

Cragg Vale Community Limited

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2016

Reference and administrative details of the company, its directors and advisors

The directors during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Judith Schofield	Chair	Re-appointed January 2014
Nick Murphy	Treasurer	Appointed January 2015
Kevin Cutts	Vice Chair	
Scott Trickett		
Shirley Daniel		Re-appointed January 2015
Jackie Scarf		Re-appointed January 2016
Brierley Hellowell		Re-appointed January 2016
Pete West		Appointed January 2016
Hugh Morgan		Resigned January 2016

Company secretary Marianne Hood OBE

Company number 06707319

Registered and principal address

2 Green Bank
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
HX7 5TP

Bankers

Unity Trust Bank PLC
Nine Brindleyplace
Birmingham
B1 2HB

Accountants

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service
Stringer House
34 Lupton Street
Leeds LS10 2QW

Structure, governance and management

Method of recruitment and appointment of directors

The company was formed on 25 September 2008 and is limited by guarantee. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

At the end of every AGM, one third of those committee members elected shall retire from office but shall be the ones who have been longest in office since they were last elected or appointed.

Any director holding an officer position shall hold office for three years until he or she:-

- (a) Resigns by written notice to the secretary;
- (b) Is removed from office by a resolution of the committee;
- (c) Ceases to be a committee member.

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Objectives and activities

The company's objects and powers

To promote and safeguard the interests of the inhabitants of Cragg Vale without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, disability, race, religion, or political affiliation, by associating the local authorities, voluntary and community organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the quality conditions of life for all members of the community.

- To stimulate public interest in the area of benefit, being the village of Cragg Vale and surrounding areas in the Cragg Vale Valley and provide networks, forums and other mechanisms for members and other individuals to enable them to share information and experience and to disseminate information about new initiatives.
- To improve the amenities and public spaces within Cragg Vale.
- To promote and enhance road safety for the community and its inhabitants.
- To promote and protect the unique character of the Cragg Vale area.
- To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Amendments to our Constitution

At the Annual General Meeting in 2016 the Special Resolution in relation to amending our Articles was approved. It was agreed that, in response to communications from the Charity Commission, our Objects would be amended to only include the details in the first bullet point above, all other details will now be included as 'powers'. These details have been submitted to the Charity Commission to seek to gain charitable status for our organisation.

Achievements and performance

2015-2016 was another busy year for the association. Our website is now fully up and running and is being well used. We are continuing to produce our quarterly newsletter to keep everyone who lives or works in the valley in touch with what is happening and have gained some new advertisers so that all production costs are now covered. Regular events such as the 'Spring Clean' and Spaw Sunday took place along with our popular 'Treasure Hunt' which was run as a 'Heritage Treasure Hunt' making use of the Heritage Trail storyboards installed the previous year. We also organized another 'Bike Fun 'n Games' session at the Ark with support from Calderdale Council's Bikeability Team. This was also the third year for our 'Festival of Lights' with lanterns and a procession around the Park and Garden with singing led by Marilyn from the Steiner School and Carol Wolstenholme of the Church choir. The Community Garden continues to be maintained with the help of volunteers although the older Steiner School children have moved out of Cragg Vale and so will no longer be involved. The Community Notice Board opposite the Robin Hood had been suffering from damp and damage from rain being able to get into the back of the board, this has now been renovated with help from Brierley Hellowell and Kevin Cutts.

The History Group continues to go from strength to strength and has had a very successful year with well-attended events. We secured a grant from Hebden Royd Town Council to enable to Group to have better audio-visual equipment to make sure meetings and presentations are accessible to all. The Group is continuing to meet in the Steiner School but hopes to move back into the Church in 2017 when the church renovation is completed.

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Our successful projects during the year included:

1: Renovation of the entrance to the Community Park and Garden

We managed to secure grant aid from Calderdale Council and Hebden Royd Town Council, donations, support from Thornber Properties and help from volunteers to enable us to completely renovate the entrance to the Park and Community Garden in time for the Festival of Lights. The land has been levelled, drained and properly surfaced with tarmac and is now fully accessible to anyone with restricted mobility, those with pushchairs and anyone using a wheel chair. The entrance now looks much better and the Park and Garden are also safe and secure thank to the installation of a gate by Thornbers. Thanks go to Calderdale Council, Hebden Royd Town Council, Thornber Properties and Soo and Steve Watson for their support for this project.

2: 2017 Heritage Trail Calendar

Although we had not managed to produce a calendar for 2016 the work for the storyboards provided the basis for development of a special calendar for 2017 based on the Heritage Trail and storyboards. We succeeded in gaining sufficient sponsorship to cover the printing costs of the calendars and had funds available to pay the designers who worked on our storyboards to do the artwork for the calendar. Thanks go to all our sponsors and to Electric Paper

3: Welcome Pack

The long work to develop a 'Welcome Pack' to be given to anyone moving into Cragg Vale has now been completed. Thanks go to all who helped with this, especially Liz from Coiner's Barn and Steve and Angela from Old Cragg hall and our new Committee Member, Pete West.

Thanks: The association wants to give special thanks to local residents and the people who have volunteered their time and support during the year; the schools: Cragg Vale J&I School, Calder Valley Steiner School and the Ark; our local church, and all the local businesses, especially Thornber Properties, Craggs Energy, Little Valley Brewery, Craggs Cakes, and the Robin Hood pub, who once again supported our activities throughout the year.

**Marianne Hood OBE
Company Secretary**