

HEADINGTON ACTION

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

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
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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

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

Note 2: Projects, e.g. Connected Communities

Note 3: Specific reserves

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

Comments

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Date of approval

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