

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1189549

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-19

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

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CREDITON AND ITS SURROUNDING VILLAGES WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS, BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE AND MANAGE A COMMUNITY WEBSITE AND TO ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT, OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE OR CENTRES AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR COOPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH CENTRES FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: The Project aims to support the local community through the continued development of a versatile, comprehensive and responsive website and to create facilities to enable individuals, groups and organisations to enhance social cohesion and create opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds living within Crediton and the surrounding area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£28,676	£30,846	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,909	£13,926	-	-
2023-03-31	£14,570	£15,406	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,668	£7,942	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,047	£4,879	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rosemary Yvette Stephenson	Chair	2020-05-19
CATHERINE LOCK BSC		2020-05-19
Catriona Davey		2025-11-26
DENNIS JOHN MARDON MBE		2020-05-19
Dr Eugene Gerald Joseph Mullan		2021-12-16
Linda Louise Williamson		2025-01-23
Paul Anthony Walker		2020-05-19
Sarah Margaret Fryett		2024-04-22

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Trustees

Dennis Mardon
Catherine Lock
Eugene Mullan
Hattie Booth
John Bulford
Paul Walker
Rosemary Stephenson

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The Crediton Heart Project

Independent examiner's report to the members of The Crediton Heart Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations	710	68
Website Income	1,000	1,750
Gift Aid	9	41
Art in the Park	14,020	-
Hub Feasibility Study	5,500	-
Spring Music Event	1,014	-
Summer Event	1,541	9,019
Overhead Transfers	1,850	1,120
Town Team Transfer	-	3,911
Crediton Flag Project	2,540	1,000
Other Income	492	-
Total incoming resources	<u>28,676</u>	<u>16,909</u>
Resources expended		
Direct Charitable expenditure:		
The Crediton Heart project operating expenditure	30,846	13,926
Total resources expended	<u>30,846</u>	<u>13,926</u>
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year	(2,170)	2,983
Fund balances brought forward	7,041	4,058
Fund balances carried forward	<u>£4,871</u>	<u>£7,041</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
Current assets		
Debtors	121	300
Bank Current accounts	5,000	7,091
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>5,121</u>	<u>7,391</u>
Less: current liabilities		
	<u>250</u>	<u>350</u>
Net current assets	4,871	7,041
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£4,871</u>	<u>£7,041</u>

Funds

General funds	3,139	4,610
Kick Start Art	(48)	-
Website/Social Media	1,232	1,431
Flag Project	-	1,000
AP24/SE24	184	-
Spring Music Event	364	-
Total funds	<u>£4,871</u>	<u>£7,041</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on their behalf by:

and signed on

Dennis Mardon

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

Income & Expenditure Account

As at 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income		
Donations	710	68
Gift Aid	9	41
Website	1,000	1,750
Art in the Park	14,020	-
Hub Feasibility Study	5,500	-
Spring Music Event	1,014	-
Summer Event	1,541	9,019
Overhead Transfers	1,850	1,120
Town Team Transfer	-	3,911
Crediton Flag Project	2,540	1,000
Other Income	492	-
Total income	<u>28,676</u>	<u>16,909</u>
Expenditure		
Summer Event	4,572	9,019
Crediton Flag Project	3,240	-
Art in the Park	10,805	-
Spring Music Events	650	-
Hub Feasibility Grant	6,000	-
FP Overhead Fees	300	-
	<u>25,567</u>	<u>9,019</u>
<i>Other operating costs</i>		
Meeting Expenses	87	30
Insurance	258	210
Website Management	700	2,473
Website Overhead	100	-
Social Media	400	1,800
Computer Software	340	226
Accountancy	250	168
kick Art Events	48	-
Grants to Other Organisations	2,500	-
Advertising & Marketing	-	-
General Expenses	596	0
	<u>5,279</u>	<u>4,907</u>
Total expenditure	<u>30,846</u>	<u>13,926</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>-2,170</u>	<u>2,983</u>

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Trustees	Dennis Mardon Catherine Lock Eugene Mullan Hattie Booth John Bulford Paul Walker Rosemary Stephenson Stephen Hocking Wendy Murgatroyd	Resigned 15/12/2023 Resigned 26/09/2023
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Chair's Report for Year Ending 31 March 2024

The last year has been the most eventful and productive since the Heart Project was launched in 2018. Despite the sad departure of some key members, we have made progress with our core projects, explored and embraced new initiatives and welcomed new talent onto our team.

Summer Workshops

The year started with the successful delivery of our second Summer Arts Programme, this time in the easier setting of the Arts Centre, rather than a marquee. Most workshops were fully booked and much appreciated, as were the outreach sessions we did for Ukrainian refugees and Age Concern. The project strengthened our relationship with the Arts Centre, providing a welcome boost to the incomes of both charities. Thanks must go to Patsy for coordinating this project so expertly, sourcing the funding, devising the programme and generally keeping the whole show on the road.

Website revamp

The CREDITON in and around website had so far been our most tangible achievement. But we all agreed that, after three years, it needed streamlining. Thanks to a Locality Fund from Devon County Council, we were able to pay our original designer, Mark, to redesign the site, simplifying the listing pages to make them easier to maintain and introducing a new themed home page. Huge thanks to Stephen for his perseverance and hard work on this task, which was not always straightforward.

Town Team merger

Perhaps the most significant event of last year was our decision to merge with CREDITON Town Team. This was taken following a strategic review meeting in September, when trustees met to consider the future of CHP, given that after five years we seemed no closer to our core aim of building a new community hub. Various options were considered and it was agreed that a merger with the Town Team, which was due to close, would be the most positive way to move forward.

This was a bold, possibly risky move, as although it provided a welcome boost to our general funds, it also committed us to a lot of extra work as we took over responsibility for two of the Town Team's high profile projects.

The Flag Project

Firstly the hugely popular Flag Project, now in its 11th year, went ahead under the CHP instead of the Town Team banner, funded by an annual grant from the Town Council. Although the project started successfully, with 10 new flags being made and 60 flags being installed in the town centre, it was unfortunately cut short when a flag pole and bracket fell off the wall leading to a joint decision by the Town Council and CHP to take all the flags down early for safety purposes. We will now work with the Town Council to review our safety measures, before deciding whether to go ahead next year.

The Big Boniface Bash

Another inheritance from the Town Team was a pot of money ring fenced for events promoting St Boniface, Crediton's most famous son. To make the most of this, we teamed up with the Town Council to organize the first Big Boniface Bash, a family fun day in the park to celebrate St Boniface Day. Thanks must go to Jo Davey, the Town Council's Project and Events Officer, who coordinated this very successful event, which attracted 1000 people during the day. Also thanks to CHP associate Rachel Vowles, who had the idea for a Boniface Bash in the first place and stage managed the live music on the day, and to our new recruit Vanessa MacDonald, who bravely agreed to steward at this event, with no idea what she was taking on.

There are plans to repeat the event next year and we will need to consider what role CHP takes in this.

Parish Church concert

Earlier in the year, we had organised another successful event - a concert in the Parish Church by folk legends Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman. This was a 'proof of concept' project, initiated after conversations with the Parish Church about how to increase the use and income of their venue to strengthen their bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The concert was a great success, with 147 tickets sold and even a small profit going to CHP and Arts Centre, who were our co-producers. Although no progress has been made with the church's ambitious development plans, this is another example of CHP building partnerships with key community organisations.

Thanks to Eugene Mullan for his work as our music promoter. I gather he is already exploring other options with the Arts Centre, to bring high profile artists to Crediton.

Community Hub

Despite the demands of these new projects, we did not abandon our core mission, to build a new community hub for the town. After the disappointment of our plans for the Redlands site we switched our attention to the Newcombes Meadow toilet block – which we believe has huge potential to be developed as a community venue. The Town Council are keen to demolish the current building, which they own, as it is no longer fit for purpose and have responded positively to our ideas. Over the past few months we have had several constructive meetings with representatives from the Town Council and Mid Devon District Council, who own the park, to explore how we can work together to develop the site. A joint steering group has been set up and the next step is to raise funds for an architect's feasibility study.

This is only the start of what will no doubt be a very long journey, but it certainly feels quite exciting.

Town Manager role

Another CHP idea which met with a positive response was the creation of a Town Manager role. Kate and Eugene had several meetings with the Town Council and the Chamber of Commerce to explore how this could be achieved and they have even written a job description. All agreed this would be hugely beneficial for the town and the Town Council has offered to be the employer if we can raise the funds. We await a suitable source of funding to emerge before taking this forward.

Farewells

We were very sad to lose two of our founding trustees - Stephen Hocking and Nancy Murgatroyd– who have both played such a crucial role in the creation and development of CHP, by sharing their special skills, energy and wisdom. We would not have achieved so much without them, so I would like to say a huge thank you to both of them. Fortunately Nancy agreed to continue her role as picture editor on the website group and Stephen has remained in the background offering technical support and advice when needed, as we get to grips with the baffling back end of the website! This has been much appreciated.

I am also hugely grateful to our associates, Keith Jeram and Paul Gibbs, who have stepped up to take on Stephen's technical role, and Hattie who has added her invaluable skills and experience to the website team.

We also said farewell to Bracken Jelier, who has done an amazing job over the last two years managing our social media, contributing to our website and generally raising the online profile of CHP. Thank you.

New recruits

With our members depleted, we started 2024 with a recruitment campaign which fortuitously delivered three excellent new people to our team. Vanessa MacDonald, who has joined as an associate, has already proved her worth at the Boniface Bash. Sarah Fryett has joined the

board as well as the website team, and has stepped skillfully into Bracken's shoes as our social media manager. Finally, Linda Williamson will join us as an associate in September.

Summer Arts Festival

As a result of all this activity we finished our financial year in a healthier position than ever. We had also clinched funding for our third summer programme, which this year has been expanded into a full scale Summer Arts Festival - with workshops, film, music and theatre events across three venues and, crucially, a bigger outreach programme taking workshops to various community groups. Tickets are already selling well.

Thanks again must go to Patsy for not only encouraging us to go ahead with this more ambitious programme, but for yet again securing the funds and coordinating the people and the kit to make it all happen.

Thank yous

There are many other people I'd like to thank for keeping the Crediton Heart beating. Our funders, notably Crediton Town Council, who have reliably supported the website every year, as well as Devon County Council, Mid Devon District Council and the National Lottery for supporting our upcoming Summer Festival. Also a massive thank you to CODS for boosting our funds yet further by choosing us as one of their supported charities.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate all our wonderful trustees who have risen to the challenge this year of an expanded, busier and more ambitious Heart Project.

Rosemary Stephenson
Chair of Trustees
July 2024

The Crediton Heart Project

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Donations	68	1,131
Website Income	1,750	1,000
Gift Aid	41	270
Sponsorship	-	1,184
Summer Event	9,019	10,984
Overhead Transfers	1,120	-
Town Team Transfer	3,911	-
Crediton Flag Project	1,000	-
Total incoming resources	16,909	14,570
Resources expended		
Direct Charitable expenditure:		
The Crediton Heart project operating expenditure	13,926	15,406
Total resources expended	13,926	15,406
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year	2,983	(836)
Fund balances brought forward	4,058	4,894
Fund balances carried forward	£7,041	£4,058

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
Current assets		
Debtors	300	-
Bank Current accounts	7,091	4,390
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>7,391</u>	<u>4,390</u>
Less: current liabilities		
	<u>350</u>	<u>332</u>
Net current assets	7,041	4,058
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£7,041</u>	<u>£4,058</u>
Funds		
General funds	7,041	4,058
Total funds	<u>£7,041</u>	<u>£4,058</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 20/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Dennis Mardon

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

Income & Expenditure Account

As at 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donations	68	1,131
Gift Aid	41	270
Website	1,750	1,000
Sponsorship	-	1,184
Summer Event	9,019	10,984
Overhead Transfers	1,120	-
Town Team Transfer	3,911	-
Crediton Flag Project	1,000	-
Total income	<u>16,909</u>	<u>14,570</u>
Expenditure		
Summer Event	9,019	10,984
	<u>9,019</u>	<u>10,984.00</u>
<i>Other operating costs</i>		
Meeting Expenses	30	111
Insurance	210	198
Website Management	2,473	1,302
Social Media	1,800	2,400
Computer Software	226	251
Accountancy	168	132
Advertising & Marketing	-	28
	<u>4,907</u>	<u>4,421</u>
Total expenditure	<u>13,926</u>	<u>15,405</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>2,982</u>	<u>-836</u>

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Trustees Report for Year Ending 31 March 2023

The last year was somewhat of a roller coaster for the Heart Project, starting with the success of our summer workshops followed by the disappointing failure to progress our plans for a building on the Redlands site. We did however continue to raise our profile, both through the website and other activities, and to develop some promising new partnerships.

The year started intensely, to put it mildly. At the end of June we were awarded a £10,000 Arts Council grant to run creative workshops in a marquee behind the Redlands surgery, leaving us just six weeks to create a welcoming and functional venue on an empty field. This included sourcing a marquee, furniture, fencing and a storage container, setting up power and water supply, as well as running a publicity campaign. Thanks must go to Patsy, not just for securing the funds, but for coordinating this massive effort at breakneck speed to ensure our temporary arts venue was ready to open on 10th August.

This was a totally new enterprise for the Heart Project and given the tight timelines and steep learning curve, was a remarkably successful project, engaging a wide range of people and organisations. Overall, we delivered 13 workshops, two evening events and a final exhibition. It gave us a chance to work with a range of other groups and businesses, including Crediton Arts Centre, the Turning Tides Project and Devonshire Homes.

One of the main aims of the summer project had been to develop our partnership with the Redlands GPs. Indeed it had been their suggestion that we 'make something happen' on their land. It was therefore bitterly disappointing that, despite repeated attempts, the GPs were not prepared to engage with us afterwards. As their priorities clearly lay elsewhere for the foreseeable future, we regrettably took the decision to put the Redlands site option on hold, and look elsewhere for development opportunities. We also abandoned plans to develop a sensory garden next to the surgery (another suggestion from the GPs) as there seemed little point investing time and money on a site with no prospects. However, this land remains a prime site, so we need to keep in touch with developments should the GPs wish to engage with us in the future.

As often happens, the closing of one door, led to the opening of another. In December we were invited by Crediton Parish Church to support their plans to upgrade their facilities, including a new roof, museum, café and toilets. It was suggested that as the Church was 'an organisation with a building but no purpose' and the Heart Project was 'an organisation with a purpose but no building' we could collaborate in some way.

At a meeting with their project team, we suggested that by removing the pews and installing theatre lights, sound equipment and flexible seating, the Church could become a versatile venue for performances, generating much needed income. This idea was greeted with enthusiasm and they have instructed their architect to expand their plans accordingly. It is too early to say whether they will receive the major Heritage Lottery grant needed for such an ambitious project. But this could be a productive partnership where we achieve part of our goal of delivering a large performance space, while helping to sustain this important historic building for future generations.

We have always been open to the possibility of converting an old building, rather than building a new one. So the prospect of developing the church as a larger theatre space, led us to consider buying the Buller pub, to create a small performance space and other community rooms on the High Street. The pub had been on the market for some months, so we rashly put in an offer and began the fundraising process. Unfortunately a cash buyer beat us to it, but the work wasn't wasted as we will be more prepared should another property become available.

The website team continued to work hard to keep the site relevant and interesting, by regularly adding and updating listings, events and articles, as well as producing a monthly newsletter. However, as they approached their 3rd anniversary they reached the conclusion that the site had become too complex and the workload of maintaining it, too onerous to sustain in the long term.

With help from Mark, the original designer, Stephen came up with a plan to simplify the site. By removing all listings, and giving more prominence to our popular What's On page, we hope to make the site easier to use and manage. Thanks to a grant from Devon County Council, this work will be done over the summer.

Although last year's creative workshops had not produced the result we had hoped, after some deliberation we decided to build on our success by running another arts programme this summer. This year's programme will be shorter and take place in the Arts Centre, rather than a marquee, making it much easier and cheaper to organise as well developing this important partnership with a key stakeholder. Crucially, with funding secured much earlier than last year (thanks to Patsy and Kate) we will be able to start publicising before the end of the school term.

There are many people I'd like to thank for keeping the Heart Project show on the road. Our funders, notably Crediton Town Council, who have supported the website every year, as well as Devon County Council, Mid Devon District Council and the Devon Community Foundation, for supporting our upcoming summer workshops;

Bracken, who continues to go beyond the call of duty in keeping our social media presence lively and relevant; our associates - Patsy, Chris, Rachel, Keith and Paul, who give their time and expertise so generously; and last but not least, our wonderful trustees, for their continued hard work and support through the ups and downs of another year.

Rosemary Stephenson
Chair of Trustees

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15th June 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Incoming resources		
Donations	1,131	690
SEAL Income	-	233
Website Income	1,000	4,191
Gift Aid	270	555
Sponsorship	1,184	-
2022 Summer Event	10,984	-
Total incoming resources	<u>14,570</u>	<u>5,668</u>
Resources expended		
Direct Charitable expenditure: The Crediton Heart project operating expenditure	15,406	7,942
Total resources expended	<u>15,406</u>	<u>7,942</u>
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year	(836)	(2,274)
Fund balances brought forward	4,894	7,168
Fund balances carried forward	<u>£4,058</u>	<u>£4,894</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
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Current assets		
Debtors - National Lottery Grant	-	-
Bank Current accounts	4,390	5,014
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>4,390</u>	<u>5,014</u>
Less: current liabilities		
	<u>332</u>	<u>120</u>
Net current assets	4,058	4,894
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£4,058</u>	<u>£4,894</u>
Funds		
General funds	4,058	4,894
Total funds	<u>£4,058</u>	<u>£4,894</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15th June 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Dennis Mardon

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

Income & Expenditure Account

As at 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income		
Donations	1,131	690
Gift Aid	270	555
SEAL	-	233
Website	1,000	4,191
Sponsorship	1,184	-
2022 Summer Event	10,984	-
Total income	<u>14,570</u>	<u>5,668</u>
Expenditure		
SEAL	-	111.00
2022 Summer Event	10,984	-
	<u>10,984</u>	<u>111.00</u>
		-
<i>Other operating costs</i>		
Trustee Expenses	-	249
Meeting Expenses	111	112
Insurance	198	194
Web Services	-	97
Website Development	-	4,396
Website Management	1,302	-
Social Media	2,400	2,100
Computer Software	251	187
Accountancy	132	240
Advertising & Marketing	28	189
Bank Fees	-	49
Sundry	-	17
	<u>4,421</u>	<u>7,831</u>
Total expenditure	<u>15,405</u>	<u>7,942</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>-836</u>	<u>-2,274</u>

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189549

Accounts

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Old Vicarage
Colebrooke
Crediton, EX17 5JQ
Charity Registration no. 1189549

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Catherine Lock
Gillian Mackenzie
John Bulford
Paul Walker
Roger Werner
Rosemary Stephenson
Stephen Hocking
Wendy Murgatroyd

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The Crediton Heart Project

Independent examiner's report to the members of The Crediton Heart Project

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

a) to which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect, the general requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with UK accounting principles have not been met

b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Mr N Bishop
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23rd May 2022

The Crediton Heart Project

Trustees Report for Year Ending 31 March 2022

As we mark the fourth anniversary of the Crediton Heart Project, it's amazing to reflect on how much we have achieved. The pandemic has of course set us back in many ways, and presented new challenges, but we can still look back on the last 12 months with considerable satisfaction.

Our Website Group has continued to work at a relentless pace, adding and updating content, often on a daily basis, as well as developing the site in new ways. The What's On calendar, which was launched last April, has proved particularly popular, steadily gaining contributors and visitors. On average 560 people are clicking on the page every month, which rose to 700 in the run up to the Jubilee. Thanks to Stephen for working so hard to create and maintain this section, which is providing our area with the first ever comprehensive online listings.

In June last year, Bracken Jelier joined us as our social media and marketing manager (replacing Charlie Richards). Her experience, enthusiasm and willingness to go way beyond the call of duty, has been invaluable in helping us to improve the site and reach more people. Last August we commissioned her to write a marketing strategy, which has given us a clear set of goals and some exciting ways of achieving them. One of these was to launch a monthly newsletter, which we duly did in January.

Thanks must go again to Stephen for driving this project, first liaising with Mark, our designer, to create the newsletter and then putting it together each month with such efficiency and flair. The July issue has just been published, promoting everything going on locally this month and encouraging people to click through to the website. Our prize draws for new subscribers - including a Cox's meat box and a hanging basket from Bow Garden Centre - have been very well received and have helped build relationships with local businesses.

In October Nancy handed over chairing the Website Group to Rosemary, although she remains as our Picture Editor. I would like to thank her for steering the launch and initial phase of this ambitious project which, at the height of the pandemic, was no mean feat.

We are very grateful to Crediton Town Council, which has continued to support the website this year with a 3rd grant of £1000. To strengthen this important partnership Nancy and Rosemary did a presentation in March, to explain our aims and achievements to councillors in the hope they will continue to support us in the future.

We are also delighted that local solicitors, Gilbert Stephens, have agreed to sponsor the website. In exchange for £500 we feature them on our home page and offer monthly

social media posts about their business. This sort of support from local businesses will be crucial to ensuring the sustainability of the site.

Our Facilities Group has been busy too and thanks go to Kate Lock for chairing it so skilfully. More than a year ago, they identified the plot of land next to the new Redlands Surgery as a potential site for our new Community Hub. Although the GPs initially expressed an interest in our plans, for understandable reasons they have been focussed on other things this year (a new surgery and a pandemic) and, frustratingly, they have not had time to engage with us on this project.

However, in response to a suggestion from the GPs that we 'make something happen on the land' the Facilities Group has been working hard on devising a Summer Arts & Garden Project. Last month, thanks to the formidable fundraising skills of our associate, Patsy Lang, we secured a £10,000 Arts Council grant to run a programme of creative workshops on the site in August. Delivering this project at speed is an immense challenge, but also a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate to the GPs and the wide community, what the Heart Project team is capable of.

We hope that funds will also be secured to create a sensory garden on the same site, to offer patients and the general public the chance to enjoy the health benefits of horticulture. We feel our Arts & Garden Project will not only fulfil our charitable aim to provide more opportunities for local people, but it is an important first step in building a partnership with the GPs, which could well lead to achieving our ultimate aim of a new Community Hub.

Sadly last year one of our founding trustees, Gill MacKenzie, stood down, depleting our board to just seven. But we are delighted to have recruited to two new members, Eugene Mullan and Hattie Booth, who have added a fantastic range of skills and experience to the team. They have both been thrown in the deep end and, so far, seem to be swimming!

As always, I would like to thank our talented team for their hard work, commitment and good humour that have made all these achievements possible. I look forward to seeing what we can deliver together in the coming year.

Rosemary Stephenson
Chair of Trustees

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Incoming resources		
Donations	690	7,646
Awards for All	-	4,278
SEAL Income	233	-
Website Income	4,191	-
Gift Aid	555	123
Total incoming resources	<u>5,668</u>	<u>12,047</u>
Resources expended		
Direct Charitable expenditure: The Crediton Heart project operating expenditure	7,942	4,879
Total resources expended	<u>7,942</u>	<u>4,879</u>
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year	(2,274)	7,168
Fund balances brought forward	7,168	-
Fund balances carried forward	<u>£4,894</u>	<u>£7,168</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Current assets		
Debtors - National Lottery Grant	-	29
Bank Current accounts	5,014	7,297
Cash in hand	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
	5,014	7,325
Less: current liabilities		
	<u>120</u>	<u>158</u>
Net current assets	4,894	7,168
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>£4,894</u>	<u>£7,168</u>
Funds		
General funds	4,894	586
Website Reserve	-	6,582
Total funds	<u>£4,894</u>	<u>£7,168</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 24th May 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Dennis Mardon

THE CREDITON HEART PROJECT

Income & Expenditure Account

As at 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income		
Donations	690	7,646
Awards for All	-	4,278
Gift Aid	555	123
SEAL	233	-
Website	4,191	-
Total income	<u>5,668</u>	<u>12,047</u>
Expenditure		
SEAL	111	-
	<u>111</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Other operating costs</i>		
Trustee Expenses	249	-
Meeting Expenses	112	-
Insurance	194	-
Web Services	97	-
Website Development	4,396	3,562
Website Launch	-	970
Social Media	2,100	-
Accountancy	427	-
Computer Expenses	-	233
Advertising & Marketing	189	114
Bank Fees	49	-
Sundry	17	-
	<u>7,831</u>	<u>4,879</u>
Total expenditure	<u>7,942</u>	<u>4,879</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>-2,274</u>	<u>7,168</u>