

# **SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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Registered Charity No. 508950*



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## **Annual Report of Sudley Area Residents' Association for year ending 31/3/2016**

SARA's activities have gone from strength to strength this year. Points to note include the following...

### **May 2015: SARA Hall Polling Station**

1640 people visited SARA Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May to vote. A great opportunity for people who hadn't seen the hall to get an idea of what goes on.

### **July 2015: Alleygating Project – Irwell Lane**

Towards the end of the last financial year and the first couple of months of this year we worked with ward Councillors to ensure that one of the few remaining ungated alleys in the area was gated. This project was finalised in July.

### **August 2015: New Planters**

2 large wooden planters filled with plants were installed outside SARA Hall by the trustees. They have provided a bit of colour to the front of the hall. In addition, 3 large planters forming 'L17' had been sited by the ward councillors at the bottom of Chermside and Cromer Roads. These are now maintained by SARA trustees and local residents.

### **September 2015: A new Trustee**

SARA welcomed Pauline Vergalen as a new trustee.

*Chairman: Steven Kearney, Secretary: Dot Caples, Treasurer: Ray Brown*

### **September 2015: WEA Introduction to Sign Language**

A new group attended SARA in September through to January 2016 for an introduction to Sign Language. The course was delivered by a deaf tutor who provided a great series of lessons and brought his hearing dog Gypsy who made herself at home. SARA students were featured on the WEA website receiving their certificates.

### **October 2015: Heritage Lottery Fund – Sharing Heritage Grant**

SARA submitted a successful bid for a Sharing Heritage grant totaling £9,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project has been administered and managed between SARA and local filmmaker Liz Brown to develop 'Children of War: Childhood Memories of Growing up in South Liverpool during World War II'. The project has incorporated some fantastic workshops, a presence at St George's Hall Big History Show, a 1940's themed tea dance for local residents, a travelling exhibition, a book and of course the finished film.

Copies of the book and film will be shared with Liverpool Central Library, the Imperial War Museum, and the British Library. The project has been exciting for residents and trustees alike.

### **November 2015: Planning Objection – To build houses on the grounds of the Aigburth People's Hall.**

Planning objections were submitted by the trustees following a request from residents.

### **December 2015: British Film Institute – Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment Fund**

A successful bid was submitted to replace broken and sub-standard cinema equipment with the BFI Neighbourhood Cinema Equipment. Equipment to the value of £2,100 was provided and has made a vast improvement to both picture and sound quality.

Films over the period have included: Pride, The Theory of Everything, The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, The Woman in Gold, Mr Holmes and The Lady in the Van.

### **February 2016: The Liverpool Showtime Group**

An overwhelming number of residents attended an evening of entertainment from The Liverpool Showtime Group. The ladies arrived with plenty of new songs and performed fantastically well all evening.

### **March 2016: IM Marsh Campus**

A joint working party was formed to monitor activity at Liverpool John Moores University IM Marsh Campus following the successful planning application at Copperas Hill that will include the relocation of IM Marsh facilities to the new site.

### **March 2016: Floor restoration**

We undertook a project to restore the pitch pine parquet floor at SARA Hall in March. The hall was closed for a week and contractors set to work sanding and restoring the floor to brilliant shine.

### **Membership**

Voting Members	107
Non-voting Members	30
Associate Members	1

### **Classes, Sessions and Private Functions at SARA Hall**

There have been only minor fluctuations in our weekly timetable over the last 12 months but our long term groups and classes in Yoga, Karate, Kick Boxing, Art, Craft and the Tea Dance have all continued. Former 'Sure Start' Jumping Jacks and Sing-along-a-tots sessions are running well as private sessions.

Merseyside Police 'Have your say' sessions and ward Councillors have also continued using the hall over the period.

Private functions have remained stable over the period.

### **Fundraising Events and Raffles for our Charity of the Year (KIND)**

Our Bingo & Quiz Night in October, our December Festive Evening and The Liverpool Showtime Group Evening in February raised over £440 for KIND.

Raffles on our day trips and holidays raised £435 for KIND.

Overall, the sum of £1,295.18 was presented to KIND for the period. For 2016-2017 we have adopted the Liverpool Homeless Charity 'The Whitechapel Centre' and look forward to helping them over the next 12 months.

### **SARA Table Sales**

Towards the end of 2015 it was clear that our table sales were no longer as popular. For January 2016 we rebranded the event as an Indoor Car Boot Sale. We have reduced the number of sales from 10 to 4 and produced new advertising materials. We hope to report a more successful response to this at our next AGM.

### **Day Trips & Holidays have included:-**

Skipton  
Frodsham & Chester  
Harrogate  
Bakewell  
Mold & Llandudno  
Clitheroe / Preston  
Turkey & Tinsel to Skegness  
Whaley Bridge

## **Finances**

At the end of the 12 month period, SARA had £28,535.71 in unrestricted reserves and £4,030.64 in restricted reserves for the Heritage Lottery Sharing Heritage project. The net (unrestricted) income for the year was £1,422.15.

## **Repairs & Renewals**

Over the last twelve months we have replaced chairs, had new floor covering fitted in the kitchen and had the main hall floor restored. Over the next twelve months we look to further improve the facilities at SARA Hall, we will be buying further chairs to accommodate the increased number of visitors attending our events and with the assistance of our ward councilors will be having a dropped kerb installed to provide even better access to the building.

As I close my report, I would like to thank all who have been involved with SARA over the last 12 months and I look forward to celebrating SARA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with you all next year.

Steven Kearney  
CHAIRMAN  
3rd June 2016

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2016 £	Total 2015 £
<b>INCOMING</b>				
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>				
Charles Brotherton Trust	175.00	-	175.00	175.00
City Council Community Grant - Alleygating Project			-	1,650.00
Heritage Lottery Fund - Childhood Memories		9,900.00	9,900.00	
Other	20.00	-	20.00	20.00
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>				
Classes held at SARA Hall	10,485.23	-	10,485.23	10,123.15
Charity of the year	1,295.18	-	1,295.18	1,374.72
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>				
Private functions at SARA Hall	2,008.00	-	2,008.00	2,100.00
Holidays and day trips	24,503.50	-	24,503.50	13,718.00
Other fundraising activities	1,037.17	-	1,037.17	1,247.61
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest	15.85	-	15.85	14.02
	<b>39,539.93</b>	<b>9,900.00</b>	<b>49,439.93</b>	<b>30,422.50</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	22,989.50	-	22,989.50	12,212.65
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Newsletter	668.47	-	668.47	746.98
Fundraising costs	337.06	-	337.06	434.71
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>				
Charity of the year	1,295.18	-	1,295.18	1,549.72
Return of Merseyrail Grant	-	-	-	500.00
City Council Community Grant - Alleygating Project		1,650.00	1,650.00	
Heritage Lottery Fund - Childhood Memories		5,869.36	5,869.36	
<u>Support costs, management and administration</u>				
Repairs and maintenance of SARA Hall	1,992.55	-	1,992.55	2,293.48
Lighting and heating	1,625.65	-	1,625.65	2,189.39
Rent and council tax	2,711.99	-	2,711.99	2,707.26
Water charges	468.36	-	468.36	471.07
Insurances	600.54	-	600.54	532.62
Miscellaneous expenses	434.99	-	434.99	353.00
Staff costs and expenses	4,158.80	-	4,158.80	3,955.40
Sundries	476.91	-	476.91	420.48
Telephone and stationery	347.78	-	347.78	262.79
Bank Charges	10.00	-	10.00	-
	<b>38,117.78</b>	<b>7,519.36</b>	<b>45,637.14</b>	<b>28,629.55</b>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	1,422.15	2,380.64	3,802.79	1,792.95
Balances as at 1st April 2015	27,113.56	1,650.00	28,763.56	26,970.61
Balances as at 31st March 2016	<b>28,535.71</b>	<b>4,030.64</b>	<b>32,566.35</b>	<b>28,763.56</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2016**

	£	£	31/03/15 £
Cash in hand	-	-	-
Current account	8,450.92		4,494.77
less unrepresented cheques	<u>- 2,031.37</u>		<u>- 872.16</u>
		6,419.55	3,622.61
Reserve account		16,147.59	15,138.66
Lease Account		9,999.21	10,002.29
		<u>32,566.35</u>	<u>28,763.56</u>

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