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Independent Schemes Progress Report 2022-23

Name of Scheme: Cottenham

Parishes in Scheme: Cottenham

New or Existing Scheme? Existing

Number of clients at start of year: 12 full members and 3 associates

Number of clients at year end: 10 full members and 2 associates

Comments to support above: Some clients have passed away and some have moved into care homes. However, some new clients have also joined the scheme.

Marketing and promotional activity:

- In May an article was placed in the Cottenham Newsletter to raise awareness of the scheme and to celebrate 25 years in operation.
- Another article will be written for the next Cottenham Newsletter the Fen Edge News appealing for new members.

Fundraising events: N/A

Additional information:

- Have not been able to hold regular meetings as much as they did before the pandemic. However, they hope to hold more meetings later this year and beyond.
- Are about to employ a second warden, to cover some of the work currently undertaken by volunteers.
- A positive balance of £4,022.44 was reported 31 March 2023.

Name of Scheme: Great Shelford

Parishes in Scheme: Great Shelford

New or Existing Scheme? Existing

Number of clients at start of year: 29 (16 full-time and 13 associate members)

Number of clients at year end: 23 (12 full-time and 11 associate members)

Comments to support above:

- Sadly, this year five members have passed away with another member moving into a care home.
- They continue to work with the Health Centre and District Nurses, raising awareness of the scheme and explaining how it can support the elderly in the village.
- New members have, however, not been coming forward since the pandemic in the numbers they did before COVID.

Marketing and promotional activity:

- Launched a website for the Great Shelford Mobile Warden Scheme (<http://www.shelfordwardenscheme.org>).
- Ran a stall at the Shelford Feast
- Held a tea party for members in September 2022

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- Put leaflets through doors in several streets in the village which have a high proportion of elderly residents.

Fundraising events:

- Ran a very popular Hoopla stall at the Shelford Feast and were given £1,000 of the profits of this event by the Parish Council.
- The Great Shelford Parish Council provided a grant of £3,500.
- One of their members who passed away left £5,000 as a legacy in their will
- Received £1,762 in donations this year from people in the village.

Additional information:

- Recently considered expanding into Little Shelford and generated some budget figures for the two village warden schemes working together and took them to a meeting of the Little Shelford Parish Council. However, after carrying out a survey in Little Shelford, the Parish Council of that village reported back that it was not the best time to start a mobile warden scheme in the area.
- The scheme made an operational loss of £2,035 during 2022-23. However, because of the legacy of £5,000 received during the year, their total funds went up from £16,079 to £19,063.

Name of Scheme: Harston & District Village Warden Scheme

Parishes in Scheme: Harston, Hauxton, Grantchester, Newton & Orwell and Barrington

New or Existing Scheme? Existing

Number of clients at start of year: 18

Number of clients at year end: 14

Comments to support above:

- This year was marked by the tragedy of three active members having passed away in the past few months. Whilst the Scheme continued to operate successfully, the effect of the losses has scarcely reduced the warden's workload since further members continue to be in quite distressed circumstances as the various care services struggle to support them.

Marketing and promotional activity: None undertaken

Fundraising events: None undertaken

Additional information:

- The Trust has been in talks with the Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme [MMWS] with the objective of the Harston scheme being dissolved after the transfer of its members to MMWS. Further details are provided in the Harston & District Village Warden Trust Update also being presented to Grant's Advisory committee.
- A positive balance of £3,129.42 was reported 31 March 2023.

Name of Scheme: Milton community care scheme.

Parishes in Scheme: Milton

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Number of clients at start of year: 21 members in 19 Households.

Number of clients at year end: 21 members in 19 Households.

Comments to support above: Oversubscribed- maximum is 20 members although currently nobody is on the waiting list.

Marketing and promotional activity:

- Active Facebook page
- Visits to various clubs and societies to highlight the scheme within Milton.

Fundraising events: N/A

Additional information:

EOY balance to be confirmed verbally in GAC

Name of Scheme: The Mordens & Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme

Parishes in Scheme: Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth, Guilden Morden, Litlington Steeple Morden

New or Existing Scheme? Existing

Number of clients at start of year: 13

Number of clients at year end: 10

Comments to support above: Are currently at a very low number of members but are optimistic that numbers will recover.

Marketing and promotional activity:

- Poster campaign
- Advertising on village Facebook pages
- Had a presence at an event in each of their villages. (e.g., at Steeple Morden Christmas Tree Festival)
- Have now produced a professionally designed six-page A5 colour brochure which will be sent out to local GPs, churches, pharmacies and other outlets and organisations.
- Are creating a website which will include all the text from the brochure.
- Posters following the design of the brochure are being printed and will be displayed on village notice boards.

Fundraising events:

- Are currently planning a quiz event (including a raffle) which should raise a significant sum.

Additional information:

- Have had a very difficult year following on from the pandemic. Their previous Warden resigned in July 2022. They operated for a while with the help of a previous Warden while a replacement was sought. The new Warden was in place for a few weeks and then resigned as she had to care full-time for an elderly relative who had become suddenly more dependent on her as her carer. Further recruitment took place, and they now have a new warden who started on 1 May.
- Unfortunately, due to the situation prior to July 2022 they lost several members, and their membership has not recovered to date.

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- However, with a new and enthusiastic warden in place together with the support of a committed group of Trustees and our new brochure and related promotional activity, they are now able to move forward and expand their membership.
- On 31 March 2023 the scheme had £7,108 in available funds.

Name of Scheme: Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme (MMWS)

Parishes in Scheme: Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth and, more recently, Whaddon.

New or Existing Scheme? Existing

Number of clients at start of year: 45

Number of clients at year end: 48

Comments to support above: As is the nature of a warden scheme, clients sadly leave, and others gladly join. MMWS have taken on several new clients over the course of the year 2022-23, as reflected in the numbers above.

Marketing and promotional activity:

- Doesn't market directly to potential clients, it mainly relies on word of mouth and recommendations.
- There have been village wide leaflet drops that have listed the MMWS service.
- Have a regular advert in the village magazine.
- Often put leaflets in strategic points around the village.

Fundraising events: MMWS doesn't have a direct fundraising process but is a recipient of donations from time to time, given to help organise outings and treats for the clients.

Additional information:

- The scheme has eight wardens one of which is a relief warden.
- All parish councils where clients reside in their parish have kindly contributed towards the costs of the scheme.
- On 31 March 2023 the scheme had £49,441.56 in available funds although this is a reduction on the £56,771.56 recorded for the previous year.
- MMWS also receives funding from Cambridgeshire County Council and SCDC.
- MMWS has been contacted by another warden scheme locally with a request to take over the running of their scheme. MMWS have been working towards this end for the past six months.

Overall Summary

- Last year, all schemes were regaining momentum post COVID. This is still the case with most also seeing a decline in clients over the 2022-23 financial year. However, none of these schemes are in deficit and all are in a good financial position.