

**BURLEY IN WHARFEDALE COMMUNITY TRUST**

**CHARITY NO 1098871**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2021**

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## **YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2021**

The trustees present their report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS**

Burley in Wharfedale Community Trust (BWCT) is a charitable trust first registered in 2003 (registration no: 1098871) and governed by a constitution.

Its registered address is: 12 Old Mill Close, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley. LS29 7RU.

#### **The Trustees are:**

Duncan Ault (Chair)  
Andrew Wriglesworth (Secretary)  
Mark Elsworth (Treasurer)  
Harvey Bosomworth  
Tim Brooke (appointed May 2021)  
Janine Edwards  
Simon Hills (resigned January 2021)  
Lorraine Hughes  
James Moorhouse (resigned July 2021)  
Ian Rigarlsford (resigned July 2021)  
Niccola Swan (Publicity)  
Sylvia Tilford  
Nick Turnbull (Membership)

In line with the Constitution, Duncan Ault, Andrew Wriglesworth and Harvey Bosomworth stood down as Trustees at the AGM in January 2020 and were duly re-elected. Tom Sumner continues as advisor to the Trust on projects, events and activities.

Bankers: Virgin Money (previously known as Yorkshire Bank)  
Waver Green  
Pudsey  
West Yorkshire  
LS28 7BG

#### **Independent**

Examiner: Tim Haskins ACA  
9 Harvest Croft  
Burley in Wharfedale  
LS29 7LY

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### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is an unlimited association. Its object is to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Burley in Wharfedale, Burley Woodhead and Stead by any such means that are deemed to be exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales.

The charity is run by a committee of elected and co-opted trustees who have control of the association and its property and funds. There should be at least 3 and not more than 18 members of the Committee, all of whom must be members of the Trust. New trustees are recruited and co-opted onto the board by the existing trustees and elected at the AGM. All trustees give their time voluntarily.

The Trust would like to thank all its trustees for their time and efforts towards the furtherance of its aims and objects.

The Committee must hold at least 4 meetings a year. A quorum at a committee meeting is 5 members. The Trust has a number of powers set out in the constitution which may be exercised only in promoting its object.

Membership of the Trust is open to any individual or organisation interested in promoting the charity. Membership is by annual or lifetime subscription.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020/21**

The Trust has had another successful year with membership at 978 (2019/20, 986).

In addition to subscriptions and donations from members we have received income from Burley Parish Council, Burley Educational Trust, Shipley Community Chest, Greenbelt and the Coop community scheme. We also claimed Gift Aid on membership and donations of £2,370 in the year.

Our management of the Scalebor Park grounds has continued and we have been helped by Burley Trojans and Burley Cricket Club.

We continue to organise the Christmas Lights, Christmas Market, Craft Fair and Duck Race; although, with the exception of the Lights, these were cancelled this financial year due to covid-19 regulations.

Our thanks go to all the volunteers that help with Trust management, activities and maintaining its assets.

Having raised funds from various sources we have managed to help several village organisations with their fundraising efforts. These include the Library (new furniture), Scouts and Guides (new HQ), Walkers are Welcome (new kissing gates), Love Burley (covid-19 support) and Unique.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020/21 (continued)**

In line with our ongoing responsibilities we funded, supervised and undertook the maintenance of the Scalebor grounds and pavilion, Pudding Tree and Jubilee gardens, Corn Mill Pond, Fountain of Life and provided hanging baskets and flower tubs in the centre of the village. The village website is also part of the Trust's responsibilities and has recently been upgraded.

During the year the Trust provided £30,778 towards completion of the playground in Grange Park; this was raised mainly through public fundraising, individual donations and legacies.

We have also been helping with the funding of the refurbishment of the Roundhouse Garden and a new herb garden. We are currently fundraising to help with better footpath access for wheelchair and pushchair users and to provide village information boards for residents and visitors.

The litter-picking initiative, started by trustee Loraine Hughes under the name of Wharfedale Wombles, has been a great success with regular volunteer litter-picks in the village on the first Sunday of the month and several others more regularly by certain members in areas near to their homes.

We have also been funding the start of the local Men's Shed in Burley which meets twice a month in the Bowling Pavilion on Wednesday mornings and we are actively involved in the wellbeing initiative in the village.

In addition, the Trust has been negotiating, with the help of legal advisors and with the approval of the Charity Commission, a merger with the Burley Educational Trust (BET) to take over their assets and objectives. Funds from BET will be incorporated within the Trust to be used for educational purposes.

At the year-end total reserves stand at £67,925 of which £60,296 is for the General Purpose non-specific fund. Over £35,000 has been committed to activities listed below.

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### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Trust's future plans for promoting charitable activity for the benefit of the local residents include the following:

- Complete the merger with Burley Educational Trust.
- Continue the Christmas Lights, Christmas Markets and the Duck Race.
- Maintain the grounds at Scalebor and various village assets including the Corn Mill Pond and Fountain of Life.
- Install village information boards in two locations.
- Maintain and improve the website to provide access for village organisations and businesses.
- Improve walking and access provision around the village for all abilities and ages. This includes organising new benches on the village perimeter.
- Maintain the new community herb and vegetable gardens.
- Continue funding of youth provision in the village through YouthQuake and Unique.
- Continuing with the Wharfedale Wombles litter picking initiative.
- Support for the wellbeing initiatives and Men's Shed.
- Provide important local information through the village website, Facebook and our regular quarterly newsletter to members.
- Assist other local village organisations with funding.

**Signed on behalf of the Charity Trustees**

**Duncan Ault : Chair**

**December 2021**