



# Annual Report

## 2022



Charity No 1089619

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## **Library Volunteers**

Lawrence & Jackie England, Jeff Short, Carol Mills, Emilio de Chiro, Jean Berrisford, Helen DF, Lyn Taylor, John Evans, Colin Barson

## **Volunteers**

Melissa Allsop, Mark Dangerfield, Emilio de Chiro, Lyn Taylor, John Evans, Helen DF, Janet Slater, Dorethy Green, Jackie Hancock, Anne Kemp, Alan Hool, June Heald, Lawrence & Jackie England, Zoe McCreadie, Emily Stevens, Richard Sturman, Janet Jameson.

**Accountants** - CAPlus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot St, NG1 5GL

# Goals

## Our Community

To engage with our community by providing opportunities for enjoyment, contribution and learning

### Strategies

1. Identify programs and activities relevant to the needs of our community.
2. Effectively deliver relevant and diverse programs to our community
3. Actively encourage volunteers and facilitate their involvement in our community

## Our Centre

To operate a viable, effective and accountable community centre.

### Strategies

1. Attract, train and retain community focussed and enthusiastic staff and volunteers.
2. Continually develop accountable management systems to ensure long term viability and growth.
3. Ensure that our facilities and practices support sustainability.

## Our Partners

To actively develop partnerships, relationships and networks.

### Strategies

1. Identify and develop mutually beneficial relationship models with our partners.
2. Explore Opportunities for developing collaborative projects, sponsorship and funding.

## Our Services

To effectively promote the services, programs and activities of the centre

### Strategies

1. Identify our key target audiences
2. Disseminate information internally, online, through our networks

Our community supporters, fundraisers and partners -

We couldn't do the work we do without your support:



# Centre Manager

I continue to be astounded by the resilience of our community and the determination to remain positive, help others and give back what they can to others. This has been increasingly evident over the past year with the commitment of our wonderful volunteers and their desire to put their hand up to help whenever there is a need.

The impact of Covid-19 on our community saw the relocation of the Food Bank into the Tin Hat Centre. This was not something we had anticipated but knew we had to commit to, ensuring the retention of this valuable resource. Through a true community effort this was actioned and the Food Bank opened in October. Thanks to local Schools, Churches, Cllr David Martin, Kirkby Rotary, Gillotts, TEAM Fitness, NCC, Sainsbury's, volunteers and the community for keeping the Food Bank fully stocked and organised.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the **National Lottery Community fund** for extending their support for our **Collective, Community, Cuisine Project** allowing us to support our community throughout the pandemic and awarding a further four years **CAFÉ** funding. This will allow us to build services back to pre-pandemic levels, adapt and move forward towards sustainability once again.

The diversity in our workshops continues to attract a broad range of people to the Centre and is an exciting way for us to engage with our community. Funding received from the Co-op Community Fund has been paramount in achieving this outcome. All community groups have now returned and we are thrilled to welcome new additions, the unwavering support of these groups has helped us to withstand the challenging year and given us plenty to smile about.

The community library, run entirely by volunteers, has adapted throughout the pandemic to work in all tiers and is now working towards providing a full service with public computer access being reinstated shortly. Citizens Advice continue to provide a weekly outreach service.

On behalf of everyone involved with the Centre I wish to give my thanks to all of our funders. This support has ensured we are able to continue on our journey, adapt and build on our services.

My thanks also go to the Trustees for their ongoing support and staff for all their combined efforts in making the Centre a superb hub enjoyed by so many different and diverse community and business organisations.

*Paulette Sturman*

Centre Manager

# Treasurer's report for Annual Report

Well, what a year 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021 was!

I'd like to start by saying a huge thank you to all the staff, volunteers and supporters of the Tin Hat; you have all supported your community throughout the pandemic at a time when people needed you most.

It was during this time that I saw The Tin Hat really come into its own, being able to adapt to needs in a crisis.

During 2020/21 the main focus was to keep the Tin Hat accessible in some form during all the peaks and troughs of the lockdowns, a priority was job protection and thankfully we were able to gain some support through the furlough scheme. Paulette has continually kept a keen eye out for support via various grants and funding to ensure we could keep operating and supporting the community.

I won't bore you with all the figures, but if you are interested in that sort of thing then there's plenty of reading to be had in the annual accounts. Overall, the Tin Hat ended 2020/21 in the best financial position we could have hoped for:

- All jobs were protected
- Charity reserves remain healthy and ring fenced
- Buffer reserve was created ready for 'post pandemic' restart

Moving forward, the Tin Hat is now in a position to grow and expand its outreach, and is just starting a 4-year initiative to enable the community café to become sustainable.

Community is at the heart of all the Tin Hat does, so identifying areas of need and seeking funding opportunities will continue to be a priority.

Again, a big THANK-YOU to you all

**Matthew Pike**

Treasurer

## Funders

The National Lottery Community Fund

Co-op Community Fund

Sainsbury's

Nottinghamshire County Council Befriending

Nottinghamshire County Council Community Hub Food Plan Fund

Ashfield District Council Covid-19 Fund

Cllr Divisional Fund

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Freemasons

Neighbourly

Kirkby Rotary

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