

**MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 18 JUNE 2024**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I am proud and pleased to report that this has been another successful year for our Charity. This is my ninth Annual Report, and next year, 2025, we will be celebrating 10 years since becoming a registered charity.

At the end of March 2015 our annual turnover was just over £8,000 and at the end of March this year you will have heard that the turnover was well over £34,000. Grants given out 9 years ago totalled £600, and during this last financial year we were able to help no less than 9 local organisations by handing over £5,210. The Grants we awarded included 10 new kits for Proud of Mersea, training for Beach Lifeguards, lifejackets for the Rowing Club, autumn planting for Refresh Mersea, repairs to City Hall Church and St Peter & Paul Church, two replacement benches at the Monkey Steps, a grant to cover the cost of testing the disability equipment at Camp Jojo and a substantial donation to the Porch Pantry. Some of the money we raised has been spent on maintenance and during the last year we replaced the ramp to the main entrance, replaced the old wooden doors on the Bric a Brac garage with a roller door and installed a wall extractor in the kitchen.

Of course we are not here just to raise money for other charities and organisations, we are here to support the community of Mersea Island in whatever way we can and this includes the various events that we organise here in our Community Hall. Our regular teams of volunteers turn up week in week out to run the Lunch Club on a Tuesday, the Fish and Chip Lunch on a Friday and the weekly Coffee and Bric a Brac Sale on Saturdays. Our Coffee Craft group continues twice a month and the Monday Afternoon Social, our latest venture, is proving to be a great success with local residents enjoying tea and cake alongside a game of cards or a jigsaw puzzle. Unfortunately the monthly volunteer meeting with a speaker was no longer viable and we are replacing it with the occasional social evening. Our Mobility Equipment Loan Service is as demanding as ever. We have a new organiser, Jan Grass and we are grateful to her for taking over this daunting task. We now have a dedicated mobile phone for residents to ring if they require equipment and this can of course be transferred to another volunteer when Jan is on holiday, providing a continuous service. The service continues to be widely used and is much appreciated by the Community.

As well as our 8 Trustees, we now have over 40 volunteers but there is room for more, not necessarily to come in each week but to cover holidays and illness. There have been occasions just recently where we have been "short staffed" and it would be a shame if we had to cancel some of our activities. I know retired people are really busy nowadays as there are so many leisure pursuits available BUT if you know of anyone with a few hours to spare who might be willing to come along to help please point them in our direction.

Judith Wingar

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## ACCOUNTS for the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Saturday Coffee Club	4437	Supplies for Coffee Club	1188
Tuesday Lunch Club	7920	Supplies for Lunch Club	3614
Friday Fish and Chips	7854	Supplies for Fish and Chips	8905
Monthly Meetings	45	Monthly Meeting Expenses	75
Bric a Brac	4021	Bric a Brac Expenses	518
Xmas Craft Fair	364	Grants (see notes)	5210
Coffee Craft Club	227	Coffee Craft Club Expenses	5
Car Boot Parking	140	Sundry Expenses	854
Public Donations (see notes)	1148	Cleaning	451
Mobility Equipment Donations	2259	Insurances	562
Rent from Hire of Hall	5618	Hall Equipment (see notes)	4364
Community Open Day	164	Mobility Equip Expenses	442
Monday Social	190	Community Open Day	160
Interest	126	Supplies for Warm Space	11
Misc	110	Utilities	1855
		Hall Rental Sundry Expenses	17
		Hall Maintenance	845
		Excess Income	5547
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£34623</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£34623</u></b>

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..... Hon Auditor 16/6/2024 Date  
Mrs Vivienne Smith

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**01 April 2023**

**31 March 2024**

	£		£
Balance at Building Society	34873	Balance at Building Society	40830
Balance at Barclays Bank	4010	Balance at Barclays Bank	4040
Cash in Hand	1098	Cash in Hand	638
Cash Floats	220	Cash Floats	240
Excess Income	5547		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 45748</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 45748</b>

Notes to be read in conjunction with the above accounts

## Grants Paid Out

Proud of Mersea	£ 350
Refresh Mersea	£ 100
Mersea Rowing Club	£ 560
Lifeguards	£ 500
W Mersea Re Benches	£1200
Old City Hall	£1000
Camp Jo Jo	£ 500
Moses Basket	£ 500
W Mersea Parish Church	£ 500
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5210</u></b>

## Public Donations

In Memory of Alan Bird	£100
In Memory of Graham Thurgood	£200
In Memory of Eric Kidman	£ 50
Kevin & Andrew Lily	£400
Beach Hut Association	£250
Mersea Events	£150
Sundry Donations	£ 38
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£1188</u></b>

## Hall Equipment – Major Spending

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New Boiler	£ 497
Garage Doors	£1755
Wall Fan	£ 360
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