

Community Enterprises PL12 Report to Saltash Town Council

February 2020

February seems to have flashed by, with a whirlwind of activity at CEPL12.

Radio interview; The busy month began on 1st February, when the Chair was interviewed live on the BBC Radio Cornwall Breakfast show, celebrating our shortlist on the Good Retail Awards and having an opportunity to give listeners an insight into the projects we run.

Recycling; Our recycling schemes have so far raised over £100, with another 60 inkjet cartridges sent off today. This money will be used for small environmental projects in PL12. Inkjet cartridge recycling boxes are now situated in STC offices, and at some of the office-based businesses in Saltash. This is greatly appreciated, and should help to boost this pot of money.

Dementia Voice; Dementia Voice's "Do you Mind if I Sing?" continues to be a resounding success, & it's future has been secured with a £2,000 award from Cornwall Community Foundation. Funding has also been secured from Greenwich Hospital, for the continuation for another year of the Veteran's Group. A representative from Greenwich Hospital was able to visit the Veterans at Greenwich Place on 21st February, and see first-hand how their funding helps our local Veterans; she was very impressed with the Group, and with the other Dementia Voice activities.

Hub Activities; We're busy organising a Seed Swap in the Hub, in conjunction with Saltash Gardening Group, who are turning the neglected veg garden at Saltash.net into a productive plot once again. Last year, veg grown was sold through the Hub & raised a total of £205, which will be spent on seeds for this year and on environmental initiatives such as tree planting with SEA. The Seed Swap is taking place on 21st March. Other Fore St businesses expressed an interest, & this has resulted in the day being called Saltash Bee Awareness Day. Wildflower Seedbombs, which are being made in workshops, will be given away free on the 21st. Full details can be found on Facebook.

The Hub opening hours will change slightly at the beginning of April, & will be open until 3pm on Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

Directors; Our new Directors are settling into their roles, & we had a very worthwhile meeting, discussing potential new enterprises. This year should be a busy one for us all.

Finances; Our financial position continues to look strong with a healthy surplus halfway through the year.

Hopper Buses; Our Hopper Trips continue to be popular. We no longer have a dedicated Transport Director, but instead the workload is spread amongst 5 Directors and AI. This is proving to be working well, the trips are well attended and popular, and admin is under control. We have made the decision to cancel one of our two CCC contracts, to concentrate on serving PL12 with the Hoppers. We have some exciting plans in the making.

We voted at the Directors meeting last week to run a Name the Hoppers competition. Currently known as H1 & H2, we wanted something a bit more original and memorable. We anticipate the competition taking place from May to June. The winners will receive a free Hopper trip for their organisation.

Membership; we currently have 1,019 Members, an increase of 30 over last month.

Marketing; a new website is under construction, and this will contain lots of information and photos about all aspects of the organisation. We are anticipating it will go "live" in March. An interesting & informative Member's Newsletter has gone out this week.

SaltashCard; Volunteers are continuing the work on SaltashCard, and details, photos and offers for all participating businesses will be on our new website. Marty has been waiting for a dry, sunny day to take photos of the shops...

Belle Vue building lease; No progress to report.

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Chair, Community enterprises PL12.

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