

CHARLOTTE HARVEY TRUST

CHARITY no: 304104

SOLE TRUSTEE: WATTON TOWN COUNCIL

As there was only a virtual Town Meeting last year, due to COVID restrictions, this report is the first to be made by the Management Committee which was established to oversee the everyday running of the Charity.

The inaugural meeting of the Management Committee was held on 6th August 2020. Serving Committee members are Sue Dent, (WTC Officer), Peter Bishop (Councillor), Don Saunders (Councillor) and Kathryn Stallard (Councillor). Bronwen Tyler (Wayland Partnership) and Kyla Sorenson (St Mary's Church), work with the team as co-opted members. St. Mary's Family Worker also supported the work of the group whilst she was in post. The Management Committee meets on a regular basis.

During the last 2 years, the Centre (often referred to as the Youth Centre or Youth and Community Centre), has been subject to the same closures and restrictions as all organisations due to COVID 19. The Management Team has used the opportunities presented, to make improvements to the building and to comply with required standards. This work has been supported by COVID grants and a Grant from Sports England. The refurbishments have included:

- Improved ventilation (Electrical Window Openers - Main Hall)
- Fire Doors replaced
- Computer system for key fob access
- Decoration of Rear Hall, Front Hall, Upper Floor Rooms
- Main Hall floor
- Currently quotes have been requested for work on the Centre roof.

An application for funding for a Defibrillator has been accepted by TESCO "Bags For Help", and will be one of the Charities featured at TESCO Watton from 1st April – 30th June.

Groups who used the Centre prior to COVID have been loyal in returning to the Centre post restrictions. The usage of the Centre by Community groups has in fact risen and groups using the Centre represent a wide range of residents. The Centre is well used throughout the week.

The Management Committee also has recently had discussions around Food Support Programmes, and has met with a representative from Charles Burrell Centre Thetford, and Graham Tolley, the Community Development Manager from the Norfolk Community Foundation.

The Management Committee feels that the Charity is working well to achieve its Charitable Objectives.