

# Over Day Centre Association

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### STEVE COUPER

#### WHAT ARE WE PROVIDING?

- Day care for frail and older people to promote and maintain their quality of life through social contact, recreation and informative activities.
- A focal resource through which appropriate medical and social services can be provided.
- Relief for carers.
- A focus through which local people can take an active part in care in the community.

#### WE WERE DOING OK...

Everyone seemed happy and our Clients really enjoyed coming.

#### BUT...

Then the virus came and we had to close down in March for a totally unknown period.

#### SO, WHAT WAS THE FINANCIAL IMPACT?

Many will recall the major cuts in County Council support over the last few years (due to their budget problems) and our commitment to only raise client fees gradually to keep them affordable for those with limited funds. This means we still have to use some of our Reserves to balance the books.

#### THE PLAN WAS TO:

- increase fees from £19 per day to £21 from April 2019.
- use £16,000 from Reserves.

What went wrong?	What went right?
Having to close down from the 17th March and furlough our staff	80% Government Grant to partly offset staff costs after closedown
Some reductions in client numbers during the rest of the year.	Expenditure savings during the year
<b>NET IMPACT = WE ONLY HAD TO USE £12,000 from Reserves</b>	

GREAT! ... BUT part of our Reserves are held in a Unit Trust and the valuation at 31 March was significantly lower due to the impact of the virus. They fell by £18,600... BUT by the time I wrote this report they had regained more than half of the loss.

#### WE WOULD NOT BE IN AS GOOD FINANCIAL POSITION IF IT WERE NOT FOR:

- VOLUNTEERS  
What would we do without you? You help in so many ways which all help to keep us affordable, whether it is escorting on the bus, making tea, washing up or fund raising. What's even better is that you all seem to enjoy doing it which rubs off on both the clients and the staff making the Day Centre such a happy place to be.
- STAFF  
Our staff are extremely professional and committed. They all seem to have endless patience which can be very important at times and this, and their sense of humour, keeps us all smiling.

- THE PUBLIC

Fundraising is a significant element of our income and there would be little point in volunteers organising events if nobody came! However, you do come in significant numbers particularly for the annual Five Pubs Challenge, Meridian Meander and, new for last year, the Bike Ride. It gives such a great feeling when everyone is so supportive of “their” Day Centre.

- PARISH COUNCILS, CHARITIES AND SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL

We get a number of grants each year from Parish Councils and local charities. This is a significant sum of money and critical to us ensuring affordable day fees.

South Cambs. built the Day Centre and gave us a rent-free lease for 999 years which is fundamental to our very existence.

- TRUSTEES

Trustees can be very useful to any Charity and ours are no exception. In a way they are just another sort of volunteer but, at the end of the day, they are willingly accepting a major responsibility for the operation and development of the Centre. When they are not creating plans and budgets or monitoring their achievement, they can often be found with their sleeves rolled up helping in a variety of practical ways.

#### WHY DO WE ALL GIVE OUR TIME SO ENTHUSIASTICALLY?

We know the isolation that many older people face, particularly if they have lost their partner and their family are living far away.

We all know people with dementia and can scarcely imagine the pressures their carer may face 24/7.

By doing what we do, we are helping to combat loneliness and provide respite for carers, making this world a happier place to live in.

#### WHAT COULD BE MORE WORTHWHILE?