

Elizabeth's Group Chair's Report 2023/2024

Since donating the bronze statue of Elizabeth Wolstenholme Elmy to the Town Council in March 2022, Elizabeth's Group has continued to develop several strands of work in memory of Elizabeth and her achievements. Although only a very small registered charity, with current assets of just over £2,000, we continue to punch very much above our weight.

We have recently published an anthology of stories and verse in Elizabeth's name entitled 'Still She Rises' and we are in the process of setting up an embryonic writer's group for young women and girls. Several members of Elizabeth's Group have trained as mentors for Elizabeth's Girls and are beginning to support young girls leaving care in the Congleton area.

We have continued our on-line activities and have worked closely with various media outlets including the Congleton Chronicle, Congleton Radio and BBC Radio Stoke. We have also taken part in Congleton in Bloom. The Christmas Lights Switch-on and the Mayor's Parade. Easter saw us in the town centre presenting our politically correct and suffragist focused Punch and Judy Show.

Our knowledge about Elizabeth has grown substantially since our Group was established in 2018. We continue to present talks about her to various groups in Cheshire and wider afield. To women's groups, particularly WIs, to various youth groups and schools and other groups such as the National Trust and the Canal & River Trust. This invariably encourages the groups to visit our town to see the statue and follow some, if not all, of our Elizabeth's Heritage Trail. We have been sent several pictures of groups which have visited 'Our Elizabeth' after attending one of our talks. Other statues of notable suffragist women are being planned in the Region. We are heavily involved with securing a statue for Ada Neil Chew in Crewe which we hope will be sculpted by our sculptor Hazel Reeves.

Elizabeth's Heritage Trail was set up in 2019 using money raised by the Group, including a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund. We installed several plaques and provide copies of our map free of charge in the Town Hall Information Centre. It is important for the reputation of our town to ensure that those following Elizabeth's Heritage Trail, starting at her statue, leave with a good impression. Stocks of our map are now running low and, in the light of new information we have uncovered it is in need of some minor tweaks and updates and, indeed, funding before we can reprint. The plaques also need some minor maintenance.

We look forward to another year of successful activity.

Susan Munro
Chair
Elizabeth's Group
July 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

1/5/23

To

Period end date

30/4/24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations and Grants	1,047	-	-	1,047	460
Fundraising Events	939	-	-	939	840
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,986	-	-	1,986	1,300
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	1,986	- 0	- 0	1,986	1,300
A3 Payments					
Publicity, promotion & heritage work	147	-	-	147	287
Equipment, postage & stationery	53	-	-	53	183
Event costs (Room hire, refreshments etc)	188	-	-	188	80
Still She Rises' publication costs	2,000	-	-	2,000	
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,484	-	-	2,484	646
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Total payments	2,484	- 0	- 0	2,484	646
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 498	-	-	- 498	654
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,351	-	-	2,351	1,697
Cash funds this year end	1,853	-	-	1,853	2,351

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Funds for continuing work	1,853	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,853	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval