

# Over Day Centre Association

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## **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT**

DAVID BARKER AND CECILIA TREDGET

It is not possible to write this report without reference to the impact that Covid 19 has had on the Over Day Centre and on the care sector in general. Due to Government guidance, we have remained closed throughout the year. We are not expecting to be fully open until late 2021 but more likely Spring 2022.

There has been a much-reduced client income, however grants from the Parish Council, Charities, the Government's Job Retention Scheme, along with our investments regaining most of our losses of last financial year has enabled us to remain in a relatively strong position. Key to this is our ability to retain our staff so that we are in the position to reopen fully when it is possible to do so.

Full details of our finances can be read in our treasure's report and we will no doubt report on the full impact of Covid-19 in the next financial year.

During a period of significant upheaval, we are immensely proud of a team of volunteers who helped South Cambs District Council provide hot meals, twice per week, to members of our community, clients and children. Around three thousand meals were prepared in our kitchen and distributed to local villages. Enormous thanks must be given to those who helped organise the menus, shopped, prepared meals, arranged collection and then cleaned the Day Centre. Truly fantastic.

We are again incredibly grateful for the continued support of local charities and communities in and around Over. Particular thanks must also be extended to all those who volunteered, supported the meals service, raised funds by making masks, delivering Easter eggs and spending time calling and visiting frail and older members of our community. This human contact has been critical and has been appreciated by all.

We have tried to maintain our core principles of the Day Centre during the year. If in a small way we have helped to combat loneliness and provide some respite for carers we continue to make a difference. We look forward to reopening fully when safe to do so and are confident that we have the support of our staff, volunteers, our Parish Council and Charities in making this a success.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to Steve Couper who resigned as Chair after many years as a trustee, volunteer and committed supporter of the Over Day Centre. Steve continues as a volunteer and can often be seen peeling spuds and offering his experience and expertise to all. Whilst Steve will be missed as a trustee, we are delighted that he continues as a volunteer at the Day Centre.

The Over Day will continue encouraging new trustees to help guide and support our staff and volunteers. Presently we have appointed Co Chairs, Cecilia Tredget and David Barker, and would invite anyone interested in joining us to contact either Cecilia or David via the Day Centre.