



The

OASIS CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2015

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES.

All people working in any capacity with The Oasis Centre – Cornwall will try to ensure that any person who has reason to contact us will at all times be treated with courtesy and respect. We will also work to ensure that The Oasis Centre – Cornwall's services are accessible to all sectors of the community.

We are committed to ensuring that no-one working in the Centre is treated less favourably because of their gender, ethnicity, sexuality, beliefs, disability, marital status, age, class or are disadvantaged by any other form of discrimination. We are also committed to ensuring that any recruitment processes are easily accessible to all sectors of the community. We have a positive attitude towards training and development for all our staff and volunteers.

As a provider, we will endeavour to ensure the provision of quality services which meet the needs of the local community we serve. Whenever possible we will try to respond to changes in those needs as the local community evolves. This involves seeking the views of both existing and potential users and referrers on the ways of improving quality, and the relevance of our services. No individual or group will be treated less favourably or be disadvantaged by any form of discrimination.

We will monitor regularly the effectiveness of our Equal Opportunities Policy and will challenge discriminatory actions and language. In the event of a breach of this policy, appropriate investigation and action will be taken.



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1. Background.

The Oasis Centre – Cornwall.

In 2008, three members of St. Mawgan Church established 'Oasis Training'.

"With the development of the early Church came the tradition to offer care to those in need. We still believe that those people who look to the Church for help should receive it. To enable this to happen, each Church needs a team of people willing to use their gifts and resources and become equipped to provide it. In offering our Christian based training and care, we hope we can equip God's people for this task."

Although still supported by the local churches, The Oasis Centre has expanded into a community organisation providing care in the community, in a variety of ways, to all who are in need and want to use our services.

Oasis covers an area from Porthcothan in the North to Watergate Bay in the South. The sea was the Western boundary and the boundary in the East goes more or less in a straight line from Trethewy in the North to Carnanton Woods in the South. The small villages within that area are Penrose, Rumford, St. Mawgan, St. Ervan, St. Eval, Trevarrian, Tregurrian, Trebilcock, Watergate, Mawgan Porth and Porthcothan.

It is an area of fairly low population with very limited local services, poor transport links, difficult access to services and information because of geographical dispersment, high levels of unemployment even in season and high levels of poverty. Cornwall is one of the five worst areas for poverty in the U.K. It was a farming area but several of the farms have fallen into disuse. In 1938 the entire village of St. Eval was demolished in order to build a Coastal Command Airfield. Several local people remember the bulldozers demolishing their houses and the hedges as cattle grazed in the fields, leaving only the church standing. A whole community was shattered and dispersed, while a new village, mainly of RAF housing, was built about one mile away.

Oasis Training offered basic Pastoral Care Training and other more advanced skills to those already engaged in Pastoral Care. In 2010 Oasis Training was looking for accommodation as it became apparent that they needed a base. At the same time, the local Parish Priest was looking for space to develop the Parish Office and install a Parish administrator. The outcome of this was that premises were rented in the centre of St. Columb, which both could share, and called The Oasis Centre. The Centre needed funds to run and, in order to facilitate fund raising, became a registered charity with a Board of Trustees. We are now known as "The Oasis Centre – Cornwall". This centre is now the Churches Cluster Office, housing the Cluster administrator, and it is the centre of all our Pastoral Care and 'Care in the Community' administration and training. Fund raising continues, and we have become a much more broadly based community organisation.

This year we have again received grant funding from People's Health Trust, Awards for All, Cornwall Community Foundation, and the Archbishops' Council for Mission Fund among others. We have also received financial help or help in kind from The Merrymoor Inn, The Falcon Inn, The New Inn at Bedruthan and The Smugglers Inn as well as Rotary, the Freemasons and SMEGMA. This help enables The Oasis Centre to reach out to all those in need in the community.

The Centre is staffed by volunteers, for whom training is provided, and is in the process of recruiting more. It is looking for volunteers who are either those looking to continue and develop their volunteering, or seeking to gain new and transferable skills and experience which may enhance their employment opportunities. Volunteering is a way of connecting to your community, gaining new energy and a sense of fulfilment which can also foster new perspectives. Being part of social groups with other volunteers offers an incredible networking opportunity where relationships can be developed, ideas swapped and communities strengthened.

Once trained and commissioned, the volunteers work within the wider community of the parishes of St Columb, St Ervan, St Eval & St Mawgan particularly with any vulnerable, or housebound people within those localities, including those who are isolated, infirm, disabled or elderly. We offer help both through individual and group work. The Centre has also built up a service to people with moderate to mild mental health issues; people and families supporting someone with dementia; young parents; people who are unemployed and those who are bereaved to whom we can offer a bereavement support service.

The Centre has approached the local residential home with a view to providing a visiting service to those who would welcome that. The Centre represents both the 'Church in the High Street', where it provides office space to local churches, and a service of outreach to the local community.



2. The Constitutional Aims of The Oasis Centre – Cornwall are:

To ensure that the Management Committee and volunteers are equipped with the appropriate skills so that we can:

- provide care in our community to those who need it
- develop our vision of working in the community meeting expressed needs
- confirm those needs from time to time through a Community Needs Survey
- be part of, in partnership with other organisations, setting up small groups in the community
- have the capacity to develop further projects and initiatives in the future
- build up respect and recognition in the community

Communication with other statutory and voluntary organisations in the area, particularly Social Services, Carers Association, the Police and the Community Physiotherapists, has indicated high levels of need for care, especially since a lack of resources has forced Social Services to be unable to provide for those people classified as being low to medium risk.

3. The Organisational aims, objectives and legal status of The Oasis Centre – Cornwall:

The Oasis Centre is a registered charity and a voluntary community organisation working in partnership with other statutory and voluntary organisations in the area. The Oasis Centre is managed by a group of local people, governed by a Constitution. The Centre was established in 2008 and the Constitution states that its purpose is:

"to relieve persons resident in the parishes of St. Columb, St. Ervan, St. Eval, St. Mawgan and surrounding areas who are in a condition of need, hardship, distress, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage"

In order to carry out the purposes, the Committee has the power to:-

1. *Raise funds, receive grants and donations*
2. *Provide practical, spiritual and emotional support*
3. *Take on leases and employ staff*
4. *Co-operate with and support other groups with similar purposes*
5. *Do anything else within the law which is necessary to achieve the purposes*



Trustees

4. Board of Trustees

Chair: Linda Simpson (Resigned September 2015.)
Jeremy Simmonds. (From November 2015)

Vice Chair: Rev. Angela Butler

Treasurer: Pauline Turner (resigned December 2014)
Paul Roberts. (From October 2015)

Secretary: Jeremy Stuart (from Sept 2014) Pat Walton. (Acting Secretary from September 2015)

Members: Chris Moncaster, Ed Pruen, Peter Scoffham, Liz Turner, William Wood.

Consultants to the Board: Betty Hale, Pat Harvey

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5. Volunteers

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Jill Biddick
Anne Dennis
Gill Lovegrove
Sheila Neal
Joanna Scoffham
Jeremy Stuart (res. Oct. 2015)
Pauline Turner
Anne Walker
Pat Walton

COMMISSIONED VOLUNTEERS

June Gurd
Alison Kidner
Sylvia Kneale
Anne-Marie Mitchell
Mary Mitchell
Tina O'Connor
Jenny Old
Lesley Richardson
Joanna Scoffham
Pauline Turner
Anne Walker
Pat Walton

PROJECT VOLUNTEERS

Nancy Barker
Sophie Boundy
Angelika Dewberry
Glynis Duffield
June Gurd
Pat Fuller
Hayley Gooding
Sylvia Kneale
Brian Knowles
Sue Knowles
Sheila Neal
Kath Moffat
Anne O'Dell
Jodie Prowse
Lesley Richardson
Jean Shapland
Trevor Simpson
Anne Smeulders
Jeremy Stuart (res. Oct.2015)
Liz Turner
Roz Vickers
Anne Walker



6. Major changes.



This is the final year of our two year grant from the People's Health Trust which finishes in January 2016. The PHT is an independent charity addressing health inequalities across Great Britain. It works closely with each of the 51 society lotteries and makes grants using money raised by the society lotteries through The Health Lottery.

This grant is strictly ring-fenced but has been an essential part of our expansion this year. It has provided remuneration for a Co-ordinator to ensure that everything runs smoothly, and in line with PHT guidelines on the grant. It has also enabled us to pay for some administrative support, volunteer expenses, rent, equipment for the Wellbeing and Memory Cafes, a new laptop, projector and screen, especially for training, insurances, office running costs, vehicle hire and staff supervision.

Most importantly it has enabled us to develop the Wellbeing Cafe which is now running almost at full capacity, and the Memory Cafe. We provide a range of facilities for members of the Cafes and are now offering weight management, an exercise group, a swimming group and other activities which are addressing wellbeing in its widest sense. It is also enabling us to employ a CAB outreach worker once a month, and use of this service is growing steadily. We also have a weekly foodbank.



LOTTERY FUNDED

We have also been helped by an Awards for All grant which enabled us to offer other opportunities to those in the community who needed support.

7. Report from the Chair of the Trustees. (Jeremy Simmonds)

Having taken on this job with effect from the latter part of November, it would be inappropriate for me to attempt to comment on the Charity's activities during 2015. I am the "new-boy on the block" and I have much still to learn. It is right however that I should mention the huge debt that the Charity owes to Linda Simpson, my predecessor. Her devotion to the Charity in the face of many pressures on her and on her time went far beyond the call of duty.

What I can say is that I am both honoured and proud to be invited to fill this role and I shall do my very best to justify the decision taken by the other Trustees to issue that invitation. As others can say much better than I can, there are needs, there is a job to be done and Oasis is reaching out to meet those needs in St Columb, St Mawgan, St Eval and St Ervan. There is much still to be done.

To help us in our endeavour, Lady Mary Holborow has now taken up her role as our Patron. We are very honoured by her decision to join us. We hope that she will be able to join us for some of the events we have planned for 2016, starting with our AGM.



8. Report from the Care Co-ordinator. (Pat Walton.)

These notes have been prepared for our Annual Report and seeks to provide answers to two important questions –

1. What does Oasis do?
2. What does Oasis do for the area in which we work?

It is logical, as will quickly become apparent, to answer the second question first. In a nutshell, virtually everything that Oasis does now and has done over the relatively few years of its existence can be described as work within the community (particularly the more disadvantaged members of it) that the PCC members and members of the four Cluster congregations would (1) recognise as meeting important local needs; (2) might want to have a part in themselves if their time and aptitude allows; and (3) feel perhaps that outsiders might expect them to address such issues as a part of a caring Christian community.

Oasis, a registered charity, is supervised by and receives guidance from the Charity Commission. Its work is done by an array of dedicated and caring volunteers. Expenses incurred by those volunteers are paid by Oasis and the charity also pays a very modest monthly sum to one Trustee who carries the major burden of administration. That sum represents a small fraction of the true value of the work that is done and is covered entirely by funds raised for that specific purpose.

Turning now to the second question, over the past year, Oasis has been increasingly busy providing outreach to our communities in the name of the four churches. Taking into account all activities: Home Communion, Wellbeing Café, Exercise Groups, Lunch Club, Memory Café, Busy Bees, Chill and Chat, Citizens Advice, Food-Bank, Drop-Ins, Monthly Outings, Winter Warmth Campaign and Home Visits, Oasis volunteers have had 859 individual contacts with people in need of care in the community and have offered

178 sessions through the Cafés and other groups which many of those individuals have attended.

The Office, which is also available as the Cluster Office and in which the Cluster Administrator works on three afternoons a week, has been open each weekday between 10.00am and 12 noon and on Saturdays for the Food Bank. In the wider context, it is noteworthy that the Diocese is now using Oasis as a pattern for Pastoral Care. This is all very good news, but it has a cost in monetary terms and it makes constant demands on the Oasis volunteers. More help is an ever present need. The non-availability of even one volunteer puts extra work on others. With more help, the Office could be open more often, the Food Bank rota would be less demanding, the Office window could be dressed more frequently and the Volunteers given the occasional session off. Above all, there is the treadmill of fundraising. If it falters, the value of much that has been achieved could be eroded.

We had three new Trustees elected at our AGM and all brought different skills to the Board. It has been a very busy year for us as we have both consolidated the work we started last year, but also catered for growing numbers as well as developing some new ideas.

The local support has continued with shops and businesses helping us out both financially and 'in kind' and we have been able to do lots of longer term planning.

Our aims remain much the same as before. We work with those who are housebound, marginalised, socially isolated or who have mental health issues. We try to facilitate a variety of situations which help people to integrate into the local community, and we are greatly helped in that by those in our community who have offered amazing support, including local councillors and the police.

In July we were greatly honoured to be invited by Cornwall Community Foundation to an event where we were able to meet the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. Canon Ed Pruen went as our Trustee representative, and took with him a card made by members of the Wellbeing Cafe.

The majority of my work involves fund raising and it has been good to be joined by others this year. Other aspects of my work involve administration, attending meetings, dealing with drop-ins, safeguarding issues, office management and support to the volunteers. It can be exhausting, but is also very fulfilling.

Liaising with other agencies has been very important and we have established constructive relationships with Transformation Cornwall, Adult Social Care, the local police, Dementia Care, Age UK, Ocean Housing, CAB, Volunteer Cornwall, MIND, Cornwall Community Foundation, the Pathfinders Project, the local Health Service, Health Trainers and the Mental Health Self Help Group among others.

As a result of some safeguarding issues we have developed relationships with Adult Care, Health and Wellbeing which we hope to build on as the more agencies we relate to, the more holistic our care can be.

The drop-in facility which operates from our office from Monday to Friday, 10.00am – 12noon gets a good response. Over the past year 438 people have dropped in for a whole variety of reasons, including needing information about other agencies, wanting to talk, how to contact certain people or to discuss other activities which they would like to happen.

We have continued to work with the local Health Promotion Officer and she has developed more aspects of our Wellbeing Cafe which are much appreciated.

We are represented on the Patient Participation Group at our local Health Centre, and this brings additional benefits for patients who may benefit from the services we offer

Finally, I want to thank Transformation Cornwall for the help they have given us to stay focussed, the information they have provided about resources and, most of all the funding information which we have been able to use to such good effect.

Safeguarding Report (Pat Walton)

Safeguarding the vulnerable

Since the opening of the Wellbeing Cafe and the Memory Cafe it is even more essential that we are properly equipped to pick up any issues that may lead to a safeguarding report. In fact, since the opening of the Wellbeing Cafe, there has been a significant rise in the identification of these situations.

By the nature of the issues we address, we are not at liberty to give details regarding on-going cases. However, there has been good progress with regards to some long-term concerns which have involved both of us, the diocesan safeguarding team, social services and our community police officers. We have good lines of communication and have a sturdy safety net in place and this has meant that Sue Rescorla and I have pooled resources in handling some of the issues, and that has been helpful.

A major change has been the move by the diocese to join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service – the only independent Christian Charity providing professional advice, support and resources in all areas of safeguarding. As a result, the DBS – formerly CRB – process has gone on-line. This will make checking by approved officers quicker and less haphazard. It is also an important step in achieving the portability of the Disclosures whereby unnecessary and costly duplication of checks is minimised. We have registered with the diocese for this new system with additional security criteria to be satisfied by our incumbent and safeguarding officers. One of the

requirements is the minuted approval of our Trustees for this to happen, and its commitment to the principles of safeguarding as a community.

Several people have expressed concern as to what one should do if an adult or child discloses details of a situation which is potentially damaging. 'Awareness' sessions have been run to re-assure volunteers in all activities, to ensure a consistent response and explain the lines of communication. More are planned for the future for anyone with concerns.

There have been no incidents where Child Protection procedures have had to be instigated.

Areas of Our Outreach.



Pastoral Care.

Our volunteers – pastoral visitors – have continued to visit people in their homes, sometimes taking Home Communion to those who can no longer get to church. This ministry is an extension of the Parish Priest working through the pastoral visitors. Our one-to-one work is very important and we will always continue to offer this but, wherever possible, we encourage people to come to some of our Centre group activities where we can offer more to those who are lonely or isolated.

Bereavement Support.



Trained volunteers are available to offer support to any bereaved person who wants it. The help is offered and a leaflet left by whoever is taking the funeral and undertakes the initial funeral visit. In addition we acknowledge the first anniversary of the death by sending the bereaved person a card.

Chill and Chat, (Angela Butler)

Chill and Chat has continued to meet at St. Eval Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month and it is helpful that on at least one of these Tuesdays our Cafe coincides with the visit of the NHS Health visitor to the site with whom we now have a very good relationship.

Attendance varies and consists mostly of young Mums and carers with pre-school children but also a good bunch of volunteers and older supporters. Although the Cafe is free we seem to be making a profit, thanks to the generosity of those coming, and this has meant that, together with the Grant from the Archbishops Mission Fund, we have been able to buy a coffee maker which has whistles and bells to make anything from filter coffee to cappuccinos and a CD player! Every week there are plenty of yummy cakes and biscuits thanks either to some wonderful volunteer cooks or the St. Eval Post office.

Those coming can have a go at a variety of crafts which we've tried to link to seasonal events or activities. There have been flower arranging and healthy eating/cooking demonstrations - these by the NHS - glass painting, Easter bonnet and poppy making as well as a range of other crafts using clay or paper.

The "pause for thought" activity has been a bit hit and miss but it has been encouraging that since starting Chill and chat two families have brought their children for Baptism. We have a Facebook page and it's also been heart warming that some of the young mums have got very involved in helping to plan the crafts.

We continue to be extremely grateful to the folks at St. Eval for use of their premises and their help in setting it up and to the wonderful bunch of faithful volunteers without whom this would not be possible.

Wellbeing Cafe. (Anne Walker)

The café has just had its third birthday which was celebrated with a cake and a drink. From the beginning it was hoped that it would be a place where people could meet for a chat, make new friends, learn something new and any problems could be discussed with absolute confidentiality. Everyone is treated fairly and listened to with the absolute assurance that any confidences will only be shared with people who are in a position to help. It is a place in which we hope that everyone can have some fun as well.



Anyone coming to Wellbeing for the first time will find a very friendly atmosphere with people taking part in all kinds of activity – painting, card making, knitting, crotcheting and of course chatting. Every month there is a trip out arranged through the Newquay Lions. Some of the places visited include Falmouth, St Mawgan flower festival, the lily garden at Truro and Mousehole Christmas lights. More trips out have already been arranged for this year.

A scheme run by the Hall for Cornwall enabled 30 people to go to a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar at no cost and as an added bonus a community club card was given which can be used for tickets at the box office and another free £30 ticket given to each one who went to be used this year.

Some people had asked if there was a way to have some IT training as there was an assumption that everyone now knows how to use a computer. Two IT trainers, funded by comic relief, came in July and again in December to give those who wanted an insight into using computers.

Once a fortnight, Beth Mitchell comes to check the weight of anyone who wants it and is always available to give advice on sensible eating and to reassure about eating habits. Through her contacts with RAF St Mawgan 18 people went for a Christmas meal at the camp.

The café continues to grow in numbers – we now have two kettles on the go every Thursday. There are several volunteers who come every week to do a variety of tasks doing art and craft, refreshments and transport for those who need a lift – a big thank you to you all. Without your help the wellbeing café would not be the place it is.

At the café we try to respond to what is wanted and if there is a way it can be done we will do it. It hopefully will continue to be a place at which everyone is welcomed, listened to and to which all feel they can have their say.

The pastoral team in St Columb feel that it is an absolute privilege to be involved with the café.

Exercise.

We believe that exercise is of great value to our members and we try to encourage people to join in as appropriate. Unfortunately our weekly class has stopped but there is still the opportunity to go swimming and we hope to get another class going. A Community Health Development Worker comes in fortnightly to offer weight management to those who want help in this area.

Lunch Club.

The lunch club runs on Thursday lunchtimes and is open to all. With the help of a grant from Cornwall Community Foundation, and a local butcher, we are able to provide lunch. The lunch club is not only providing a meal, but the opportunity for a social occasion. The lunch is between the end of the Wellbeing Café and the start of the Memory Café and comprises pasties and sausage rolls from the local butcher, soup and sandwiches. This is a welcome time to just sit and chat – eating together is a good experience for everyone.

Memory Café. (Anne Walker)

In the past year there have been many changes at the Memory Café. Now the emphasis is on keeping active and involved to keep your sparkle going. Last year the café was only open every two weeks which was confusing for everyone. It is now open every Thursday afternoon from 1pm – 3pm. As it runs after the Wellbeing Café this means that there is more opportunity for people to come at a time which suits them. There are a variety of activities going on each week which we try to make interesting for everyone. Each week, there are word and number puzzles, a quiz, a time to remember, very importantly there are volunteers who are willing to help and to listen and there is cake and plenty of chat. There are also regular trips out. The café tries to make everyone part of the community. The café provides a place for carers to go for some socialising as well as to talk about



any of the concerns they may have, be they personal or about the care which is available, as through the Oasis Centre there are contacts with many organisations. From time to time there are different activities such as keep fit and singing.

There are several volunteers each week but we could do with more as some of the activities are far better in a one to one situation.

Busy Bees Art and Craft Group

This year has seen the continuation of our Art and Craft group which meets in The Oasis Centre every Monday afternoon. Anyone can come along and bring their own materials to develop whatever aspect of art or craft they want to develop.

Citizens Advice Bureau. (Anne Jones)



There were 35 client interviews spread over the 2015 year, averaging 3 per week. 6 of these visits were previous clients returning with further enquiries, so 29 different clients. These numbers are showing signs of increasing.

There were a wide spectrum of enquiries: benefits calculations, dealing with debt, housing repairs, relationship difficulties, consumer, housing and employment issues. The advertising campaign in January was successful in increasing numbers, particularly during the first half of year. We are planning a window display and extra posters again now but should perhaps consider something additional in June to keep up awareness. We had a volunteer receptionist, Jeremy, and he was superb in ensuring an updated poster was displayed in a range of venues each month, a practice which our new volunteer, Sheila, is continuing. This prevents any confusion as to when CA is available and hopefully reminds people of our existence.

Foodbank. (Sarah Bennett)



Newquay food bank has opened on a Saturday morning each week in the Oasis Centre since the 31st of January 2015, initially as a pilot project of 6 months. The food bank is run by volunteers, with food parcels made and transported from the St Columb Minor food bank storage site. Fresh fruit, vegetables and bread and 3 days worth of breakfast, lunch and evening meals are supplied to people who access the food bank.

All food is donated via various collection points in churches, shops and banks. Both food and financial donations have been received via The Oasis Centre. Some of the food is retained at the centre as spare stock, the rest is transported to St Columb Minor to make food parcels.

Food is distributed through a voucher system, vouchers are given by statutory and voluntary agencies, usually as part of a support plan. The voucher is brought to the centre and exchanged for a food parcel, recipients are signposted to other support services if required.

There are also stocks of household consumables such as soap, toilet tissue, shampoo, toothpaste and baby goods such as nappies and wet wipes.

In 2015 food parcels to create 3 days worth of meals for 169 people were distributed through the Oasis Centre to create a minimum of 1521 meals, additionally baby milk and baby food were distributed

In 2016 we wish to promote the provision of a computer at The Oasis Centre which is available should people wish to search for jobs, apply for benefits, update CVs and for the food bank team to search for additional support services for service users.

Winter Warmth Project



We believe that local charities and community organisations have a special role in reaching some of the most vulnerable people in our communities, developing trusted relationships and implementing practical support programmes that work. The work of local organisations is often preventative or complementary to statutory services. We have been totally supported in this by the Cornwall Community Foundation whose Surviving Winter Fund aims to raise money to offer financial support to the most vulnerable people in Cornwall, helping them to stay warm, active and healthy. We have been able to access these small grants and have been enabled to help vulnerable people on low incomes, who struggle to heat their home and maintain a reasonable quality of life during the winter. We have been able to help by providing warm meals, with support with heating / fuel costs including electric key meter top-ups, payments to help buy warm clothing or bedding and payment towards the cost of home insulation.



8. Future Plans.

To a certain extent our future plans depend on funding but we believe in reaching out to the community and hoping that the funding will follow. Over the next year we will be looking at consolidating the work of the last two years, updating all our policies and ensuring that all our activities have sound foundations. We will continue to fund raise and recruit more volunteers to help us.



9. Fund Raising 2015.

Fund raising has to be a major priority as we seek to ensure that we have funds to cover all our activities throughout the year. It is an immensely time consuming activity, but very rewarding as we find ways to continue our outreach to the community.



Cluster*	£3905.04
Private Donations	340.00
Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum	287.00
Cornwall Community Foundation (5 grants)	7048.60
Cornwall Council (Councillor's Grant)	195.00
Rotary	500.00
Smugglers Inn	128.90
People's Health Trust	14556.00
Alzheimers Research, Newquay	125.00
Walking On Group	238.78
Cornwall Council	500.00
Cornwall rural Communities Council	500.00
Imerys	250.00
CCF Winter Warmth	500.00
Freemasons	1418.00
Smugglers Inn Fund Raising Dinner	525.00

We are grateful to those pubs who have supported us in various ways over the past year: The Falcon, St. Mawgan; The Merrymoor, Mawgan Porth; The New Inn, Bedruthan; and The Smugglers Inn, Little Carloggas. We would also like to thank St. Columb Co-op for the use of a member of staff as a volunteer in the Memory Cafe.

The Merrymoor Inn has continued to provide coffee, tea and sugar throughout the year for all those for whom we care.

*The Cluster Churches consist of St. Columb, St. Ervan, St. Eval and St. Mawgan.

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st December 2015.

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements of The Oasis Centre – Cornwall (the Charity) for the year ended 31st December 2015. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements and the requirements of the Charity's governing document.

Method of appointment or election of trustees.

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

Constitution policies and objectives.

The Charity is constituted under a Charity Commission Scheme and is a registered charity number 1139355.

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

"to relieve persons resident in the parishes of St. Columb, St. Ervan, St. Eval, St. Mawgan and surrounding areas who are in a condition of need, hardship, distress, ill-health, disability or other disadvantage"

There have been no changes in the objectives since the Constitution was agreed.


Trustees responsibilities.

Law applicable to charities in England/Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the surplus or deficit of the Charity for the period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.
- The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Charity has an appropriate system of controls, financial and otherwise. They are also

responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity, and hence taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on Tuesday 9th February 2016 and signed on its behalf by:



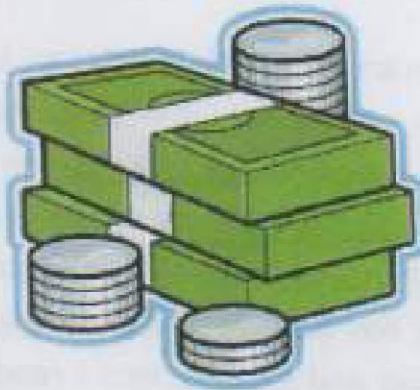
Jeremy Simmonds – Chair.



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Reaching Out Across Generations

The Oasis Centre – Cornwall



Accounts

January – December 2015

**Report from the Independent Examiner to the Trustees
of The Oasis Centre – Cornwall.**

I have examined the accounts of The Oasis Centre – Cornwall for the year ended 31st December 2015 set out on pages 24 and 25.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner.

As described in the Statement of Trustee Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with any applicable law.

My responsibility is to form an independent opinion, based on my examination, on those statements and to report my opinion to you. I have been appointed Independent Examiner to report to you my opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared. I also report to you if, in my opinion, the Trustees Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Charity has not kept proper accounting records, if I have not received all the information and explanations I require for the Examination or if information specified by law regarding Trustees remunerations and transactions with the Charity is not disclosed.

I read the Trustees report and consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent mis-statements within it.

Basis of Independent Examination.

An examination includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my examination so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I consider necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from

material mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31st December 2015 and of the incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended.

Christie M. Malkinson

Date: 14.02.2016

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THE OASIS CENTRE - CORNWALL

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JAN 2015 – 31 DEC 2015

INCOME

Peoples Health Trust	14556.00
Awards for All	9270.00
Private Donations	2675.00
Cluster Payments	3905.04
Fundraising	621.90
Wellbeing Café	2313.63
Cornwall Community Foundation	7048.60
Chill & Chat	91.38
Food bank	245.00
Misc.	669.99
	<u>£41396.54</u>

EXPENDITURE

	General	AFA*	PHT*
Capital costs/Equipment	338.17	-	226.71
Remuneration	2685.00	795.00	5400.00
Rent/Venue Hire	230.00	-	7746.50
Volunteer Expenses	758.00	70.00	888.00
Stationery/Printing/Postage	576.01	363.95	471.65
Wellbeing/Memory Café	1401.00	-	-
Management	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	539.39
Heat/Light/Water	-	-	1033.00
Insurance	-	-	396.44
Sessional Worker	-	-	1852.00
Administration	-	-	1593.00
Chill & Chat	97.31	-	-
Training	-	-	400.00
Office repairs	428.00	-	-
Petty cash	50.00	-	-
Miscellaneous	1378.05	-	679.00
	7941.54	1228.95	21225.75
Total expenditure	£30396.24		

Reconciliation 31 December 2015

Opening Balance 1 January 2015	19406.41
Less 2014 cheques presented in 2015	<u>405.42</u>
	19000.99
Income 1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	<u>41396.54</u>
	60397.53
Less Expenditure 1 Jan 2015 to 31 Dec 2015	<u>30396.24</u>
	30001.29
Add unpresented cheques:- 23/1, 390 - £58.00 25/4, 430 £140.00	<u>198.00</u>
Closing balance 31 Dec 2015	<u>30199.29</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement 31 Dec 2015	<u>30199.29</u>

Qed.

Examined and found to be correct against the information and papers supplied.

Christopher M. Malkinson

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14.02.2016.

- *AFA – Awards for All
- * PHT – Peoples Health Trust