



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1 JULY 2025**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Happy Birthday! As I reported last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 was the date Mersea Community Support became a registered charity and this is my tenth Annual Report.

Mersea Community Support started with an initial group of 8 volunteers back in 2013 showing an interest in continuing the mobility loan service (originally called Medical Comforts) which had been run both locally and nationally by St John Ambulance for several decades. St John nationally decided to cease the service and the stock of equipment was handed over to the group who started organising coffee mornings every Saturday to pay the rent for the building and to fund the loan service. The division on St. John Ambulance folded and eventually the volunteers were offered the lease of the building on the understanding that we became a registered charity and the rest is history. It may be of interest to note that 5 of the original volunteers are still with us as Trustees of the charity.

As you have seen from the accounts we have had another successful year financially and you will hear from the section reports coming up that we have also had a successful year supporting the community of Mersea Island with the various events few run in the Community Support hall and the main reason for our , the original activity, the Mobility Equipment Loan Service.

Now these event and activities do not just happen! Each activity has a leader and a team of dedicated volunteers who give up their time week in, week out. We cannot run the organisation with you, our volunteers and I don't think we can ever say "Thank You" enough times, so again Thank You to each and everyone of you.

Mention has been made about the large funds we hold at present and your Trustees work hard notifying other organisations that we have funds which can be distributed for the benefit of the community. This is where we need your help in spreading the word to friends and organisations that you belong to. We gave out just over £2,000 this last year and we also agreed grants to be paid out this coming year to two of our Mersea Scouts, who will be travelling to Zanzibar in 2026 to help improve school facilities and provide teaching support. Both of the young ladies concerned have agreed to come and talk about their experiences on their return.

We are here to support the Community of Mersea Island in various aspects, whether individuals or organisations and welcome further applications for funding. Please help us to spread the word.

# MERSEA COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Registered Charity No 1163377

## ACCOUNTS for the period 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Saturday Coffee Club	5124	Supplies for Coffee Club	1220
Tuesday Lunch Club	8689	Supplies for Lunch Club	3855
Friday Fish and Chips	7074	Supplies for Fish and Chips	7854
Rent from Hire of Hall	4907	Grants (see notes)	2018
Bric a Brac	4488	Hall Expenses/Maintenance	5805
Xmas Craft Fair	386	Sundry Expenses	409
Coffee Craft Club	233	Cleaning	453
Car Boot Parking	226	Insurances	688
Public Donations (see notes)	2524	Utilities	3970
Mobility Equipment Donations	2740	Mobility Equip Expenses	41
Community Open Day	161	Community Open Day	160
Monday Social	79	Excess Income	10922
Interest	632		
Misc	132		
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£37395</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£37395</u></b>

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..... Hon Auditor 24 June 2025 Date  
Alan Irwin

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Balance at Barclays Bank	4040
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**TOTAL**                      £    **56670**

**31 March 2025**

	£
Balance at Building Society	41523
Balance at Barclays Bank	14219
Cash in Hand	668
Cash Floats	260

**TOTAL**                      £    **56670**

## Grants Given

Freedom Boat Adventures	£ 250.00
Mersea Lions	£ 268.12
Native Angels	£ 500.00
Mersea Scouts	£1000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2018.12</b>

## Part II - Major Expenditure

Garage Doors	£ 180.00
Roof Repairs	£2480.00
Painting and Decorating	£ 943.00
New Blinds	£ 293.00
Storage Units	£ 475.00

## Public Donations

David Rogers Trust	£2000.00
The Lord Family	£ 100.00

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