



Registered charity number: 1175291

Annual Report of the Charity's activities and accounts

For the year 1st October 2023
to
30th September 2024

Donnington Partnership
Charity No. 1175291

Charity activities for the year ending 30th September
2024

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Donnington Partnership Charitable Trust

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Charity name: Donnington Partnership CIO

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Charity's principal address: Donnington Community Hub, St Matthews Road,
Donnington Wood, Telford TF2 7PR

Names of the trustees:

Rose Gregory, Trustee chair

Jane Hassall, Trustee

Heather Cooper Trustee

Sharon Watkins, Trustee

Mas Sowak Trustee

Ian Harvey Trustee

Liz Rees Trustee

Structure, governance and management

Donnington Partnership is a registered charity with 6 trustees who have overall responsibility for the Partnership's business. Trustees are elected each year at the Donnington Partnership Annual General Meeting.

The organisation was established in 1997, became a registered charity on 28th February 2011, changed to a CIO in 2017 and is governed by a constitution dated 2017.

Charity objectives and activities:

The Charity's objects are to promote such charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Donnington Telford and Wrekin as the trustees shall determine, including the advancement of education, relief of poverty and the preservation and protection of good health.

The charity works closely with a locally organisations who meet with the trustees to help address local issues and help to meet the charity's objects through the following ways:

1. The Charity runs a community centre which provides social, learning and training opportunities to the public and local residents.
2. The charity provides a volunteer managed community café; a successful community café with a team of volunteers, three employed positions. The cafe provides affordable healthy meals in the community hub daily and a meal delivery service to vulnerable individuals and older people's clubs in the local area. The café volunteers receive valuable skills and confidence-building training along with work-based experience and it has supported many people back into employment through this route. The café also provides a meal delivery service, a buffet catering service and hosts food taster promotion events for the local community to try different types of food.
3. The charity provided a volunteer-led tool lending library; put this year we have closed this down due to lack of use, and all the tools have been transferred to the community orchard garden. The Charity also looks after the local community Orchard with 3 volunteers.
4. Organises other ad-hoc provision/ facilities as and when need arises, which is directed by the needs of local groups.

5. Throughout the year the Donnington Partnership also host several meetings and or events that are aimed to encourage and stimulate community engagement and involvement; a community engagement meeting is organised every 6 months, which is an open public meeting for all residents and people working in and around Donnington to attend.
6. The Charity has a fortnightly youth club run by volunteers, and all try to encourage other members of the community to take part.
7. The charity seeks and applies to external funding bodies, where appropriate, to support its charitable aims. It has a strong history of being very successful in obtaining grant funding and working with partner agencies to deliver projects and activities that have helped to address issues, provided improvements to services and facilities in the community and strengthened local community engagement.

Chairs Report 2024

The Centre is getting busier, and room hire has picked up, I would like to thank the Staff for all their hard work, and Richard for his work in getting in grants to support the local community.

We have had a busy year, we have started a veterans lunch every Thursday, held a Christmas fayre, bingo sessions that families can attend. We have received some money to run a cooking club and make a cookbook. We were broken into in January nothing was taken but a lot of damage was done. The volunteer coordinator role funding came to an end and so we lost Rose, we wish her luck in her new job.

The orchard volunteer has built a greenhouse and cleared more space for soft fruit, later in the year we ran some pruning sessions and started laying matting for wheelchair use.

The kitchen has hired another cook to help with demand.

The Youth club hired 2 buses for children and Parents to go Barmouth for the day and we hope this may become an annual event if we can get the funding. We also held children's activities during the holidays.

We attended the Donnington & Muxton Parish Council Christmas Lights switch on, this was very successful for fund raising, and advertising the events and courses taken place at the hub.

The Centre Manager secured some funding to run a warm hub over the winter months, this has proved very popular with lots of people attending the centre. He has also got some money for a community fridge where people can get free food this started in early 2024, there is also funding for a cooking course to show people how to cook some of the items that are in the community fridge.

The centre manager managed to get some more funding to employ an assistant centre manager for 12 months she will start in September and the contract ends September 2025

The centre now has 4 charging points for electric cars, which we hope will help residents, These have now been registered and should be advertised on the national ev charging point list.

DONNINGTON PARTNERSHIP CHARITABLE TRUST AGM 08/04/25
Treasurers Report for Financial Year Ending 30th September 2024

The financial statements for this year show an operating deficit from last year, due to spending the grant money.

Receipts

Overall receipts for the year were £150.799.

- a) The partnership received several grants during this financial year.
- b) The Community Café received income of £68.810 during this financial year.
- c) Grants
 - Severn Trent £20,000
 - Warm Hub £10,000
 - Community Fridge £ 8,090

Payments

Total payments for the year were £135.517

Café expenditure totalled £69.569 The café did make profit this year due the purchasing of new equipment.

Cash Reserves

As of 30th September 2024, the balance of the current account stood at £56,970.41. In addition to this there is a further £28,599.20 held in an instant savings account, and £20,500 into a 32day account.

Mas Sowak
Treasurer

