

CULLOMPTON ARTS HOUSE

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, 2023 – 2024

This year activities have picked up slightly after a period of inaction (2019 – 2023) because of the Covid Pandemic and its effects on community activities.

The Management Committee continues to remain small with no formally designated roles. This is despite Jo contacting Involvement for us in the hope of co-opting some new members or associates.

Therefore, the group at present is:

1. Graham Sessions – He is our Acting Treasurer and manages our bank accounts as well as being our representative with Creative Cullompton, (with whom we have access to extra funding to support a variety of community creative projects). Graham has recently applied for further grant assistance, from the Council, to support our efforts.
2. Jo Turner -Our postal address remains with Jo and she manages several secretarial duties/requirements and hosts many of our meetings.
3. Annie Tildesley - She has stepped down as Minute Secretary, but she continues as Trustee and active member.
4. Helen McCormick has joined us during this period and has been co-opted onto the Committee. She will also become a Trustee. She has taken over from Annie Tildesley as Minute Secretary and is our Acting Publicity Officer. We are really delighted to welcome her on board.
5. Charlotte Wakefield has retired as a Trustee, because of work commitments, but is still active with us and comes to meetings when she can.

For our exhibition for 2023 – 2024 we have tried a new approach and have held an Open Studio event, where the artists have been regularly in attendance and demonstrating their work as well as showing it.

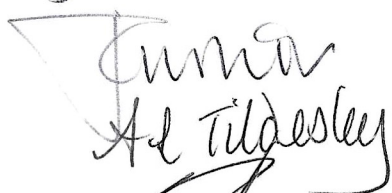
This event ran from 18th November 2023 – Friday 24th November. There was a Private View on Friday 17th at which there were some 50 invited guests. This was a great event.

We attracted some new members for this event and Sam Summerfield, Owen Williams, Nikki Woollatt, Charline Marzin and Annette Wadsworth have become really actively involved..

The studio event was a big success and the footfall really good. We plan to use the same format again.

We had a Christmas Get- Together at the Bakehouse in December and are currently planning events, including the Summer Festival and an Open Studio for this year.

Agreed 31-5-24.


Annie Tildesley

Helen McCormick

CAH Financial Report 2023-2024

As in the previous financial year, Cullompton Arts House was given the responsibility to manage the financing of the Performing Arts element of the Creative Cullompton funds allocated through a grant by Historic England. The purpose of this element of the grant was to enable the enhancement of Performing Arts and associated activities based in the town centre to benefit residents and visitors alike.

The activities that were supported included live music, theatrical performances and the purchase of certain items of capital equipment to support these events.

Live music supported included performances by Brooke Sharkey, Bluenote alchemy, Dick Graham, Bel Canto, The Wood Farm Quintet, Blackdown Acapella and the Wyndham Singers. The theatrical performances were provided by Sun & Moon theatre and Next Generation Theatre Company.

The capital equipment purchases included some addition parts for the staging purchased during the previous year, some lighting and stands and a costume rail. All these items are available for use by the community for events taking place in the town centre and for a small charge for events elsewhere.

With the ticket sales for the events providing further income the final account revealed a sum which was carried forward of £681.67 enhance by a generous grant from the town council which will be put towards a varied range of activities during the forthcoming year.

With regards to the normal events of the Arts House, it was decided to hold an Open Studio with an exhibition of art (painting, photography, pottery, jewellery etc.) This event which lasted one week included eight artists using various media and enhanced the funds, leaving a final balance of £479.12 - an increase from the £291.60 brought forward from the previous year.

Balance of accounts available.

April 2024