

## **Trustees Annual Report for Chell Heath Residents Association**

**For period Jan 2021 - Jan 2022**

**Registered Charity 1163591**

During the period January 2021 to January 2022 we have continued our work to support local residents, and have continued to work alongside partners to achieve our goals:

- At the start of this reporting period we were continuing to put on events and activities for local residents. As restrictions for Covid 19 were eased we found planning events easier.
- We focussed on the return of our Easter, summer and Christmas events. Providing easter eggs for local families, activities to utilise throughout the summer holidays and ensuring as many homes as possible received a Christmas hamper.
- We started to receive a higher volume of food from Fareshare to provide the local community with food essentials, cleaning essentials and assistance with the purchase of larger items e.g white goods. We received personal care and home cleaning items from Period Power and The Hygiene Bank to give out to the community.
- We applied for grants that allowed us to provide essential food, mental health packs, childrens activity packs, help to purchase white goods, clothing and sanitary products. We created an account with the charity InKind Direct so we could make better use of our funding by getting products at massively discounted prices. These items all went out in to the community to support families struggling with the rising costs of food items, furloughed families, homes where redundancy has occurred, the disabled homes and the isolated.
- We also collaborated this support with other local groups who were providing support to residents, notably Families 2gether who provided a lot of extra assistance to families with younger children. Their support consisted of food parcels and activity packs to help keep younger children occupied.
- Where necessary we signposted people to the City Council's support helpline, so that people could access services such as prescription collections, befriending calls, and other services.
- Where possible, and when restrictions were lifted and allowed for it to happen, we carried out some smaller-scale events. We held Santa day where each child received a brilliant gift, certificate and photo with Santa. We have arranged trips to the Christmas markets, a pantomime day trip, a trip to the Zoo with theme park rides and family bingo evenings.
- Throughout the year our volunteers have worked hard to ensure that all of our community has vital essentials to feed the most vulnerable and needy.
- We have drop-in food collections so that local residents who are struggling financially can access food help, signposting to other services, use of wifi and printing or just a chat and warm drink.

- We continue to offer use of electronics and we have acquired a large television to help local residents who do not have home computers or internet to apply for jobs and benefits, and learn how to use home computers. We offer printing and also refreshments for all who need them.

**Chell Heath Residents Association Registered Charity 1163591**  
**Statement of Account**

**Jan 2021 - Jan 2022**

**Opening Balance - £35,907.05**

**Income Raised from fundraising activities and events - £5691.70**

**Raised from grants and services - £15,455.70**

**TOTAL - £57,054.45**

**Expenditure Related to fundraising activities, events and food crisis support - £10,590.05**

**Related to running & improving RA centre - £6267.50**

**TOTAL - £16,857.55**

**Closing balance - £40,196.90**

Date:



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Dear Mr Gibson,

I am writing to confirm that I have completed an examination of the accounts belonging to Chell Heath Residents Association for the period of January 2021 - January 2022.

The accounts for this period were in good order and contained no areas for concern.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact me using the details given below.

Yours sincerely,

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