

# HKCA Annual Report from the Chair, 2023

**The Newsletter** commemorating 50 years of High Kingsdown is the result of an excellent team effort and contributions of photographs from a number of sources. Many thanks to Martin Smith for pulling it all together and producing such a memorable souvenir copy. We have also been very fortunate in the donation of historical photographs for the exhibition – particular thanks to Alison Murphy, and to Stephen Sheppard the barber, whose family have lived in and around St Michael's Hill for a few generations.

**Kingsdown Sports Centre** In September 2021, the Council announced its decision to remove Kingsdown Sports Centre from its portfolio. At a large public meeting, considerable concern was expressed and a support group was established. During the course of the Spring and Summer of 2022, in collaboration with Raised in Bristol, HKCA put together a bid to take over the running of the Centre. Karen Sillence and Tony Allan launched a survey to establish the wider community's priorities for the centre as a sports and community asset. Our bid, founded on the results of this survey, therefore, had a strong community focus. Whilst we knew we were probably outsiders in this contest, we believed that the Council needed to hear the community voice and hoped that they would take this into consideration when awarding the contract. The successful bidders, Elite Sports have indicated their willingness to work with HKCA and we have requested an early meeting with them.

**The Green High Kingsdown/Green Cotham** gardening groups established by Karen aim to make beds look attractive, colourful and appealing to everyone, while nurturing small ecosystems/ micro habitats that help wildlife, with a wide variety of flowers, leaves, berries and seeds. The gardening sessions are two hours long and run on Wednesday afternoons 2-4pm and Thursday evenings (summer time only) 6-8pm. Dates for diaries:

- May 11<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Cotham Church, ornithologist Keith Williams and Karen on greening.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> Wildlife walk by ecologist Neill Talbot

The HKCA weekly gardening/ weeding/ graffiti removal/ litter-picking group meets on Thursday mornings 10-11.30 am, starting at the playground. All welcome.

**Socials.** The success of the autumn brunch was thanks to excellent planning, lovely music, terrific food, impressive attendance and fabulous weather! The Christmas concert, with Colin Smith providing fantastic musical accompaniment, was enjoyed by many.

**University of Bristol Community Liaison.** We have been very fortunate in having Steve Smith, UoB Community Liaison Officer as a co-opted member on the committee. His support has been invaluable in educating and monitoring the behaviour and engagement of students.

**Funding** this year has continued to come from the Co-op, the University and from Eleventh Hours Production film company with a £2000 donation.

**Website.** Led by Tony Allan, a group of us, are in the process of revamping the website and our intention is to keep it as up to date as possible.

**Huge thanks to the committee and to all those who have worked on behalf of HKCA and contributed to its continuing development and cohesion.**

**High Kingsdown Community Association****2022 Accounts****Accounts as of 27 February 2023**

	<u>1/1/2022 to</u> <u>31/12/22</u>	<u>1/1/2021 to</u> <u>31/12/21</u>	<u>1/1/2020 to</u> <u>31/12/20</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Donations to Communal Fund	1,306.36	921.40	904.30
Donations collected by Co-op	103.24	51.42	182.31
Donation to Wall Fund	-	-	-
Donation to Green Fund	-	-	-
Carol Singing for Charity	52.10	-	66.02
Grants to Green Fund	-	-	-
Adverts for HK News	-	100.00	-
Thank you to Dr Nirzer Mate	50.00	-	-
Thank you to Anthony Negus	-	130.00	-
Grant from Bristol University	250.00	-	-
Grant from Co-op	300.00	-	2,190.57
Income from social events	191.33	-	250.00
	<u>2,253.03</u>	<u>1,202.82</u>	<u>3,593.20</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Hire of Room for Open Meetings	-	-	-
Other Open Meeting Costs	22.93	14.39	-
Stationery and Photocopying.	-	4.99	-
Newsletter	648.00	324.13	129.18
Gifts	128.05	130.00	-
Spending on Estate Walls	-	217.50	-
Spending on Estate Green	1,378.96	58.47	416.55
Charity Expenses (Including Insurance)	186.83	84.00	189.25
Committee Meeting Expenses	47.88	34.39	10.05
Graffiti Removal	93.80	37.57	27.99
Support for KSC Community Purchase	1,000.00	-	-
Social Events	758.59	-	34.21
Donation to Julian Trust	-	-	66.02
Playground Notice Board	-	176.40	-
Bank Charges	65.04	-	-
	<u>4,330.08</u>	<u>1,081.84</u>	<u>873.25</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	- 2,077.05	120.98	2,719.95
<b>General Fund Brought Forward</b>	6,163.13	6,042.15	3,322.20
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>	<u>4,086.08</u>	<u>6,163.13</u>	<u>6,042.15</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Cash in Hand	114.39	18.79	25.86
Bank Account	3,971.69	6,144.34	6,016.29
	<u>4,086.08</u>	<u>6,163.13</u>	<u>6,042.15</u>
<b>Split into:</b>			
Communal Fund	2,319.45	4,517.54	4,120.59
Wall Fund	1,414.48	1,414.48	1,631.98
Green Fund	352.15	231.11	289.58
	<u>4,086.08</u>	<u>6,163.13</u>	<u>6,042.15</u>

Martin Smith (Treasurer)

February 27, 2023

Checked 1/1/22 to 31/12/22 and found accurate

Signed

Date

SARA LUNDIE - BROWN

12.6.23