

Report to Willingham Parish Council May 2018

Update

Although the Trustees and Committee Members were fewer than the previous year we continued to deliver some fun and exciting activities.

The real highlight for the year is the recommencement of the Youth Club, which is being delivered by qualified Youth Workers from the Connections Bus Project. While the first week was a little quiet we have continued to have in excess of 15 young people from the village each week since then and are excited to be offering fun activities and projects.

Another real win for the Youth Trust this year has been the delivery of a really successful year of Coding Club. We are now on our third block of six weeks and the young people are always excited about what we are offering.

We have been working hard to raise our profile in the village and surrounding areas and the positive upshots of our work has been to be chosen as one of two local charities to share a proportion of the profits from this years Beer Festival at the end of June. We are incredibly grateful to have been chosen for this and look forward to supporting the event in June.

Finally we have once again been asked to run It's A Knockout for the Willingham community and surrounding villages to enjoy. We are currently in the throes of planning this event, more of which is outlined below.

The accounts for the year end 16/17 are attached in Appendix 1.

Activities (for kids and fundraising)

At the Youth Centre

1. Weekly bookings from a baby group Heartbeeps have continued and led to some private bookings.
2. The Youth Club is being delivered on a Wednesday night from 7-8:30. Currently for years 7, 8 and 9 with a hope to expand it further when we can secure funding.
3. There have been approximately 5 private bookings of the Youth Centre since last May 2017, with two further bookings in the next few weeks.
4. During the last 12 months we have worked on three big fundraising events including our, what is becoming annual, Autumn and Spring Family Discos. Last summer we also organised an exciting BBQ to help celebrate the opening of completed QEII playing field redevelopment; and hosted a fun Christmas Crafting party for local families to get themselves in the festive mood. All events were huge successes and local families came together to enjoy good fun, food and dancing; these between them raised some £750.

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Coding Club

With the help of the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation the Trust were able to purchase some laptops for the delivery of the Coding Club. This has meant that we have been able to accommodate up to 20 children in each block. Each block we have been oversubscribed with very limited promotion and indeed parents often ask if we can deliver more sessions. Sadly with our current volunteers this has just not been possible. Although we would like to look at some holiday sessions if possible.

Additionally, the Primary School have visited to see what we are delivering in the hopes of using some of our ideas in launching a Willingham Primary School Coding Club. The benefit of this would also allow exposure to other students who are unable to make the Saturday sessions.

Another highlight for the Coding Club has been linking with the Willingham Scout Group. We recently delivered two nights which helped us reach some 40 local Scouts, the majority of whom showed a real interest in what was being offered and a keenness to repeat the sessions.

Upcoming Events

Due to the success of previous years we have once again been asked to run It's A Knockout for the community. This years Knockout will be on Saturday the 8th September at the Recreation Ground between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

We are working once again with our friends from Willingham Action Group (WAG) to host this event and learning from previous years have decided to add a few activities to widen the participation. There will be KickStars hosting mini football, raffle,, BBQ, licenced bar, face painting, bouncy castles and much more.

This year all of the funds raised will go towards the future continuation of the Youth Club and other fun activities for the community to enjoy.

Youth Centre Board / Directors / Committee Members

Bonnie Twiss – Chair, Director
Emma Mason – Secretary, Director
Max Turville, Director

Caroline Stoneham, Committee Member
Amanda Kirk, Committee Member
Angela Barden, Committee Member

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Appendix 1 : WYT Accounts to 10th May 2018

| Income | £6,071.38 | Expenditure | £5,776.09 |
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| | | Venue Hire | £50.00 |
| Grants | £2,200.00 | Staffing (recruitment) | £315.00 |
| Donations | £287.78 | Insurance | £353.36 |
| Fundraising | £776.56 | Membership fees | £96.00 |
| Interest | | Training | |
| Youth Centre Hire | £950.00 | Equipment | £149.99 |
| IAKO | | Purchases | £2.63 |
| Coding Club | £1,739.04 | Staff expenses | |
| Floats re-deposited | £118.00 | Fundraising Costs | £1,823.47 |
| | | New Hall funds | |
| | | Donation/Contribution | £239.00 |
| | | Centre Running Costs | £1,506.00 |
| | | Grant Expenditure | £831.00 |
| | | Internet/Wifi | £370.95 |
| | | Miscellaneous | £38.69 |
| Total | £6,071.38 | Total | £5,776.09 |
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| Excess/Deficit income over expenditure | | | |
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| reconciliation | b/f | | £13,063.12 |
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| New Bank balance | | Bank Funds | £13,358.41 |

Please note that about £1200 of the fundraising costs that have arisen this year relate to events in the 2016/17 and the 2018/19 financial years therefore 'skewing' our fundraising costs in this financial year.