

Cullompton Arts House

Annual Report, 2017 - 2018

About

Registered Charity no. 113789

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Trustees:

Janet Sutton Webb (Chair)
Teresa Hamlin (Secretary)
Kerry Knight (Treasurer)
Annie Tildesley

Committee Members:

Fiona Leishman
Graham Sessions
Jenny Leigh (until December)

Charity Objects:

Promotion of the arts and the advancement of education in the subjects of art, crafts and the performing arts, for the benefit of persons predominantly, but not exclusively, resident in Cullompton and Culm Valley.

Background

The Cullompton Arts House is a registered charity which promotes the arts in Cullompton and the Culm Valley. It supports artists, artisans and performers; and facilitating events including exhibitions, activities, performances and workshops, for local residents of all ages.

Accounts Summary

Opening Balance: £978.77

Closing balance: £296.05

Capital Expenditure:

Website Development: £750

Profit from events: £170

This has been an incredibly busy year, with a small, committed band of committee members taking on huge amounts of responsibilities, often at personal cost to themselves. Massive thanks go to our Trustees and Committee members, without whom Cullompton Arts House would not have been able to function.



The building of a vision

This has been a year of innovation for Cullompton Arts House, experimenting with a number of new ways for local people to experience the arts.

- The year began with one of our trademark pop-up exhibitions, this time with a difference. The charity is grateful to Cullompton Baptist Church and Noah's Ark Preschool, whose hall was transformed into a temporary gallery.



In addition, Tesco hosted the first supermarket exhibition, with eight artworks of different media emblazoned across the windows on huge panels. The exhibition looked amazing. Special thanks go to Lisa Midgeley, the Community Champion and Michael Owen, the store manager, for providing the enthusiasm and window space to make it happen.

- This year also saw the pilot trial of an 'Arts for All' directory. Free of charge and distributed across the Culm Valley, the directory listed opportunities for people to 'try something new this summer' - with a variety of arts for all ages, from ballet to glass-blowing. It had mixed success, but with some tweaking it is an initiative that shows promise for the future, as well as demonstrating the breadth of artistic talent across the Culm Valley.
- Another 'first' was the Arts House Supper which took place in June. The event showcased the talent of local photographer Andy Billington, as well as raising £60 for the charity. Thanks go to Andy, and also Teresa Hamlin who hosted the event. Thanks also go to Teresa and fellow committee member Graham Sessions, who curated the Christmas exhibition in Fore Street.

A surprise addition to the funds was £650 from Hug Cullompton, who hosted a cocktail party at Hillersdon House, a beautiful local estate. This, combined with another £100 donation, enabled the committee to budget £750 for the development of a website for the charity. Although it is a large initial outlay, it does give the charity the capacity to market its activities and sell artworks and event tickets online, both potential money spinners in future years.



We are grateful to a huge number of people who continue to support us, but we are aware of our need for more hands-on assistance if we are to develop our vision further. We are currently recruiting for a Chair of Trustees, Treasurer and Publicity Officer. Anyone who is interested is invited to contact our Secretary, Alison Williamson, for further details.