

Stanhope Community Association Annual Report 2021

Another strange year. This year was dominated by Covid - closure due to lockdowns and social distancing and builders.

We did manage to open the shop from April when the regulations allowed but the groups were very slow to return and the numbers remained low throughout the year. Our E-Bay sales were helped with all the closures. We also received the government funding for businesses. All of which saw us through the year financially.

We took on a builder to do various building works – roof of workshop/pottery, flooring/ceiling inside workshop/pottery, storeroom for shop, roof of shop. He started bits of things, took deposits, made excuses and eventually did not turn up at all. Trading Standards are now in the process of taking him to Court for £13,300 on our behalf and a much higher figure for numerous other people.

We have since had the roof of the workshop/pottery replaced and are in the process of getting the storeroom for the shop completed. We have also now converted the downstairs of the workshop/pottery completely into a pottery. The ceiling and floor above still need work. The shop ceiling as been insulated and we are told that the roof is not needing to be replaced.

Early in the year we had a leaking water pipe which flooded a storeroom and the Committee Room. Fortunately the Insurance company covered the work and the costs, replacing all damaged areas.

Work still to be done includes a corner of the building which has had a tree growing out of it. The stonework at the top needs to be redone, all the roots of the tree removed and an unused chimney taken down. We are currently looking for a builder to do this work.

We did not have any Christmas festivities this year, we just had the usual three Christmas trees on the front of the building – the twinkling lights made it feel more festive. Hopefully 2022 will be better!!

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of Stanhope Community Association for the period ended 31st December 2021

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that the audit requirement under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 does not apply. I have been appointed under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the regulations made under section 145 of that Act. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts and statement, without performing an audit, and to report to the trustees.

Basis of Examiner's Statement

This report is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners under the Act). An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not constitute an audit.

Examiner's Statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

Terry Atkinson
Independent Examiner
14th June 2022