

Financial Summary

THE WEST NORWICH PARTNERSHIP

Statement of Financial Activity for the year ended 31 March 2006.

INCOMING RESOURCES	Restricted	Unrestricted	2006	2005
	£	£	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
Voluntary income	69,033	67,734	136,767	104,139
Activities for generating funds		1,755	1,755	1,387
Investment income	141	982	1,123	734
Incoming resources from charitable activities		5,408	5,408	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	69,174	75,879	145,053	106,260
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities	68,735	62,748	131,483	90,060
Governance costs		591	591	472
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	68,735	63,339	132,074	90,532
MOVEMENT IN TOTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR - NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	439	12,540	12,979	15,728
Total funds at 1 April 2005	9,396	8,481	17,877	1,849
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 March 2006	9,835	21,021	30,856	17,577

The above is an extract from the Organisation's financial statements. The full financial statements, which contain the detailed information required by law or under best practice guidelines and which contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the results for the year, are available on request

Thanks to the following organisations that supported us during the 2005/06 financial year:

Alec van Berchem Charitable Trust, Awards for All, CEYMS, Business Link, Four Acre Trust, Garfield Weston, Healthsure Group, John Jarrold Trust, Local Network Fund Norfolk, Marsh Ltd, Norfolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Norfolk County Council, Normans Foundation, Norwich & Peterborough BS, Norwich City Council, Phoenix Fund, The Fitzmaurice Trust, The George John Livanos Charitable Trust, The Paul Bassham Charitable Trust, The Triangle Trust (1949) Fund.

Trustees:

Lynda Wilkinson (Chair), Nigel Dowdney (Vice chair), Mark Thomson (Treasurer) and Freda Sheehy



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Annual Review 2005/6 (01.04.05 - 31.03.06)

The West Norwich Partnership is a community led and independent registered charity which was set up in 1995. It works for the people who live or work in the areas of Chapel Break, Clover Hill, Threescore, Earlham, Larkman and Marlpit. It aims to maintain and enable improvements to the quality of life and services for people within the West Norwich community.

WNP is managed by a board of volunteer trustees who are appointed by the community. The board is supported by a committee of local voluntary community representatives as well as representation from Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, Norfolk Constabulary, Norfolk Youth Service, local businesses and the voluntary sector.

We have traditionally supported initiatives and projects involving young people, community safety and community support. This includes our highly popular Sorted scheme.

This review looks back over the past twelve months which have seen many successful initiatives and developments.

Summary of Activities 2005/06

Highlights / successes of last 12 months

- The Sorted programme was expanded to include all school holidays with over 3500 places being taken up since the summer of 2005 and an Activities coordinator post was established (initially as a temporary post) for the running of the programme
- The mobile exhibition unit was used at a variety of venues ensuring that WNP had a more accessible approach to its services
- WNP continued its work alongside schools including staff support in a middle and high school and a successful anti litter poster competition.
- The WNP website was completely redesigned, updated and made more user friendly.

- There was an increase in the number of volunteers supporting the organisation, including on the management committee, the Sorted programme and after school bowling and swimming activities.
- BizFizz won the Eastern Region Enterprising Britain awards and have been put forward alongside 12 other regional winners for the national award.
- Support was provided to the traders of the Earlham West Parade and already improvements have seen the removal of graffiti, a clean up campaign and dropped kerbs being installed.
- Staff and volunteers completed a selection of courses and training including: First Aid, Child protection, Certificate in Personnel Practice, Common Purpose Leadership programme, CTI coaches training and ITT spreadsheets.



Sorted

This hugely successful and popular scheme took a giant step forward this year by expanding its services to provide activities and trips for young people and families during all school holidays.

Summer Sorted 2005 was as popular as ever with in excess of 1500 places taken up. During the summer a drawing competition was run during the trips and the winning design, as drawn by 5 year old Jessie Sintern, is to be produced as a postcard to help promote the next summer sorted programme.

Further funding enabled WNP to employ Francesca Hooks as activities co-ordinator (initially on a temporary basis) to help expand the scheme. A huge array of new and popular trips and activities took place during all of the sorted holidays including Africa Alive, The Dinosaur Park, Pleasurewood Hills, swimming, capoeira, badminton, canoeing and many more. A Sorted Forum was also established during the year. This group, consisting of families who have benefited from the sorted programme, has helped with the planning, running and monitoring of the scheme. As well as trips families have also been able to enjoy family discos and quiz and chip nights.

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Working with Young People

As well as enabling young people to enjoy a variety of activities during the school holidays WNP continued to look to identify and address the needs of young people in the community.

Regular bowling and swimming sessions were provided as an after school initiative and plans have been put in place to set up a forum of young people.

WNP has continued to work alongside local schools and has seen regular staff support in middle and high schools. WNP also worked in partnership with the Schools Waste Action Club (SWAC) and West Earlham Environmental Club to address issues of litter and this culminated in an anti litter poster competition.

WNP has also continued its work with other agencies who work with young people and plan to recruit, train and support a selection of youngsters to undertake research amongst their fellow peers to identify a variety of issues that need addressing in the area.



Community Support

The WNP mobile exhibition unit that was donated last year by Norwich City Council was used for a variety of purposes during the year. This has helped ensure that the organisation has been more accessible to the community we serve and has been used on initiatives with the police, local fetes, gala days, Fruity Friday and information events.

Our website was redesigned and updated during the latter part of the year and feedback about its new look has been fantastic. Work was also undertaken to include an interactive local resource directory on the website and this will go live in the summer of 2006.

West Norwich Partnership continued to support The Marlpit Mardle Club (a weekly social club for people aged over 55) and Bowthorpe News, a monthly publication of local information that it is distributed to over 4000 homes.

WNP has been proactive with its support for the traders of the Earlham West Parade who have faced difficulties regarding loss of trade, graffiti and vandalism. The traders have been supported with the setting up of a traders association and WNP has facilitated a Christmas display, clean up days and dropped kerbs to ensure the parade is more accessible.

Community Safety

WNP has continued to work alongside the local police in helping promote a proactive approach to community safety. This has included a number of initiatives such as supporting the police and other agencies with an environmental clear up project and issues of graffiti, vandalism and litter.

The WNP mobile exhibition trailer also proved a popular attraction at the Norfolk Constabulary gala day held at the Norfolk showground.

In partnership with the Earlham community police team WNP also donated foam footballs throughout the area to enable youngsters to continue enjoying playing football in a safer environment.



BizFizz

BizFizz has gone from strength to strength this year with a further years funding being secured through the Investing in Communities fund. Over 70 local people have been supported in setting up businesses, developing existing businesses or deciding to do something other than enterprise. BizFizz Bowthorpe has also won the regional Enterprising Britain Award and has been put forward to take part in the National contest. Anne Francis the business coach can be contacted on:

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Chairman's comments

2006 sees us celebrating 11 years of the West Norwich Partnership and I am happy to report that this charity continues to thrive. Success is due to the efforts of everyone concerned with the Partnership, from the volunteers, paid staff, all the agencies and the driving force, those people who have a certain vision, the Trustees.

That vision is beginning to come into being. Each year continues to be more successful than before and Trustees are well aware that none of this would be possible without our core funding from Norfolk County Council. As always our first thanks should be to them for their continued support.

Summer Sorted last year was the best yet. We are extremely grateful to Chrissie Peel, Alix Stockwell, Francesca Hooks, and the volunteers who saw children and families from all over our area enjoy a wonderful summer filled with trips and events. For the first time we were able to offer a Sorted programme in the autumn half-term and then funding was received which has enabled us to plan further ahead. The Sorted programme continues to grow as the Partnership evolves.

Trustees are still actively seeking alternative office accommodation, so that we are accessible to everyone,

Treasurers Report

2006 has seen the options available to the West Norwich Partnership to pursue its remit increase substantially through strengthening finances.

We are grateful, particularly with the continued budget constraints, for the support of our core funders of Norfolk County Council who have extended their support for 2006/07.

The Trustees in the middle of 2005 took the decision to formalise a fundraising campaign in order to look for additional funding sources. Results have been encouraging with relation to our income position. The individual grants obtained from a multiple of sources are listed in the annual report. I would like to thank all our funders for their



contribution to life in West Norwich and I look forward to making sure that these funds are spent in the most cost effective way possible.

Due to this improved finance position; I am pleased to report that sources of charitable income have increased by 37% in 2005/06, compared to 2004/2005, which has allowed us to increase our expenditure on charitable activities by 46% in 2005/06, while simultaneously improving our funds in reserves by £13,279.

In conclusion, West Norwich Partnership is in a strong financial place for 2006/07 to extend its provision of services to the people of West Norwich.

Mark Thomson

Plans for 2006/07

- Continue working in partnership with other agencies and local groups to establish a cohesive service to benefit young people in the community. This will include a project to train and support young people to carry out research amongst their peers
- Continue working alongside schools, the police and Norfolk County Council to address crime and disorder issues and community safety.
- Continue our support for the traders of the Earlham West Parade to ensure its future prosperity
- Further network events with local groups to enable them to receive support and advice on matters such as funding and volunteer recruitment
- Continue to update and promote the resource guide within our website to ensure it is a highly valued source of information about and for the local community
- Identify potential alternative venues as a base for WNP to ensure we are more accessible to the community we serve.

but in the meantime we have been using the trailer to give us a visual presence in the area.

BizFizz, currently funded through the Investing in the Communities programme and Norwich City Council, continues to prosper. Anne Francis, the inspirational BizFizz Business Coach is supported by a panel of people with local knowledge. I was also delighted that BizFizz won the Eastern Region Enterprising Britain awards and has been put forward alongside 12 other regional winners for the national award.

The Marlpit Mardle Club, a weekly social gathering for the over 55's, supported by WNP and run voluntarily by Enid Jones-Blackett, is now in its 4th year. St Michaels in the Marlpit has been home to the Mardle Club since it began, but problems with the building, have put the long term future of St Michaels in doubt. With Enid at the helm wherever the Mardle club is held, we are confident it will continue to be successful.

Last year I reported that Ian Hollis joined us in April 2004. This year I have to report that Ian has been offered, and accepted, a place on the Graduate Teaching Programme. Our congratulations to Ian on his success and thanks for a job 'well done'

regarding his time as Partnership Manager. To ensure a smoother transition than we have had in the past, Trustees have agreed to employ Ian on a part-time basis for the next year, so I am sure that you will still see him around, especially as he will be working at West Earlham First and Middle Schools.

Continuity, vital to any growing organisation, has been provided by our loyal administrator, Sandra Sheppard. Sandra only works part-time, but her contribution over the years has been invaluable.

WNP was successful in its application to take part in a Government initiative called 'Testbed'. This enabled us to look closely at our organisation, and identify our strengths and weaknesses. The consultants involved have since written a Business Plan for the Partnership which will help us to move forward.

Looking forward to a positive future is certainly what everyone connected with the West Norwich Partnership is aiming to do. Without the support of people in the community, those who have provided financial support and our partner agencies, all of this would not be possible, so I extend my thanks to each and everyone of you.

Lynda Wilkinson.