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Radio for the George Eliot Hospital

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales – No 1180762

**Trustees' Annual
Report
&
Financial Statement
2022**

Chairman's Report

In May 2022 the George Eliot NHS Trust gave us notice to quit the Arbury Broadcasting Centre which had been our home since 1994. The Trust have offered no alternative on site accommodation for a broadcast studio. The trust has provided us with a 19inch free standing rack mounted cabinet which houses our transmission equipment.

We stopped broadcasting Live programmes from the Arbury Broadcasting Centre at the end of August 2022. Any Live programmes that we currently produce have been presented from members' homes. The number of live programmes has gone down since the closure of the Arbury Broadcasting Centre. All the Studio equipment is being stored on site at the GEH until we can find a suitable location, The Trustees hope to find a cost-effective location as soon as possible because we expect the GEH Trust to Start conversion work in our old studios during 2023.

Despite the lack of studios for the latter part of the year, In the last 12 months Anker Radio has provided a radio service to the George Eliot Hospital 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a week. Our service can currently be heard on 1386am also on 88.9fm and online via our website ankerradio.co.uk. You can also ask your Smart Speaker to play Anker Radio.

Our schedule is made up of a wide variety of programmes, from Folk to Rock, Eighties and Seventies Programmes. Plus, sport and health promotion messages and we have continued to take part in mental health minute in 2022.

In 2022 we also attended the opening of the new league of friends area in the main entrance area of the George Eliot hospital which was broadcast live on the radio.

On average we broadcast 50 Hours of programmes a week that have been produced by Anker Radio Volunteers.

Our schedule also contains programmes that are shared with other stations.

Between September 2021 and September 2022 Anker Radio took part in an Ofcom Limited Coverage FM experiment. We were given the opportunity to apply for a licence when the experiment came to an end. Anker Radio has been awarded a licence to broadcast on 88.9fm for the next 5 years.

Anker Radio will continue to develop a pragmatic and sensible digital strategy. Nuneaton & Surrounds has not appeared in round 4 or 5 of the small-scale DAB licencing timetable.

The Trustees recognise the need to respond to any opportunities provided in a way that is cost effective and supports the charitable objects, as appropriate.

At the time of writing, we currently have 29 members a mixture of life members, active/non active members and associate members, but we can always do with more volunteers.

I hope that 2023 brings us some new studios and we can move forward providing a service to the George Eliot hospital and the wider community.

John Goodman
Chairman

The Trustees of Anker Radio are pleased to submit their Report and Accounts for the year 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022.

Organisation Anker Radio is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales on 20th November 2018 and governed by a constitution last amended on 9th December 2020.

Anker Radio is managed by the Charity Trustees who are elected by the membership in accordance with the published constitution. In the period covered by this review, We started with 3 Charity Trustees of the CIO, this number went down to 2 after the AGM so the remaining trustees called an EGM in September 2022 and following the EGM there were 4 charity trustees.

At the AGM The Members were also invited to apply for the positions of:-

- **Head of Output (2 Years)** **Rob Newbold was elected unopposed to the post.**
- **Sports Editor (2 Years)** **Richard Todd was elected unopposed to the post.**

No nominations were received for the following posts

- **OB Manager (2 Years)**
- **Membership Secretary (1 Year)**
- **Head of Music & Promos (1 Year) - (reporting to Head of Output)**
- **Fundraising Manager (1 Year) - (reporting to Treasurer)**

Any workload associated with these posts during 2022 was picked up by the trustees.

Chris Ward stood down as vice chairman at the AGM in July 2022. The Trustees would like to thank him for his work as a Trustee since 2018.

No one else stood for election to replace Chris at the AGM, as mentioned above this left us with a shortage of trustees, an EGM was called in September 2022 and Dave Jennings was elected as Vice Chairman & Geoff Veasey as secretary.

Throughout the year Anker Radio continued to operate with no paid staff, being run entirely by a membership of volunteers.

These are the objectives of the CIO

- (1) the relief of sickness, poor health and old age amongst people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors by providing a local broadcasting service for hospitals, residential homes and similar institutions, and for patients receiving community care; and
- (2) the advancement of health and prevention or relief of sickness for the public benefit through the promotion of the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle, and the importance of maintaining good personal mental and physical health by (mainly, but not exclusively) the means of broadcasting health education messages to people living in the area served by The George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust or its successors.

Objective 1 is very similar to the aims of the former charity (Nuneaton Area Hospital Broadcasting Service) which ran the broadcast operation.

Objective 2 is a new objective centred around health promotion.

In furtherance of the first objective, Anker Radio provides a hospital radio service to patients at the George Eliot Hospital via 1386am, 88.9fm.

Anker Radio also streams its service online via the internet and downloadable iOS and Android Apps such as TuneIn Radio.

This allows hospital patients and listeners in residential homes and similar institutions to listen to the service.

The second of these objectives is a localised version of the second model objective agreed between the HBA and the Charity Commission and allows Anker Radio to target its services at the local population outside the hospital with the intent of helping and encouraging them to live a healthy and active life in the local community, and thus requiring to make less use of the health services.

Anker Radio also uses its social media presence to disseminate information and messages in support of this objective.

We amended our constitution in December 2020 (following advice from The Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA) to facilitate remote attendance at hybrid and fully-virtual General Meetings in future without recourse to emergency legislation.

Related Organisations Anker Radio is a member of the Hospital Broadcasting Association (HBA), the national charity that supports and promotes hospital broadcasting in the UK.

The Trustees asked for information from the members of the management team.

Head of Output Report

2023 has pretty much followed on from 2022 output wise, the music jams during the night hours midnight to 07.00 have been filled by repeating shows. We do still however have music jams between 07.00 - 10.00, I am hoping to either find someone to present a Breakfast show, most likely a bought in product.

Also music jams remain on Wednesday and Thursday evenings 21.00 - 22.00, hopefully when the studio is up and running at its new location Dave Jennings, Pat Godfrey Young & Noel Carroll & Patrick Fitzmaurice will return to present some sort of shows in these slots again. Although Patrick and Noel would need to renew their membership

We no longer air the U.S. top 20 mainly due to it no longer being suitable for our audience.

Chris Benson who presents a show on Wednesdays 19.00 - 20.00 has changed his show's title and format.

We welcome'd our newest presenter earlier this year, Cullie who presents a dance music show on Friday evenings 21.00 - 22.00.

I am currently working on a new show to fill the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month 20.00 - 21.00.

Anker radio have received a sponsorship for Mixcloud this year meaning that we can keep the shows you produced for later listening. I'm looking at having Late with Karl and the Saturday breakfast show put onto Mixcloud.

Future plans include presenters creating new personal choice shows and nearer to Christmas making something like a countdown list of their favourite Christmas songs.

Many regards,

Rob Newbold.

Sports Editor Report

It has certainly been an up and down past 12 months, not only for our local Sports Clubs (Coventry City and Wasps Rugby), but also for Anker Radio's sports team.

Starting with the sports team, we have lost two very valuable members who have left the service for different reasons. Pete Swain was finding it more and more difficult to attend matches and I think Bob Hansford seemed to lose his enthusiasm for it. Working on the Sports Team requires a massive amount of dedication. It's not just about showing up on a Saturday afternoon, there's also great deal of preparation involved which usually takes longer than the actual commentary itself.

So, the sports team is left with John and Chris at the "studio end" (at the moment that means presenting from home), who do a fantastic job and I'm the solitary commentator/reporter.

The demise of Wasps Rugby is very sad and a massive loss to the area. When I was travelling over from North Wales by train it always amazed me how big the catchment area was for Wasps. Fans were boarding the train as far away as Wolverhampton. Let us hope the current new owners can make a success of it when the resurrected club begin life in the Championship next season.

Finally, it's been an incredible season for Coventry City. As I write this report, they are on the verge of possible promotion to the Premier League. There are still a few hurdles to clear, but we wish them success.

Richard Todd

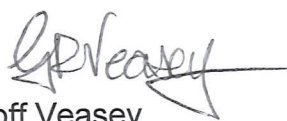
(Sports Editor)

Signed on behalf of the trustees,



John Goodman

Chairman



Geoff Veasey

Secretary

Date:- 4/5/2023

Date:- 03/05/2023

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Anker Radio Treasurers Report 2022

Charity Number: 1180762

Opening Balance 1st January 2022 CAF Bank Cash account £ 2,623.83

Income: January 1st to December 31st 2022 £ 5,017.45

Source Breakdown: (credited to Anker Radio Bank account)

Crowdfunder Match (fundraiser/Membership Fees) £3,512.38

Donations: £1,502.13 Bank Current A/C Interest: £2.94

Expenditure 2022: January 1st to December 31st 2022 £ 5,474.82

Spend Breakdown: (debited from Anker Radio Bank account)

Licences: (Broadcast/Music) £2,118.73 OB Van: £1,529.70

Liability Insurance: £1,127.69 Internet Services: £311.29

Equipment/Stamps: £255.91 Current A/C Fees: £81.50

HBA Membership: £50.00

Anker Radio CAF Cash Account Closing Balance December 31st 2022: £ 2,166.46

Anker Radio Gold A/C:

Account Balance: 1st January 2022 £ 5,668.17

Interest Payments to Gold Account: (New Balance)

28/03/2022 £ 0.53 £ 5,668.70

27/06/2022 £ 2.79 £ 5,671.49

26/09/2022 £ 6.33 £ 5,677.82

28/12/2022 £12.02 £ 5,689.84

Account Closing Balance: 31st December 2022 £ 5,689.84

Headlines relating to Anker Radio Income & Expenditure in 2022:

- Expenditure **exceeded** Income by £457.37
- Combining Members annual Fees with the Crowdfunder Organisation was a great success. From this we raised a figure of £3,377.37 for our Charity. Thankyou all for participating & encouraging others to make a small donation that was equally matched by Crowdfunder Team for our benefit.
- There were no OB engagements undertaken during 2022, so no contribution to our revenues.
- The OB Bus also had to undergo extensive repairs/upgrades to be usable. Thanks to several local Companies, *our* only costs were for the DVSA MOT/Re-Tests & DVLA for Road Tax. A constant cost was for the Bus Insurance which had to be maintained. Please see my further document which contains the known costs of maintaining the OB Bus & how it continues to impact our expenditure, whilst having no OB's to produce revenue. The OB Bus is a scheduled topic of discussion at the Members Meeting & I urge you to read & contemplate the detail.
- Heart of England Donation (£1000) was *not* realised, although expected.
- Following prolonged discussions with Heart of England, I take pleasure in informing Members that we *will* now receive their Donation in early 2023
- Bede Village did renew their support & donated £1,000 but advised that due to fiscal constraints, this will *probably* be their last donation to AR. Lets hope they review the situation before ending our long relationship.
- We received a welcome £330 donation from Home Comforts in Bedworth
- Amazon, Easy Fundraising & Sedgies/Newdegate contributed a combined donation amount of £112.13, the latter mainly through tin collections. We have acknowledged their contributions with Certificates.
- The Trustees continue to look for any further cost savings that can be made, & our attention has now turned to reducing the cost of our Liability Insurance if possible. The cost for 2022 was £1,127.69 & planning ahead, we can expect at least a further 10-15% increase to our Premium.

Finally, I would like to say that 2022 was particularly challenging, even after cutting costs to the bone. We need to focus on alternative Policy providers, utilising our assets & collectively looking at how we can optimise our Fundraising efforts. May I lastly express my thanks to all those that have contributed to the AR cause and, although we live in uncertain times, I feel that we *will* be able to move forwards positively in 2023.

Barry Hayward
Anker Radio Treasurer 5th May 2023

