

CUTTHORPE VILLAGE CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1183341

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-05-09

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF CUTTHORPE VILLAGE AS DEFINED BY NORTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: The charity already provides a wide range of leisure and social activities for all age groups based in the village of Cutthorpe. The Charity will continue to develop new activities to meet the identified needs of the Cutthorpe villagers.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,959	£1,477	-	-
2024-03-31	£2,822	£1,498	-	-
2023-03-31	£7,042	£5,561	-	-
2022-03-31	£1,294	£803	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,415	£1,396	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arlene Honeyman	Chair	2018-09-11
Dr JOHN WHIELDON THURSTAN		2018-09-11
Elizabeth Wood		2025-01-20
Hilary Ann Sinclair		2018-09-11
KENNETH JAMES LAWRIE		2018-09-11
Michael Robotham		2021-11-13
Natalie Anne Burkinshaw		2021-03-04
Peter Friend		2018-09-11
Thomas George Johnstone		2018-09-11
WENDY ANNE LAWRIE		2018-09-11

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Trustees Report for AGM 2025

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to our 6th annual general meeting. When we embarked on setting up the Charity seven years ago, we hoped things would develop and we all had a passion for village life and wanted to see even more connections within our small community. I think this is definitely happening and there is more to come. Tea and Toast has now run for over three years and as we embark into a fourth year, there are new volunteers joining the team and new people enjoying the monthly breakfast and chat in the village hall.

Having the charity in place has enabled us to attract small and larger grants for our community which is a wonderful indictment for those who worked to so hard to set up a charitable organisation to enable this to happen. We are in the process of applying for a grant to help make the planned village picnic a success for young and young at heart alike. We are also hoping to host some live and local events next year, look out for them, you will be in for a treat! We are hoping to have more litter pickers and other items to help us keep our lovely village looking spick and span. We have embarked on a fundraising venture to restore the seat around the Coronation tree opposite the village hall. We are working in conjunction with the Parish council to make this happen after an appeal by some villagers. We like to listen so please keep your suggestions coming.

We held our first two AGMs by zoom and gathered together in the village hall for the next three meetings, a wonderful opportunity to meet up! We will be meeting in the hall again this year and hosting a consultation meeting for anyone in the village to attend after the AGM, complete with cake. I do hope you are able to come along and stay for this.

Our membership continues to be a good stable base for the Charity and this year we have been able to welcome new members. We are delighted that more people have chosen to join the Charity as it increases our ability to support each other in our lovely community. Please do consider joining us.

I am always so thankful for the time and commitment that those volunteering offer to support the activities and events over the past year from running the craft group to keeping the village looking lovely.

I look forward to another year of success as we come together to think about what we would like to see happen in our community over the coming year.

Arlene Honeyman

Cutthorpe Village Charity
2024/25 Activity summary

	Opening Balance 31/03/24	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(Deficit)	Closing Balance 11/02/25
<u>General Funds</u>					
General Expenditure	-£1,255.27		-£231.52	-£231.52	-£1,486.79
Calendar	£3,208.60	781.23	-£514.50	£266.73	£3,475.33
Burns night	£2,506.02		£0.00	£0.00	£2,506.02
Total General Funds	£4,459.35	781.23	-£746.02	£35.21	£4,494.56
<u>Ring Fenced Funds</u>					
Festival	£1,464.04		£0.00	£0.00	£1,464.04
Kids Fund	£858.25		-£100.00	-£100.00	£758.25
Playground	£500.51		£0.00	£0.00	£500.51
Bench Fund		40.00	£0.00		£40.00
Choir Cash	£827.75	46.00	-£136.00	-£90.00	£737.75
Craft Club	£659.93		-£223.00	-£223.00	£436.93
Tea and Toast	£1,570.05	£981.28	-£194.40	£786.88	£2,356.93
Total Ring Fenced Funds	£5,880.53	1067.28	-£653.40	£373.88	£6,294.41
Total Charity Funds	£10,339.88	1848.51	-£1,399.42	£409.09	£10,788.97

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Trustees Report for AGM 2024

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to our 5th annual general meeting. When we embarked on setting up the Charity six years ago, we hoped things would develop and we all had a passion for village life and wanted to see even more connections within our small community. I think this is definitely happening and there is more to come. Tea and Toast has now run for over two years and as we embark into a third year, there are new volunteers joining the team and new people enjoying the monthly breakfast and chat in the village hall.

Having the charity in place has enabled us to attract small and larger grants for our community which is a wonderful indictment for those who worked to so hard to set up a charitable organisation to enable this to happen. At least two of the activities over the past year would have been much more difficult to establish. We are now embarking on a fundraising venture to restore the seat around the Coronation tree opposite the village hall. Everyone's donations to Tea and Toast are being put towards this replacement. I wonder how many bacon butties it will take!

We held our first two AGMs by zoom and gathered together in the village hall for the next two meetings, a wonderful opportunity to meet up! We will be meeting in the hall again this year and hosting a consultation meeting for anyone in the village to attend after the AGM, complete with cake. I do hope you are able to come along and stay for this.

Our membership is now a good stable base for the Charity and this year we have been able to welcome new members. We are delighted that more people have chosen to join the Charity as it increases our ability to support each other in our lovely community. Please do consider joining us. We sent out a short questionnaire to members this year and are delighted to report that there were no areas that members felt we should change. This is particularly important as communication is key to all we do together and at the moment it appears that people, in general are happy with the way we all interact.

I am always so thankful for the time and commitment that those volunteering offer to support the activities and events over the past year from running the craft group to running the village choir.

I look forward to another year of success as we come together to think about what we would like to see happen in our community over the coming year.

Arlene Honeyman

Choir Report

This year we have not been meeting as a choir as often as usual. My availability has been compromised by the organising of our daughter's wedding in the summer, and the non availability of the Hall while it was being renovated.

We have also lost some of our voices, people moving away, and others becoming less well.

None the less we have had some good rehearsals, and are very grateful to Philip Hanwell for his playing.

I will be having a discussion with the choir regarding the future of the group in its present form.

John Thurstan

Membership secretary report

The Membership has stabilised in the last year; we now have 74 members. This is representative of our village population, and is underlining continuing local support for the charity and its aims.

John Thurstan

Cutthorpe Calendar

The Cutthorpe Calendar was produced again this year and has made a healthy contribution to the general funds of the Charity.

There have been a number of comments around the calendar getting better each year which is very nice to hear and down to those of you who make the time and effort to capture the views and then send them in for consideration. It makes it a real pleasure to put the calendar together.

We always have a very good selection of photos to choose from and unfortunately not all of them can go in. Please don't be disheartened if your contribution isn't included. We do make every effort to get as many different contributors recognised each year but there are still only 12 months in the year (plus a cover needed).

I repeat my request from last year to continue to send your contributions and not be put off if they are not included. Ideally they should be landscape but portrait can be used but may lose something as they need to be cropped to landscape.

Having regular buyers and preorders really helps to manage numbers. It means that we can be fairly certain of how many calendars we will need and get them printed and posted in one go which keeps the cost down and significantly reduces the risk of ending up with unsold calendars which eat into any surplus we make.

We may still have a few calendars left when this goes to print so if you still want one let me know on the email below.

All future contributions and preorders please send to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com

Tom Johnstone

Environment

The wild flower patch next to the telephone box was unfortunately not as successful this year despite best efforts. Due to the very wet weather in seed setting time of April /May and an

unfortunate burst water pipe, the ground never really got dry all year and only a few flowers managed to survive and show some colour!

In discussion with Anne Harrison as the lead for the village garden group, they have kindly requested to take on the maintenance of the patch for future so fingers crossed it is not as wet next year.

. *Wendy Lawrie*

Treasurer's report

Cutthorpe Matters Financial Report

General spend for the year covering the newsletter, web site, seeds for wildflowers, upkeep of the planters and insurance for the charity has been incurred as expected.

This has been funded by sales of the calendar (comments elsewhere in the report), surplus on another very successful Burns Night run earlier in the year and some general donations.

Of the ring--fenced funding there has been some activity this year now that COVID has receded into the background a bit more.

Tea and Toast has continued to be well attended and generates a small surplus each month. The craft club and choir have been more active and there has also been a bit of spend from the kids funds for a couple of events that have taken place.

There has been no activity in funds held for the festival but hopefully this will hopefully kick off again next year.

Tom Johnstone

Cutthorpe Village Charity
2023/24 Activity summary

Opening Balance - April 2023

General Spend

Insurance

News Letter & Website

Wildflowers etc

Container Roof

Misc Donations

Calendar

Sales

Printing

Burns Night

Kids Fund

Playground

Choir Cash

Craft Club

Tea and Toast

Income

Expenditure

Closing Balance - March 2024

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Trustees Report for AGM 2023

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to our 4th annual general meeting. When we embarked on setting up the Charity five years ago, no-one knew how things would develop but we all had a passion for village life and wanted to see even more connections within our small community. I think this is definitely happening and there is more to come. Having the charity in place has enabled us to attract small and larger grants for our community which is a wonderful indictment for those who worked so hard to set up a charitable organisation to enable this to happen. At least two of the activities over the past year would have been much more difficult to establish.

We held our first two AGMs by zoom and gathered together in the village hall for the next meeting, a wonderful opportunity to meet up! We will be meeting in the hall again this year and hosting a consultation meeting for anyone in the village to attend after the AGM, complete with cake. I do hope you are able to come along and stay for this. The creativity and (fun packed) hard work that has gone on over the past year is truly impressive. It has brought a number of the ideas from villagers into reality.

Our membership is now a good stable base for the Charity but we will always make room and welcome new members. The more people who become members, the more voices are heard, the greater our ability to make Cutthorpe into a stronger community. Please do consider joining us. We are sending out a short but meaningful questionnaire to the members this year to encourage those with a quieter voice to be heard.

I will finish with a heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in all of the activities and events over the past year from litter pickups to container restoration, the efforts have been great.

I look forward to another year of success as we come together to think about what we would like to see happen in our lovely community over the coming year.

Arlene Honeyman

Choir Report

Following the Covid emergency the choir restarted in September 2022. We have had 21 meetings during the year of September 2022 to May 2023.

Covid has damaged almost all choirs, and we found we had fewer members than we had had before. However we still have a reasonable balance of voices.

Our main problem has been the lack of a venue at which to perform. The Institute has some limitations, and we have had no Festival or reliable use of the Pub, which has tended to use Karaoke for entertainment rather than any other form in that year.

Singing around the village at Christmas went well, as have a couple of informal events in the hall.

For the next season I am looking to use more suitable venues. Discussions with the choir are still ongoing.

We have been helped by Philip Hanwell who as a very competent musician has been playing for us and arranging some music.

We could do with more members to sing, but I hope that will come if we are able to perform some concerts, as a concert is the best recruiting medium.

John Thurstan

Membership secretary report

The Membership has stabilised in the last year; we now have 75 members, of which 15 are associate members. This is representative of our village population, and is underlining continuing local support for the charity and its aims.

John Thurstan

Village Play Park

It was great to see the new play park open in April of this year following around 18 months of planning and preparation by the Parish Council, greatly supported by Cutthorpe Matters. We were integral to the submission of successful grant applications to fund the park through helping to design the park through the eyes of local children and by providing statements of support from the community regarding the need for a new park.

In addition, our local fund raising in being able to provide the necessary 10% (£4500) of the total cost was gratefully received by the Parish Council, without this the project undoubtedly would not have gone ahead. Thanks again to all involved in supporting this initiative which will be enjoyed by our local children and visitors to the village for many years to come.

Ken Lawrie

Cutthorpe Calendar

The Cutthorpe Calendar was produced again this year and was generally well received with complements from a number of people on the quality of the pictures. It also generated around £300 towards general funds of the charity.

This is absolutely down to those of you who make the time and effort to capture the views and then send them in for consideration. It makes it very easy to put the calendar together as there is always a good selection of pictures to choose from but also makes it quite difficult in that not all the contributions can be included. Please do continue to send your contributions and not be put off if they are not included. Ideally they should be landscape but portrait can be used but may lose something as they need to be cropped to landscape. We do try and get as many different contributors as possible into each calendar. As I said last year bribery to get your picture in is still an option (with the benefit going to the charity) if you want to increase your chance of success.

We would also like to encourage as many pre-orders as possible. It significantly reduces the risk of ending up with unsold calendars which eat into any surplus we make.

The selection for the 2024 calendar has been made and should be back from the printer towards the end of October.

Future contributions and preorders should be sent to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com

Tom Johnstone

Environment

The wildflower patch has provided interest and colour for the local community and passersby throughout the summer months. The patch was tidied and re-seeded in April; however there seems to be an abundance of dog daisies that take over the area at present. As well as providing colour, the area provides a natural habitat for the local insect community. Both planters within the village and the roundabout at 3 Lanes End have been maintained throughout year again providing colourful displays at the entrances to the village.

Wendy Lawrie

Tea & Toast

We are coming up to the first anniversary of this village favourite breakfast destination. The team, front of house and those in the backroom engine work tirelessly each month to create a welcoming and safe atmosphere for all to come along and feel at home. Our team not only serve the guests each month but they are keenly looking out for anyone on their own or in need of a bit of company and will happily join them until others come along, which they always do. Younger families are now joining the breakfast fun and we are thrilled.

We usually have between 20 and 30 people join us and had a fabulous turnout for the King's coronation, over 70 people came with passing walkers stopping to have a butty. It was a special morning with a brilliant atmosphere.

This is one of the activities that was made more possible by the grant made by North East Derbyshire District Council. People have been very kind with the donations they make each month; we now have enough in the budget to put towards another year of monthly breakfast gatherings. Do come and join us, it's the first Saturday of every month from 9.30am until 11.30am. If you have a specific breakfast request then let us know and we will do our best to meet it. If you want to join the team, you will be most welcomed, our youngest volunteer is 10 and our oldest refuses to be categorised as such but suffice to say, everyone has something to offer.

Arlene Honeyman & Claire Thurston

Treasurer's report

Cutthorpe Matters Financial Report

Activity in the year has been consistent with previous years with general funds being used to fund the newsletter, web site, seeds for wildflowers, upkeep of the planters, some signs to remind dog walkers to clean up after their dogs and insurance for the charity.

This has been funded by sales of the calendar, surplus on the very successful Burns Night run earlier in the year and some general donations.

Following all the activity from last year to raise funds towards a new play area sufficient was raised to contribute close to £4,000 towards its cost which was enough to convince other contributors to go ahead. The park has subsequently been built and looks to be a popular addition to the village facilities.

The other big success in the year has been the start and continued success of Tea and Toast which takes place on the first Saturday of each month. Having been initially funded by a grant it continues to operate at a small surplus and seems to be getting more and more popular.

There has been no activity in funds held for the festival but hopefully this will kick off again next year.

Despite the recent upsurge in COVID cases we have also seen some activity for some of the other activities in the village with the choir and the craft club restarting.

Tom Johnstone

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Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to our 3rd annual general meeting. Things are now coming towards a new type of normal for most people. When we embarked on setting up the Charity four years ago, no-one would have predicted the stresses and changes we would all undergo in such a short time. I continue to be amazed with how much the village charity and all of its members and leaders have achieved throughout the last three years. I think the resilience of our community remains impressive and hope that after reading the reports from each area of activity, you will agree.

We held our first two AGMs by zoom and will be gathering together in the village hall for this next meeting, a wonderful opportunity to meet up! We will be hosting a consultation meeting for anyone in the village to attend after the AGM, complete with cake. I do hope you are able to come along and stay for this. The creativity and (fun packed) hard work that has gone on over the past year is truly impressive. It has brought a number of the ideas from villagers into reality.

Our membership continues to grow and we will always make room and welcome new members. The more people who become members, the more voices are heard, the greater our ability to make Cutthorpe into a stronger community.

I will finish with a heartfelt thanks to our younger villagers who put on not one but two spontaneous cake sales for the playground appeal. I will make sure I am around to enjoy the next batch!

I look forward to another year of success as we come together to think about what we would like to see happen in our lovely community over the coming year.

Arlene Honeyman

Children's Activities

Over the past year, the focus has been on supporting the fundraising efforts for a new village playground.

The Easter party was well attended and while the kids enjoyed being entertained, we managed to raise money with some Easter themed competitions.

In summer we hoped to host a family fun day, but despite our best efforts, there weren't enough volunteers to allow the planned event to go ahead. In an effort to still provide the opportunity for residents to get together, a smaller event went ahead, with teas, coffees and cakes served in The Institute, a raffle and tombola and entertainment provided by the village band.

A highlight of the year was the Jubilee Party. Although the rain meant the whole country had to make hasty amendments to community events, the villagers made the most of the day by gathering in The Institute, sharing picnics and cakes, and raising a surprising amount! John

Robinson made a touching speech and it was a thoroughly splendid afternoon... made more significant by the subsequent passing of Queen Elizabeth.

The mother and baby group continues to be popular and is now held at The Institute to allow toddlers to attend too.

The Father Christmas tractor ride through the village proved very popular once again and discussions are underway to see if there is enough support to make this happen again this year.

As we look to next year, we are actively seeking volunteers to support with children's events – if you are able to offer your time in the planning and running of events, we would love to hear from you.

Natalie Burkinshaw

Choir Report

Since Covid we have only started meeting from September 2022. We have a small number, post covid, between 10 and 15 usually. I am pleased that we seem not to have lost the ability to sing and are now working on carols for Christmas and some are hoping to have an open evening of a few games and carols with a Beetle drive to which all are welcome on 9th December from 7.00pm. We did do an open air carol sing last Christmas which went quite well. We are also hoping have a pianist, that is still in progress at the time of writing.

John Thurstan

Membership secretary report

The Membership has been gradually growing in the last year; we now have 75 members, of which 14 are associate members. This now is becoming representative of our village population, and is underlining local support for the charity and its aims.

John Thurstan

Village play park

A small sub group of the charity has worked throughout the year to support the Parish Council in designing and obtaining funds to install a new play park on the recreation ground. The work of the group has been to work with local children in respect of the equipment they would like on a new park, lead on the grant application on behalf of the Parish Council, and liaise with contractors in obtaining quotations and to liaise with the cricket club who are very supportive of this initiative.

In addition, the local community have been required to obtain around 10% of the overall funding and Cutthorpe Matters have led on this. It has been great to see so many initiatives throughout the year towards funding the park, and together with local donations and funding via the just giving page, it is great to be able to confirm that the Parish Council have now submitted the grant application incorporating our local contribution. It is hoped that a decision will be known by the end of the year, although if this is not successful, Cutthorpe Matters will retain the funding raised locally to support development of the current park.

Ken Lawrie

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed has continued to meet currently at the 3 Merry Lads on a monthly basis this allows us to socialise and discuss any upcoming projects.

John Thurstan has made and installed a commemorative plaque at the recently planted Jubilee tree.

A total of 8 Bird boxes have been made to order for local people in return for a donation to the Men's Shed, boosting the bank balance, many thanks to Mike Robotham.

Natalie Burkinshaw has asked the Men's Shed if they would assist local children to make Hedgehog houses, several members have said they would be happy to assist, any funds raised will be donated to the Hedgehog Rescue, who are currently saving for a new housing unit.

At the request of the village charity, an inventory of the contents of the storage container which stores the marquee and equipment associated with the village festival has been provided, along with a proposal to provide a solution to the poor condition of the container roof, including repairing the roof leaks.

Graham Harrison

Cutthorpe Calendar

The Cutthorpe Calendar was produced again this year and continues to contribute to the general fund (around £300). As stated in previous reports buying a calendar should really be treated as a donation to the charity with a free calendar thrown in and at only £6 continues to be unbelievably good value.

We had another good crop of pictures submitted by local residents which made the job of the expert selection panel easy and difficult as there was plenty of choice but also the challenge of what not to include. If you submitted a picture and it wasn't included please continue to submit as we do try and share it around as much as possible. Bribery to get your picture in is still an option (with the benefit going to the charity) if you want to increase your chances.

Because of the continued uncertainty around lockdowns etc we took the decision to ask for pre-orders. This worked well in that whilst selling fewer calendars we didn't end up with any unsold which in the past has been an issue and ate into the surplus.

The selection has been made for this year and the next year's calendar is now with the printer and will be available in November.

Please continue to submit your entries for future years. Ideally they should be landscape and should be sent to calendarcutthorpe@hotmail.com

Tom Johnstone

Environment

The wildflower patch on the strip of land near the telephone box in the centre of the village was reseeded again during the year resulting in a lovely colour of flowers over the early summer. The wildflowers have also provided an increase in activity of bees and insects and improved the look of the area due to regular maintenance by various volunteers. It is hoped the wildflowers with extra seed scattered each year will continue to provide colour and pleasure.

The two village planters also bring some welcome colour to the village with them being planted twice a year by charity volunteers.

Wendy Lawrie

Treasurer's report

Cutthorpe Matters Financial Report

This year has been another relatively quiet year primarily as a result of the continued COVID restrictions.

We have continued to fund the newsletter, seeds for wildflowers and insurance for the charity.

We also had a get together on the recreation ground in August 2021 where the band played a few songs and were accompanied by their guitar teacher who, along with his singing partner, also played a few songs for which we covered his costs.

We continue to be a member of the Men's Shed Association so paid the subscription for that and collected some subs of the members to fund it.

There has been a lot of activity for the kids group primarily looking to raise enough funds towards a new play park. At the end of the period more than £500 had already been raised, despite attempts by the weather to undermine the Halloween event. A lot more activity has taken place since and at the time of writing the target of more than £4,000 has now been reached.

The calendar was produced and sold and generated a tidy profit of c£300 towards the general funds.

We also had £160 donation from the auction of various items in the 3ML.

The other major excitement for the year was having to change bank accounts. HSBC very kindly, after making us jump through hoops c18 months ago to get the account set up, decided to start charging us for use of the account. Whilst not big charges, in the context of the size of the charity, enough to make it worthwhile changing.

We have now moved our account to the CoOp, who continue to offer free banking to charities, but as a number of other charities were doing the same thing it took some time to go through so we ended up paying some charges across to HSBC.

Tom Johnstone

Cutthorpe Village Charity
2021/22 Activity summary

	General Funds				Ring Fenced				
	General	Calendar	Burns/Xm as Party	Festival	Kids Party	Choir	Craft club	Mens Shed	Total
Opening Balance - April 2021	-£12.12	£2,350.50	£1,791.12	£1,514.04	£205.32	£614.94	£550.00	£56.00	£7,069.80
Insurance	-£188.25								-£188.25
News Letter	-£76.15								-£76.15
Web site	-£7.48								-£7.48
Wildflowers etc	-£32.99								-£32.99
Misc Donations	£160.50								£160.50
Bank charges	-£12.10								-£12.10
Calendar									
Sales		£805.00							£805.00
Printing		-£411.60							-£411.60
Festival									
Summer Picnic				-£50.00					-£50.00
Kids Entertainment									
Fund raising					£328.24				£328.24
Mens Shed									
Mens shed association								-£24.00	-£24.00
Closing Balance - March 2021	-£168.59	£2,743.90	£1,791.12	£1,464.04	£533.56	£614.94	£550.00	£32.00	£7,560.97

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Trustees Report for AGM 2021

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to our 2nd annual general meeting. Things are still different and may well be for a time to come. Despite this, I am struck with how much the village charity and all of its members and leaders have achieved throughout this time. I think the resilience of our community is impressive and hope that after reading the reports from each area of activity, you will agree.

We held our first AGM by zoom and will be gathering virtually again for this meeting. We also held a consultation meeting for anyone in the village to attend after the AGM. I do hope you are able to stay for this again. The creativity and (fun packed) hard work that has gone on over the past year is truly impressive. It has brought a number of the ideas from villagers into reality.

Our membership has doubled over the past year and we have every expectation that we will double again over the coming year. The more people who become members, the more voices are heard, the greater our ability to make Cutthorpe into a stronger community.

I look forward to another year of success as we come together to think about what we would like to see happen in our lovely community over the coming year.

Arlene Honeyman

Children's Activities

Preparations are well underway for the Halloween event 2021, organised by Sarah Bell. Sarah has had an incredible amount of brilliant prizes donated and ticket sales are doing well (my main job is raffle ticket sales!). Thanks to the Men's Shed and Craft group for supporting making some of the more involved games.

A bouncy castle has been booked, there will be a few smaller games and activities including face painting and crafts, a cake sale plus costume and pumpkin competitions. As all the activities are being organised by ourselves, rather than inviting in third parties, it is hoped we can raise a decent amount of money, with a view to the majority of the funds being able to support the new play park, should that project go ahead.

An events licence has been granted.

There is a desire to offer something to children of the village for Christmas 2021. Originally we had planned to use the pub but the landlords have understandably retracted the offer due to them leaving. The reality is the institute isn't really big enough - we were bursting at the seams at the last party! The plan is to see how much profit is left after the Halloween event and take it from there. The date pencilled in is Saturday 11 December. If the institute is free on that date, we may look to simplify the catering and perhaps offer hotdogs from the hatch or similar, to give more running around room.

The Father Christmas tractor ride through the village was very popular last year and the plan is to repeat this on Sunday 19 December.

I am planning to pursue the arts club in the new year. Schools are really going all out this year with activities so all the kids calendars look very full.

Natalie Burkinshaw

Choir Report

The report can be fairly short. in view of the covid emergency. Choirs have been the first groups to stop operating and the last to resume. The worry is that contagion is more risky when shouting or singing. As far as I know this is not proven, but seems a reasonable concern. In the year since our last AGM, we have had two engagements. The first, was an 'around the village carol sing' on the 15th December 2020. This attracted almost all the choir members and many enthusiastic villagers. We were, though, following the rules of the time and were in separate small groups, though singing together. It was a most enjoyable event. Mulled wine was provided by Ken and Wendy on behalf of CVC and was much appreciated. The second event was the informal Village Party on 29th August 2021. This was a relatively low key singalong. The Cutthorpe band performed and the choir led a sing song. Again a welcome event in a time which has been sad for many. The choir has just begun to meet again, tentatively, at present, but talk of some sort of Christmas celebration is under way.

John Thurstan

Cutthorpe Festival

COVID has meant that the Festival has not been able to be held for the last 2 years, although as restrictions are now lifted and hopefully remain so longer term, thoughts have now started in respect of planning an event in 2022.

Whilst many people within the village have commented how much the festival has been missed, many have also commented that the break has given the opportunity to think about future festival formats. Suggestions have ranged from making it a much bigger event (like Barlow) to reducing it to a smaller one day event. We thought therefore that we would seek the views of residents (who the festival is for) as to how they would like to see future festivals organised. Any views would be appreciated via our Facebook page or the link on the village website.

In addition, the current lead organisers (Ken and Wendy Lawrie) are unfortunately not in a position to lead for next year's event, so if you are interested in taking on this role for next year, -please get in touch with Ken on ken.lawrie@btinternet.com for a chat on what's involved. There is a very willing and able group of volunteers that provide support in both advance planning and over the festival period.

Ken Lawrie

Men's Shed

The Men's Shed group got going over the past year with projects such as assisting with the preparation of the Wild Flower Meadow, repairs to seats, identifying and marking with QR codes prominent features in the village, helping with the Halloween preparations and the creation and planned installation of a War Memorial in the Village near the telephone box/ library. This is due to be unveiled for this year's Remembrance Day.

The search for suitable premises for the Men's Shed has also been pursued throughout the year and we are hopeful of positive developments to report next year.

Graham Harrison

Cutthorpe Calendar

Despite concerns around how easy it would be to distribute, the 2021 Calendar went ahead. Once again a good selection of photos was submitted and a reasonable level of sales achieved, but down on the previous year. Unfortunately we were left with about 40 calendars unsold, which did eat into the profits, but a reasonable surplus was still made.

For 2022 a different approach has been taken. We have asked for pre-orders and only ordered up to that level so as it stands only 50 calendars have been printed which all have homes to go to. It is possible to run off further copies so if there is sufficient demand to make an economical second batch this can easily be arranged.

We also had a review during the year of other ways to raise general funds as there is a feeling that a combination of the cost of printing and more and more people using digital calendars sales are likely to continue to dwindle. We are looking at things like tea towels, mugs etc that don't have a finite life so watch this space to see what alternatives will be available for you to make a contribution to the general funds of the charity and have an exciting memento.

Tom Johnstone

Environment

The work of the environment group has been limited over the last 12 months due to COVID 19 with things like the annual litter pick having to be cancelled.

However agreement was reached with the Parish Council to plant a wildflower patch on a strip of land near the telephone box in the centre of the village. This was undertaken by The Men's Shed group preparing the land, a few volunteers sowing the seed and watering regularly. The wildflowers have provided colour and an increase in wildlife activity. It has also improved the look of the area due to regular maintenance by various volunteers. It is hoped the wildflowers with extra seed scattered each year will continue to provide colour and pleasure.

Wendy Lawrie

Treasurer's report

After all the excitement of last year setting up a new bank account for Cutthorpe Matters it has been significantly quieter this year.

General activity in the year has been limited to payment of the annual insurance premium that gives us blanket cover for all our activities, profits from the sale of the calendar and printing of the newsletter.

The cost of a turf cutter and flowers was covered to create the wild flower area next to the phone box which is now really starting to come through.

A highlight has been the activity kicked off by Sarah and Natalie for the children of the village and the fact that they have managed to get funding of £650 this year for their activities. A range of activities have taken place in year and the money well spent and, as can be seen in Natalie's report, plenty more underway. Comments that kids should extend through to those in their 60's seems to have fallen on deaf ears at the moment.

Ken has reported on the festival. We did have a small gathering at the end of August where the village band played a few songs more than ably supported by their guitar teacher, Chris, and his accomplished singer, Jen, for which the festival agreed to make a small payment.

Graham has commented on the Men's Shed where we have also joined the national body with a small subscription paid for that.

Tom Johnstone



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	Apr-20		Mar-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Calendar Sales	1,176	-	-	1,176	-
Choir Receipts	115	-	-	115	-
Craft Club Receipts	550	-	-	550	-
Mens Shed donation	80	-	-	80	-
Grant Income for Kids Party	600	-	-	600	-
Fetisval Cash	1,514	-	-	1,514	-
VE Day grant	250	-	-	250	-
Misc Donations	130	-	-	130	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,415	-	-	4,415	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,415	-	-	4,415	-
A3 Payments					
Calendar Printing	576	-	-	576	-
Insurance	184	-	-	184	-
News Letter printing	61	-	-	61	-
Planer maintenance	99	-	-	99	-
W/reath	55	-	-	55	-
Banners for VE day etc	125	-	-	125	-
Christmas lights	113	-	-	113	-
Kids Party	142	-	-	142	-
Mens Shed subs	24	-	-	24	-
Bank Fees	17	-	-	17	-
Sub total	1,396	-	-	1,396	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,396	-	-	1,396	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,019	-	-	3,019	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,051	-	-	4,051	-
Cash funds this year end	7,070	-	-	7,070	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC	7,070	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,070	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approvalTom Johnstone
Peter FriendTOM JOHNSTONE
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