

Blurton Farm Residents Association

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Director's Report for October 2006 to October 2007

This has been a very productive time for the Association as we were successful with our bid to The Big Lottery Fund for an amount of £89,000 which gave us the opportunity to employ our Community Development Officer. As a result of this our postholder has been able to assist our Association in bidding successfully for funding from Learning in Deprived Communities Fund - £24,000 to set up a new Learning Centre to be used by the Community. We were also grateful for monies received from the Community Empowerment Network and Aspire Housing. The Community Development Officer was also able to assist and give advice to groups in our area in order for them to obtain their own funding or to set up new groups.

This year has been a very frustrating year for the Association. With the loss of our College in the Community computers and the inability to offer courses because of the size of our premises, we set out to address the problem. We are now in the process of obtaining planning permission to move into new premises in Garsdale Crescent Blurton. This process has taken much longer than we anticipated and as yet we are still waiting for planning permission to be granted. We would like to thank Tracy Chatten and Sue Williams from the Neighbourhood Renewal Team and Brendan Fletcher-Chard from Aspire Housing for their invaluable support throughout this long and drawn-out process.

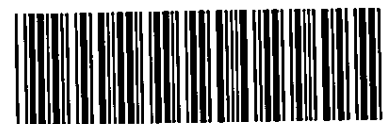
The success we had in gaining monies from The Learning in Deprived Communities Fund will enable us to purchase computers in order to set up a Learning Centre in our new, bigger premises. We have worked closely with College in the Community and look forward to the opportunities that we will be able to offer the community for learning in their own area.

Our Dreamscheme for young persons will continue to operate thanks to an award of £1500 received from Aspire Housing and our Craft Classes, which run through a number of our projects, have been able to purchase new and updated craft items due to funding from the Community Empowerment Network to the value of £3174.

The final payment from the Give It Sum fund amounted to £7320 and this helped with running costs and the employment of a part time cleaner. A big thank you to Give It Sum as we have received funding for the last 3 years.

Our Volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that all our projects are well staffed and give the recipients what they ask for. We hold regular MP and Councillor surgeries, we run both young people and youth groups. Our over 50's club is both social and health based and is

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very well attended. We run trips to the seaside, hold a Christmas Party each year for up to 80 senior citizens and our craft classes range from card making and scrapbooking to sugarcraft. We hold fund raising events and we go from strength to strength

Our current premises are open on a full time basis and residents use it to access help and support

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers who have successfully completed various training course and I would also like to congratulate all those who have been able to gain employment through the qualifications they have achieved

The past twelve months have been frustrating but with team effort we have kept the Association running smoothly. The future looks good for Blurton Farm Residents Association and we look forward to meeting the challenges which face us during the coming year.

Christine Pratt
Charity Director

Mrs. C Pratt
P Wilkin

BLURTON FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet at 31st October 2007

Income	£ 74,387 90
Expenditure	£ 42,257 45
Suplus/(Deficit)	£ 32,130 45
bfwd balance	£ 10,145 01
cfwd balance	<u><u>£ 42,275.46</u></u>

bfwd balance	
BFRA bank	£ 5,090 05
BFRA petty cash	£ 174 09
Funders Bank	£ 4,825 29
Funders petty cash	£ 55 58
	<u><u>£ 10,145 01</u></u>

cfwd balance	
BFRA bank	£ 5,196 31
BFRA petty cash	£ 208 51
Funders Bank	£ 36,705 81
Funders petty cash	£ 164 83
	<u><u>£ 42,275.46</u></u>

Mrs. C Pratt
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 2006 TO OCTOBER 2007 – continuation sheet

For the year ended October 2007, the company was entitled to exemption under section 249a(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249b(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company

Mrs. C. Pratt
P. Mulkin

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Income & Expenditure 1st November 2006 to 31st October 2007

Income

advertiser	£ 450 00
crafts	£ 865 42
grant income	£ 65,403 00
training	£ 498 70
café	£ 1,476 68
slimming world	£ 540 00
telephone	£ 10 33
play services	£ 1,636 75
misc	£ 120 00
trips	£ 1,835 90
dreamscheme	£ 1,026 94
blurton festival	£ 342 50
bank interest	£ 181 68
	£ 74,387 90

Expenditure

refreshments	£ 2,628 00
coach trips	£ 1,901 20
gardening	£ 417 50
office running expenses	£ 681 95
utilities	£ 580 19
stationery	£ 692 05
wages	£ 24,114 11
travel	£ 385 40
telephone/internet	£ 1,309 27
misc	£ 700 46
gifts	£ 169 44
crafts	£ 6,410 70
bank charges	£ 4 56
professional charges	£ 112 00
insurance	£ 1,120 60
events	£ 1,030 02
	£ 42,257 45

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Balance c fwd £ 42,275.46

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