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- The Race Relations Act 1976
- The Sex Discrimination Act 1975
- The Disabled Persons Act 1944 & 1958
- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- The Equal Opportunities policy as specified by Portsmouth City Council
- The Minimum Wage and Working Time Directives
- Portsmouth Food Bank
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PORTSMOUTH FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1st October 2017 to 30th September 2018

Charity No:203323

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- To consider application for assistance made directly by clients or by other agencies
- To act as agents for established ex-service and other charities and to make referrals to such charities
- To promote a store for clothing for all ages for necessities for children and household goods
- To help clients directly from the store as appropriate, but in cases of urgent need which cannot be met from the store, to provide letters of purchase to selected local shops

All communications in connection with the work of the association are private and confidential

Office Hours

9.00 am to 12.30 pm
Monday, Wednesday
and Friday

Applicants interviewed:
10.00 am to 12.30 pm
Monday, Wednesday
and Friday

Case Committee Meetings:
1.45pm on the second Monday of the month

There were about 20 voluntary visitors, who made weekly visits to the families in need, distributing grants from charities.

All this work gradually dwindled away as charities dealt direct with their cases. We are still able to refer names when appropriate.

So what of our present work in the age of Social Services and a multitude of benefits. There are still families and people who fall through the net and we are often the only source of last resort. Our principle clients are single mothers, abandoned mothers and children, men who have been through the hostel system, refugees and asylum seekers. All these are referred to us by social workers, health visitors, probation officers and various Charities.

We are not in a position to give out money, but we try where possible to provide clothing, bedding, crockery and utensils, prams and cots. We also hold a small supply of tinned and dried food which has been provided by some of the Churches within the area. We also get donations of food and also money which is given to us for food, which our part-time staff go out to buy. Not only do we get these items but we have had donations from Hawkley with Priorsdean Church, Buckland URC, St. Ann's, St. Peters with St. Luke's, The Alderman Davidson Trust and Waitrose Community Fund. We have also managed to have two or three fundraising events during the years which raise a good sum.

Going back to the earliest reports there was a constant plea for food, serviceable clothing and shoes – particularly men's shoes. This need remains the same today. Reading the old reports, it makes one realise how lucky we are today with the advance in civic responsibility. Although there is now no near starvation and slum living conditions, we are still fulfilling a need for the City of Portsmouth.

WHO NEEDS MOST HELP?

If all the citizens of Portsmouth were provident, unselfish, from good homes with high standards there would be little work for organisations such as ours. "Deserving" cases, relatively few and as a rule easily dealt with.

But the Portsmouth Family Welfare Association exists for the purpose implicit in its name. No matter whatever the trouble caused by family breakdown or relationships our belief is that people are victims of their nature and upbringing, and to deny them help is to deprive them of an opportunity of improvement.

How long will we be able to fulfil this need, depends how long our finances will last. For the last few years we have been completing grant forms to various charities to balance the books – a recurring theme in past reports. We have been very fortunate that we have had grants given to us over the last few years, such as, The Henry Smith Charity, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation (which included the Portsmouth Community Fund), The Gosling Foundation and Zurich Community Trust.

For as long as possible, our work for the poor and underprivileged in the City will continue in the same spirit as that of our founders 116 years ago.

OUR HISTORY 1903 – 2018

The Portsmouth Family Welfare Association is the oldest working Charity in Portsmouth and is now in its 116th year. It was founded in 1902 as Portsmouth Charity Organisation. First Annual General Meeting was held in 1903.

Preparing this review was almost like opening a window on Dickens view of poverty in London. Similar conditions existed in our city at that time. Records go back partly for 1920 – 1942 and from 1947 onwards. The gaps are the result of the premises in Pembroke Road being destroyed by incendiary bombs on 10th January 1941 and all records of the early days were lost.

In its early years the Charity was instrumental in setting up the following social advances in the City: The first Housing Association, which became Portsmouth Housing Limited Welfare for Old Age Pensioners, Sanatorium treatment for T.B. sufferer, Maternity and Child Welfare, Care of Mental Deficient (as they were then known).

At that time there was no education for Invalid and Crippled children, so a teaching centre was established for these unfortunate children. This centre later developed into the Futcher Centre.

In 1919 a sub-committee for the welfare of the Blind was formed. During the first year 240 names were registered, including 11 Children and 25 Adults in the Workhouse. All had been visited by us; this work was later taken over by the R.N.I.B. In times of stress during and after the 1914 – 1918 war applications for assistance were being made to the Charity at the rate of 20 – 30 a day as there were no Unemployment Benefits or Welfare Funds.

The Infantile Paralysis Fellowship was formed in 1953 and 160 children were registered, half of whom were Polio cases. All this history has been gleaned from the reports of 1953 – 1963; I think that the Charity can proudly claim to be the forerunner of Social Services in the City.

During the period of high unemployment in the 1930s, food parcels were collected from churches for distribution to poor families. The scheme worked for two winters. A dinner scheme was started at first for women and children, later men were included as it was found that sometimes when work was available a man was too weak to do it and collapsed after a few days. The Children's Aid Committee was kept busy providing milk and eggs for sick children. Even the food parcels were only able to keep the poor just above starvation level. A Coal Fund was started to help the poor families living in damp and cold premises.

Another aspect of poverty was that assistance was given towards the purchase of surgical appliances and the redemption of clothing and possessions in the Pawnshops. It was another world from that of today.

At the end of the last war it was recorded in the annual report that the beautiful word Charity had fallen into disrepute and so the name was changed in April 1946 from the Portsmouth Charity Organisation to Portsmouth Family Welfare Association.

Over many years the Association acted for many Service Charities the Prisoners Aid Society and collected rent for the Douglas Haig Homes. It also acted as almoner as very few of the poor had access to bank accounts

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE 2017-2018

PATRON
Lady Essenhig

PRESIDENT
The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Portsmouth

HONORARY CHAIRMAN
Mrs Jenny Johns, MBE.

HONORARY TREASURER
Mr Robin Johns

HONORARY AUDITOR
Mr A. M. Potter CDip.A.F.

SECRETARIES
Mrs Lin Dainty
Mrs Jackie Waite

HONORARY SOLICITOR
Mrs Alex Moore

TRUSTEES
Executive Committee Members

EXECUTIVE & CASEWORK COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Mrs J. Johns

VICE CHAIRMAN: Mrs J. Dacke

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN: Mrs J. Johns

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr R. Johns
Mrs L. Waldren
Mrs R. Robinson
Mrs J. Dacke
Mrs S. Williams
Mrs C. Veal
Mrs S. Davies
Mr G. Banks

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-2018

Portsmouth Family Welfare has had another very busy year seeing 2666 people, some for foodbank vouchers and others for a whole household of items. This covers 1401 Adults and 1228 Children, with some self-referrals, but mainly through Social workers, Probation officers, various charities and Health visitors.

We see the extremes of life with people in a very bad place at times, an example being shown below: -

There is still a great need in this city. We still don't give out money, but when a severely disabled man came to us saying his cooker had been condemned and he was struggling to buy a new one the Committee decided we might be able to help. Generally, he could manage but several bills and his normal outgoings came at once leaving no money for a replacement cooker. We were able to purchase a reconditioned one for this family.

All this is only possible because of the generosity of all our supporters. We are extremely grateful to them all. When we need items we do not have, up pops one of our supporters offering us just what we need. Our Committee are marvellous and always turn to providing goods – raffle prizes etc., and we have lots of laughter, so thank you for all that.

We have had several fundraising events and would particularly like to thank Caroline and Paul of the Rose in June Public House in Copnor for hosting such popular and successful garden parties.

Our supporters look forward to them and we already have people asking for tickets for this year's event in July.

We must also thank Chris and Andrew Collins who hosted a delicious Soup Luncheon in their home.

Personally, I would like to thank the wonderful Lin and Jackie who do such a sterling job running the office and dealing with the clients. Our thanks go to Len, Roz and Geoff for all their voluntary help with filling bags of food, shopping and the vagaries of the computer etc.

JENNY JOHNS

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

This financial year has ended with a stronger balance than previous years which gives confidence for the near future. This was mainly due to a very generous donation of 20,000 from the Gosling Foundation, a grant of £7,500 from Comic Relief, a grant of £5000 from the Montague Neville Durnford and Saint Leo Cawthan Memorial Trust, many donations and great fundraising events. Our thanks to Frank Henry for setting up and administering the Gift Aid system which is proving to be very beneficial.

The Committee and volunteer have successfully raised the profile of PFWA in the local area to great effect. This has resulted in increased financial support from a wide range of individuals and organisations.

Costs continue to increase in line with the extra demand for the service provided by PFWA, however, there is confidence that the charity has a sound basis for continued support in the community.

Our thanks go to our Honorary Auditor, Andrew Potter, for his ongoing help and expertise with our accounts.

MR ROBIN JOHNS
HONORARY TREASURER

STATISTICS 2017/2018

CASES

NEW APPLICANTS	144	MARRIED/PARTNERS	485
EXISTING	1005	SINGLE	799
		DIVORCED/WIDOW OR SEPARATED	117
TELEPHONE REFERRALS	0	TELEPHONE	0
	<u>1149</u>		<u>1401</u>

THESE CASES INVOLVED THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN

UNDER 5 YEARS	861
6-10 YEARS	317
11-16 YEARS	50
TOTAL	<u>1228</u>

REFERRALS CAME FROM:

BUCKLAND FAMILY CENTRE
DIAL & MENCAP
HEALTH VISITOR/COM.NURSE/MIDWIFE
NHS TRUST SOUTHERN
PORTSMOUTH WOMEN'S REFUGE
SURESTART
SOCIAL WORKER & SUPPORT WORKERS

REHABILITATION OFFICES

A & A TREATMENT RES.CARE
GUINNESS PROJECT
P.U.S.H., THE HUB TEAM
ST. JAMES RECOVERY CENTRE

CHAMPION HOUSE
DOCTORS SURGERY
MEREFIELD HOUSE
PORTSMOUTH PORTAGE SERVICE
ROBERTS CENTRE & ST. PAUL'S HSE
SOCIAL SERVICES/SHARED LIVES

CENTRAL POINT
MILL HOUSE (HOPE HOUSE)
ST MARY'S MENTAL HEALTH
YEW HOUSE/HOMELESS DAY SERVICES

HOUSING OFFICES:

HOMESTART
HOUSING OPTIONS PORTSMOUTH C.C.

PRIVATE LANDLORD
ST. MONICA'S & ST. PAUL'S

OTHER AGENTS:

CITIZENS ADVICE
FAMILY MEMBERS
JOB CENTRE
PROBATION OFFICERS
SALVATION ARMY
CONNORS TOY LIBRARY
WORD OF MOUTH/TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES

COTTAGE GROVE SCHOOL
FRIENDS
LOCAL LIBRARY/POSTERS/ADVERTS
PORTSMOUTH ADVICE CENTRE
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE
UK BORDER AGENCY/ASYLUM SEEKERS

CHURCHES/FOOD BANKS

BUCKLAND UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
KINGS CHURCH (FOOD BANK)
ST. MARYS CHURCH

FAMILY CHURCH/EMPOWER CENTRE
OASIS CENTRE
ST. SIMON'S CHURCH

PRINCIPAL DONATIONS & GRANTS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Portsmouth City Council	-----	2000
Ald.Joe Davidson Trust	442	321
Chaplaincy St. Ann's	344	200
Hampshire/I.O.W. Grant	13000	5000
Gosling Foundation	20,000	-----
Hawkley & Priorsdean	900	1721
Ted Russel Trust	1000	500
Co-Operative (CAF)	1793	1000
Knight & Lee	750	-----
St. Lukes Church	800	800
Portsmouth Property Assoc.	-----	650
Christchurch Chichester	105	175

The following organisations are thanked for their gifts and monies donated for our Christmas Family parcels.

Buckland United Reformed Church

St. Peter's & St. Luke's Churches

Thanks to the many people who made personal donations of food and toy parcels.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR END 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

INCOME

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
FUNDRAISING	2600	2392
GENERAL	1674	490
ALD. J.DAVIDSON TRUST	442	321
TED RUSSEL TRUST	1000	500
CAF CO-OPERATIVE	1793	1000
CHAPLAINCY ST. ANN'S	344	200
HAWKLEY WITH PRIORSDEAN CHURCH	900	1721
BANK INTEREST	9	12
KNIGHT & LEE	750	
ST. LUKES	800	800
HAMPSHIRE & I.O.W	13000	5000
GOSLING FOUNDATION	20000	
RENT REBATE/RATES	138	71
PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL	-	2000
PORTSMOUTH PROPERTY ASSOC.	-	650
CHRISTCHURCH CHICHESTER	105	175
GIFT AID	93	180
 SUB TOTAL	 <u>43109</u>	 <u>15552</u>
 EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		
 TOTAL	 <u>43109</u>	 <u>15552</u>

I HAVE EXAMINED THE ACCOUNTS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THESE
ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR BOOKS AND VOUCHERS.

Registered Charity Number 203323

MR A. M. POTTER Cdip. Af.
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

EXPENDITURE

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ADULT & CHILDREN	1807	1566
SALARIES	10150	9675
INCOME TAX	114	191
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
RENT	1127	1068
LIGHTING & HEATING	-	275
INSURANCE	631	590
STATIONARY/POSTAGE	177	-
FUNDRAISING	440	440
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT	14	40
SUNDRIES	35	17
TELEPHONE/COMPUTER	620	552
REPAIRS & RENEWALS	524	38
 SUB TOTAL	<u>15641</u>	<u>14662</u>
 EXCESS IF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	27468	890
 TOTAL	<u>43109</u>	<u>15552</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30.9.18

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance carried forward	25984	25094
Less Excess of Expenditure over income	27468	890
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	<u>25,094</u>	<u>25984</u>
 Cash in Hand	38	62
Bank Deposit Account	52876	25367
Bank Current Account	538	555
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	<u>53452</u>	<u>25984</u>