

Friends Of Fulwell Annual return 20/21

We would like to say a massive thank you for the support you have shown. FOF aims to help the local residents of Fulwell come together by giving local people the support to address local priorities and issues. The project aims to:

- Increase the number of activities for young people
- Develop new volunteer groups to enable more volunteer opportunities and give better support to volunteers.
- Help support groups in funding bids and attracting funding.
- Improve people's health both physically and mentally
- Reach out to the most vulnerable in the Fulwell ward including the socially isolated.
- Improve the local environment including Cut Throat Dene, local beaches and green space in the Fulwell ward.

Report:

March 13th 2020 our lives were changed forever when lockdown was introduced through the Covid-19 pandemic. 2 weeks later, councilor Margaret Beck had suddenly passed away due to Covid-19 and this really hit home, how tragic things were. Everything stopped, everything we were working towards stopped. We were unable to provide anything. Then as the Covid-19 pandemic continued, we were asked to become a community hub for the Fulwell ward.

We adapted at lightning pace and recruited 30 volunteers with the help of Sunderland City Council who really supported our community as we helped residents with food shopping, prescription pickups, dog walking and anything else that was needed. We were then suddenly a vital service to the community. Unfortunately, this went on for the remainder of the raising aspirations project and through that time we have lost at least six people to the Covid-19 pandemic which has been quite difficult to deal with, but nevertheless we continued our work.

We arranged a lot of activities online for young people and sign posted people to services in the area. We continued to receive referrals from Sunderland City Council and made sure we did our utmost to help people. By this time we had a strong cohort of volunteers and we could handle many referrals, making sure everybody was looked after to the best of our ability. This support went on right throughout until July 2020, when things were relaxed and we could re-engage with young people, who had missed so much school.

We now had a mix of responsibilities looking after residents whilst trying to re-engage with young people and provide a good service. This was difficult as we tried to balance everything.

So, for example at any one time we could receive a call asking for support while at the same time trying to deliver activities for young people, keeping everybody safe.

This support continued right the way through up until the winter of 2020 when unbelievably we were put in another lockdown. We then had to go back to doing what we were doing previously engaging volunteers to help the community. However, this proved much more difficult this time as people either returned to work or were scared of the virus because this time the virus seemed a lot more prevalent and dangerous to people's health. It was then up to ourselves to try to keep positive and keep doing the best we could for our community. Thankfully we managed to get through the winter.

Over the period of winter 2020, we delivered a huge amount of activity packs and hampers for people of all ages. This was supported also by large scale food banks that we arranged along with local traders, Sainsbury's and Morrisons who were very supportive. We arranged Christmas cards and carol singing for those who were socially isolated and worked with local schools to do Christmas card exchanges which proved very popular. We did anything we could to keep people's spirits up.

Lockdown continued into 2021 and we continued to support our community along with Fulwell library who were very supportive and we built great relationships with partners in the area and across the North of Sunderland.

We continued the youth club which was now online where we delivered online quizzes every week, something which I never won. The uncertainty of the future was so difficult for us to plan any events going forward things changed by the minute. We were forever having to be adaptive in everything we've done. It was the most challenging of times. Thankfully at this time the vaccine was now available to many and we made sure we signposted people to use it.

Our year ended on March 31st 2021 and we were still very much in the midst of this pandemic and being reactive and responding to help people in our community.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	We had an income of £24785 and outgoings of £4689
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	At the end of year we had £21,960 in the bank held in reserve which included £10,000 restricted reserves (awards for all project) £11,860.01 allocated (Covid Community Support) £100 unrestricted funds

Amount of reserves held	£21,960
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Stephen Douglas Mckenzie			
Lynn Hutcheon			
Adrienne Dickson			

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**S Mckenzie
L. Hutcheon
A.Dickson**

Friends of Fulwell

Charity number 1177228

Financial accounts and reports

for the year ended

31st March 2021

Friends of Fulwell Information

Trustees

Stephen Douglass McKenzie

Adrienne Dickson

Lynn Hutcheon

Charity Information

Charity Number - 1177228

CIO Foundation Date - 19th February 2018

Charity Address

Monkwearmouth Academy

Torver Crescent

Sunderland

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Employee with total benefits over £60,000

None

Financial Summary

Total Income £24785

Total Expenditure £4689

Government Grants included in income £13225

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. Prior year adjustments have been made because of incorrect corporation tax liability treatment.

Friends of Fulwell
Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		21,960.01	1,863.67
		<u>21,960.01</u>	<u>1,863.67</u>
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities		-	-
		<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Assets		21,960.01	1,863.67
 Net Charity Assets			
		<u>21,960.01</u>	<u>1,863.67</u>
 Charity Reserves			
Balance at start of period		1,863.67	359.35
Prior year adjustments	2	-	86.64
Excess income		<u>20,096.34</u>	<u>1,417.68</u>
Total fund reserves	1	<u>21,960.01</u>	<u>1,863.67</u>

Friends of Fulwell
Income and Expenditure Statement
Year Ended 31st March 2021

1 Profit and loss account analysis

	2021	2020
	£	£
Income		
Charitable Donations Received	1,310.92	1,967.06
Grant Income	227.39	2,966.10
Lottery Grant	10,000.00	-
Covid Community Support	13,225.00	-
Amazon Smile	22.15	-
	<u>24,785.46</u>	<u>4,933.16</u>
Expenditure		
General Community Project Costs	2,482.79	1,670.48
Project - Break the Silence	-	1,110.00
Rent	-	520.00
Workers costs	2,000.00	-
Volunteers training	-	15.00
Tavel costs	9.98	-
Donations	196.35	200.00
	<u>4,689.12</u>	<u>3,515.48</u>
 Excess income over expenditure	 <u>20,096.34</u>	 <u>1,417.68</u>

Friends of Fulwell
Notes to the Accounts
as at 31st March 2021

1 Reserve funds

	As At	Excess	Reserves	As At
	01/04/2020	Income	movements	31/03/2021
Unrestricted funds	545.99	20,096.34	-20,542.33	100.00
Allocated funds	1,317.68	0.00	10,542.33	11,860.01
Restricted funds	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>1,863.67</u>	<u>20,096.34</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,960.01</u>

2 Prior Year Adjustment

	As At	Prior Year	Prior Year	Restated
	01/04/2019	Adjustment	Adjustment	Balance
	Per Accounts	31/03/2018	31/03/2019	01/04/2020
Unrestricted funds	157.12	86.64	302.23	545.99
Allocated funds	1,317.68	0.00	0.00	1,317.68
Restricted funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<u>1,474.80</u>	<u>86.64</u>	<u>302.23</u>	<u>1,863.67</u>

* The charity accidentally recognised corporation tax liability in previous years as the accounting software calculated this automatically when in fact the charity is exempt from corporation tax as it has no trading income. The opening balance and comparative figures have been restated to reflect the adjustments.