



Set out below are two annual reports, for the financial year 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 as it was not possible to have an AGM last year because of the Covid-19 restrictions. We are also able to present an Observer's report for last year but sadly our Observer, David Holmes, whose role it is to oversee the work of the Trustees and ensure we are discharging our work for the Association professionally and in the interests of the local community, resigned last Summer and we have so far been unable to find a successor. Hopefully at this AGM, we will be able to appoint at least one and ideally two Observers in line with our constitution.

At the end of the document, you can find a short summary of our aims and vision.

Trustees' Annual Report April 2019 – March 2020

Our structure:

The Association currently has a Board of eleven Trustees. The Trustees meet monthly to six weekly throughout the year.

The Association works in close partnership with the local Old Town Primary School and with FOOTS, their Parent/Teachers Association. The Lunch Club met weekly at the centre until the Autumn 2019. In January 2020, the Association opened a café funded through Awards for All to whom the Association is extremely grateful. The Bowling Club's activities run during the Summer months. Other close stakeholders include Wadsworth Environment Group, the Bee Group, Wainsgate Chapel and of course the Parish Council who lease the centre to the Association.

The Association also has an Observer whose role is to receive minutes of Trustee meetings, attend when he wishes, takes an active part of the business of the Association and ensures that the Trustees' work is undertaken diligently, lawfully and consistent with our constitution.

The Association has relied on volunteers to run and develop the centre for use by the local community although from the Summer 2019, we have been able to pay a part time Café Manager and Administrator to help us get the café up and running and to develop community classes, again funded through Awards for All.

Association activities 2019/20 – Achievements and Performance:

In the last year, the Association has hosted a range of community activities including Bowls, Karate, Pilates, Table Tennis, with our team being promoted to the 2nd Division this year, Hula Hoop, street dance for boys and girls, organic cookery classes, FOOTS (Friends of Old Town School) and school events, Lunch Club, parties, celebrations and fund raiser events for charity. A Level 2 food hygiene course was held for Trustees, volunteers and local residents. The centre also hosted Food for Thought events where guest speakers provided stimulating sessions accompanied by a hearty meal. These included an Oxfam Ride to India, Healthy Food for People and Planet and Slow the Flow Calderdale Using Natural Flood Management to become flood resilient.

The Centre is now well known for its music events, most of which are delivered in partnership with BGR Events folk music promoters who continue to provide top class artists for our centre. These included Brooks Williams and Jack Blackman, Emily Smith & Jamie McLennan, Gilmore & Roberts, Alden, Patterson & Dashwood with Sarah Watson and Chantelle McGregor. The bar has been highly commended by the local branch of CAMRA.

The highlight of the year was the opening of our community café initially every Friday. It proved highly popular with locals and walkers but sadly was forced to close with the arrival of Covid-19, though we hope to re-open as soon as the health situation allows. Our sincere thanks to the paid staff and many volunteers who made the café such a success, albeit short-lived.

This significant educational, cultural and social effort is only possible because of the efforts of members of the association.

Centre improvements have included revarnishing the main hall floor, the re-upholstering of centre chairs and stools, upgrade of glass storage in the bar, a full refurbishment of the lounge for the community café and a wifi upgrade. The garden and bowling green have as ever been maintained to the highest standard.

Plans for the coming year:

The Board is yet to finalise the Programme for the coming year as it is as yet unclear if and when we will be allowed to resume our community classes and other activities due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Financial review:

This is provided under a separate document from the Treasurer.

Risks:

The major risks to the Association relate to the negative impact of Covid-19 restrictions on our activities, in particular our income generation events. Our Centre reserves and assistance from Calderdale MBC have ensured our stability in the short term but this situation will be monitored carefully over the coming months. The capacity of the Board and willing volunteers remains an issue of concern as the success of the centre is fully dependent on their commitment to continue to give their time to provide a range of services which meet the needs of local residents.

Observer's Report 2019 – 2020

David Holmes - Observer's Report to 31st December 2020

2019/2020 has proved to be a very challenging 18 months. At the time of my last report for the AGM in June 2019 everything looked set fair for another successful year. And until March 2020 that proved to be the case. The mainstays: lunch club, folk evenings, karate, pilates, table tennis and of course the bowling, all continued as normal, but the big success story of the year was the winning of a second "Awards for All" grant to fund a community café.

The café project was spearheaded by Robert Hopper and Molly Slaughter who planned and organised both the transformation of the small lounge and every element of the café from the menus to the décor. It opened its doors at the beginning of 2020 and was very popular from day one with every session being enjoyed by a large cross section of the community, but like all the other activities at the centre, it was brought to a shuddering halt by the Covid-19 national lockdown in March. However, it did open again outdoors for a brief period during the summer.

I am sure that the café team like the other loyal users of the centre will return in spring 2021 when we finally have the Covid virus under control.

The other major activities brought to a halt in April were the regular live music events promoted by BRG Events, but again all the indications are they will return with renewed vigour when things return to some semblance of normality.

Clearly, the cessation of nearly all use of the centre for much of 2020 will create a large unforeseen hole in this year's takings. However, the healthy bank balance at the start of the year in conjunction with the judicious management of outgoings does mean that the association will remain solvent.

With the return of Stuart Smith, the gardener / handyman the grounds have been restored to their former glory, making the gardens surrounding the centre and the bowling green attractive to all our users and visitors.

My major concern at this time is the same as previous years; the dependence on single individuals for some of the most important elements of service provided by the association.

Viz. Community Association Treasurer
 Bowling Club Treasurer
 Bar Manager (provisioning and operations)
 Bowling Green maintenance
 Events booking and management

All of which continue to be performed by Derek Williamson!

In conclusion, I am happy that the association continues to be managed in accordance with the stated objectives and in the best way possible given the limited pool of resources. However, if the association is to continue serving the Wadsworth

Community in its current form, it is imperative that more volunteer members are recruited and retained.

Having served the WCA as an observer (and odd job man) for 4 years, I have for several reasons decided to resign my post as of today 31st December. It has been a pleasure working with you all and I hope you maintain this fine village institution for many years to come.

David Holmes

Trustees' Annual Report April 2020 – March 2021

As one might expect, Centre activities were run down almost to a standstill in the financial year 2020/21. The Covid-19 lockdown came into force at the end of March 2020, resulting in the Trustees calling a halt to all our regular activities. The most upsetting of these was the closure of our wonderful community café which had only been running for eight weeks when the lockdown started, by which time its popularity was growing and the hard work of Rob Hopper, Charlie Morrissey, Molly Slaughter and a fantastic group of volunteers had created a really fabulous resource for the local community. It did re-open briefly as an outdoor pop up café in fine weather but by September 2020, Rob had decided not to continue and the Awards for All funding for the staff had been spent. Molly has continued to stay involved in the Centre, having organised one series of classes "Healthy Eating with Organic Veg." We hope to run further classes this Autumn.

We remain hopeful that we can re-open the café one day a week so we don't impact negatively on the new café planned at the Post Office but this will depend on finding a team to take over the work started by Rob and the wonderful volunteers – a hard act to follow!!

The Trustees have continued to ensure the safe maintenance of the building, resolving a major leak in the roof during the snow in January, resolving the problem with the rising floor in the hall and repairing the hall ceiling. Thanks to financial support from Calderdale MBC to help us survive without income during the pandemic, we accrued sufficient funds to upgrade the toilets. However it has proved remarkably difficult to secure a team willing to quote for and undertake the work but we live in hope and aim to get this done this Autumn. A generous donation from NISA will also enable us to upgrade the entrance area.

Pennine Cropshare set up a shed in the Centre car park for all their customers to collect their veg bags after the Hare and Hounds was forced to close in the Summer 2020. Jane Crawford ran a curry and pie takeaway shop from the Centre over the winter months, much enjoyed by all. The Playgroup which moved across to the Centre from the school has restarted. Steve Tilston held some online gigs from the Centre, attracting hundreds of fans. Little by little we have been able to re-open the Centre and we did have a small number of bookings for parties during last financial year.

We look forward getting back to normal and to working with the new Wadsworth United group which brings together all the organisations, business and voluntary across the Parish to organise events and activities that everyone can enjoy. Meanwhile our sincere thanks to David Holmes for his many years' support and hard work for the Association and to Janet Jefferies and Stuart Smith for maintaining the Centre and grounds in excellent condition.

Aims of the Association:

Wadsworth Community Association aims to maintain and develop a well-run, friendly centre in the heart of the parish of Wadsworth that understands and responds to the Wadsworth community's needs.

Objects:

- a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Wadsworth Parish and the immediate neighbourhood beyond the Parish boundaries (hereinafter called the 'area of benefit') without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions by associating with the local authorities, (mainly Wadsworth Parish Council and Calderdale M.B. Council), voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupations with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- b) To establish or to secure the establishment of a Community Centre (hereinafter called 'the Centre') and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of, such a Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects.

Vision:

Our vision is:

- to run a lively, well-used centre that is at the heart of the Wadsworth community
- for everyone in Wadsworth to understand how the centre runs, what it's for and feel a sense of ownership
- that the WCC (Wadsworth Community Centre) is everybody's centre.

Values:

Our values underpin everything we do and these are to be inclusive, welcoming, transparent, responsive and imaginative.



Wadsworth Community Association

(Registered Charity No. 1171791)

Income and Expenditure Account Summary and Balance Sheet

Income & Expenditure Account Summary	Year to 31-Mar-21 £	Year to 31-Mar-20 £
Bar Account Loss (-)/Surplus	- 1,485.42	5,842
Café Account Surplus	1,108.39	2,275
Centre Income	21,212.37	6,053
Centre Running Costs	5,567.16	7,913
Improvements & Developments	-	1,408
OVERALL SURPLUS	15,268.18	4,849

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2020	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
ASSETS	£	£
Cash on deposit	1,009.62	1,009
Cash in current a/c	26,784.26	13,753
Cash in hand	361.44	1,294
Debtors and pre-payments	860.00	800
Stock	1,006.09	1,347
TOTAL ASSETS	30,021.41	18,203
LIABILITIES & COMMITMENTS		
Creditors Remaining Awards for All grant	916.89	4,367
Other Creditors	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES & COMMITMENTS	916.89	4,367
NET ASSETS	29,104.52	13,836
REPRESENTED BY		
Accumulated Fund at 1st April	13,836.34	8,987
Plus surplus for year	15,268.18	4,849
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st March	29,104.52	13,836

Note to the accounts.

- Plans are in hand to improve the toilets, the hall ceiling and the entrance lobby
- The Awards for All grant will probably overspend by about £1,000 and this will be a cost to the Association

Audit statement

I have examined the books and documents kept by the Treasurer and certify that the above Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet present a true and fair view of the affairs of the Association for the year to 31st March 2021.

Paul Turner - Accounting Services

5th June 2021

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Wadsworth Community Association

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Income & Expenditure Account for the year to 31st March 2021		Year to 31-Mar-21	Year to 31-Mar-20
		£	£
BAR ACCOUNT			
Bar Sales	136.67		13,261
Less cost of sales	440.57		5,955
Gross loss (-)/profit	-222.4% - 303.90		55.1% 7,306
Licences	431.52		425
Bar services & incidentals	750.00		1,039
BAR ACCOUNT LOSS (-)/SURPLUS		- 1,485.42	5,842
CAFÉ ACCOUNT			
Café sales	2,351.02		4,109
Less cost of sales & consumables	1,242.63		1,834
CAFÉ ACCOUNT SURPLUS	47.1%	1,108.39	55.4% 2,275
CENTRE INCOME			
Bookings	464.00		5,057
Special efforts			637
Recycling receipts			75
Membership subscriptions	22.00		198
Covid support grant	21,004.00		
less passed to OTBC	2,000.00	19,004.00	
Donations & Other Grants	1,721.90		10
500 Club			20
Other income	0.47		96
CENTRE INCOME		21,212.37	6,053
OVERALL CENTRE INCOME		20,835.34	14,170
CENTRE RUNNING COSTS			
Utilities		1,249.78	2,081
Insurance		880.20	839
Repairs & maintenance		1,504.30	1,800
Cleaning & hygiene		1,838.00	2,305
Other expenditure		94.88	888
TOTAL CENTRE RUNNING COSTS		5,567.16	7,913
IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRE			
Improvements			1,408
INCOME AND EXP A/C SURPLUS		15,268.18	4,849

GRANT SPENDING	£	£
Awards for All grant at 1st April	4,366.89	9,980
less spending	3,450.00	5,613
Grant remaining	916.89	4,367