

Chairs report for Cumbria Down Syndrome Support Group

July 2019-June 2020

(AGM not held due to Covid-19 and national lockdown)

My first year as chair started out very busy and exciting with lots of events and fundraisers planned. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 many things had to be cancelled from March 2020. Looking back over the last 12 months lots of fun has been had.

Primark Carlisle have very kindly chosen Cumbria Down Syndrome to be their charity of the year, they started with an initial donation of £750 and plan to organise some charitable events throughout the year both in store and in the community. This opportunity is amazing for the charity and will provide some much-appreciated funding but also some fabulous recognition of our charity to show the great things we do for our members and their families. Due to a couple of issues that Primark faced initially they very kindly extended their fundraising for an extra year so we could have a full year of fundraising achieved.

Keswick Boot Company (KBC) chose us to fundraise for us in February 2019, it was their 10 year anniversary so they started selling badges for £10 for any person that wanted to climb any of the 214 Wainwright fells, they would take a picture of the badge at the top of the fell and post on social media. Their names would go into a draw for multiple prizes. They hoped to have all 214 Wainwrights completed within 12 months, due to Covid-19 this has been delayed but they have very kindly extended the time to allow for lockdown to be lifted and walks to be resumed.

July

The monthly bowling session was well attended and enjoyed by all. We donated £71.05 to CFM Cash for Kids from a previous successful bag packing event.

August

The monthly bowling session was again well attended, giving opportunities to socialise with friends along with a little friendly competition to score strikes.

September

On Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th we organised for the well known and loved Singing Hands ladies to come and do a show at both Carlisle and Kendal. We had two venues as Cumbria is a large county and wanted to provide easier accessibility to those in the South Cumbria area. Both of the shows were a huge success, both well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and adults. We were very lucky to receive some funding from the Parry Family Foundation to help towards the costs.

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We purchased some Hi-Visibility clothing with some funding we received from the Parry Family Foundation, these will be of great use during our walk/cycle sessions at Watchtree Wheelers.

October

The monthly bowling session had many people attend and everyone had lots of fun. These sessions have a good mix of children, teens and adults and its so lovely to see everyone interacting and communicating together.

We organised a Halloween spooky walk at Watchtree Wheelers for all of our families. We had lots of members wearing the hi-visibility clothing that we purchased with funding from the Parry Family Foundation. Lots of people came in fancy dress and everyone had a really great time. The confidence of the children on the bikes was amazing to see. Everyone had a brilliant time and was good to get some fresh air and exercise.

We attended a Halloween event at Walby Farm Park that included pumpkin picking and carving, target shooting and a lovely show that the staff put together. The children were mesmerised during the show and had so much fun picking their own pumpkins. It was a great day all round.

Primark done a fancy dress event in store for all staff and raised a huge £175.78, very much appreciated.

November

The monthly bowling session was again thoroughly enjoyed by all ages with lots of people attending.

Primark hosted a quiz night with a raffle in a local pub. The pub allowed us to keep out charity buckets on the bar for a month and the total money raised was a fabulous £224. The night was a great success and lots of fun.

December

On the 1st December we had our annual Christmas party, it was a great success and everyone had a brilliant time. We had a puppet show that the children loved and giggled all the way through and of course the star of the show was Santa Claus himself who gave everyone a gift.

On the 6th December was our bowling Christmas party for everyone that attends those sessions, it was a great turnout with lots of people wearing their Christmas jumpers and enjoying the festivities at the venue.

On 28th December we booked for our families to attend the Pantomime, this year's show was Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. There were lots of families that attended and everyone was roaring with laughter during the show.

January

The monthly bowling session was very well attended as usual, the members really enjoy meeting up with people of different ages and also getting to meet their families.

February

The monthly bowling session was again enjoyed by everyone.

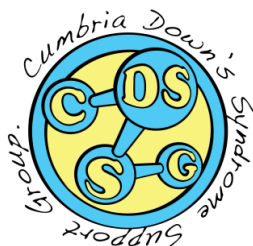
March

We had planned events for World Down Syndrome Day but unfortunately these had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 and national lockdown. Our plans were to work with Immortal Art Studio again for people to get the lucky few tattoo, the studio had also suggested they were going to run a coffee morning for members to attend and they would provide some entertainment for the children. We hope to resume these plans when everything returns to normal.

All events for the next couple of months were put on hold due to Covid-19.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of the committee for their continued commitment and dedication to the charity by attending the regular meetings. Thanks to Susan (Treasurer) for keeping the accounts balanced. Wendy and Julie (joint Secretaries) for helping to keep events running smoothly and completing the administrative side of things. Robyn (vice chairperson) for helping to guide me through this new role and answering all questions I had.

A special thank you to those that have helped fundraise this year and also to the two businesses that chose us to be their charity of the year. I am confident the charity will continue to flourish, providing valuable support for local families throughout Cumbria. I am very excited to head into another year as Chairperson.



Statement Date:

STATEMENT OF MAIN ACCOUNT
Cumbria Down's Syndrome Support Group
473 Durdar Road
Carlisle

DATE	DESCRIPTION	IN	OUT
	<i>Balance brought forward</i>		
02/07/19	D A HUCK Singing Hands	20.00	
10 July	S TAYLOR Singing Hands inv 37	20.00	
17/07/19	Cash for kids donation	-	71.05
11/09/19	A MASSEY Singing Hands	70.00	
16/09/19	DIANE CRANKE Singing Hands inv 53	20.00	
17/09/19	Chq 8 CVS room hire for AGM		30.00
17/09/19	cash for kids money in	71.23	
17/19/19	Liberty workwear Tshirts/polo shirts		111.60
17/09/19	watchtree membership		45.00
17/09/19	Cumbria CVS membership		30.00
17/09/19	Singing Hands Balance		1,195.08
26/09/19			28.75
26/09/19	liberty workwear tshirts		36.00
26/09/19	liberty workwear Hi-Vis (PFCF donation)		312.60
29/09/19	paypal transfer (singing hands ticket sales)	1,126.96	
03/10/19	cash, primark and money from sh	516.91	
03/10/19	chq max welters donation	362.00	
08/10/19	wendy jepkes		111.92
29/10/19	chq15 wendy for walby		107.55
07/11/19	cheque WALK FUNDRAISER	300.00	
07/11/19	bowling, robyn		58.74
07/11/19	susan, bowling deposit, XMAS PARTY ROOM DEP		54.00
07/11/19	xmas party deposit		30.00
07/11/19	watchtree		30.00
01/12/19	christmas party room		50.00
01/12/19	christmas party entertainment		50.00
01/12/19	chq 18 wendy see and learn		116.28
07/12/19	bowling party		119.89
07/12/19	member mojo		40.00
07/12/19	julie phinn		39.00
07/12/19	one 4 allvouchers		344.00
26/12/19	panto		372.06
	panto		207.55
09/01/20	chq refund for morton room hire	250.00	
09/01/20	bowling		76.42
09/01/20	queen catherine school		212.50
09/01/20	website, julie phinn		115.47
21/01/20	chq 19 room for xmas party		40.00
24/01/20	primark charity donation	750.00	
03/03/20			80.00
03/03/20			88.40
03/03/20	I hext soft play		20.00
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31/03/20	interest	3.11	
	closing balance £2890.12		

BALANCE

£3,583.77
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