

Annual Report for the Year April 2021

It's been an incredibly busy year since the last AGM which we weren't allowed to hold and we had to let our members have a roundup of the previous year in a report sent to their home address. As we have slowly but surely come out of the lockdowns imposed through Covid the charity has gone from strength to strength.

Knowing that many of those who play a major part are, as we all are, ageing gracefully we needed to be reasonably sure we would be able to cope with running a busy charity, we therefore advertised for, and employed a Manager in May last year.

Jane Manning came to us with a lot of experience of dealing with Cancer in all its forms, having been with Big C for several years. She also has a lot of experience working with Age UK. She is employed by the Charity and her salary and remuneration will be funded largely by grants which we have to apply for with the help of a Bid-writer, who includes his fee in the bids. This means that the money we raise on a day-to-day basis is all used for therapies, transport costs and all the other benefits that are available to our clients and members.

Margaret and Jane work closely together, and along with Moira this is the core of the office side of the Charity. Both Margaret and Moira do this totally unpaid.

Jane has brought in several new volunteers and so expanded our scope and ability to fulfil the needs of our clients.

It has to be said that without Jane the charity would not be in the position that it now is, and in fact we invited her to renew her contract on 1st April 2022, to run for the foreseeable future.

As previously stated, this charity is unique in that we provide our services free and often in recipients' homes. We feel that as we fill a gap in provision of services this should not be allowed to lapse which would be the case if the committee were to fail.

It was suggested that a Hub would be a good idea, a building or somewhere that would be uniquely Caring Friends, but due to the current unrest in the world and with the fallout of the Pandemic, the Trustees have felt that it should be put on hold for the present. We have viewed several premises in the town, but this is a very daunting undertaking and as Wetherspoons give us the Romany Rye each Friday morning largely for the price of the coffees that we bring to each attendee, we have a very good situation with them. And at the end of the day, why fix what is not broken.

Our therapist and counsellor work in the client's home and we have initiated a quiet table at Wetherspoons for anyone who wants or needs a quiet chat with any of our volunteers.

With emails and phones all available it is easy to keep in touch daily and sort out any problems, and events. The Committee and Trustees are constantly in touch to ensure the smooth running of the charity.

We are a Members Charity and everyone who has paid for 2022 now has a full vote on the way the Charity is run and can voice any disquiet openly. Although we hope there is none! You are being invited to renew your membership for 2022, if you haven't had a reminder it is because you have joined recently and are paid up for 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every volunteer member of the committee and Jane for all their hard work throughout these trying times and hope that this year will see the charity return to doing all the things we enjoy and are able to provide, and will see the charity continue to go from strength to strength.

Caring Friends For Cancer Mid Norfolk

Independent Examiners Report

Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 as attached.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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