



2021 AGM & EGM

Notice of Meeting to be held via Zoom at 6.30pm on 30th March 2021

Chair's Review

Since our last AGM we've made good progress, if differently and with some difficulty at times.

The accounts for last year show that we attracted over £60,000 of investment into Herne Hill, mainly from the Mayor of London, and spent over £90,000 on community projects. The Mayor's grant was for our plan to convert Station Hall (the disused first floor waiting room in Herne Hill Station) into a community hub and the other major outlay was for the installation of the Mural in the Underpass.

Over the course of the year we've furthered existing projects and embarked on several new ones.

Station Hall

Despite a very successful pilot project which ran for nine months, we were unsuccessful in our Phase 2 bid to the Mayor's Good Growth Fund. This was largely due to some complex aspects of our design proposal which involved land adjacent to the railway and the difficulty of dealing with Network Rail as a project partner. However, the significant benefit of a community space at the heart of Herne Hill was conclusively demonstrated.

Therefore, we have decided to simplify the project by limiting our objectives to making the hall fully accessible. To that end, we have -

- Separated Station Hall into a separate charity
- Secured Heads of Terms for 15-year peppercorn lease from Southeastern and Network Rail
- Commenced applications for grant funding

To achieve this and see Station Hall through the lockdowns, HHF has funded the project with an initial grant of £10,000. HHF remains fully committed to supporting the project through to completion.

Herne Hill Junction

In March of last year, we wrote to our Councillors and MP to highlight the fact that three healthy routes were due to converge on the main Herne Hill junction without any provision for how cyclists were to navigate from one to another.

Following their advice, we have hired a firm of traffic engineers that specialise in cycling and walking schemes to come up with potential solutions. We currently await their initial report and designs which we will then share with the community and councils with a view to putting a viable proposal to TfL for funding.

Cycling and Walking

Thanks to Giles Gibson of the Railton LTN (and former HHF Chair) and Lucy Reynolds (former HHF Project Manager), we have obtained three-year TfL funding to promote cycling and walking in Herne Hill.

The project will -

- Provide free hire of bike trailers to encourage modal shift away from cars
- Create walking crocodiles with local schools to encourage walking to school

Computers for Schools

During the first lockdown we teamed-up with Mr Somerville of Charter School, North Dulwich to provide quality refurbished laptops to students without adequate kit at home. To date we've collected over 150 devices and supplied over 100 to the school.

Those not suitable for reuse have been fully recycled. The scheme is ongoing, as is the requirement.

Do-Good Grants

In Autumn 2020, we started offering grants of up to £500 to projects which improve the neighbourhood and foster community-building.

To date we have awarded 4 grants:

- Local photographer Julia Hawkins held an exhibition in the Station Undepass celebrating the people working and living around Station Square
- Junior Open Mic bought equipment to share among local young musicians to record and practise music at home
- Osborne Close Gardening Group will be planting several street beds that are in need of some TLC
- The Groves Residents' Association will be launching a little community library as well as planting up some planters

Brockwell Passage

Lockdown caused a shortage of sanitary facilities and the Passage bore the brunt of alfresco drinkers' desire for relief. Together with affected residents, we have built a partition across a recessed corner to discourage the worst of excesses.

We also took the opportunity to renew the coloured lamp shades and reconnect the power supply.

Committee Rotations

At each AGM, one third of the Committee retires by rotation. The Committee currently stands at twenty and the seven longest standing members are -

- Maude Eastwick
- John Frankland
- Mary Bougieres
- Robert Holden
- Sian Dragonetti
- Nick Edwards
- Mike Colvin

Accounts 2019/20

Please address any questions to the HHF Treasurer, Jonathan Barry at accounts@hernehillforum.org.uk

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PROFIT AND LOSS

5 April, 2019 - 4 April, 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
Crowdfunding and Donations	1,041.74
Grant Income	6,250.00
Services - CCFM	12,458.26
Station Hall Income	48,432.50
Total Income	£68,182.50
GROSS PROFIT	£68,182.50
Expenses	
Bad and doubtful debts	2,600.00
Charitable donations	85.00
Contractor	54,511.48
Insurance	369.75
Legal and professional fees	18,000.00
Printing, postage and stationery	4.46
Public mtg - venue/catering	341.00
Purchases	18,146.99
Subscriptions	1,214.82
Website development	559.99
Total Expenses	£95,833.49
NET OPERATING INCOME	£ -27,650.99
NET INCOME	£ -27,650.99

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BALANCE SHEET

As of April 4, 2020

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Total Fixed Asset	
Cash at bank and in hand	
Cash at bank	126,668.19
Cash held by Local Authorities	3,239.00
Cash in hand plus float	215.24
Total Cash at bank and in hand	£130,122.43
Debtors	
Commercial Debtors	0.00
Other debtors	-2,600.00
Trading Debtors	2,600.00
Total Debtors	£0.00
Current Assets	
Debtors	0.00
Total Current Assets	£0.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	£130,122.43
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	7,329.56
Creditors	157.33
Total Current Liabilities	£7,486.89
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£7,486.89
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£122,635.54
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	£122,635.54
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	£122,635.54
Capital and Reserves	
Brought forward reserves	123,652.00
Deficit/Surplus	-14,584.00
Retained Earnings	13,567.54
Profit for the year	
Total Capital and Reserves	£122,635.54

Special Resolution to convert to a CIO

BACKGROUND

The Forum is currently structured as an unincorporated association whose members have unlimited liability. It is managed by a committee (the “**Committee**”), led by four elected officers and has a membership comprising of persons living, working or carrying out business in the Herne Hill area (the “**Members**”).

As the Forum embarks on larger and more complex projects, the Committee considers it would be beneficial for the Forum to become a charity, including because this may enable the Forum to access more grant funding, strengthen its legal status and governance and benefit from limited liability. In order to achieve this, the Committee proposes to register a

charitable incorporated organisation (“**CIO**”) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and then transfer the Forum’s operations and activities to the CIO. The Forum would then be able to operate as a charity going forwards. The Committee would ensure that all voting members of the Forum could become voting members of the CIO.

In order to facilitate the Forum becoming a charity, the Members are asked to consider and approve the following resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS

That:

- (1) the Committee shall be authorised to apply to register a charitable incorporated organisation (the “CIO”) with the Charity Commission for England and Wales;
- (2) following registration of the CIO, all assets, liabilities, operations, activities and records of the unincorporated association known as Herne Hill Forum (the “Unincorporated Association”) shall be transferred to the CIO (the “Transfer”);
- (3) following completion of the Transfer, the Unincorporated Association shall be dissolved;
- (4) the Committee shall be authorised to take all necessary steps to effect the Transfer and the subsequent dissolution of the Unincorporated Association; and
- (5) to the extent necessary, the constitution of the Unincorporated Association shall be modified to permit the Transfer.