

BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST CHAIRMANS STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is an unlimited association. Its object is to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Burley in Wharfedale, Burley Woodhead and Stead by any such means that are deemed to be exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales.

The charity is run by a committee of elected and co-opted trustees who have control of the association and its property and funds.

The Trust would like to thank all its trustees for their time and efforts towards the furtherance of its aims and objects, its members for their support, volunteers on the lights, markets and other projects and events, our funders including Burley Parish Council, Coop, Shipley Community Chest and help received from other village organisations and businesses.

Membership of the Trust is open to any individual or organisation interested in promoting the charity. Membership is by annual or lifetime subscription.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2022

The Trust has had another successful year with current membership at 902 (2020/21: 978).

Last year we indicated that we were negotiating a merger with the Burley Educational Trust (BET) to take over their assets and objectives. The merger was finally agreed in December 2021 but the necessary administration took until June 2022. The income and assets are incorporated into these accounts. Income from this designated fund will be available to distribute for educational purposes.

In addition to subscriptions and donations from members we have received income from Burley Parish Council, Burley Educational Trust, Shipley Community Chest, Greenbelt and the Coop community scheme. We also claimed Gift Aid on membership and donations of the year totalling £4436.

Our management of the Scalebor Park grounds was terminated by the managing agents after 9 years. Although disappointing and resulting in a reduction in our future income base our main concerns are the maintenance of the playing field and pavilion for use by village sports clubs. We refurbished and repaired the pavilion and improved the electrical appliances and contributed to the drainage maintenance of the pitches during the year.

Having raised funds from various sources we have managed to help several village organisations with their fundraising efforts. These include Burley Junior cricket and football clubs, Walkers are Welcome, Unique, Love Burley, Men's Shed and the Wellbeing Hub. In line with our ongoing responsibilities we have funded, supervised and undertaken the maintenance of the Pudding Tree and Jubilee gardens, Corn Mill Pond, Fountain of Life and provided hanging baskets and flower tubs in the centre of the village. The village website is also part of the Trust's responsibilities and has recently been upgraded and relaunched. It contains the very useful Village Diary of events.

We have helped with fundraising to provide better footpath access for wheelchair and pushchair users and to provide village information boards for residents and visitors. The allotment path has been resurfaced partway and should be completed in the Spring. The litter-picking initiative, started by trustee Loraine Hughes under the name of Wharfedale Wombles, has continued to go from strength to strength with regular volunteer litter-picks in the village on the first Sunday of the month, a self help litter station near the Red Lion, and several others more regularly by certain members in areas near to their homes. At the year-end total reserves stand at £114,724 of which £83,229 is for the General Purpose non-specific fund. Our future commitments to items total £ 6000 but other expenditure plans are in the pipeline.

FUTURE PLANS

The Trust's future plans for promoting charitable activity for the benefit of the local residents include the following:

- Distribute funds from the Educational Trust to young people in the village.
- Continue the Christmas Lights, Christmas Markets and the Duck Race.
- Help maintain the playing field and pavilion at Scalebor and other village assets including the Corn Mill Pond, Fountain of Life and some small gardens.
- Install village information boards in two locations.
- Explore the proposal to incorporate the Summer Festival and Moor Run within the Trust
- Encourage and assist with fundraising for the proposed pump and balance bike tracks.
- Actively encourage and assist with fundraising for the the new football pavilion
- Maintain and improve the website and diary to provide access for village organisations and businesses.
- Continue to improve walking and access provision around the village for all abilities and ages. This includes new benches in and around the village
- Maintain the new community herb and vegetable gardens.
- Continue funding of youth provision in the village through Unique and other initiatives.
- Extending the Wharfedale Wombles litter picking initiative.
- Support for the Wellbeing Hub initiative and Men's Shed.
- Provide important local information through the village website, Facebook and our regular newsletter to members.
- Assist other local village organisations with funding.

