

Chairs Annual Report to the Parish Council and the Community Forum 2020/2021

This report concerns the activities of the Community Forum since the last annual report dated April 2020.

The CF continues to support the efforts of Parish groups and organisations through financial grants. These payments are made possible by the PC who provide an annual grant to the CF.

The CF would normally meet quarterly at the Resource Centre to consider applications received. This of course, has not been possible due to the Pandemic restrictions. But, I'm pleased to report that lack of face to face contact hasn't stopped the CF work!

We have continued to receive, discuss and award grants throughout the last year via email contact. All CF members have been emailed copies of received applications, we then have open discussions on the applications merits and a decision will be jointly made on the success of the applications and the amount to be awarded.

Despite the lack of opportunity for events over the past year, the CF has still functioned and has been effective in supporting 7 diverse applications which are listed here:

1. April 2020 - Pill Food Bank
2. July 2020 - Lodway Football Club, purchase of new goals on wheels.
3. October 2020 - Friends together, supporting people with invisible illnesses.
4. December 2020- Crockerne School, purchase of new books.
5. January 2021 - production of Community Allotment cookbook.
6. February 2021- Activities at Crockerne School for World Book Day.
7. February 2021 - supporting setting up of Pill Community Fridge and Food Surplus table.

Full disclosure of amounts granted to each application available in the CF Treasures annual report.

The CF has remained effective in supporting local activities despite the huge obstacles we have all faced in this new world.

I would like to Thank my fellow Officers for their hard work and all the members who allow the CF to continue through their support.

I would like especially to Thank Ralph Whiting, who after many years of contributing his knowledge and wisdom to the CF has made the decision to step down. We will all miss you.

Last Thanks to the PC for continued support during these difficult times.

Lin Matthews - Chair of the Community Forum