

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	4107	5,363	3,413	4,497	
Expenses	230	465	424	1,149	
Grants	1579	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	1392		346		
Street Champion	1242				
Calendar				633	
Insurance	1012	1,000	700	576	
HRA funds	1231		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

Notes to accounts

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

Note 2: The National Lottery Fund grant of £3030 (2020) cf by agreement with TNL and allocated to community activities, e.g. street parties, Neighbours' Day

Note 3: Flower baskets cost covered by HNF CIL funds

Note 4: Projects, e.g. Connected Communities

Note 5: CIL Funds

Note 6: Councillor's tree fund held for Highfield Residents' Association

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