



Chairmans Report Year Ending 2024

At the start of 2024, ITPAS set out the following objectives to return ITPAS to the forefront of the community's awareness:

- **increasing members contact with updates and newsletters,**
- **increased events and activities i.e. village tidy sessions and ITPAS talks,**
- **increased liaison with the Council re the Local Plan and local issues and protecting our green belt.**

We have achieved some of these objectives but need more help during 2025.

However, we have achieved the following successes during the year:

- **Irby Village Planters**
- **Irby village Flower beds**
- **Irby Village tidy-up sessions**
- **Establishment and lead of the WGSA (Wirral Green Space Alliance)**
- **IRBY Tree lights**
- **Council communications**

It's been hard work recovering the ITPAS reputation, but we are slowly achieving this.

The new website has proven very successful together with our updates on the Irby Facebook page. We have also improved our IT systems, processes and procedures to become more efficient and effective.

Our Planning Officer continues to scrutinise all building applications, the Local Plan and any green belt activity. One of the most important activities has been the establishment of the WGSA (Wirral Green Space Alliance) formed to fight the developer's attempts to derail the Local Plan and build on our precious green belt. We have won some battles, but with the government's proposals to build unneeded housing and the unadopted Local Plan, we need to be vigilant as the fight continues!

However, we still need more help to continue our activities as listed below.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to help either by volunteering or joining the committee then please contact us via the website www.itpas.org or by email to membership@itpas.org

Finally, please allow me to thank you for your continued support for ITPAS.

We could not survive without you.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM on 24th February 2025 18:00-20:00, details of which are on the website.

Regards

Paul Trevor Ainslie
ITPAS Chair

Objectives and Activities		
1.	Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	ITPAS 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 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	<p>The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charities Commission in deciding activities the Charity should and should not undertake.</p> <p>ITPAS complies with the Charity Commission guidelines.</p>
Additional information		
4.	Policy on grant making	Donations or grants to other charities or organisations will be discussed and voted upon during a committee meeting of officers and or trustees. Any such considerations must meet the charity's objects and purpose.

5.	Contribution made by volunteers	<p>The greatest contribution made by volunteers is their time, energy, enthusiasm and good heartedness. However, the charity is extremely grateful to all who donate to the projects and activities.</p> <p>All the Trustees and committee members are volunteers.</p>
Achievements and Performance		
6.	Summary of the main charity achievements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Belt Protection from Developers and Government proposals • Local Plan activities in order to adopt the Local plan. • Continued WGSA (Wirral Green Space Alliance) involvement • Establishment of Events and Activities – scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irby Village Tidy-Up sessions – ongoing ○ ITPAS talks – scheduled and ongoing ○ AGM • Irby Village flower planting and maintenance • Tree conservation • Irby Library flower bed maintenance and improvements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irby Village Planters Maintenance ○ Flower bed re-flowering and maintenance • Scheduled council grass cutting and Tidy-up rubbish collection • ITPAS website including payment facilities, contact details, links, events, news etc • Implemented regular member updates – email and notices • Maintenance of Notice Boards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improved Notice Board content • Implemented new and efficient processes and procedures • Maintain IT Systems for efficient charity functionality • Trustees and Committee meetings • 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"> • Increase of membership and volunteers • Committee additional members • Application for funding for community projects / activity • Improvement of bins, benches, Library grounds • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local Plan • Council liaison – regular Councillor meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Local issues • WGSAs 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 • Irby TREE Lights – purchase and installation • Irby Library – Support for new lease holder
9.	Other	As stated above we are part of the local community and aim to help the local community wherever possible.
Financial Review		
10.	Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<p>Please refer to the Financial Report in the Appendix 1 below.</p> <p>Significant expenditure has been for the provision of the Irby Village Planters. This has cost £3493.66</p> <p>The Irby Tree Lights are totally funded and maintained by ITPAS</p>
11.	Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating reason for reserve	It is the Trustee's view that the reserves should provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.
12.	Reserves held	Based on item 11. a sum of £5,000 is held as a reserve within the Charity's' Deposit Bank account attracting a 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 2025 year. • We apply for grants and donations wherever possible.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer provides detailed financial reports at every monthly trustee meeting for scrutiny and discussion • 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)	<p>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.</p> <p>We now accept donations and membership subscriptions via PayPal and debit / Credit card directly within the website.</p>
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 is held within a secure savings account that will allow instant withdrawal and a small interest payments.
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 • Daily running and administrative costs • Website and technical costs • Printing costs (we are attempting to become a paper free organisation utilising email and internet facilities rather than post
Structure, Governance and Management		
17.	Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	<p>Constitution as can be found on the Charity Commission website</p> <p>The Charity Commission - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>
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	<p>Officials are nominated and elected at the AGM (which is open to all ITPAS Members) as detailed within the Constitution.</p> <p>All members can recommend Trustees and Committee members. All members can provide a recommendation via the website contact details or directly to the secretary@itpas.org</p>

Additional information		
19.	Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees	<p>We use 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 using our backoffice IT systems.</p> <p>Existing Trustees will provide new Trustees and Committee members with Charity Commission documents detailing the responsibilities of Trustees as well as answering any queries new Trustees have.</p>
20.	The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<p>ITPAS is structured as such:</p> <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 regular monthly committee meetings in order to agree and action charity business.
21.	Relationship with any related parties	<p>There are no official relationships with other charities or organisations. However, we do have close working links with local residents and businesses, Council departments and local Councillors. ITPAS are the founders of the WGSA. We aim to serve the local community as a local part of the community.</p>
Reference and Administrative details		
22.	Charity name	Irby Thurstaston & Pensby Amenity 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 (TBC)

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. However, a Trustees committee can recommend Trustees and committee members when needed and agreed by a majority of the charity officers. In the event of a tied vote the Chair has final vote.
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 Trustee’s 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>----- Date: 30th January 2025</p>
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Appendix 1.

Financial Statement (£)

Financial Statement for the year ending 31.12.2024

Income	6463.47
Expenditure	7975.63
Profit/(Deficit)	(1512.16)

Comment. Although we show a considerable deficit, this was a very successful year financially for ITPAS. The deficit pales into insignificance when you consider the major expenditure for two years of Christmas lights, two years insurances and over £4k spent on the excellent village planters are all included in this financial year.

Bank Statement at 20.01.25

Current Account	2674.54
Savings Account	5136.46
Total	7811.00

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