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Dewsbury & District League of Friendship

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No. 1184667
linked with former (unincorporated) Charity 234785

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Legal Details

The League of Friendship was established in 1952 and was later registered with the Charity Commission, charity registration number 234785. After major improvements to our premises in 2017 it was decided to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to bring the constitution up to date and to protect trustees from unlimited liability. All operations are unchanged, the two charities are deemed equivalent and will be fully linked. Covid-19 has delayed the conversion process, and for ease of reporting, all financial transactions for 2020 (and 2021) will be reported under 234785, with CIO 1184667 taking over from 1st January 2022.

Registered Address and Contact Details

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Objective of the Charity

The major objective of the Charity is to promote and assist the health and welfare of physically disabled and other disadvantaged persons in Dewsbury and its surrounding areas by:

1. Providing facilities for physical and mental recreation
2. Providing or helping to provide facilities for physical movement and improvement
3. Furthering health and relieving stress and sickness
4. Co-operating with other bodies which also provide accommodation, employment, education or training, for such persons

In particular, the Charity provides regular art and craft sessions with instruction suited to individual members.

Premises

The League of Friendship holds the building Howlands, on a 125-year lease expiring in 2113, from Kirklees Metropolitan Council. The building received a major refurbishment in 2017, funded by the Big Lottery. The lease is being transferred from the old charity 234785 to the CIO.

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Organisation

As at 31st December 2020 there were 6 trustees: Catherine Longley (Chair), Dawn Field, Angela Nixon, Stephen Readhead, Victoria Ward and Andrew Young (Treasurer).

Financial Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

As indicated above, the CIO remained dormant throughout 2020, with the League's activities and finances being reported under the old charity 234785.

For cross-reference, this is a summary of the League's finances, reported under 234785:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>		
Unrestricted Funds				
Total Receipts	£26,796	£42,978		
Total Payments	– £28,601	– £52,179		
Net Receipts / Payments	– £1,805	– £9,201		
Funding Transfers/Released	£4,539	£138		
Net Change to Cash Reserves	£2,734	– £9,063		
Restricted Funds (Funded Projects)				
Total Receipts	£26,869	£12,640		
Total Payments	– £22,914	– £5,086		
Net Receipts / Payments	£3,955	£7,554		
Funding Transfers/Released	– £4,539	– £138		
Net Change to Cash Reserves	– £584	£7,416		
Balances			Restricted Funding	Restricted Big Lottery
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>		
Balances at the Start of the Year	£35,313	£14,228	£14,074	£7,011
Net Change to Reserves	£2,150	£2,734	– £584	£0
Balances at the End of the Year	£37,463	£16,962	£13,490	£7,011

Note: The £7,011 residual fund from the Big Lottery refurbishment project is being used for professional services supporting the CIO conversion; it is held in a separate bank account, as required by the Big Lottery.

Andrew D Young

Andrew Young, Treasurer & Trustee

Dated: 30th December 2020

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