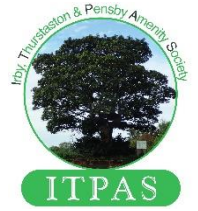


Irby Thurstaston & Pensby Amenities Society

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Chairmans Report for the Annual General Meeting of financial year 2023 – 2024

To say it's been a challenging year is somewhat of an understatement. As with all charities Covid and financial pressures together with world issues have caused many problems. It's been hard work recovering the ITPAS reputation, but we are slowly achieving this.

Our main objectives have been to return ITPAS to the forefront of the community's awareness by; increasing members contact with updates and newsletters, increased events and activities such as the village tidying sessions and ITPAS talks, increased liaison with the council re the local plan and local issues and protecting our green belt. Our planning officer continues to scrutinise all building applications, the Local Plan and any green belt activity. The new website has proven very successful together with our continued update on the Irby Facebook page. We have also improved our IT systems, processes and procedures to become more efficient and effective.

One of the most important activities has been the establishment of the WGSA (Wirral Green Space Alliance) formed to fight the developers and Leverhulme Estates attempts to derail the Local Plan and build on our precious green belt. We have won some battles, but more hearings and appeals are planned. The war is not over !!!

The charity trustees and the committee members have also seen changes with new and established ITPAS officers re-establishing their activities. More detail is below.

However, we still need more help to continue our activities as listed below. If you are anyone you know would like to help either by volunteering or joining the committee then please contact us through the website www.itpas.org or by sending an email to membership@itpas.org

Finally, please allow me to thank you for your continued support of ITPAS. We could not survive without you. I look forward to meeting you at the AGM on 15th July 2024 18:00-20:00. Details of which can be found on the website.

Regards
Paul Trevor Ainslie
ITPAS Chairman

Objectives and Activities

1.	Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	ITPAS was formed in 1974 to represent village residents of Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby in local matters. We aim to protect & maintain Green Belt & open spaces, preserve our local amenities and historic interests and to seek ways to improve our community. We also aim to bring together community groups and thus work together for the benefit of our communities.
2.	Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit.	<p><u>Protection</u></p> <p>ITPAS maintains a watching brief on all matters relating to Green Belt by way of challenging planning applications and unauthorised developments.</p> <p><u>Enhancement</u></p> <p>Actively securing funding for projects to improve the amenities of our villages including a program of tidying the village areas, daffodil planting, planters, maintaining and improving Irby Library flower beds, tree planting, installation and refurbishment of benches. Including Santa Comes to Irby.</p> <p><u>Conservation</u></p> <p>Recognising and promoting the importance of heritage and conservation in our area and working to enhance and protect the natural environment.</p> <p><u>Liaison</u></p> <p>ITPAS has and will continue to work with all bodies who follow the ideals and aspirations set out in our constitution. Thus, we will work with Wirral Borough Council, our local Councillors and other community groups such as Wirral Green Space Alliance in raising awareness of local issues such as the Local Plan.</p>
3.	Statement confirming whether the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charities Commission in deciding what activities the charity should and should not undertake. ITPAS complies with the Charity Commission guidelines.
Additional information		
4.	Policy on grant making	ITPAS does not make grants to other charities or organisations. However, we manage the free use of our notice boards by village groups to publicise their activities
5.	Contribution made by volunteers	The greatest contribution made by the volunteers is their time, energy, enthusiasm and good heartedness. All the Trustees and committee members are volunteers

Achievements and Performance

6.	Summary of the main charity achievements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Belt Protection from developers and Leverhulme Estates • Establishment of WGSA (Wirral Green Space Alliance) • Establishment of Events and Activities – scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irby Village Tidy-Up sessions – ongoing ○ ITPAS talks – scheduled and ongoing • Irby Village flower planting and maintenance • Tree conservation • Irby Library flower bed maintenance and improvements • Irby Village Planters fund – installation June / July 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintenance schedules to be agreed • Scheduled council grass cutting and Tidy-up rubbish collection • New ITPAS Website including payment facilities, contact details, links, events, News etc • Implemented regular member updates – email and notices • Improved Notice Board content • Implemented new and efficient processes and procedures • New IT Systems for efficient charity functionality • Trustees and Committee changes • Monitoring / involvement with Irby Village Library rejuvenation • Organised and managed donations for projects and activities <p>Future Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of working group for the Irby Village Fete 2025 • Increase of membership • Committee additional members • Application for funding for community projects / activity • Improvement of Bins, Benches • Create closer relationships with community groups
Additional information		
7.	Achievements to fulfil the ITPAS mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Application monitoring, scrutiny and objections • Green Belt monitoring and protection • Council liaison – regular councillor meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Plan ○ Local Issues • Contribution of £5000 to the fighting fund against developers and Leverhulme Estates • WGSA lead from ITPAS Planning Officer • Irby Village Bin replacement
8.	Performance of fundraising activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irby Planters Fund – from May 2024. £1094 raised to date • Irby Lights – ongoing fund raising • Irby Library – grant application and refunding underway TBC
9.	Other	As stated above we are part of the local community, and we aim to help the local community in any way that we can

Financial Review		
10.	Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Please refer to the Financial Report in the Appendix 1 below. Significant expenditure, not itemised within the 2023 financial year statement but will appear in the 2024 – 2025 year, has been for the provision of the Irby Village Planters. This has cost £3493.66
11.	Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the Trustees' view that the reserves should provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. There was no formal reserves policy prior to 2024 • The Trustees are simultaneously working towards a reserve that may be needed should the Green Belt be again attacked by the developer consortium and Leverhulme Estates.
12.	Amount of reserves held	Based on item 11. a sum of £5,000 will be designated as a reserve. This will be moved from the main bank account to our deposit account and therefore earn some small interest payment.
13.	Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All charities that rely on funding from users and from grants, face an uncertain financial future • The Trustees address this by annually reviewing fees and where appropriate raising the subscription fees. We have no plans to increase the subscription fees within the current year. • The Treasurer provides detailed financial reports at every monthly trustees meeting for scrutiny and discussion • No one could have predicted the Covid-19 pandemic and the effects together with the world economic crises and the subsequent effects on all sectors of society. • The trustees will formulate financial policy decisions for future interruptions of business
Additional information		
14.	The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Primarily Income is generated from membership subscriptions. However, we constantly look for funding opportunities and donations when we have special projects in need of funding. We now accept donations and membership subscriptions via PayPal directly through the website.
15.	Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	ITPAS does not have any investments due to our small income and turnover. However, the reserve fund, to be created, will be held within a very safe savings account that will allow instant withdrawal.
16.	A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of the local activities • Events costs, hall hire, speaker costs • Website and technical costs • Printing costs (we are attempting to become a paper free organisation and therefore not using postal mail but utilising email and internet facilities)

Structure, Governance and Management		
17.	Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution as can be found on the Charity Commission website The Charity Commission - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
18.	Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more Trustees	Officials are nominated and elected at the AGM (which is open to all ITPAS Members) as detailed within the Constitution. All members can recommend Trustees and Committee members. This is achieved via the website contact details or directly to the secretary@itpas.org
Additional information		
19.	Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees	During 2023 -24 we have installed up to date policies and procedures that comply with the Charity Commission guidelines. Also, and based upon best working practice, we have introduced systems, policies and procedures that improve our methods of working. Thus, our Backoffice IT systems have been improved. Existing trustees will provide new Trustees and Committee members with Charity Commission documents on responsibilities of Trustees as well as answering any queries new Trustees have. During this financial / calendar year, there has been some changes to the trustees. Detail can be found at Charity Commission Website or click here .
20.	The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	ITPAS is structured as such: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to Item 26 • The general day to day running is shared across the committee with officers working from their home addresses. They are responsible for all events and activities and the financial side of all transactions. • All trustees attend the regular monthly committee meetings and advise and action on issues then and in between if required
21.	Relationship with any related parties	There are no official relationships with other charities or organisations. However, we do have close working links with the local residents and businesses, council departments and local councillors. ITPAS are the founders of the WGSAs. Because we are part of this local community, we aim to serve the local community as already detailed above.
Reference and Administrative details		
22.	Charity name	Irby Thurstaston & Pensby Amenities Society
23.	Other name the charity uses	ITPAS

24.	Registered charity number	1150756
25.	Charity's principal address	12 Woodlands Road Irby WIRRAL CH61 2XD
26.	Names of the charity Trustees who manage the charity	<p>Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie Walker • Paul Trevor Ainslie • Jim McCormac • John Heath <p>Committee members for the current financial year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman – Paul Trevor Ainslie • Vice-Chairman – TBC • Secretary – Linda Denton • Membership / Events – Linda Denton, John Denton • Treasurer - Jim McCormac • Planning Officer – John Heath
27.	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)	The appointment of Trustees is through an election at the AGM (which is open to all members) as detailed within the Constitution.
28.	Description of the assets held in this capacity	ITPAS does not hold any property or assets partly or wholly.

Declarations

29.	The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report and financial statement below.	<p>The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.</p> <p>Melanie Walker Paul Trevor Ainslie Jim McCormac John Heath</p> <p>Signed on behalf of the Trustees</p> <p><i>P T Ainslie</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Date: 26th June 2024</p>
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Appendix 1.

Financial Statement

ITPAS Annual Accounts

Year Ending 20th December 2023

Profit & Loss Account

Income

Subscriptions	£2,058.50
Donations	£3,435.76
Grants (Wirral Borough Council Lights)	£623.00

Total £6,117.26

Expenditure

Public Liability Insurance	£157.00
Website	£360.88
WGSA Donation	£5,000.00
Lights Repairs	£697.33

Total £6,215.13

Deficit **£97.87**

Balance Sheet 20th December 2023

Opening Balance Current Account	£11,135.86
Closing Balance Current Account	£10,939.48
Petty Cash	£98.51

Profit / Loss **-£97.87**

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