

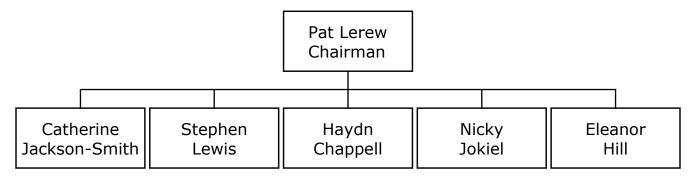
The Heart of Alton ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



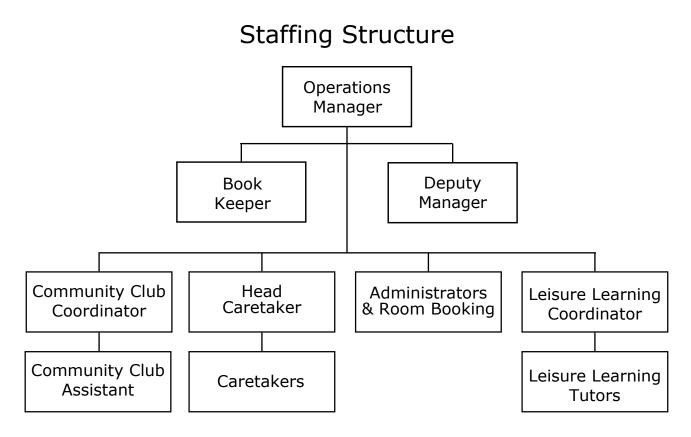


ORGANISATIONAL CHART

CIO Board of Trustees 2022



CIO: Charitable Incorporated Organisation



Note: Some staff have more than one role



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2022 Annual Report









CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction

I think we were all hoping to see the back of Covid 19 by the beginning of 2022 but it was not to be. Indeed, several of us went down with the dreaded bug ourselves. However, by the end of the year we were able to dispense with masks, unless worn by choice, and notice a definite upturn in attendance for all our events.

Successes

The easing of Covid restrictions has meant that by early 2022 we were able to bring all our staff back into the fold and even give them the pay rise we were unable to award during the time when some were on furlough. We are now able to run most of our services face to face. We have also been to welcome back the University of the Third Age (U3A), the Friday Prayer Group and the YEM Théâtre group for young people, among many others who have been with us for many years.

We have continued to receive Revenue Grant funding from EHDC (East Hants District Council) and ATC (Alton Town Council) which is most welcome because these are the most difficult grants to get. Money from the EHDC Councillors' Environmental budgets has enabled us to continue replacing our old Crittall windows and we have now nearly completed the replacement programme.

For several years the Community Centre Staff and Trustees have been involved with the Jane Austen Regency Week which was run under the auspices of the Alton Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Now that the ACCI has been dissolved the remaining members of the Chamber have asked the ACA to take the JARW under our umbrella as we are the obvious group to inherit this important tourist attraction and heritage event for Alton. Following two years when the festival had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions the ACA ran the event successfully during the Summer of 2022.

We were also able to replace our mini-bus in the summer of 2022 thanks to the generosity of EHDC who wished the Community Bus service to Manor Estate and Wooteys to have a more reliable vehicle.

Concerns

Our biggest concern is always how to keep our old building up to the standard required of a public building and keep it running in an acceptable condition for our hirers and users. As we expected, the financial help from the Government during the pandemic dried up in 2022. Most of the money we make has to be ploughed back into the building and even then we are dependent on grants from funding bodies which is a very hit and miss business.

We spent most of the Summer and early Autumn of 2022 trying to get enough grant money to replace the roof on the Garden Room which had been patched up over the years to a point where all the tiles were cracking as soon as someone trod on them. Unfortunately, by the time we assembled all the necessary cash it was winter, the amount required had gone up by 30% and it was too late to get the work done before Spring.

We are also worried about how we are going to cope with the increased heating bills which we know will come in 2023. We will have to increase the cost of Room Hire in



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Continued

2022-3 and we hope our users and hirers will understand our situation and carry on supporting us during these difficult times.

Future Plans

We hope to carry on getting enough grants to not only complete our current upgrading of the Centre but also to extend to another ground floor room and to increase the amount of toilet provision. We have realised we are very unlikely to get a new Community centre in Alton, having been promised and lost five new Centres over the last 25 years. We also realise that our current site is actually the most convenient in Alton and we must continue working to make it the best it can be.

Thanks

My thanks go to all the people of Alton and the surrounding area whose support over to to of the years continues be inspirational all us at the Centre. We are grateful to all those organisations who have given us grants to keep us going; to the County, District and Town Councils; to Veolia Environmental Trust, the National Lottery and other smaller and local charities who so often come to our rescue. And last but definitely far from least, to our dedicated team of staff and Trustees who all regularly go above and beyond to make everything work.

Pat Lerew, Chairman





OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Introduction

Last year was very positive from a working point of view; we welcomed new hirers as well as looking after our much-loved regulars. Events have been busy and cover a wide range of activities. The beauty of the Centre is being part of Community life, enabling social interactions and life events.

Whether happy or sad occasions we pride ourselves in providing a warm yet affordable service. We have seen a rise in health-based groups using the Community Centre. Children's Birthday parties made a return; some children have been enjoying their first ever parties as lockdown life interrupted their little years.

Fundraising efforts have included the long-awaited return of our Halloween Disco, Christmas Cracker and Regency Week; all were a huge success as were our Psychic Fairs and Easter Fair. Over the winter, because of the cost of living crisis, we provided a warm hub for those who need it. It is a good sign that not too many people felt they needed to make use of this but those who did were very grateful. We have found the main users of this service have been people who are homeless and this is continuing despite the improvements in the weather.

Positives

It has been a good year for the Lounge Bar and River Wey Café. Both have been very much brought back to life following the last few years of disruption. The Lounge Bar has a fresh line up of regular musical and social events and is host to the College Gigs.

East Hampshire Leisure Learning (EHLL) face-to-face classes are back which is great, but the experience of online classes opened up a world of opportunity for expanding our services and offering them to a wider audience. EHLL has increased its programme of classes to include one-off talks and events as well as new subjects. As usual we are always looking to welcome aboard new tutors.

The building is being kept clean, tidy and freshly painted thanks to new additions to the caretaking team. A new Community Minibus (pictured) is available for groups to hire and Bookers and Bolton provided a Saturday Community Bus Service for parts of the town without a regular bus route.

ACA Community Club has also returned and is enjoying a steady increase in its members, all of which find the day socialising with others as well as lunch and transport valuable. For some it breaks up a lonely week and for some it provides respite care, but all enjoy the laughter and fun of the group.

The Memory Café is still very popular and provides a life-line for some. The collaboration between us as the venue, the staffing of Altonian Care and the expertise and volunteers of Dementia Friends Alton provide a well-rounded free service to people with dementia and their carers alike. Firm friendships have been formed and new ones blossom in this outstanding service which contributed to Dementia Friends Alton winning the Queens Award for which we were extremely happy to host the ceremony. With this, the Queen's Jubilee, the sad death of the Queen and the Coronation of our new King, the Centre has been awash with bunting and beautiful displays of patriotism in the front windows. The Community Club window displays are a joy to all passing, thank you to the members and staff.



OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT Continued

Concerns

The steep increase in energy prices has been a huge concern. As a large public building which needs to be warm for our Centre Users this has been a large expense but we have needed to heat the building for our Centre Users. Community Club numbers have struggled to climb back up after Covid. We are making efforts to boost the numbers as this service is so valuable to its members.

Future Plans

Our biggest hope for the next year is to be able to expand our services and put on new fundraising events. There are various building works and improvements which are as ever on the list and we hope to hire one of our lesser-used upstairs rooms for office space to a local organisation.

Thanks

Thank you to Altonian Care for the partnership of running our Community Club and to both Altonian Care and DFA the partnership in running the Memory Lane Café. We would like to thank all who have provided funding for our warm hub, particularly The Complins Trust and Alton Lions. ATC, EHDC, Bookers and Bolton and Councillor funding has contributed to the running of the Centre and its various projects so for this we are very grateful.

Thank you to Peter O'Connor and Catherine Jackson-Smith for the smooth running of our in-house café and bar. Their high-quality provision of these services adds to the appeal and ambience of the Centre. Thank you to the hard working and dedicated staff and board of Trustees for all their efforts in keeping the Centre a hive of activity and to all those who give their time to put on fundraising events. Special thanks to all our hirers and Centre Users for your continued support.

Miranda Thompson-Webb





SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Just look what happens here in the heart of Alton:

- Regular social and live music events
- A huge Leisure Learning programme offering daytime and evening classes in a wide range of subjects
- Home to the Alton University of the Third Age (U3A) which has over 500 members, providing courses, talks etc.
- ShopMobility scooters to hire by the hour
- Community Club (see picture) for the elderly providing entertainment, visits and a hot meal
- Provide a base for many local services, clubs & societies.
- Community minibus is available for hire at competitive rates
- 12 rooms of all sizes to hire at affordable rates.
- Rooms set out to meet hirers' needs and provide support equipment, including flip charts and projectors, at no extra cost.
- Café open 6 days a week for coffees, lunches & teas
- Licensed bar which opens on demand for events and room hirers

Each week over 1,000 people use the Centre, making it a important resource for Alton and neighbouring communities





CLUBS & SOCIETIES

We are fortunate to have a number of organisations and individuals who regularly book rooms in the Centre and Assembly Rooms. Not only does this help to keep the charity going, but it also extends the range of services and activities available to the people of Alton. This section underlines the fact that we value our customers and to draw attention to what they are doing. We apologise if anyone has been missed out, but it should give readers a good idea of what regularly goes on.

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network) Alton Bottle Collectors Club Alton WI (Women's Institute)

Alton Islamic Centre (Friday Prayers etc)

Altonian Care

Alton Concert Band

Alton Townswomen's Guild

Booted Out (Line dancing)

Chris Stamp Yoga

Community First Training

Diabetic Eye Screening (NHS)

East Hampshire District Council (training, polling station etc.)

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Dance Fitness

Memory Lane Cafe

MHA (Singing for wellbeing group)

National Blood Donors (NHS)

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Repair Cafe (ACAN)

Silhouettes (Children's gymnastics)

YEM Theatre Group (Children's theatre workshops)

University of the Third Age, Alton Branch (U3A)

The U3A is the Centre's single biggest external room hirer. They hold a wide range of classes during the year for people who are 50+. The course programme includes 45 different class topics, nearly all held at the Community Centre.

Watercress Line Heritage Railway Trust, Alton Group

ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Alton Operatic and Drama Society Alton Art Society Art v Motion Alton Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Alton U3A Pumpkin Pantos



The Heart of Alton



Alton Community Association CIO

Amery Street, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 1HN Registered Charity 1173885 in England & Wales

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE011358 (England and Wales) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173885

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

FOR

ALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number CE011358 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number 1173885

Registered office

Alton Community Centre Amery Street Alton Hampshire GU34 1HN

Trustees

Mrs P K Lerew H Chappell Mrs N Jokiel (resigned 6/10/2022) Mrs M Elliot (resigned 10/3/2022) S Lewis C A M Jackson-Smith (appointed 31/5/2022) Mrs E Hill (appointed 31/5/2022) (resigned 4/11/2022)

Independent Examiner

Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial year still suffered from the Covid restrictions that were not fully lifted until February 2022. There has been a heavy reliance on grants which are becoming harder to obtain with no future core funding coming from EHDC. Part of the funding was a grant of $\pounds 10,000$ to replace the minibus.

Course fees are slowly growing but are still well below the level of 2018/19 the last year prior to Covid. Similarly, the Day Care Centre, Assembly Room administration fees and room hire have yet to recover.

Salaries represent 46% of the activity cost although £14,882 (14% of the salary costs) were reclaimed from Alton Town Council in connection with the administration and caretaking of the Assembly Rooms. Most of the remaining activity costs are in line with 2018/19 with the exception of fundraising which included the costs of running the Jane Austen Regency Week (£10,639). This was taken over from Alton Chamber of Commerce who contributed a grant of £4,176 to the events which raised £16,022 in total.

The loss of £15,347 reflects a difficult trading period partly due the continuing financial pressures to maintain an old building to a standard acceptable to our clients. Some members of the public are still reluctant to participate in activities outside their homes following on from two years of restricted movement.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs P K Lerew - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alton Community Association CIO ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Wendy Croucher Chartered Certified Accountants Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

Date: 22 MAY 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

				2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	funds	funds	funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	57,859	12,000	69,859	37,199
Other trading activities	3	148,583	-	148,583	139,781
Investment income	4	67	-	67	121
Other income		1,200	-	1,200	14
Total		207,709	12,000	219,709	177,101
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Day care centre Monday and Tuesday		9,677		9,677	135
Shopmobility		44	-	44	165
Adult Education		27,754	-	27,754	16,563
Youth centre expenses		_ , ,			10,000
		2,353	-	2,353	2,279
Day care expenses		-	4,455	4,455	2,508
Other operating costs		190,773	-	190,773	141,947
Total		230,601	4,455	235,056	163,597
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(22,892)	7,545	(15,347)	13,504
Transfers between funds	14	5,630	(5,630)	-	
Net movement in funds		(17,262)	1,915	(15,347)	13,504
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		149,016	85	149,101	135,597
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	funas £
FIXED ASSETS					-
Tangible assets	10	107,500	-	107,500	100,003
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	22,933	182	23,115	19,499
Cash at bank and in hand		31,716	2,000	33,716	60,481
		54,649	2,182	56,831	79,980
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(30,395)	(182)	(30,577)	(30,882)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24,254	2,000	26,254	49,098
FOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101
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NET ASSETS		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101
FUNDS	14		_		
Unrestricted funds				131,754	149,016
Restricted funds				2,000	85
FOTAL FUNDS				133,754	149,101

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 AUGUST 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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P K Lerew - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	-	Nil
Motor vehicles	-	25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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Youth centre expenses	44	5			
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Day care expenses 4,455 -	4,455	-			
Other operating costs 185,577 5,196	190,773	5,196	185,577	Other operating costs	
229,860 5,196	235,056				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,503	-
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(1,200)	-

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
General staff	14	15

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	37,199	-	37,199
Other trading activities	139,781	-	139,781
Investment income	121	2	121
Total	177,101		177,101
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Day care centre Monday and Tuesday	135	-	135
Shopmobility	165	-	165
Adult Education	16,563	-	16,563
Youth centre expenses			
	2,279	-	2,279
Day care expenses	-	2,508	2,508
Other operating costs	141,947	-	141,947
Fotal	161,089	2,508	163,597

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

9.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINA	NCIAL ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund £	- continued Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	16,012	(2,508)	13,504
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	133,004	2,593	135,597
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	149,016	85	149,101

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	3				
	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2021 Additions	100,000	37,620	37,101	21,00 0 10,000	195,721 10,000
At 31 August 2022	100,000	37,620	37,101	31,000	205,721
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2021	-	37,619	37,100	20,999	95,718
Charge for year		1	1	2,501	2,503
At 31 August 2022		37,620	37,101	23,500	98,221
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2022	100,000			7,500	107,500
At 31 August 2021	100,000	1	1	1	100,003

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,693	11,839
Other debtors	1,059	-
VAT	2,973	1,895
Prepayments and accrued income	8,390	5,765
	23,115	19,499

Day care

General building

TOTAL FUNDS

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE W	ITHIN ONE	YEAR		
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)			182	97
	Trade creditors			2,552	5,844
	Wages			128	
	Other creditors			14,246	10,758
	Accruals and deferred income			12,388	13,386
	PAYE			1,081	797
				30,577	30,882
					-
13.	LOANS				
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below	w:			
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year on demand:				
	Bank overdrafts			182	97
14.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	Transfers	
			movement	between	At
		At 1/9/21	in funds	funds	31/8/22
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	149,016	(22,892)	5,630	131,754
	Restricted funds				
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(15,347)

(5,630)

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133,754

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	207,709	(230,601)	(22,892)
Restricted funds			
Day care	10,000	(4,455)	5,545
General building	2,000		2,000
	12,000	(4,455)	7,545
TOTAL FUNDS	219,709	(235,056)	(15,347)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/9/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/8/21 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	133,004	16,012	149,016
Restricted funds Day care	2,593	(2,508)	85
TOTAL FUNDS	135,597	13,504	149,101

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	177,101	(161,089)	16,012
Restricted funds Day care		(2,508)	(2,508)
TOTAL FUNDS	177,101	(163,597)	13,504

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/9/20	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	133,004	(6,880)	5,630	131,754
Restricted funds				
Day care	2,593	3,037	(5,630)	-
General building		2,000	-	2,000
	2,593	5,037	(5,630)	2,000
TOTAL FUNDS	135,597	(1,843)		133,754

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	384,810	(391,690)	(6,880)
Restricted funds			
Day care	10,000	(6,963)	3,037
General building	2,000	-	2,000
	12,000	(6,963)	5,037
TOTAL FUNDS	396,810	(398,653)	(1,843)

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		~
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Toilet provision - EHDC	6,591	2,326
Core funding - EHDC	4,000	10,000
Core funding - ATC	8,000	8,667
Mandatory rate relief	8,877	9,106
Sundry grants and donations	32,391	7,100
Minibus grant	10,000	-
	69,859	37,199
Other trading activities		
Course fees	38,304	26,270
Day care centre	8,622	6,985
Assembly rooms	6,300	6,527
Letting of rooms	77,587	53,636
Minibus hire	2,561	225
Other operating income	15,209	46,138
	148,583	139,781
Investment income		
Interest received	67	121
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,200	~
Total incoming resources	219,709	177,101
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	100,980	60,818
	100,980 3,236	
Wages Social security Pensions	3,236	5,709
Wages Social security Pensions	3,236 1,949	5,709 1,309
Wages Social security Pensions Rates and water	3,236	5,709 1,309 9,375
Wages Social security Pensions Rates and water Insurance	3,236 1,949 10,537 5,562	5,709 1,309 9,375 5,660
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	154,980	100,404
Miscellaneous catering	981	788
Hire of plant and machinery	943	1,016
Fundraising	11,243	77
River Wey Café	2,353	2,279
Legal fees and licenses	437	863
Shopmobility	44	165
Maintenance	17,759	29,085
Adult education accommodation	10,386	5,947
Tutorial fees and salaries	27,658	16,202
Adult education sundries	96	361
Plant and machinery	1	-
Fixtures and fittings	1	-
Motor vehicles	2,501	-
VAT penalties	477	-
Bad debts		92
	229,860	157,279
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Subscriptions	-	25
Accountancy and legal fees	3,512	5,231
Bank charges and interest	1,684	1,062
	5,196	6,318
Total resources expended	235,056	163,597
Net (expenditure)/income	(15,347)	13,504

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The Heart of Alton ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

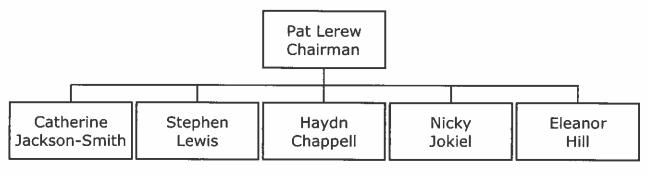
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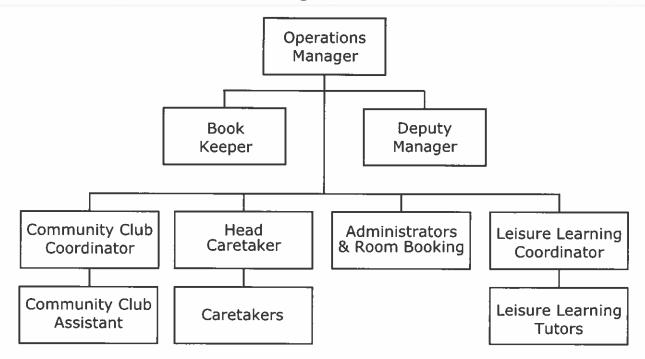
ORGANISATIONAL CHART

CIO Board of Trustees 2022



CIO: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Staffing Structure



Note: Some staff have more than one role



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2022 Annual Report











CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction

I think we were all hoping to see the back of Covid 19 by the beginning of 2022 but it was not to be. Indeed, several of us went down with the dreaded bug ourselves. However, by the end of the year we were able to dispense with masks, unless worn by choice, and notice a definite upturn in attendance for all our events.

Successes

The easing of Covid restrictions has meant that by early 2022 we were able to bring all our staff back into the fold and even give them the pay rise we were unable to award during the time when some were on furlough. We are now able to run most of our services face to face. We have also been to welcome back the University of the Third Age (U3A), the Friday Prayer Group and the YEM Théâtre group for young people, among many others who have been with us for many years.

We have continued to receive Revenue Grant funding from EHDC (East Hants District Council) and ATC (Alton Town Council) which is most welcome because these are the most difficult grants to get. Money from the EHDC Councillors' Environmental budgets has enabled us to continue replacing our old Crittall windows and we have now nearly completed the replacement programme.

For several years the Community Centre Staff and Trustees have been involved with the Jane Austen Regency Week which was run under the auspices of the Alton Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Now that the ACCI has been dissolved the remaining members of the Chamber have asked the ACA to take the JARW under our umbrella as we are the obvious group to inherit this important tourist attraction and heritage event for Alton. Following two years when the festival had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions the ACA ran the event successfully during the Summer of 2022.

We were also able to replace our mini-bus in the summer of 2022 thanks to the generosity of EHDC who wished the Community Bus service to Manor Estate and Wooteys to have a more reliable vehicle.

Concerns

Our biggest concern is always how to keep our old building up to the standard required of a public building and keep it running in an acceptable condition for our hirers and users. As we expected, the financial help from the Government during the pandemic dried up in 2022. Most of the money we make has to be ploughed back into the building and even then we are dependent on grants from funding bodies which is a very hit and miss business.

We spent most of the Summer and early Autumn of 2022 trying to get enough grant money to replace the roof on the Garden Room which had been patched up over the years to a point where all the tiles were cracking as soon as someone trod on them. Unfortunately, by the time we assembled all the necessary cash it was winter, the amount required had gone up by 30% and it was too late to get the work done before Spring.

We are also worried about how we are going to cope with the increased heating bills which we know will come in 2023. We will have to increase the cost of Room Hire in



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Continued

2022-3 and we hope our users and hirers will understand our situation and carry on supporting us during these difficult times.

Future Plans

We hope to carry on getting enough grants to not only complete our current upgrading of the Centre but also to extend to another ground floor room and to increase the amount of toilet provision. We have realised we are very unlikely to get a new Community centre in Alton, having been promised and lost five new Centres over the last 25 years. We also realise that our current site is actually the most convenient in Alton and we must continue working to make it the best it can be.

Thanks

My thanks go to all the people of Alton and the surrounding area whose support over the years continues to be inspirational to all of us at the Centre. We are grateful to all those organisations who have given us grants to keep us going; to the County, District and Town Councils; to Veolia Environmental Trust, the National Lottery and other smaller and local charities who so often come to our rescue. And last but definitely far from least, to our dedicated team of staff and Trustees who all regularly go above and beyond to make everything work.

Pat Lerew, Chairman





OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Introduction

Last year was very positive from a working point of view; we welcomed new hirers as well as looking after our much-loved regulars. Events have been busy and cover a wide range of activities. The beauty of the Centre is being part of Community life, enabling social interactions and life events.

Whether happy or sad occasions we pride ourselves in providing a warm yet affordable service. We have seen a rise in health-based groups using the Community Centre. Children's Birthday parties made a return; some children have been enjoying their first ever parties as lockdown life interrupted their little years.

Fundraising efforts have included the long-awaited return of our Halloween Disco, Christmas Cracker and Regency Week; all were a huge success as were our Psychic Fairs and Easter Fair. Over the winter, because of the cost of living crisis, we provided a warm hub for those who need it. It is a good sign that not too many people felt they needed to make use of this but those who did were very grateful. We have found the main users of this service have been people who are homeless and this is continuing despite the improvements in the weather.

Positives

It has been a good year for the Lounge Bar and River Wey Café. Both have been very much brought back to life following the last few years of disruption. The Lounge Bar has a fresh line up of regular musical and social events and is host to the College Gigs.

East Hampshire Leisure Learning (EHLL) face-to-face classes are back which is great, but the experience of online classes opened up a world of opportunity for expanding our services and offering them to a wider audience. EHLL has increased its programme of classes to include one-off talks and events as well as new subjects. As usual we are always looking to welcome aboard new tutors.

The building is being kept clean, tidy and freshly painted thanks to new additions to the caretaking team. A new Community Minibus (pictured) is available for groups to hire and Bookers and Bolton provided a Saturday Community Bus Service for parts of the town without a regular bus route.

ACA Community Club has also returned and is enjoying a steady increase in its members, all of which find the day socialising with others as well as lunch and transport valuable. For some it breaks up a lonely week and for some it provides respite care, but all enjoy the laughter and fun of the group.

The Memory Café is still very popular and provides a life-line for some. The collaboration between us as the venue, the staffing of Altonian Care and the expertise and volunteers of Dementia Friends Alton provide a well-rounded free service to people with dementia and their carers alike. Firm friendships have been formed and new ones blossom in this outstanding service which contributed to Dementia Friends Alton winning the Queens Award for which we were extremely happy to host the ceremony. With this, the Queen's Jubilee, the sad death of the Queen and the Coronation of our new King, the Centre has been awash with bunting and beautiful displays of patriotism in the front windows. The Community Club window displays are a joy to all passing, thank you to the members and staff.



OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT Continued

Concerns

The steep increase in energy prices has been a huge concern. As a large public building which needs to be warm for our Centre Users this has been a large expense but we have needed to heat the building for our Centre Users. Community Club numbers have struggled to climb back up after Covid. We are making efforts to boost the numbers as this service is so valuable to its members.

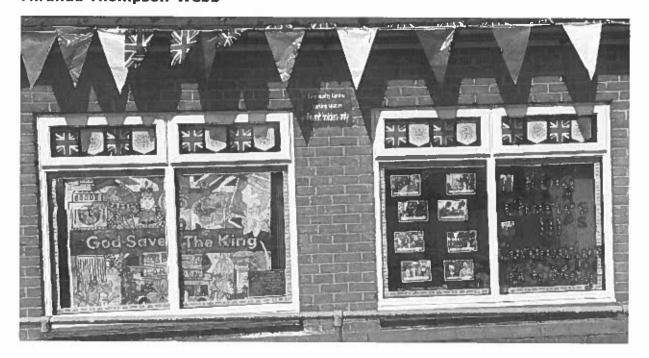
Future Plans

Our biggest hope for the next year is to be able to expand our services and put on new fundraising events. There are various building works and improvements which are as ever on the list and we hope to hire one of our lesser-used upstairs rooms for office space to a local organisation.

Thanks

Thank you to Altonian Care for the partnership of running our Community Club and to both Altonian Care and DFA the partnership in running the Memory Lane Café. We would like to thank all who have provided funding for our warm hub, particularly The Complins Trust and Alton Lions. ATC, EHDC, Bookers and Bolton and Councillor funding has contributed to the running of the Centre and its various projects so for this we are very grateful.

Thank you to Peter O'Connor and Catherine Jackson-Smith for the smooth running of our in-house café and bar. Their high-quality provision of these services adds to the appeal and ambience of the Centre. Thank you to the hard working and dedicated staff and board of Trustees for all their efforts in keeping the Centre a hive of activity and to all those who give their time to put on fundraising events. Special thanks to all our hirers and Centre Users for your continued support. **Miranda Thompson-Webb**





SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Just look what happens here in the heart of Alton:

- Regular social and live music events
- A huge Leisure Learning programme offering daytime and evening classes in a wide range of subjects
- Home to the Alton University of the Third Age (U3A) which has over 500 members, providing courses, talks etc.
- ShopMobility scooters to hire by the hour
- Community Club (see picture) for the elderly providing entertainment, visits and a hot meal
- Provide a base for many local services, clubs & societies.
- Community minibus is available for hire at competitive rates
- 12 rooms of all sizes to hire at affordable rates.
- Rooms set out to meet hirers' needs and provide support equipment, including flip charts and projectors, at no extra cost.
- Café open 6 days a week for coffees, lunches & teas
- Licensed bar which opens on demand for events and room hirers

Each week over 1,000 people use the Centre, making it a important resource for Alton and neighbouring communities





CLUBS & SOCIETIES

We are fortunate to have a number of organisations and individuals who regularly book rooms in the Centre and Assembly Rooms. Not only does this help to keep the charity going, but it also extends the range of services and activities available to the people of Alton. This section underlines the fact that we value our customers and to draw attention to what they are doing. We apologise if anyone has been missed out, but it should give readers a good idea of what regularly goes on.

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network) Alton Bottle Collectors Club Alton WI (Women's Institute) Alton Islamic Centre (Friday Prayers etc) Altonian Care Alton Concert Band Alton Townswomen's Guild

Booted Out (Line dancing)

Chris Stamp Yoga

Community First Training

Diabetic Eye Screening (NHS)

East Hampshire District Council (training, polling station etc.)

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Dance Fitness

Memory Lane Cafe

MHA (Singing for wellbeing group)

National Blood Donors (NHS)

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Repair Cafe (ACAN)

Silhouettes (Children's gymnastics)

YEM Theatre Group (Children's theatre workshops)

University of the Third Age, Alton Branch (U3A)

The U3A is the Centre's single biggest external room hirer. They hold a wide range of classes during the year for people who are 50+. The course programme includes 45 different class topics, nearly all held at the Community Centre.

Watercress Line Heritage Railway Trust, Alton Group

ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Alton Operatic and Drama Society Alton Art Society Art v Motion Alton Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Alton U3A Pumpkin Pantos



The Heart of Alton



Alton Community Association CIO Amery Street, Alton, Hampshire. GU34 1HN Registered Charity 1173885 in England & Wales

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: CE011358 (England and Wales) REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1173885

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

FOR

ALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number CE011358 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number 1173885

Registered office

Alton Community Centre Amery Street Alton Hampshire GU34 1HN

Trustees

Mrs P K Lerew H Chappell Mrs N Jokiel (resigned 6/10/2022) Mrs M Elliot (resigned 10/3/2022) S Lewis C A M Jackson-Smith (appointed 31/5/2022) Mrs E Hill (appointed 31/5/2022) (resigned 4/11/2022)

Independent Examiner

Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial year still suffered from the Covid restrictions that were not fully lifted until February 2022. There has been a heavy reliance on grants which are becoming harder to obtain with no future core funding coming from EHDC. Part of the funding was a grant of $\pounds 10,000$ to replace the minibus.

Course fees are slowly growing but are still well below the level of 2018/19 the last year prior to Covid. Similarly, the Day Care Centre, Assembly Room administration fees and room hire have yet to recover.

Salaries represent 46% of the activity cost although £14,882 (14% of the salary costs) were reclaimed from Alton Town Council in connection with the administration and caretaking of the Assembly Rooms. Most of the remaining activity costs are in line with 2018/19 with the exception of fundraising which included the costs of running the Jane Austen Regency Week (£10,639). This was taken over from Alton Chamber of Commerce who contributed a grant of £4,176 to the events which raised £16,022 in total.

The loss of £15,347 reflects a difficult trading period partly due the continuing financial pressures to maintain an old building to a standard acceptable to our clients. Some members of the public are still reluctant to participate in activities outside their homes following on from two years of restricted movement.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs P K Lerew - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alton Community Association CIO ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W. Croncher

Wendy Croucher Chartered Certified Accountants Wettone Matthews Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Market House 21 Lenten Street Alton GU34 1HG

Date: 22 MAY 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

				2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		fund	funds	funds	funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	57,859	12,000	69,859	37,199
Other trading activities	3	148,583	-	148,583	139,781
Investment income	4	67	-	67	121
Other income		1,200	-	1,200	14
Total		207,709	12,000	219,709	177,101
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Day care centre Monday and Tuesday		9,677		9,677	135
Shopmobility		44	-	44	165
Adult Education		27,754	-	27,754	16,563
Youth centre expenses		_ , ,			10,000
		2,353	-	2,353	2,279
Day care expenses		-	4,455	4,455	2,508
Other operating costs		190,773	-	190,773	141,947
Total		230,601	4,455	235,056	163,597
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(22,892)	7,545	(15,347)	13,504
Transfers between funds	14	5,630	(5,630)	-	
Net movement in funds		(17,262)	1,915	(15,347)	13,504
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		149,016	85	149,101	135,597
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101

The notes form part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	funas £
FIXED ASSETS					-
Tangible assets	10	107,500	-	107,500	100,003
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	22,933	182	23,115	19,499
Cash at bank and in hand		31,716	2,000	33,716	60,481
		54,649	2,182	56,831	79,980
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(30,395)	(182)	(30,577)	(30,882)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		24,254	2,000	26,254	49,098
FOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101
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NET ASSETS		131,754	2,000	133,754	149,101
FUNDS	14		_		
Unrestricted funds				131,754	149,016
Restricted funds				2,000	85
FOTAL FUNDS				133,754	149,101

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 AUGUST 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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P K Lerew - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

I. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Long leasehold	-	Nil
Motor vehicles	-	25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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Youth centre expenses	44	5			
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Day care expenses 4,455 -	4,455	-			
Other operating costs 185,577 5,196	190,773	5,196	185,577	Other operating costs	
229,860 5,196	235,056				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	2,503	-
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	(1,200)	-

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

8. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
General staff	14	15

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	37,199	-	37,199
Other trading activities	139,781	-	139,781
Investment income	121	2	121
Total	177,101		177,101
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Day care centre Monday and Tuesday	135	-	135
Shopmobility	165	-	165
Adult Education	16,563	-	16,563
Youth centre expenses			
	2,279	-	2,279
Day care expenses	-	2,508	2,508
Other operating costs	141,947	-	141,947
Fotal	161,089	2,508	163,597

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

9.	COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINA	NCIAL ACTIVITIES Unrestricted fund £	- continued Restricted funds £	Total funds £
	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	16,012	(2,508)	13,504
	RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward	133,004	2,593	135,597
	TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	149,016	85	149,101

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	3				
	Long leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 September 2021 Additions	100,000	37,620	37,101	21,00 0 10,000	195,721 10,000
At 31 August 2022	100,000	37,620	37,101	31,000	205,721
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2021	-	37,619	37,100	20,999	95,718
Charge for year		1	1	2,501	2,503
At 31 August 2022		37,620	37,101	23,500	98,221
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2022	100,000			7,500	107,500
At 31 August 2021	100,000	1	1	1	100,003

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	10,693	11,839
Other debtors	1,059	-
VAT	2,973	1,895
Prepayments and accrued income	8,390	5,765
	23,115	19,499

Day care

General building

TOTAL FUNDS

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE W	ITHIN ONE	YEAR		
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)			182	97
	Trade creditors			2,552	5,844
	Wages			128	
	Other creditors			14,246	10,758
	Accruals and deferred income			12,388	13,386
	PAYE			1,081	797
				30,577	30,882
					-
13.	LOANS				
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below	w:			
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year on demand:				
	Bank overdrafts			182	97
14.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
			Net	Transfers	
			movement	between	At
		At 1/9/21	in funds	funds	31/8/22
		£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund	149,016	(22,892)	5,630	131,754
	Restricted funds				
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	207,709	(230,601)	(22,892)
Restricted funds			
Day care	10,000	(4,455)	5,545
General building	2,000		2,000
	12,000	(4,455)	7,545
TOTAL FUNDS	219,709	(235,056)	(15,347)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/9/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/8/21 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	133,004	16,012	149,016
Restricted funds Day care	2,593	(2,508)	85
TOTAL FUNDS	135,597	13,504	149,101

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	177,101	(161,089)	16,012
Restricted funds Day care		(2,508)	(2,508)
TOTAL FUNDS	177,101	(163,597)	13,504

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/9/20	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/8/22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	133,004	(6,880)	5,630	131,754
Restricted funds				
Day care	2,593	3,037	(5,630)	-
General building		2,000	-	2,000
	2,593	5,037	(5,630)	2,000
TOTAL FUNDS	135,597	(1,843)		133,754

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	384,810	(391,690)	(6,880)
Restricted funds			
Day care	10,000	(6,963)	3,037
General building	2,000	-	2,000
	12,000	(6,963)	5,037
TOTAL FUNDS	396,810	(398,653)	(1,843)

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		~
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Toilet provision - EHDC	6,591	2,326
Core funding - EHDC	4,000	10,000
Core funding - ATC	8,000	8,667
Mandatory rate relief	8,877	9,106
Sundry grants and donations	32,391	7,100
Minibus grant	10,000	-
	69,859	37,199
Other trading activities		
Course fees	38,304	26,270
Day care centre	8,622	6,985
Assembly rooms	6,300	6,527
Letting of rooms	77,587	53,636
Minibus hire	2,561	225
Other operating income	15,209	46,138
	148,583	139,781
Investment income		
Interest received	67	121
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,200	~
Total incoming resources	219,709	177,101
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	100,980	60,818
	100,980 3,236	
Wages Social security Pensions	3,236	5,709
Wages Social security Pensions	3,236 1,949	5,709 1,309
Wages Social security Pensions Rates and water	3,236	5,709 1,309 9,375
Wages Social security Pensions Rates and water Insurance	3,236 1,949 10,537 5,562	5,709 1,309 9,375 5,660
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	154,980	100,404
Miscellaneous catering	981	788
Hire of plant and machinery	943	1,016
Fundraising	11,243	77
River Wey Café	2,353	2,279
Legal fees and licenses	437	863
Shopmobility	44	165
Maintenance	17,759	29,085
Adult education accommodation	10,386	5,947
Tutorial fees and salaries	27,658	16,202
Adult education sundries	96	361
Plant and machinery	1	-
Fixtures and fittings	1	-
Motor vehicles	2,501	-
VAT penalties	477	-
Bad debts		92
	229,860	157,279
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Subscriptions	-	25
Accountancy and legal fees	3,512	5,231
Bank charges and interest	1,684	1,062
	5,196	6,318
Total resources expended	235,056	163,597
Net (expenditure)/income	(15,347)	13,504

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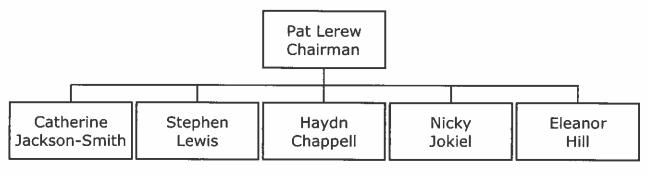
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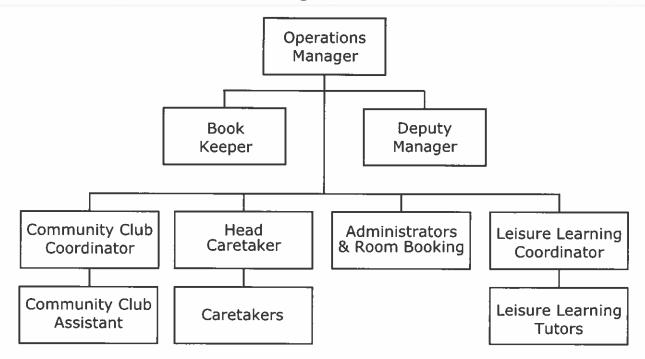
ORGANISATIONAL CHART

CIO Board of Trustees 2022



CIO: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Staffing Structure



Note: Some staff have more than one role



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2022 Annual Report











CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction

I think we were all hoping to see the back of Covid 19 by the beginning of 2022 but it was not to be. Indeed, several of us went down with the dreaded bug ourselves. However, by the end of the year we were able to dispense with masks, unless worn by choice, and notice a definite upturn in attendance for all our events.

Successes

The easing of Covid restrictions has meant that by early 2022 we were able to bring all our staff back into the fold and even give them the pay rise we were unable to award during the time when some were on furlough. We are now able to run most of our services face to face. We have also been to welcome back the University of the Third Age (U3A), the Friday Prayer Group and the YEM Théâtre group for young people, among many others who have been with us for many years.

We have continued to receive Revenue Grant funding from EHDC (East Hants District Council) and ATC (Alton Town Council) which is most welcome because these are the most difficult grants to get. Money from the EHDC Councillors' Environmental budgets has enabled us to continue replacing our old Crittall windows and we have now nearly completed the replacement programme.

For several years the Community Centre Staff and Trustees have been involved with the Jane Austen Regency Week which was run under the auspices of the Alton Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Now that the ACCI has been dissolved the remaining members of the Chamber have asked the ACA to take the JARW under our umbrella as we are the obvious group to inherit this important tourist attraction and heritage event for Alton. Following two years when the festival had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions the ACA ran the event successfully during the Summer of 2022.

We were also able to replace our mini-bus in the summer of 2022 thanks to the generosity of EHDC who wished the Community Bus service to Manor Estate and Wooteys to have a more reliable vehicle.

Concerns

Our biggest concern is always how to keep our old building up to the standard required of a public building and keep it running in an acceptable condition for our hirers and users. As we expected, the financial help from the Government during the pandemic dried up in 2022. Most of the money we make has to be ploughed back into the building and even then we are dependent on grants from funding bodies which is a very hit and miss business.

We spent most of the Summer and early Autumn of 2022 trying to get enough grant money to replace the roof on the Garden Room which had been patched up over the years to a point where all the tiles were cracking as soon as someone trod on them. Unfortunately, by the time we assembled all the necessary cash it was winter, the amount required had gone up by 30% and it was too late to get the work done before Spring.

We are also worried about how we are going to cope with the increased heating bills which we know will come in 2023. We will have to increase the cost of Room Hire in



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Continued

2022-3 and we hope our users and hirers will understand our situation and carry on supporting us during these difficult times.

Future Plans

We hope to carry on getting enough grants to not only complete our current upgrading of the Centre but also to extend to another ground floor room and to increase the amount of toilet provision. We have realised we are very unlikely to get a new Community centre in Alton, having been promised and lost five new Centres over the last 25 years. We also realise that our current site is actually the most convenient in Alton and we must continue working to make it the best it can be.

Thanks

My thanks go to all the people of Alton and the surrounding area whose support over the years continues to be inspirational to all of us at the Centre. We are grateful to all those organisations who have given us grants to keep us going; to the County, District and Town Councils; to Veolia Environmental Trust, the National Lottery and other smaller and local charities who so often come to our rescue. And last but definitely far from least, to our dedicated team of staff and Trustees who all regularly go above and beyond to make everything work.

Pat Lerew, Chairman





OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Introduction

Last year was very positive from a working point of view; we welcomed new hirers as well as looking after our much-loved regulars. Events have been busy and cover a wide range of activities. The beauty of the Centre is being part of Community life, enabling social interactions and life events.

Whether happy or sad occasions we pride ourselves in providing a warm yet affordable service. We have seen a rise in health-based groups using the Community Centre. Children's Birthday parties made a return; some children have been enjoying their first ever parties as lockdown life interrupted their little years.

Fundraising efforts have included the long-awaited return of our Halloween Disco, Christmas Cracker and Regency Week; all were a huge success as were our Psychic Fairs and Easter Fair. Over the winter, because of the cost of living crisis, we provided a warm hub for those who need it. It is a good sign that not too many people felt they needed to make use of this but those who did were very grateful. We have found the main users of this service have been people who are homeless and this is continuing despite the improvements in the weather.

Positives

It has been a good year for the Lounge Bar and River Wey Café. Both have been very much brought back to life following the last few years of disruption. The Lounge Bar has a fresh line up of regular musical and social events and is host to the College Gigs.

East Hampshire Leisure Learning (EHLL) face-to-face classes are back which is great, but the experience of online classes opened up a world of opportunity for expanding our services and offering them to a wider audience. EHLL has increased its programme of classes to include one-off talks and events as well as new subjects. As usual we are always looking to welcome aboard new tutors.

The building is being kept clean, tidy and freshly painted thanks to new additions to the caretaking team. A new Community Minibus (pictured) is available for groups to hire and Bookers and Bolton provided a Saturday Community Bus Service for parts of the town without a regular bus route.

ACA Community Club has also returned and is enjoying a steady increase in its members, all of which find the day socialising with others as well as lunch and transport valuable. For some it breaks up a lonely week and for some it provides respite care, but all enjoy the laughter and fun of the group.

The Memory Café is still very popular and provides a life-line for some. The collaboration between us as the venue, the staffing of Altonian Care and the expertise and volunteers of Dementia Friends Alton provide a well-rounded free service to people with dementia and their carers alike. Firm friendships have been formed and new ones blossom in this outstanding service which contributed to Dementia Friends Alton winning the Queens Award for which we were extremely happy to host the ceremony. With this, the Queen's Jubilee, the sad death of the Queen and the Coronation of our new King, the Centre has been awash with bunting and beautiful displays of patriotism in the front windows. The Community Club window displays are a joy to all passing, thank you to the members and staff.



OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT Continued

Concerns

The steep increase in energy prices has been a huge concern. As a large public building which needs to be warm for our Centre Users this has been a large expense but we have needed to heat the building for our Centre Users. Community Club numbers have struggled to climb back up after Covid. We are making efforts to boost the numbers as this service is so valuable to its members.

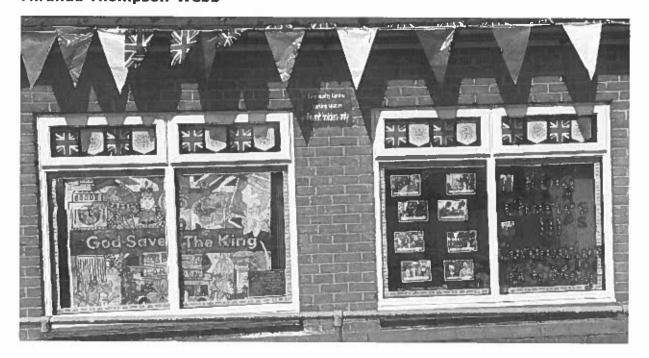
Future Plans

Our biggest hope for the next year is to be able to expand our services and put on new fundraising events. There are various building works and improvements which are as ever on the list and we hope to hire one of our lesser-used upstairs rooms for office space to a local organisation.

Thanks

Thank you to Altonian Care for the partnership of running our Community Club and to both Altonian Care and DFA the partnership in running the Memory Lane Café. We would like to thank all who have provided funding for our warm hub, particularly The Complins Trust and Alton Lions. ATC, EHDC, Bookers and Bolton and Councillor funding has contributed to the running of the Centre and its various projects so for this we are very grateful.

Thank you to Peter O'Connor and Catherine Jackson-Smith for the smooth running of our in-house café and bar. Their high-quality provision of these services adds to the appeal and ambience of the Centre. Thank you to the hard working and dedicated staff and board of Trustees for all their efforts in keeping the Centre a hive of activity and to all those who give their time to put on fundraising events. Special thanks to all our hirers and Centre Users for your continued support. **Miranda Thompson-Webb**





SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

Just look what happens here in the heart of Alton:

- Regular social and live music events
- A huge Leisure Learning programme offering daytime and evening classes in a wide range of subjects
- Home to the Alton University of the Third Age (U3A) which has over 500 members, providing courses, talks etc.
- ShopMobility scooters to hire by the hour
- Community Club (see picture) for the elderly providing entertainment, visits and a hot meal
- Provide a base for many local services, clubs & societies.
- Community minibus is available for hire at competitive rates
- 12 rooms of all sizes to hire at affordable rates.
- Rooms set out to meet hirers' needs and provide support equipment, including flip charts and projectors, at no extra cost.
- Café open 6 days a week for coffees, lunches & teas
- Licensed bar which opens on demand for events and room hirers

Each week over 1,000 people use the Centre, making it a important resource for Alton and neighbouring communities





CLUBS & SOCIETIES

We are fortunate to have a number of organisations and individuals who regularly book rooms in the Centre and Assembly Rooms. Not only does this help to keep the charity going, but it also extends the range of services and activities available to the people of Alton. This section underlines the fact that we value our customers and to draw attention to what they are doing. We apologise if anyone has been missed out, but it should give readers a good idea of what regularly goes on.

ALTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

ACAN (Alton Climate Action Network) Alton Bottle Collectors Club Alton WI (Women's Institute) Alton Islamic Centre (Friday Prayers etc) Altonian Care Alton Concert Band

Alton Townswomen's Guild

Booted Out (Line dancing)

Chris Stamp Yoga

Community First Training

Diabetic Eye Screening (NHS)

East Hampshire District Council (training, polling station etc.)

Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Dance Fitness

Memory Lane Cafe

MHA (Singing for wellbeing group)

National Blood Donors (NHS)

Pulmonary Rehabilitation

Repair Cafe (ACAN)

Silhouettes (Children's gymnastics)

YEM Theatre Group (Children's theatre workshops)

University of the Third Age, Alton Branch (U3A)

The U3A is the Centre's single biggest external room hirer. They hold a wide range of classes during the year for people who are 50+. The course programme includes 45 different class topics, nearly all held at the Community Centre.

Watercress Line Heritage Railway Trust, Alton Group

ALTON ASSEMBLY ROOMS

Alton Operatic and Drama Society Alton Art Society Art v Motion Alton Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Alton U3A Pumpkin Pantos



The Heart of Alton



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