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Didsbury Civic Society Report To The Charity Commission For 2021

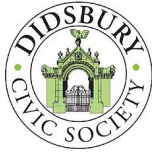
The year 2021 carried on much in the same vein as the previous year. Without, the benefit of live face to face meetings and relying on Zoom to transact our business with Trustees, members and local council members.

Our membership continued to reduce during the period along with the associated revenue. Though donations were still being received from generous supporters. We also received back our sequestrated funds held by the Duchy of Lancaster. Which were taken as a result of our changing from a Charity to a CIO and de-listing as a limited company at Companies House. Resulting in a very fraught time and a process that a small charity would generally be both unaware of or how to resolve. Resulting in the need for a Barrister to transact and negotiate on our behalf. The journey being navigated for us by a leading legal organisation on a pro bono basis. For, which we are extremely grateful for their generosity and help in the process.

We continued in the decision during 2021 to reduce the Restricted Funds which were held in the accounts, carrying out good works within the Didsbury area. We also decided after public and member consultation to embark on two major projects for which fund raising was required. These being namely the updating of the rundown Didsbury War memorial, to a garden of contemplation with biodiversity, new permeable paths, bee and bird attractive, new benching and a "reach out service", and suitability for community programmes. We are also working towards inclusivity of various religions within the area. This project subject to funding should start in Spring 2023. We are also working to save a local Ghost Advert on a landmark site in the centre of Didsbury. Again, we are in the fundraising phase, having selected a well-known artist specialising in this type of renovation. The landlords and residents have been fully consulted about the proposals and progress to date.

Our new and improved website was also launched with the added ability to pay memberships, make donations and purchase service such as the making of payments for events such as Social Trips. Which we returned to in September 2021. With a visit to Nostell Priory in Yorkshire with 34 members enjoying both a great day out and a superb lunch.

We continue to work with and share information with the South Manchester Civic Societies which all continue to have the same views, concerns and problems affecting their members. We also continue to attend and support local Council Ward Meetings for East and West



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Didsbury meetings, Didsbury Pride and both the local Mosque and Synagogue activities.

During September 2021 we held a very successful Climate and Pollution seminar with acknowledged academic speakers from Manchester University, Friends of the Earth and Stagecoach local bus company updating the attendees on the benefit and

costs of electric powered vehicles v hydrogen powered and the current developments to reduce roadside pollution due to vehicle idling in queues and on bus stands. The meeting which was open to both members and the public was well received.

The DCS also embarked on a programme of filming the numerous buildings taking part in the Heritage Open Doors and hosting the videos of the various sites on our YouTube channel. We intend to carry on with this project during 2022. Reducing the use of paper leaflets, travel to sites and a reduction in the onsite attendance by volunteers.

In March 2021 the DCS purchased and installed a replacement noticeboard for members and residents replacing the old and tired one in the Didsbury library garden. Which has been a great addition to our communications tools.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. R. O.", followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Chair Didsbury Civic Society

DIDSBURY CIVIC SOCIETY

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

PAYMENTS	2021				2020	RECEIPTS	2021				2020
	Social	General	Restricted	Total	Total		Social	General	Restricted	Total	Total
Social Events	£ 999			£ 999		Income from Social Events	£ 881			£ 881	
Newsletter		£ 170		£ 170	£ 624	Subscriptions		£ 1,718		£ 1,718	£ 1,002
Heritage Day		£ 618		£ 618		Donations		£ 115		£ 115	£ 435
Jim Leeming Memorial Acer		£ 85		£ 85		Gift Aid reclaimed		£ 428		£ 428	
Banner					£ 521	Legacy					£ 1,000
Room Hire for meetings					£ 67	Fundraising		£ 23		£ 23	
Carol & Lights funds to Didsbury Traders					£ 535	Didsbury Friends					£ 280
Postage		£ 72		£ 72	£ 354	Heritage books		£ 158		£ 158	
Printing		£ 53		£ 53	£ 25	Cenotaph donation			£ 50	£ 50	
Insurance		£ 101		£ 101	£ 283						
Committee expenses		£ 168		£ 168	£ 16						
Website Costs		£ 112		£ 112	£ 437	TOTAL	£ 881	£ 2,442	£ 50	£ 3,373	£ 2,717
Remembrance Day costs		£ 20		£ 20	£ 16						
Companies House					£ 375						
Office expenses		£ 160		£ 160		SUMMARY					
Notice Board		£ 1,433	£ 928	£ 2,361		Income Less Expenditure	£ (118)	£ (1,244)	£ (947)	£ (2,309)	£ (536)
Didsbury Plan		£ 48		£ 48		Balances as at 31 Dec 2020	£ 1,288	£ 4,395	£ 3,473	£ 9,156	£ 10,513
Bench Refurbishment		£ 646	£ 69	£ 715		Balances as at 31 Dec 2021	£ 1,170	£ 3,151	£ 2,526	£ 6,847	£ 9,977
TOTAL	£ 999	£ 3,686	£ 997	£ 5,682	£ 3,253						
RESTRICTED FUNDS											
		2020	Receipts	Payments	2021	Bank Balances at 31 December 2021					
Gargoyles		£ 2,869			£ 2,869	HSBC Account		£ 9,977		£ 9,977	£ 7,108
NIF Grant- Noticeboard		£ 928		£ 928		NatWest					£ 2,869
Ballbrook NIF Grant		£ 69		£ 69							
Cenotaph refurbishment			£ 50		£ 50						
		£ 3,866	£ 50	£ 997	£ 2,919			£ 9,977		£ 9,977	£ 9,977
I certify that the above accounts are in accordance with the Society's books and records											
Mike Corlett						CJ Smail					
7 th June 2022						04 June 2022					