

HEADINGTON ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1170517

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-12-01

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO:A) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO LIVE, WORK AND STUDY IN HEADINGTON (AS IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE HEADINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, HEREAFTER CALLED THE LOCALITY) BY WORKING WITH THE INHABITANTS, TOGETHER WITH VOLUNTARY, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROMOTE THE AREA, CIVIC PRIDE, COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS; IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO REDUCE SOCIAL DEPRAVATION, AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS B) PROMOTE OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED; C) WORK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF CURRENT EQUALITY LEGISLATION AND TO GIVE PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION TO THE NEED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION BY UNDER-REPRESENTED GROUPS.

Activities: Within the Headington Neighbourhood Plan area we: Manage the weekly Headington Market and recycle the profits into community projects Provide grants to local groups Plan and manage the annual Headington Festival Sponsor the Headington Neighbourhood Plan and associated Transport and Planning Groups Work jointly with local partners/stakeholders to promote Headington

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£11,761	£16,563	-	-
2023-12-31	£28,250	£39,489	-	-
2022-12-31	£92,545	£87,872	-	-
2021-12-31	£26,977	£12,400	-	-
2020-12-31	£10,074	£10,964	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Glynis Mary Phillips		2024-03-27
Rosemary Ruth Belton		2025-03-26
Vivienne Jane Miles		2022-03-31

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2024

HA's remit is to benefit those who live, work and study in Headington by working with inhabitants, together with voluntary, commercial and other organisations and local authorities to promote the area, increase civic pride, undertake community projects and environmental improvements. We implemented this remit through an action plan agreed by our membership and through meetings of our members every other month, with Executive meetings in intervening months. The following headings are taken from our 2024 plan.

Governance and management

We have reached a point at which long standing trustees and members of the management team are stepping down. There is thus some risk to the continuity of HA, certainly a risk to our effectiveness. We set up a small working group to explore the issue and propose solutions, including our relationship with other Headington organisations with which there may be overlap of activities. The working group was set up in the summer of 2024 with a remit to provide a report in early 2025.

Communications

We continued as an umbrella body for organisations and groups in Headington. This entailed the usual routine of committee meetings for members, circulation of matters of interest, supporting councillors and other bodies as appropriate and realistic. We continued to maintain the website as a useful resource and communicated through social media and other means.

Market

We supported the market. It is well liked; it supports the vitality of Headington; it is our main source of operational funds. Profitability is down somewhat due to slightly reduced stall numbers but there is no viability concern.

Connected Communities project

The objectives of the Connected Communities project are to reduce loneliness and social isolation and increase neighbourliness. We continued to develop two main strands.

1. We maintained and improved the Community Activity Directory (CAD). We developed the website to make data maintenance easier and transfer of data to print more efficient and less error prone.
2. We extended the list of Street Contacts. The list is now about as complete as it will get so we decided to change focus to promoting the list and supporting existing Street Contacts.

Headington Festival

As announced in late 2023, HA took a break from the annual Festival in 2024. However, we were determined this break would not exceed one year and successfully started a project team for Festival 2025.

Festive lights and Christmas event

The annual winter lights display and Christmas tree celebrations were held as usual. Attendance at the lights-on event continues to increase.

Grants

We awarded two grants:

- £440 to the Friends of Headington Hill Park for railings to replace a gate between the park and Marston Road.
- £500 to MyVision Oxfordshire for venue hire for a Headington Social Group for local visually impaired people.

Environmental activities

We support local community initiatives through small scale grants, talks and communications. This year we:

- Collated residents' views about the City Council's use of weedkiller on our pavements and gutters.
- Arranged the annual summer flower baskets in Headington centre.
- Provided a forum for a university researcher to present results from an investigation into community participation in green space planning.
- Arranged for a talk on pollution monitoring.
- Followed up concerns about lack of biodiversity gains in a large scale development.

Planning and transport

This is largely the domain of our sister organisation, the Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF). We supported HNF with communications to our members and provided small scale financial support, eg room bookings.

We continued our role of soliciting, reviewing and advertising Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) applications.

HA continued the policy of only exceptionally taking a collective view of planning and transport applications/policies but encouraging our members to contribute.

Conclusion

In summary, 2024 was a productive year for Headington Action. We are well organised and financially sound. Looking ahead there are two main challenges; long term finances and, as stated in last year's annual report, we must work to extend our capacity by recruiting new active members and finding a permanent Chair.

During the past year we have had good support from our members, including several local City and County councillors. Oxford Brookes University is a keen supporter of HA and provided facilities for our meetings.

HA Trustees and Exec committee March 2025

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	YEAR 01/01/24 to 31/12/24	YEAR 01/01/23 to 31/12/23	YEAR 01/01/22 to 31/12/22	
	£	£	£	
RECEIPTS				
Festival		12,103	6,540	
Market	4693	7,981	9,543	3
Grants	450			
Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)				
Christmas/Winter Lights	1847	2,200	6,966	
Flower baskets Projects			796	
Coop Bank Interest	221	131	155	
Street Champion				2
Community Directory	2550	5,835		2
Headington Centre Improvement			47,900	2
Councillors - planters	2000		2,000	2
Cheque repaid by HSBC			18,645	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11761	28,250	92,545	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	7211	22,415	42,645	
PAYMENTS				
Festival	45	14,086	9,134	
Market	220	993	2,191	
Grants	940		782	
HNF	281	110	227	
Christmas/Winter Lights	5429	4,650	9,841	
Flower baskets				
Projects			1,123	
Expenses	609	319	464	
Admin	1071	887	720	
Insurance	1282	1,211	1,177	
Street Champion	2132	2,303	2,213	2
Community Directory	3422	3,380		2
Headington Centre Improvement		9,761	41,354	2
Councillors - planters	1132	1,790		2
Cheque issued later repaid by HSBC			18,645	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	16563	39,490	87,871	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	9877	22,256	44,304	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	-4802	-11,240	4,674	

Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)

-2666 -3,056 -1,659

Summary by Activity, 2024

	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference	
Festival		45	-45	
Market	4693	220	4,473	3
Grants	450	940	-490	
HNF		281	-281	
Christmas/Winter Lights	1847	5,429	-3,582	
Flower baskets			0	
Projects			0	
Expenses		609	-609	
Admin		1,071	-1,071	
Insurance		1,282	-1,282	
Coop Bank Interest	221		221	
Street Champion		2,132	-2,132	2
Community Directory	2550	3,422	-872	2
Headington Centre Improvement			0	2
Councillors funds	2000	1,132	868	2
Totals	11761	16563	-4,802	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)			-2,666	

MONETARY ASSETS

	31/12/24	45291	44926
Co-op Deposit Account	9104	8,883	8,752
HSBC Bank Current Account	6741	11,763	23,133
Market Cash	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	15845	20,646	31,885
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	13,709	13,211	25,552
ASSET CHANGE	-4,801	-11,239	4,673
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	-2666	-3,055	-1,659

Notes to accounts

Note 1: Accounts prepared on a receipts and payments basis

Note 2: Specific reserves

	Balance held 31/12/24 £	Balance held at 31/12/23	Balance held at 31/12/22
Street Champions	1910	4,042	6,345
Community Directory - Lottery grant £5,835 received 2023	1583	2,455	
Headington Centre Improvement	0	0	6,545
Councillors funds	1806	938	2,728
	5299	7,435	15,618

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2023

Headington Action's aims as set out in our constitution may be summarised as to:

- promote the area and create civic pride
- carry out community projects
- make environmental improvements
- support education and leisure provision
- reduce social deprivation

This year our priorities have been to:

Develop and support two key community projects

Connected Communities

Working closely with the social prescribing staff attached to our local GP practices, we obtained a National Lottery grant to compile a directory of activities of community and health groups in the area (known as the Community Activities Directory). This was successfully released in the Autumn. In addition to the CAD project, we have continued to extend a network of street contacts. We offer support for local street parties through provision of advice and materials.

Improve Headington Centre

Working with our sister organisation, Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF), we engaged consultants to prepare a plan for the improvement of Headington Centre. That plan was completed and outlines a range of potential projects of varying scale and cost to improve the centre. These range from shop front and façade improvements to the redesign of London Road. The implementation of the plan is being driven by HNF with our support. It was discussed with the City and County Councils who are taking steps to incorporate the ideas in their own plans.

Continue to operate and expand the Headington Market

The market has operated very successfully throughout the year and has enjoyed steady growth. Our market manager left early in the year to take up a new post and we appointed one of the existing traders as a replacement.

Provide a Summer Festival weekend

In June, Headington Festival took place in central Headington. Attendance was high, perhaps the highest ever. It followed its usual format of an extended market on the Saturday morning and a fete-type event in Bury Knowle Park on the Sunday. It was well supported by the usual sponsors (too many to list here). We lost our main financial sponsor but thanks to the generous support of Oxford Round Table financial exposure was limited.

Manage the Winter Lights and celebrate Christmas

Once again this year, from Diwali in mid November through to the end of the Christmas period in early January, six natural trees in central Headington were illuminated by thousands of led lights. Posters drew attention to festivals of light that are observed by four major faiths during this period and comments from traders and shoppers indicate that our intention to be inclusive of all of these festivals was warmly welcomed. The central event during this period was the lighting of the traditional Christmas tree at the beginning of December, for which we purchased a replacement set of lights. This is now increasingly well attended and very much an annual Headington fixture. The experience is enhanced by musical groups, carol singing round the tree and food provided by local businesses. We are grateful to several organisations and Councillors who provided the additional funding that ensured the financial viability of this successful event and to the Lord Mayor for her encouraging presence.

In addition we have carried out a range of activities including

- Awarding a grant to Friends of Headington Hill Park (but this was not required because other funds were obtained).
- Encouraging applicants and managing the Community Infrastructure Levy fund for Headington, in particular supporting the development of sports and leisure facilities in our local park.
- Supporting a variety of greening projects done by other members of the community, including Friends of Cheney School with CIL funding.

- Providing the annual summer flower baskets in Headington Centre – using CIL funding.
- As a committee we continued to meet every other month, with Exec meetings in intervening months.

Conclusion

In summary, 2023 was a successful year for Headington Action. We are well organised and financially sound. However, we must work to extend our capacity by recruiting new active members and finding a permanent Chair.

As Trustees of Headington Action, during the past year we have had good support from the Committee. We are well served by several excellent local City and County councillors. Brookes University has been a keen supporter of HA and provided facilities for our meetings. Our thanks to you all.

HA Trustees March 2024

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	YEAR 01/01/23 to 31/12/23	YEAR 01/01/22 to 31/12/22	YEAR 01/01/21 to 31/12/21	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	
Festival	12,103	6,540	4,290	
Market	7,981	9,543	9,188	
Grants				
Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)				
Christmas/Winter Lights	2,200	6,966		
Flower baskets Projects		796	1,740	
Coop Bank Interest	131	155	169	
Street Champion			9,800	2
Community Directory	5,835			2
Headington Centre Improvement		47,900		2
Councillors - tree fund			1,959	2
Councillors - planters		2,000		2
Cheque repaid by HSBC		18,645		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,250	92,545	27,146	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	22,415	42,645	15,387	
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	
Festival	14,086	9,134	549	
Market	993	2,191	4,107	
Grants		782	1,579	
HNF	110	227	50	
Christmas/Winter Lights	4,650	9,841	223	
Flower baskets				
Projects		1,123	1,392	
Expenses	319	464	230	
Admin	887	720	785	
Insurance	1,211	1,177	1,012	
Street Champion	2,303	2,213	1,242	2
Community Directory	3,380			2
Headington Centre Improvement	9,761	41,354		2
Councillors - tree fund			1,231	2
Councillors - planters	1,790			2
Cheque issued later repaid by HSBC		18,645		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	39,489	87,871	12,400	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	22,255	44,304	9,927	
NET RECEIPTS/ (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	-11,239	4,674	14,746	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	-3,055	-1,659	5,460	
Summary by Activity, 2023	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference	
Festival	12,103	14,086	-1,983	

Market	7,981	993	6,988	
Grants			0	
HNF		110	-110	
Christmas/Winter Lights	2,200	4,650	-2,450	
Flower baskets				
Projects				
Expenses		319	-319	
Admin		887	-887	
Insurance		1,211	-1,211	
Coop Bank Interest	131		131	
Street Champion		2,303	-2,303	2
Community Directory	5,835	3,380	2,455	2
Headington Centre Improvement		9,761	-9,761	2
Councillors - tree fund				2
Councillors - planters		1,790	-1,790	2
Totals	28,250	39,489	-11,239	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	22,415	25,470	-3,055	
MONETARY ASSETS	31/12/23	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	
Co-op Depcsit Account	8,883	8,752	8,597	
HSBC Bank Current Account	11,763	23,133	18,615	
TOTAL ASSETS	20,646	31,885	27,212	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	13,211	25,552		
ASSET CHANGE	-11,239	4,673	14,746	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 2)	-3,055	-1,659		

Notes to accounts

Note 1: Accounts prepared on a receipts and payments

Note 2: Specific reserves

	Balance held at £	Balance held at £
Street Champions	4,042	6,345
Community Directory - Lottery grant £5,835 received 2023	2,455	
Headington Centre Improvement - HA provided an additional £3,215		6,545
Councillors - tree fund	728	728
Councillors - planters	210	2,000
	<u>7,435</u>	<u>15,618</u>

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Grants			0
HNF		110	-110
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Flower baskets			
Projects		319	-319
Expenses		887	-887
Admin		1,211	-1,211
Insurance			131
Coop Bank Interest	131		131
Street Champion		2,303	-2,303
Community Directory	5,835	3,380	2,455
Headington Centre Improvement		9,761	-9,761
Councillors - tree fund			-1,790
Councillors - planters		1,790	-1,790
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I have examined these accounts and am satisfied that they present a true picture

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022

Headington Action's aims as set out in our constitution may be summarised as to:

- promote the area and create civic pride
- carry out community projects
- make environmental improvements
- advance education and reduce social deprivation
- provide facilities for recreation and leisure

We operate on the basis of our Forward Plan which covers all the activities of Headington Action (HA).

This year our priorities in our Plan have been to:

Develop and support two key community projects

Connected Communities

There are now over 50 Street Contacts. We work closely with the social prescribing staff attached to our local GP practices. Following last years Headington Festival we held Communities week to encourage social interaction across Headington and we are currently planning this years Communities week. We offer support for local street parties through provision of advice and materials and are preparing for the next round of street parties at the Coronation weekend. We have offered support to neighbouring areas who wish to take similar connecting communities initiatives. We are working with OCVA to explore ways to extend volunteering in Headington. We have obtained a Lottery grant to fund a partime post to compile an accessible directory of activities of community and health groups in the area. The post has just been advertised.

Improvement of Headington Centre

We appointed a consultant AR Urbanism to prepare a plan for the improvement of Headington Centre. That plan has now been completed and outlines a range of potential projects of varying scale and cost to improve the centre. These range from shop front and façade improvements to the redesign of London Road. The implementation of the plan will now be discussed with the City and County Councils.

Continue to improve the Headington Market

The Market now runs on both sides of the London Road and has extended the number and range of stalls. Our present market manager has left to take up a new post and we are currently advertising for a successor.

Provide an even better Summer Festival weekend

Headington Festival returned to central Headington in June of this year, after a two-year gap due to the Covid pandemic. Attendance was high, perhaps the highest ever. It followed its usual format of an extended market on the Saturday morning and a fete-type event in Bury Knowle Park on the Sunday. It was well supported by the usual sponsors (too many to list here). Financially, the event showed a small profit (c£500). Planning for Festival 2023 started immediately afterwards.

Manage and improve the Winter Lights

Once again this year, from Diwali in late October through to the end of the Christmas period in early January, six natural trees in central Headington were illuminated by thousands of led lights. Posters drew attention to festivals of light that are observed by four major faiths during this period and comments from traders and shoppers indicate that our intention to be inclusive of all of these festivals was warmly welcomed. : The central event during this period was the lighting of the traditional Christmas tree at the beginning of December. This is now increasingly well attended and very much an annual Headington fixture. The experience is enhanced by musical groups, carol singing round the tree and food provided by local businesses. We are grateful to Headington Community Association and various councillors who provided the additional funding that ensured the financial viability of this successful event and to the Lord Mayor for his encouraging presence.

The lights in the natural trees have been in situ for several years resulting in failures so about 25% were replaced. Costs were met by the City Council's planning levy, by local councillors, and from our own funds.

In addition to our priorities we have carried out a range of activities including

- Awarding grants to community groups though the take up has been limited.
- Managing the Community Infrastructure Levy fund for Headington.
- Promoting Headington Action within our community
- Provision of the annual summer flower baskets in Headington Centre – using CIL funding

Conclusion

In summary 2022 has been a successful year for Headington Action. We are well organised, financially sound and, with some limited exceptions, have delivered our Plan for the year. However once again we must work to extend our capacity by recruiting new active members willing to take responsibility for the implementation of new projects.

As Trustees of Headington Action, during the past year we have had first class support from the Committee. We are very well served by our excellent local City and County councillors. Brookes University has been a keen supporter of HA and provided quality rooms and facilities for our meetings Our thanks to you all. In addition we record our thanks and best wishes to our market manager Ewan Tilbe who has contributed greatly to the success of our market.

HA Trustees March 2023

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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	YEAR 01/01/22 to 31/12/22	YEAR 01/01/21 to 31/12/21	YEAR 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	
Festival	6540	4,290	3,411	
Market	9543	9,188	4,297	
Grants				
Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)				
Christmas/Winter Lights	6966		2,000	
Flower baskets				
Projects	796	1,740		2
Coop Bank Interest	155	169	197	4
Street Champion		9,800		3
Headington Centre Improvement	47900			3
HRA tree fund		1,959		3
Roz Smith's Planters	2000			3
Cheque repaid by HSBC	18645			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	92,545	27,146	9,905	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	42,645	15,387		
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	
Festival	9134	549	222	
Market	2191	4107	5,363	
Grants	782	1579	1,272	
HNF	227	50	287	
Christmas/Winter Lights	9841	223	1,449	
Flower baskets				
Projects	1123	1392		
Expenses	464	230	465	
Admin	720	785	906	
Insurance	1177	1012	1,000	
Street Champion	2213	1242		3
Headington Centre Improvement	41354			3
HRA tree fund		1231		3
Roz Smith's Planters				3
Cheque issued by later repaid by HSBC	18645			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	87,872	12,400	10,964	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	44,305	9,927		
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	4,673	14,746	-1,059	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	-1,660	5,460	0	
Summary by Activity, 2022	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference	
Festival	6540	9,134	-2,594	4
Market	9543	2,191	7,352	
Grants		782	-782	
HNF		227	-227	
Christmas/Winter Lights	6966	9,841	-2,875	
Flower baskets				
Projects	796	1,123	-327	
Expenses		464	-464	
Admin		720	-720	
Insurance		1,177	-1,177	
Coop Bank Interest	155		155	
Street Champion		2,213	-2,213	3
Headington Centre Improvement	47900	41,354	6,546	3
HRA tree fund				3
Roz Smith's Planters	2000		2,000	3
Totals	73900	69227	4,673	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	24000	25660	-1,660	
MONETARY ASSETS	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	
Co-op Deposit Account	8,752	8,597	8,428	
HSBC Bank Current Account	23,133	18,615	4,038	
TOTAL ASSETS	31,885	27,212	12,466	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	25,552			
ASSET CHANGE	4,673	14,746	-1,060	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	-1660			

Notes to accounts

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 Note 4: Lottery grant of £3790 awarded at end of 2021

Comments

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Charles Young

Print Name

CHARLES YOUNG

Date of approval

20 October 2023

HEADINGTON ACTION (CHARITY NUMBER: 1170517)
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Note:
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	YEAR 01/01/22 to 31/12/22	YEAR 01/01/21 to 31/12/21	YEAR 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	
Festival	6540	4,290	3,411	
Market	9543	9,188	4,297	
Grants				
Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)				
Christmas/Winter Lights	6966		2,000	
Flower baskets				
Projects	796	1,740		2
Coop Bank Interest	155	169	197	4
Street Champion		9,800		3
Headington Centre Improvement	47900			3
HRA tree fund		1,959		3
Roz Smith's Planters	2000			3
Cheque repaid by HSBC	18645			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	92,545	27,146	9,905	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	42,645	15,387		
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	
Festival	9134	549	222	
Market	2191	4107	5,363	
Grants	782	1579	1,272	
HNF	227	50	287	
Christmas/Winter Lights	9841	223	1,449	
Flower baskets				
Projects	1123	1392		
Expenses	464	230	465	
Admin	720	785	906	
Insurance	1177	1012	1,000	
Street Champion	2213	1242		3
Headington Centre Improvement	41354			3
HRA tree fund		1231		3
Roz Smith's Planters				3
Cheque issued by later repaid by HSBC	18645			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	87,872	12,400	10,964	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	44,305	9,927		
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	4,673	14,746	-1,059	
Excluding Specific Reserves (Note 3)	-1,660	5,460	0	
Summary by Activity, 2022	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference	
Festival	6540	9,134	-2,594	4
Market	9543	2,191	7,352	
Grants		782	-782	
HNF		227	-227	
Christmas/Winter Lights	6966	9,841	-2,875	
Flower baskets				
Projects	796	1,123	-327	
Expenses		464	-464	
Admin		720	-720	
Insurance		1,177	-1,177	
Coop Bank Interest	155		155	
Street Champion		2,213	-2,213	3
Headington Centre Improvement	47900	41,354	6,546	3
HRA tree fund				3
Roz Smith's Planters	2000		2,000	3
Totals	73900	69227	4,673	
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Date of approval

20 October 2023

HEADINGTON ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1170517

Accounts

HEADINGTON ACTION – TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2021

Headington Action's aim as set out in our constitution is to benefit those who live, work and study in Headington. We do this by working with residents, together with voluntary, commercial and other organisations and local authorities to promote the area, increase civic pride, undertake community projects and make environmental improvements.

The year started with priorities as defined in our forward plan dated November 2020; a plan which was heavily influenced by the Covid-19 pandemic and changed public attitudes arising.

1. Reinforce and expand the Connected Communities project.
2. Work with the City and County Councils to develop central Headington as a commercial and social place.
3. Support local authority schemes and strategies to encourage walking and cycling and reduce traffic impact.
4. Support other Headington community groups.
5. Press ahead with greening projects.
6. Continue business as usual activities such as Headington Market, Headington Festival, floral displays, Christmas lights, giving of grants and involvement in local ad-hoc matters etc.

The key outcomes in 2021 were:

- We obtained a grant from Oxford City Council to support and develop the network of **Street champions** in association with the Oxford Hub. Plans had to be revised however because there was reduced willingness on the part of street champions once the pandemic receded and normal life returned. Consequently, we decided to focus on developing a network of **street contacts**, with much reduced expectations on these contacts. We decided to promote a series of street events, for which HA will provide support and materials. During 2021 two street initiatives were supported – street parties as part of Neighbours' Day and street lights during November and December. These were successful with about 25 streets taking part.
- We started planning for **Headington Festival 2022**. We decided to brand the festival 'Connecting Communities' in support of our Connected Communities programme. In parallel we started planning for **Connected Communities Week 2022**, which was delayed from 2020 because of Covid-19.
- The Covid related 'conversations' which took place in 2020 revealed a public desire to develop the **retail and social centre of Headington**. To progress this, we worked with many stakeholders and users to agree a vision for the centre. With the active support of the regeneration team at Oxford City Council we prepared a brief for a consultant to develop a set of practical plans to implement the vision. Quotes will be requested in early 2022. The project is dependent on securing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to pay for the consultancy. At the close of the year discussions with the CIL team at the City Council were underway (since concluded satisfactorily).
- We liaised with, and in some cases supported, groups who are promoting **active travel**. For example, we have engaged with the County Council, provided a stall and a grant to Headington Liveable Streets, and hosted a presentation on e-scooters. We are mindful, however, that there are wide and strongly held feelings about traffic management schemes and we have attempted to ensure all views are heard.
- We have provided support, and in some cases grants, to other **local groups** such as Barton Community Association, friends of local parks, residents associations etc. We have worked with Courtside, a community interest company who are planning to develop sports and social facilities in Bury Knowle Park. We continue to work alongside our sister organisation, Headington Neighbourhood Forum, especially on CIL expenditure.

- At the height of the Covid pandemic in mid-2020 we moved **Headington Market** to a local park as it was not safe to hold it on crowded pavements. In the summer of 2021 attendance at the market was declining as people's shopping habits reverted to previous form so the decision was taken to move the market back to central Headington. This was successfully achieved. The market continues to thrive and grow.

We made little progress with our '**greening of Headington**' project due to shortage of volunteers. Nevertheless, we encouraged others, provided grants, and worked with Oxford City Council and Oxford Brookes University.

Regular activities such as Christmas lights, floral displays, provision of grants, responses to community matters, continued as usual.

As a committee we continued to meet (on-line) every other month, with Exec meetings monthly. We identified a weakness in our management, membership and projects concerning lack of diversity and inclusiveness and set up a task force to examine this, bringing in external expertise to help us. Actions identified by the task force are underway.

During the past year we had support from many in the community including our members. We are well connected with local City and County councillors. We developed good links with local government officers and the primary care sector. Oxford Brookes University is a keen supporter of HA. Our thanks to you all. There are many we could mention, but we are hesitant to name names for fear of omissions. However, Theresa and Keith Frayn followed by Priscilla Goldby, and especially our market manager Ewan Tilbe, should be mentioned for guiding the market through such difficult times and making it the success it is.

In summary 2021 was an exceptionally busy and eventful year. We remain financially sound despite taking a hit from the impact of the pandemic. We had the capacity to respond to the pandemic and built on changed public attitudes to initiate a revised forward plan for the next few years.

HA Trustees March 2022

HEADINGTON ACTION (CHARITY NUMBER: 1170517)
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

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	YEAR 01/01/21 to 31/12/21	YEAR 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	YEAR 01/01/19 to 31/12/19	YEAR 01/01/18 to 31/12/18	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	
Festival	4,290	3,411	10,026	12,148	2
Market	9,188	4,297	10,105	9,715	
Grants				70	
Headington Neighbourhood Forum (HNF)			75		
Christmas		2,000	650	250	
Flower baskets			2,471	2,467	3
Projects	1,740				4
Street Champion	9,800				5
Calendar				388	
HRA funds	1,959		9,000		6
Interest	169	197	349	194	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	27,146	9,905	32,676	25,233	
Excluding HRA funds	25,187		23,676		
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	
Festival	549	222	11,812	12,345	
Market	4,107	5,363	3,413	4,497	
Expenses	230	465	424	1,149	
Grants	1,579	1,272	169	1,900	
HNF	50	287	259	1,026	
Admin	785	906	796		
Christmas	223	1,449	1,314	1,519	
Flower baskets			2,325	3,328	
Projects	1,392		346		
Street Champion	1,242				
Calendar				633	
Insurance	1,012	1,000	700	576	
HRA funds	1,231		9,175.00		
TOTAL PAYMENTS	12,400	10,964	30,733	26,973	
Excluding HRA Funds	11,169		21,558		
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	14,746	-1,060	1,943	-1,739	

Summary by Activity, 2021	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference	
Festival	4,290	549	3,741	2
Market	9,188	4,107	5,081	
Expenses		230	-230	
Admin		785	-785	
Insurance		1,012	-1,012	
Grants		1,579	-1,579	
HNF		50	-50	
Xmas		223	-223	
Baskets				
Connected Communities	1,740	1,392	348	4
Street Champion	9,800	1,242	8,558	5
Greening Project				
HRA funds	1,959	1,231	728	6
Coop Bank Interest	169	0	169	
Totals	27,146	12,400	14,746	

MONETARY ASSETS	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2018
Co-op Deposit Account	8,596	8,428	8,231	7,883
Bank current account	18,615	4,038	5,295	3,702
TOTAL ASSETS	27,211	12,466	13,526	11,585
ASSET CHANGE	14,745	-1,060	1,941	-1,739

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Comments

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Date of approval

October 11th 2022

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HEADINGTON ACTION

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Accounts

HEADINGTON ACTION - ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING December 2020

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The year started with priorities in our forward plan continuing from 2019, which were:

- Support the Headington Neighbourhood Forum on the formation of the Headington Community Council.
- Give increased focus to community matters especially through the Connected Communities project which envisaged a launch in the summer of 2020 to coincide with Headington Festival.
- Improve the environment of Headington, especially through the greening project and floral displays.
- Continue business as usual activities such as Headington Market, Headington Festival, Christmas lights, giving of grants and involvement in local ad-hoc matters etc.

In March 2020 our attention to the above completely changed to focus on the role HA might play in the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on our core activities. The key outcomes were:

- **Headington Market.** It was no longer possible to operate the market in its normal location due to social distancing restrictions. The immediate task was to move the market on-line. The next task was to move the physical market to a different location. Both tasks had challenges but the outcomes were very successful. The market is the main source of revenue for HA so its absence for a number of weeks and subsequent relocation costs made a significant hit on our finances. Despite that we were delighted to provide weekly food gifts to staff at Sobell House for about 6 weeks. (Sobell House is a local hospice, part of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.) These gifts were procured from market traders thus helping the traders in addition to supporting some of our key health workers.
- **Coordination and communication.** We played a significant role in exchanging information about Covid-19 impacts between different groups in Headington, communicating matters of concern, forwarding advice from agencies, and also promoting uplifting activities and events. We accepted a chairing role of a newly created partnership between local health, education and local government in Headington with a focus on problem identification.
- **Street champions and volunteering.** Many street networks were rapidly implemented to provide support to those in need as a result of the pandemic, especially through local resident groups and Oxford Together. Headington Action provided support to these networks including an element of liaison between primary care and other agencies. A noteworthy outcome was the identification of over 10 volunteer counsellors to support one of our GP surgeries with patients suffering from mental health issues.
- **Headington Festival and Connected Communities week.** With much regret these were cancelled because of the pandemic. The value of such community activities was however highlighted by the pandemic resulting in a determination to build on them in the future.
- **Impact of pandemic on HA's forward plan.** The pandemic had an impact, at least short term, on the public's attitudes to community and environment. To gauge the impact of this, HA held a series of conversations during the summer on the themes of community, environment, the local commercial centre and transport. This resulted in a new HA forward plan which was agreed by the full committee in November. It will provide the basis of our activities during the next few years.
- **Governance.** In March the City Council formally announced that the proposed Community Council for Headington would not go ahead. The implications of this decision on HA, on Headington Neighbourhood Forum and on 'political' governance in Headington was explored

with Councillors and with senior executives at Oxford City Council. Conclusions were unclear. There was a view that existing Headington groups should continue, even be strengthened. One positive outcome from HA's point of view is that we now have good informal contacts at officer level into the City's communities and development directorates.

Regular activities such as Christmas lights, floral displays, provision of grants, responses to community matters continued as usual. Our website was much improved in attractiveness, as well as usefulness to reflect the Covid pandemic.

As a committee we continued to meet (on-line) every other month, with Exec meetings monthly. The Trustee group was expanded through the addition of one new member (Viv Miles). We identified a weakness in our management, membership and projects concerning lack of diversity and inclusiveness and set up a task force to examine this, bringing in some external expertise to help us. This is continuing.

As Trustees of Headington Action, during the past year we have had first class support from many in the community. We are well connected with local City and County councillors. We have developed good links with local government officers and the primary care sector. Brookes University is a keen supporter of HA. Our thanks to you all. There are many we could mention, but we are hesitant to name names for fear of omissions. However, Cari Morningstar and Jason Smith followed by Theresa and Keith Frayn should be mentioned for guiding the market through such difficult times and making it the success it is.

In summary 2020 was an exceptionally busy and eventful year. We remain financially sound despite taking a hit from the impact of the pandemic. We had the capacity to respond to the pandemic and built on changed public attitudes to develop a revised forward plan for the next few years.

HA Trustees March 2021

HEADINGTON ACTION (CHARITY NUMBER: 1170517)
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

See Note 1

	YEAR 01/01/20 to 31/12/20	YEAR 01/01/19 to 31/12/19	YEAR 01/01/18 to 31/12/18	PERIOD 01/12/16 to 31/12/17	PERIOD 01/04/16 to 30/11/16	
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£	See Note 2
Festival	3,411	10,026	12,148	12,152	7,741	See Note 4
Market	4,297	10,105	9,715	12,135	5,413	
Grants	0	0	70	1,070	100	
Headington Neighbourhood Forum	0	75	0	0	0	
Christmas	2,000	650	250	780	0	
Flower baskets	0	2,471	2,467	2,410	1,615	See Note 5
Calendar	0	0	388			
HRA funds	0	9,000				
Interest	366	349	194	263	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10,074	32,676	25,233	28,811	14,868	
Excluding HRA funds		23,676				
PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£	
Festival	222	11,812	12,345	10,146	9,095	
Market	5,363	3,413	4,497	5,964	4,351	
Expenses	465	424	1,149	1,838	1,644	
Grants	1,272	169	1,900	1,075	593	
Headington Neighbourhood Forum	287	259	1,026	0	0	
Admin	906	796				
Christmas	1,449	1,314	1,519	4,779	366	
Flower baskets	0	2,325	3,328	2,202	2,377	
Projects	0	346				
Calendar	0	0	633			
Insurance	1,000	700	576			Note 6
HRA funds - Transfer		9,175.00				
TOTAL PAYMENTS	10,964	30,733	26,973	26,004	18,425	
Excluding HRA Funds		21,558				
NET RECEIPTS / (PAYMENTS) IN THE YR	-891	1,943	-1,739	2,807	-3,557	

Summary by Activity, 2020	Receipts	Outgoings	Difference
Festival	3,411	222	3,189
Market	4,297	5,363	-1,066
Expenses	0	465	-465
Admin	0	906	-906
Insurance	0	1,000	-1,000
Grants	0	1,272	-1,272
HNF	0	287	-287
Xmas	2,000	1,449	551
Baskets	0	0	0
Connectivity Project	0	0	0
Greening Project	0	0	0
Transfer	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0
Totals	9,708	10,964	-1,257

See Note 3

MONETARY ASSETS	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/03/2017
Co-op Deposit Account	£8,597	£8,231	£7,883	£9,689	£9,426
Bank current account	£4,038	£5,295	£3,702	£3,635	£1,091
TOTAL ASSETS	£12,635	£13,526	£11,585	£13,324	£10,517
ASSET CHANGE	-£891	£1,941	£-1,739	£2,807	£-3,557

See Note 4

Notes to accounts

Note 1: Accounts prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Note 2: Accounts for period ending 30/11/16 is for HCDA

Note 3: Annual income differs from Festival accounts due to timing of grants around year end

Note 4: Includes £3030 Lottery Festival grant carried forward

Note 5: Flower baskets cost covered by £2,518.75 Headington Neighbourhood Forum CIL funds

Note 6: Insurance 2020 £1000.46, rounded to £1000

I have examined these accounts, and find them accurate.

Comments

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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 12/07/2021