

Activities and Achievements

During the year, Allies operated fortnightly sessions at the local market and managed the Lock Up, which was opened twice weekly. In addition, collection pots were placed at strategic locations around the town. These activities supported the charity's fundraising objectives and helped to maintain its public profile within the local community.

During the year, Trustees identified a new large-scale project intended to attract high publicity and encourage strong local support. The project aims to deliver targeted improvements within a popular local park, responding directly to requests from local residents for enhancements that fall outside the remit of the local council.

Market appearances were significantly reduced over the course of the year. This was partly due to periods of extreme weather and illnesses. The newly appointed committee and Trustees will consider whether market events can be reinstated or whether alternative fundraising streams should be identified and developed.

Allies Mid Devon continued to hold monthly coffee mornings throughout the year. Despite increases in venue hire costs, these events generated a small surplus. In addition to their financial contribution, the coffee mornings continue to introduce new people to the charity and are considered a worthwhile and effective means of community engagement.

Governance and Trustee Remuneration

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits for their services to the charity. Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees and volunteers in furthering the charitable purposes of Allies Mid Devon are reimbursed at cost.