

## **The Burradon and Camperdown Community Association**

### **Annual Report 5 September 2023**

#### **Charity Registration Number: 1191626**

The past 12 months has been a period of consolidation and will be used as a solid foundation for future progress with our effort to enhance local amenities and activities to improve the quality of life of local residents. The Trustee's previously agreed to pursue the implementation of the following projects on behalf of the community:

- 20mph speed limit and a traffic management plan to improve road safety
- Memorial for the men in the village killed in WWII
- The refurbishment of the Festival Cottage
- The clearance of the land next to the village green to improve the appearance of the area
- Virtual heritage trail
- Ban dogs from the football pitches at the welfare
- Activities for children and pensioners of the village

It was extremely pleasing that BACCA has successfully developed new strategic partnerships with a number of officers within North Tyneside Council (environment, highways and housing) during the past 12 months. BACCA continues to work with Daren McVeigh, Environmental Services and is developing an effective partnership with Andrew Flynn and John Kermode, North Tyneside Council's Highways team in respect of projects to improve the local environment and schemes to improve road safety.

S services and Highways support has delivered genuine progress regarding improvements to the appearance of the village and road safety. Highways has secured funding for the creation of a traffic management scheme on Front Street/ Fryers Terrace, Burradon. Highways agreed to investigate the possibility of a traffic management scheme on Station Road, Camperdown and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit within the village. Andrew and John both agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss the results of the recent traffic surveys in the village and to report any progress regarding the completion of the road safety scheme on Front Street, Burradon.

It is important that we persevere with our efforts to develop a constructable dialogue and relationship with our ward councillors on behalf of the community.

It was disappointing that Andy McDermott withdrew from the project to create a memorial in honour of the village men who perished in WWII. However, a new team has been assembled to develop the project. Local sculptor and former soldier, Cameron Alwyn has agreed to work with the community to design a memorial. Alex Watson, Remembering the Past will work with the community to develop the project and secure the funding. Trustee's will recall Remembering the Past's valuable contribution to the Burradon Colliery Banner restoration project and it is hoped that their expertise will ensure similar success.

Meetings will be organised and held during Autumn 2023 and Spring of 2024 to discuss preliminary designs and possible sources of funding with a view to completing the project in Summer 2025 which will coincide with the 80th anniversary of both VE and VJ days.

Historically, an important aspect of our work has been to raise funds for projects for the benefit of the pensioners and children of the village. BACCA has applied for grants to fund the following activities for 2023/24:

<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
80 Pensioners	Coach hire for trip to Whitby	700.00	
	Coach hire for trip to the Lake District	<u>700.00</u>	1,400.00
40 Disabled Pensioners	Theatre Royal pantomime	1,215.00	
	Transport to pantomime	<u>450.00</u>	1,615.00
150 Children	Hire of travelling pantomime company	1,155.00	
	Christmas selection boxes	<u>450.00</u>	1,605.00
<b>Total</b>			<u><b>4,670.00</b></u>

Applications have been submitted to the following trusts and foundations:

Ballinger Trust	Barbour Foundation
Catherine Cookson Trust	Joicey Trust
R W Mann Trust	Rothley Trust
Sir James Knott Trust	

Should the grant applications be successful, hopefully, it will be possible to arrange a trip for the pensioners early Autumn and the Christmas events for the children and pensioners.

The physical regeneration of the village's infrastructure has been an integral aspect of our campaign during the past 26 years and there has been a remarkable transformation of the dilapidated areas of the village. The recent refurbishment of the Halfway House and the planting of the flowerbed at the Pit Wheel Memorial has enhanced the appearance of this area of the village. North Tyneside Council has improved the maintenance of the Station Road roundabout and the new meadow is a significant improvement compared to the situation in 2022.

Local residents have completed a number of litter picks in the village during the Summer and collected a significant amount of rubbish which has been recognised and welcomed by the entire community. A small team of volunteers is supporting the Church of the Good Shepherd and are completing regular grass cutting, tree pruning and flowerbed maintenance. Chris Lowes and Paul Morrell repaired the memorial chairs which had been vandalised and should be recognised for their efforts.

The dilapidated appearance of the Grey Horse is undermining the appearance of the village and there has been no progress regarding NTC's compulsory purchase of the former police house on Station Road, Camperdown. It is essential that these issues are pursued and NTC should be pressurised to consider compulsory purchasing the Grey Horse in order that the site maybe sold to a developer to complete the conversion of the building.

We also wish to remember John Robson, the church warden following his recent and unexpected passing and in particular his dedication and commitment to the welfare of the congregation of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the wider community.

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to all BACCA's Trustees for your contributions during the meetings in the past 12 months and the residents in the village are beginning to benefit from your commitment and dedication. I am confident that we will experience and celebrate similar progress in the future and hopefully we will be able to create a village that people are proud to live.

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**Agenda: Annual General Meeting**

**Date: 5 September 2023**

1. Secretary's Annual Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Election of Trustees
4. Election of Chair
5. Election of Treasurer
6. Election of Secretary