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WELCOME

Worthing Community Chest is a unique Worthing based charity which enables and supports community regeneration. One of the ways we do this is via our small grants programme that awards up to £1,500 four times a year to community groups and charities.

Worthing Community Chest also leases rooms in Renaissance House in Rowlands Road to charitable organisations at a low rate of rent. This allows these groups to spend more of their funding on carrying out their core aims in the community.



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INTRODUCTION

Jane Claxton | October 2014

Following the resolution at the AGM in 2013 to change the branding of the Worthing Community Chest we have had an exciting year upgrading all the work that we do to reflect our new look.

A staff working party has spent some considerable time looking at what we need to do to deliver our strategy and visioning document and to consider how we can improve our reach into the Worthing Community.

Coming out of this has been a mini staffing restructure and we now have a Charity Coordinator, Catherine Attwood, who has overall

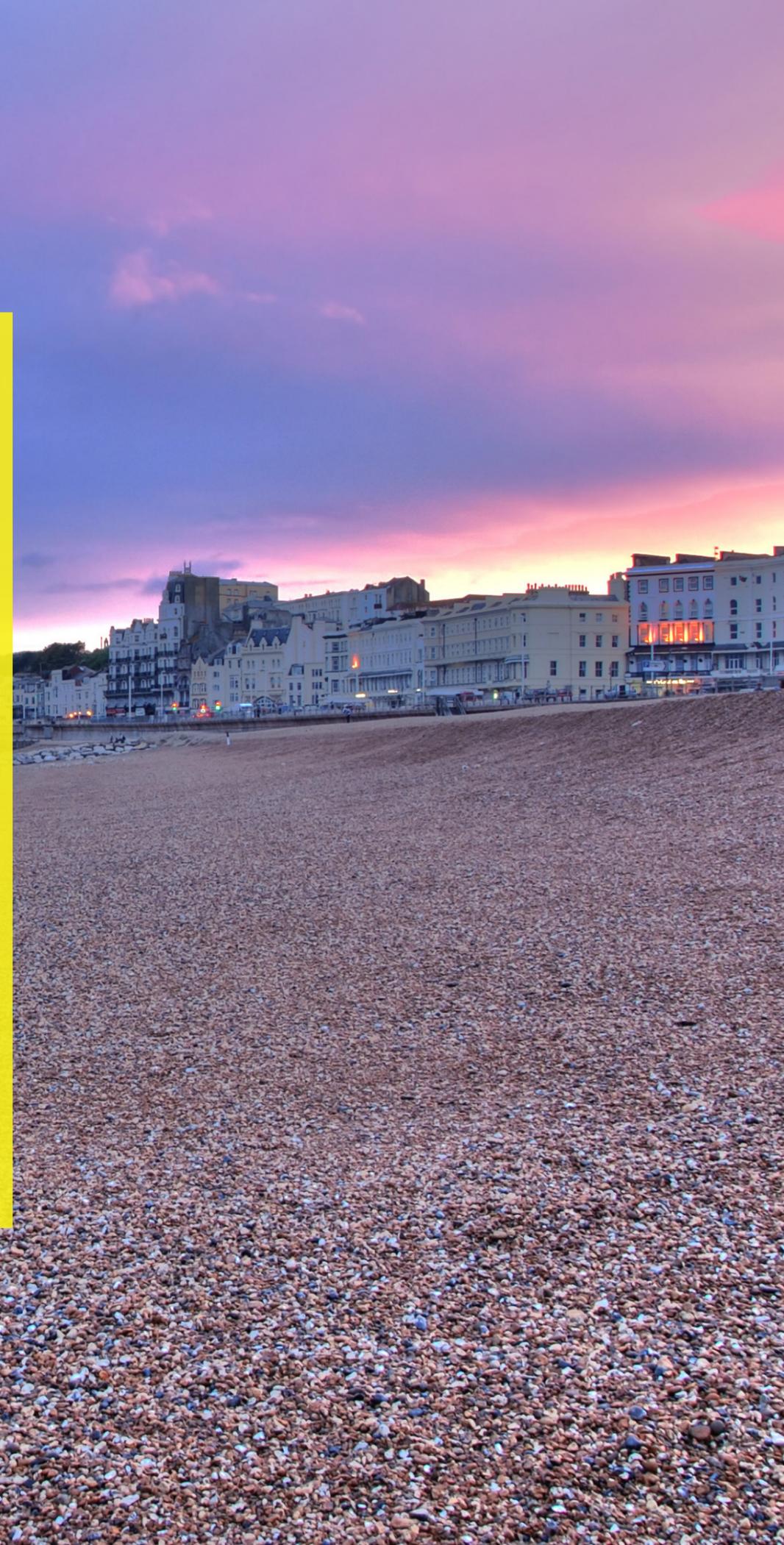


responsibility for running the charity and raising its profile. Also, our Office Administrator

Jenni Pilgram, who has been doing the role of Charity Administrator for the past 10 years is now going to focus on the



administration of the Community Chest grants.



GOVERNANCE - THE BOARD



VAL CHALLENGER

Vice Chair

Val has been involved with housing projects for young people and work with young homeless people. She is currently working with people over 65 for Eastbourne Borough Council.

HEATHER FOSTER

Heather has been on the WCC board since 2013. She is an accredited mediator and runs a mediation support agency.

ALISTAIR VICKERS

Treasurer

Alistair qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1973. In 1987 he joined Leach Bright in Worthing and jointly set up Chartered Accountants Ayres Bright Vickers in 1989.

PAUL HOWARD

Cllr Paul Howard has been on the board for several years and has specialised in all property areas including all lease renewals. All property matters at Renaissance House are dealt with by Paul.



JANE CLAXTON

Chair

Board member since WCC's formation and Chair for the past 10 years, Jane has a wealth of experience in the social housing sector and developing community involvement.

GOVERNANCE - THE BOARD



JENNY BROOKER

Jenny has a background in corporate governance and is Clerk to the Board of Northbrook College. She has a particular interest in developing the focus and efficiency of Boards and trustees.

FRED WELLER

Fred joined the board in 2013. He is a retired Sussex senior police officer with Divisional Command experience. He subsequently ran his own business as a security consultant.

JOAN BRADLEY

Cllr Joan Bradley is the long term serving member of the board. She is a psychologist and has worked in the caring services environment.

MALCOLM BRETT

Fred has worked for West Sussex County Council in Shoreham and moved to HSBC in Worthing. He retired 10 years ago and is on the board of a number of different charities in the area.





GIVING

2013/14 has been another bumper year for our Community Chest Grants. Working with our partners, Worthing Borough Council we have delivered in excess of £23,500 of grants into the local community. Below is a list of the groups we have supported, more

information can be found on the Community Chest Report.

In the time the Community Chest has been running, we have given over £250K out in Grants. Our plans are to increase the amount of money we can

distribute and if possible increase the amount we can give out to £5k, so we can begin to fund capital projects and work with local groups to help them realise their ambitions in helping the Worthing Community.

Over a decade of giving, more than £250,00 given to community groups in Worthing

Conn Artists Theatre
Babybuddy
Davison Youth Concert Band
Complement Willbeing
Guildbourne IT Workshop
Penfold Indoor Bowling Club
Flipitas

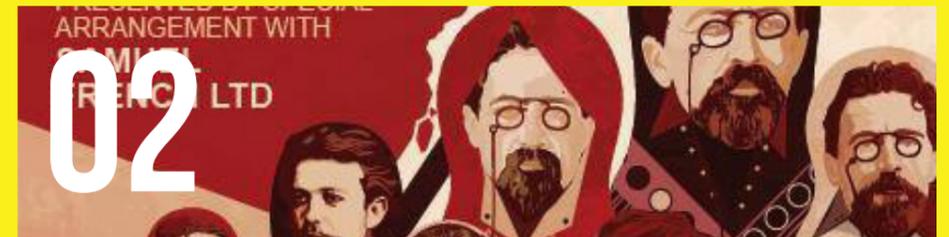
Creative Dance
Worthing and District Scope
Worthing Rowing Club
Worthing Allotment Management Scheme
West Worthing Short Mat Bowls Group
West Sussex Mediation Service

Blueprint 22
Chippingdale Cricket Club
Worthing Kids and Dapper Snapper
Sussex Gruffs Male Voice Choir
Arthritis Care
Goring East District Girl Guides
2nd Worthing Scout Group

GRANTS



West Worthing Short Mat Bowls Group
 Received £1,500 towards the purchase of new mats



Conn Artists Theatre
 Received £1,000 for an amateur play at the Connaught Theatre



Sussex Gruffs Male Voice Choir
 Received £1,500 to put towards a digital stage piano



Babybuddy
 Received £1,500 for outings, toys and arts and crafts

Worthing Community Chest aims to act as a catalyst for community regeneration by:

Bringing people and organisations together to find solutions to local issues.

Act as a conduit for funding for both specific projects and programmes.

Work with other organisations to deliver projects and initiatives.

Support small local groups with financial assistance through the Worthing Community Chest Grants.

WCC Strategy for 2015:

Build the capacity of the WCC and maintain a sound financial base to enable delivery of our objectives and respond positively to related financial and business opportunities.

Address the needs of those who are deprived and vulnerable within the community.

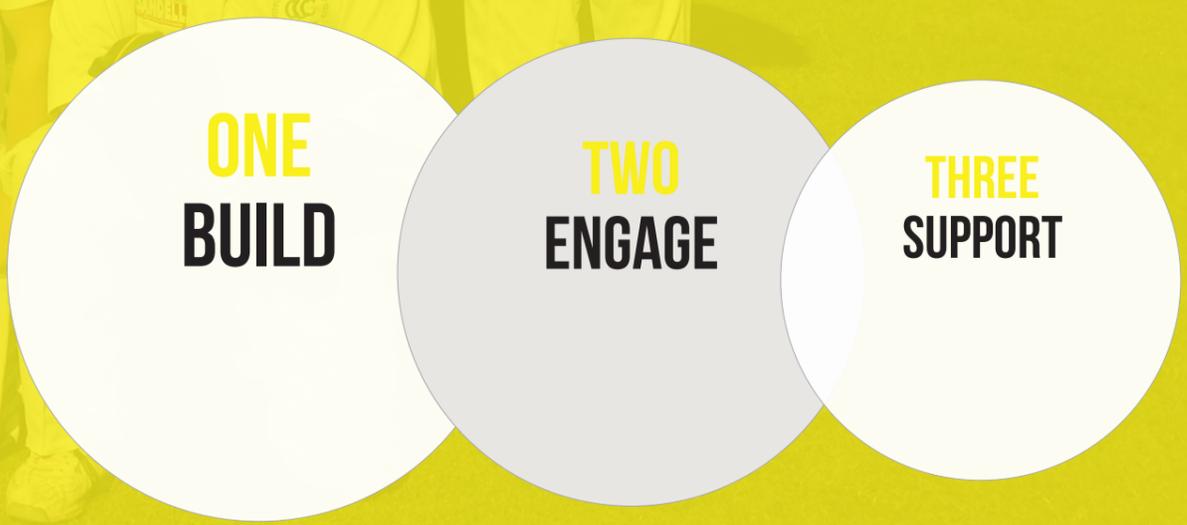
Support and enable sustainable regeneration within Worthing.

Improve the visibility of WCC among its stakeholders and across the Community.

— STRATEGY... —



— ...AND VISION —



RENAISSANCE HOUSE

We have refurbished a room at the very top of the building and this together with all the other rooms at Renaissance House are now fully let to Worthing and Adur Homestart and the Western Sussex NHS Hospital Trust, our long term partners in the building.

We have been doing regular ongoing maintenance work to the building, water heaters have been replaced, plumbwear in some of the toilets, roof repair and a new cellar pump fitted after a very wet winter. We have plans to decorate the exterior in 2014/15 and update the signage so it fits with our new look.

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ACTIVE AGE

We have been working with local partners and community groups to redevelop Active Age to meet the needs of the groups we are trying to reach. We have had a different theme in each publication which has been well received. We are now exploring whether we can

transition the magazine into an on-line publication so we we can reach a wider audience.

Our thanks go to our regular advertisers Woods Coaches, Adur & Worthing Wellbeing, Guildcare and our Printers Fairhall & Bryant.

CORPORATE GIVING

As part of our development plans for the Worthing Community Chest we shall be building relationships with local businesses and organisations with a view to encouraging donations to the Worthing Community Chest which we can then distribute into the community through the Community Chest Grants..



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Achievements

The continuing occupancy of the freehold property Renaissance House, in Rowlands Road will enable the company to carry out its charitable functions.

Financial Review

The results for the year are set out in the financial report. There were total net incoming resources of £11,482 (2013 £2,338). The surplus on the general fund before transfers was £15,855 (2013 £10,160). The unrestricted funds of the charity amount to £349,586 (2013 £339,073)

Community Chest

A figure of £1,500 was brought forward from 2013 for the Community Chest. £8,760 (2013 £9,110) was received from Worthing Borough Council, £14,290 (2013 £10,129) from the recycling initiative, and donations in the year totalled £- (2013 £982). Grants of £27,109 (2013 £26,368) were paid out to local groups and organisations whose projects will benefit the Worthing Community, and £512 (2013 £1,675) paid out for Active Age newsletter as set out in note 3 to the financial statements. £1,000 (2013 £1,000) was paid for Town Hall House

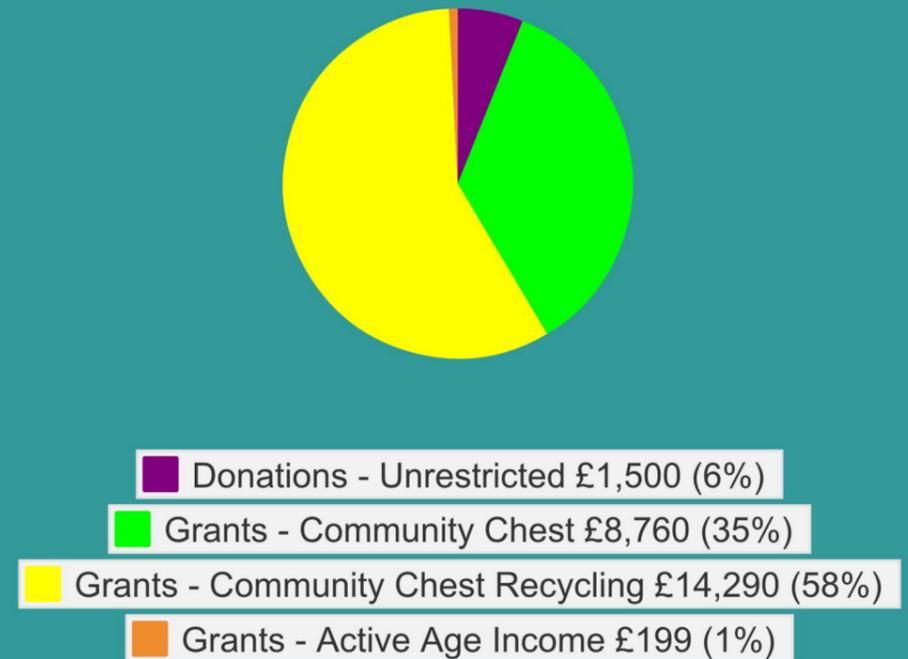
rent, and £2,000 (2013 £2,000) was transferred to the Major Repairs Designated Fund in the year.

Plans for Future Periods
The letting of Renaissance House will meet the costs of the Partnership Support Officer and the Financial Contribution by the Worthing Community Partnership to the Worthing Community Chest.

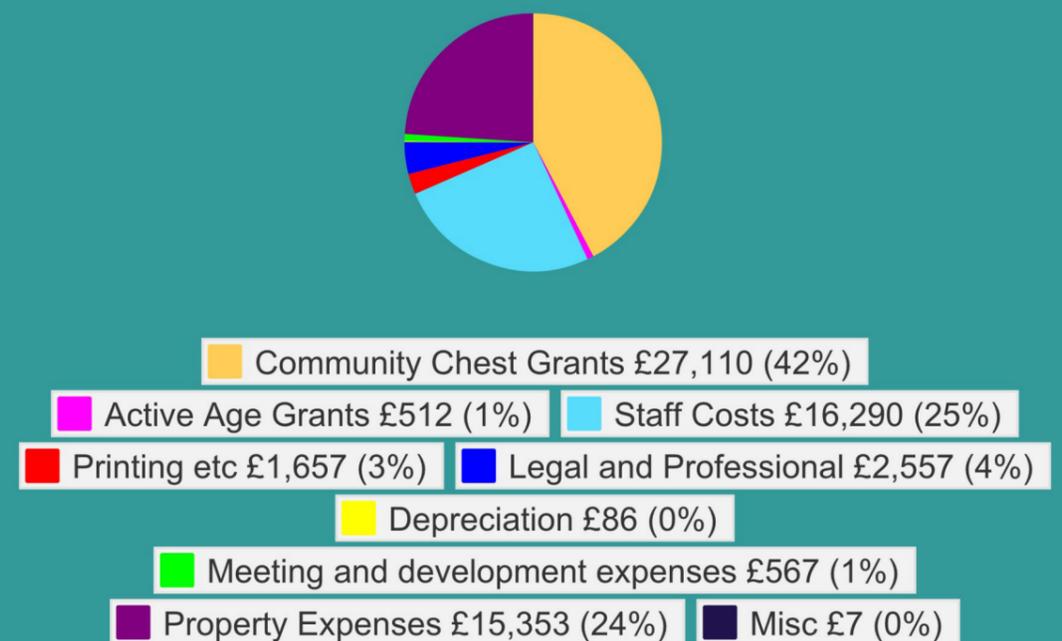
The Community Chest will continue and the Partnership will match the Worthing Borough Councils Small Grants contribution.

Financial Report

Voluntary Income - Total £24,749



Costs of Charitable Activities - Total £64,139



We hope you have found this Annual Report interesting and informative. Going forward we will be producing a report every year, which will be available on our website.

We would like to thank all our members, volunteers, partners and trustees for their continued help and support and look

forward to working with you all in the coming years to grow the work we do in Worthing for the benefit of all.

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