

Milton Creek Trust - 2021 AGM

Fundraising Report

Our Financial Year ends on the 30th September. During the year 2019/20 the Trust continued to receive valuable support from our Borough Councillors. Their combined grants of £2600 was enough to cover all our necessary expenses as well as fund 2 days of chainsaw training for 4 people, their PPE, 2 chainsaws and other gear.

It had already been decided that we would not run Art in the Park in 2020. It needs a team of at least 4 to organise and run the event and no one came forward who was willing to get involved when we held an EGM in October 2019. Kris reported that there had been very high participation in a number of other events that he had organised over the summer of 2019, like the Teddy Bears' picnic and that these types of events were much cheaper and easier to organise so we were planning to concentrate on this type of event during 2020.

We had started using Eventbrite to book and charge for workshops, as previously many people who had booked then failed to attend, leaving a lot of disappointed people. This has worked well with full attendances at the 2 events we did manage to run during the winter. The Rustic Reindeer making event was so popular that we added a second day. In all we raised £235 before Covid-19 struck and we were unable to run any more events

We were awarded a maximum £1000 grant by "Celebrate National Lottery 25" for a community project, which we planned to put towards the cost of a performance of Mr Stink on 30th August 2020. This money has been put into reserve and the performance has been rescheduled for Saturday 27th June 2021.

This year has been more about spending than raising funds. Every year as a legacy of Art in the Park the Trust has added a permanent piece of art work to the Art Trail. This year was slightly different, the totem poles were re-carved and we managed to complete the latest contribution, the Big Bee game just before lockdown in March. Wheelabrator had granted us £2000 which went towards the creation and fencing of a new wildlife pond, while part of the 'Awards for All' Lottery funding for the Art in the Park 2019 legacy was used to pay for more posts, interpretation panels and artwork for a new Nature Trail.

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