

Milton Creek Country Park Trust - 2024 AGM

Fundraising Report

Our Financial Year ended on the 30th of September during which time the Trust raised £61,927. We continued to receive valuable support from our Borough Councillors, with member's grants of £3,093.

This year the Trust has continued with its major fundraising campaign to enable us to build a community hub "Space in the Park" and we have received contributions from several SBC councillors towards this objective totalling £1,100.

Applications to a number of grant making trusts have been successful totalling £54,265 as listed below:-

Kent Community Foundation Grant	£5,000.00
Lottery - Awards For All for Space in the Park	£9,920.00
Peoples Postcode Lottery grant for Space in the Park	£24,345.00
Forrester Family Trust Grant for Space	£5,000.00
Queenborough Fisheries Trust Grant for Space	£10,000.00

Private donations, gift aid, fundraising events and interest have also contributed £3,463.68.

This means that with the £22,000 we had in the reserve account, brought forward from the previous year, by the end of this financial year we had raised £80,778 towards "Space in the Park".

I am pleased to report that since 1st October we have had received a further £7,000 from SBC's community infrastructure grant and £2,770 from Orchard Community Energy. We have sufficient funds to proceed with the first 3 phases of the project, that are, to purchase the two containers, get them converted, installed, start fitting them out and get them connected to the services. With the delays due to building control and increasing prices there is still a lot of fundraising required to enable us to fully complete the project.

In addition, the Trust has also been able to purchase Room for £2,000 (half what we initially offered) as its previous owner had not found another buyer. SBC contributed £500, young Noah's sponsored triathlon raised £200, there was £750 unassigned cash in the reserve account and the balance came from Milton Creek Creations sales.

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