses | 164 |
| Community Open Day | 156 | Community Open Day | 150 |
| Warm Space Donations | 119 | Supplies for Warm Space | 30 |
| Interest | 51 | Utilities | 1512 |
| Rent from Hire of Hall | 5130 | Hall Rental Sundry Expenses | 10 |
| | | Hall Maintenance | 817 |
| | | Excess Income | 9594 |
| Total | £ 30568 | Total | £ 30568 |

I have examined the accounts of Mersea Community Support and from the records seen confirm these to be a true record.

 Hon Auditor 16/6/23 Date
Mrs Vivienne Smith

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01 April 2022

31 March 2023

| | £ | | £ |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Balance at Building Society | 28102 | Balance at Building Society | 34873 |
| Balance at Barclays Bank | 1894 | Balance at Barclays Bank | 4010 |
| Cash in Hand | 431 | Cash in Hand | 1098 |
| Cash Floats | 180 | Cash Floats | 220 |
| Excess Income | 9594 | | |
| TOTAL | £ 40201 | TOTAL | £ 40201 |

Notes to be read in conjunction with the above accounts

Grants Paid Out

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Mersea Refresh | £500 |
| Mersea Lions | £100 |
| Porch Pantry | £1000 |
| Mersea Methodist Church | £100 |
| Mersea Beach Club | £500 |
| Mersea Island Scout Grp | £600 |
| Total | <u>£2800</u> |

Public Donations

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| In Memory of Paul Godfrey | £134 |
| In Memory of Sue Hempstead | £125 |
| Richard & Heather Haward | £50 |
| Lions | £500 |
| Sundries | £30 |
| Total | <u>£839</u> |

Hall Equipment – Major Spending

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| Fitting Dado Rail/Hinges | £255 |
| Electric Screen & Projector | £2015 |
| New Storage Units | £825 |