

Stogursey Arts Trust annual report for 2022-23

The Stogursey Arts Trust (SAT) started its work for 22-23 identifying key action areas, which resulted from discussions; developing and revising a strategic plan, towards future sustainability to meet its aims,. With a new team of trustees appointed during the year, a series of groups were set up to discuss key questions and establish a list of action points to act as an 'aid memoire' for future planning. Action points identified are included with this report.

The new membership not only bought complementary expertise to these discussions, but also took action during the year to set up new creative groups and establish fund raising events.

The 'Tree of Life' Exhibition was a great example of where the Strategic Action document was put into practice. From the question: 'how do we support new additional creative groups, including mentoring support, and how do we develop meaningful school links'(?); the group leader identified and set up a new craft group (now named the Artisans). The group identified a theme that worked for people as a common endeavour; deliberately making it accessible to as many people as possible. The more skilled experts within the group helped and advised those who were new or beginners. In setting a long time line to produce work for an exhibition, which provided a clear completion date, more people were enabled to join in as the project progressed towards this final goal.

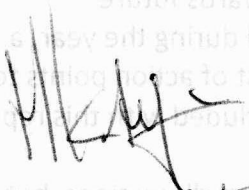
The end result was a great exhibition combining many different skills together with the beautiful floral arrangements from the Flower Group. It also highlighted how much some people are still carrying, with a sense of loss and grief from the difficult years that had preceded the event. Other positives identified, included children from the school being involved and the group establishing a momentum towards the next project.

The Strategy had identified the merits of maintaining support for affiliated groups to the SAT such as the Flower Group, the Morris Travellers (Stogursey's resident Morris side), The Soap Factory Cinema, The Arts Group Stogursey (TAGS) and the Stogursey Arts Festival. In addition to the Artisans joining the affiliated groups, the Stogursey Arts Photographic Society was mentored through out the year by the SAT. This mentorship has resulted in the group identifying community-focused aims, where they have started to build an archive of past and present images of the village. The archive will be exhibited in 2024, for the benefit of residents and community groups and then toured to various venues illustrating the benefits of the archive.

The Artisans have benefitted from donations from the general public and funding from the Artists fund. SAPS have been successful in a grant application to support the Photographic Archive (receipt pending) and the Stogursey Arts Festival chair ran a successful music event as a fundraiser to enable future Festival events.

Towards the end of the year a group of trustees approached the new Rector of St Andrews church with the idea of running a Christmas Tree Festival. In the light of the programme of exhibitions, which were introduced by new trustees, the concept had been discussed as a 'late' Arts Festival to run in December. The Christmas Festival ran in the week running up to Christmas. All villagers and village groups were invited to take part and given an open brief, to decorate or create/make their own Christmas tree. The SAT provided trees and stands for the exhibition in the church, which was a huge success. The event brought together over twenty contributions from Artists, village groups and individuals; all who have expressed an interest to

see the event repeated for 2024. Once costs had been covered, in part from donations granted by the Parish Council, the team identified a healthy start up fund for next year's event.



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PROFIT & LOSS

Year ending January 2023

INCOME

Film Nights	743
Scarecrow Festival	197
Open Mic Night	83
Donations	33

Total Income	1,057
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EXPENDITURE

Artists fees	1,800
Insurance	73
Jubilee Rooms	75

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,948
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NET PROFIT LOSS	(892)
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