

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**AUGUST 2023**

1. The Charity has continued to fulfil its functions through its third year with a steady effort from all the volunteers involved. There have been no changes in membership of the Trustees Board, although we do now have a new Secretary and a new Safeguarding Officer. My thanks to all of them for their efforts this year, in particular to the Treasurer, without whom it would be hard to carry on. The volunteer group has similarly maintained its core group with some additions and one or two losses.
2. On the Meals on Wheels front we deliver to an average of just under 30 clients per week, which has been a very stable group with few changes. Two of those are vegetarian which does make additional demands on the cooks. Catering businesses in the area are very loth to get involved because of the serious staffing issues that they all have. We have relied entirely on The Square Café and a nucleus of three regular cooks, supplemented by over a dozen volunteer bakers who are on a rota. I do not intend to duplicate the Treasurer's statistics, save to add that we rely as heavily as ever on donations, in the lack of which we would have serious fundraising to do. Huge thanks are due to all of the cooks, bakers and delivery staff – about 25 people in all.
3. The Charity is also heavily involved in the checking and maintenance of the eight public Defibrillators in our extended area, covering a good chunk of the Lake District and out to the coast. We are fortunate that there has been no incident involving their need but the First Responders and the Health Service are grateful for our work. Several public training sessions have been held locally and about 30 people have received that training from Local Responders.
4. Due to ill health the local work on a Resilience (or Emergency) Plan has not been finalized although it is close to that point. We have however received a grant which enabled a 'collar' to be fitted in the electric system in the Victory Hall so that a large generator can be attached in a crisis. North West Electricity have agreed that our Hall will be loaned such a generator in that event.
5. The one big change which has happened this year is the change in ownership of the Square Café. The new owner is happy for DCS to continue to use the café on Thursdays to produce meals for the foreseeable future.
6. The original intention when meals started to be produced in 2020 was to ease the stress of Covid and Lockdown. It remains clear that there is still a need in our local community which our organization is able to respond to.

**S Wright Chair**

Secretary's Report  
2023

1. Annual Compliance Statement (Annual Return) filed with Charity Commission Enclosing as Appendices.
  - a. Accounts for year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
  - b. Annual Report from Trustees.
  - c. Annual Report from the chairman.This Document is now available for public viewing online.
2. Details of each of the 7 Trustees have been maintained on-line throughout the year – specifically other Trusteeships.
3. There was one resignation and a new appointment of Trustees during the year, however, this was at the AGM on 13th December in Respect of the Vicar who moved to a new Parish.
4. A Safeguarding policy imposing duties on Trustees and Volunteers has been adopted and is now in force and monitored. The policy is subject to continual review.
5. CRB checks on ALL Trustees and volunteers are still in force and valid
6. As Agreed at the 2021 AGM, the Charity has taken on responsibility for checking and maintaining 8 of the 9 Community Defibrillators in the DPC area. Each of these has been registered on "The Circuit" (a national database) and is checked at least monthly as required.  
One defibrillator has been replaced with a new model, the replaced unit has been repaired and will now be held as a spare.

**Duddon Community Support**  
**Income & Expenditure Account**  
**12 months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

	£	£
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Donations - Square Cafe coffee morning	391.50	
- Other	2500.00	
		<u>2891.50</u>
Grant Application DPC Trust Fund		2000.00
Meals Paid for	4240.00	
Interest Earned	1.94	
		<u>4241.94</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>9133.44</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
Service Charge paid to caterers	2550.00	
Catering Ingredients	4243.19	
Bank Charges	90.75	
D.B.S checks	9.75	
Capital Spend out of Donations	2429.99	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b><u>9323.88</u></b>
Excess Expenditure over income (This Year)		(190.24)
Excess income (01.01.2022)		<u>1178.83</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b><u>988.59</u></b>
<b><u>REPRESENTED BY:</u></b>		
Balance at bank - current A/C	581.85	
- ringfenced	391.50	
Cash/Cheques to be Banked	199.24	
Accruals/Creditors (Inv. Tysons – Dec)	(184.00)	
	<u>988.59</u>	

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**Interesting facts / Notes to the Accounts**

1. 1428 meals were provided in the year, 400 of these were provided in the last quarter.
2. Each meal provided in the year had an average cost of £4.76, £3 of this was received as a contribution from the recipient. In the last quarter of 2022 the average cost of preparing a meal was £4.40, which compared to an average cost of £5.30 in the previous quarter to 30<sup>th</sup> September (purchases of ingredients in December were low)
3. The Donation from The Square Café coffee morning (£391.50) is held in respect of Defibrillator Consumables, so far privately funded.
4. The £2500.00 donation was given to enable the purchase of a fridge & freezer to enable DCS to offer resilience in the event of another Storm Arwen.
5. An application has been made to the CGP Trust Fund for further funds which will be required to fund operations with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Clive Moody  
Treasurer