
LALEHAM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FINAL

Charity Name	Laleham Residents Association
Charity registered number	262220
How constituted	Unincorporated association
Governing document	Constitution
Trustees	Donnica Colman Martin Jones Michelle Purnell
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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Day-to-day management of the Laleham Residents Association (LRA) is delegated by the Trustees to a Committee. The Committee membership as at the end of the reporting period was:

Steve Bartlett	Treasurer
Mike Garrett	
Martin Jones	
Roger Lynch	
Michelle Purnell	Chair
Ken Saunders	
Rod Stamford	Secretary
John Thesinger	Membership Secretary

At the AGM in June 2023, Donnica Colman retired from the Committee, having been a key contributor as Membership Secretary and "Town Crier" for many years, in addition to handling many other things. In recognition of this, she was awarded a Spelthorne Civic Trust Award by Spelthorne Borough Council (SBC). Such awards require a minimum of 12 years' voluntary service.

In December 2023, David Furst (who had been Chair for many years, a Trustee and a driving force for the LRA) very sadly passed away after a short illness. In recognition of his contribution, in April 2024 he was posthumously awarded a Spelthorne Civic Trust Award by SBC, this being received by his wife Anne.

Michelle Purnell took over the role as Chair.

Trustees are appointed by the Committee.

Martin Jones was appointed as a Trustee during the year.

During the year, Ken Saunders and Steve Bartlett joined the Committee, and Roger Lynch handed over the role of Treasurer to Steve.

CHARITABLE PURPOSES

The LRA's charitable purposes are as stated in its Constitution. In particular:

- a. To preserve, protect and improve and to stimulate interest in the amenity, beauty, character and community of Laleham, including features of historic, architectural, landscape and public interest.
- b. To optimise and enhance the quality of life for the local community and individuals and groups of individuals within that local community.
- c. To maintain the awareness of residents to local events and to matters of local interest or concern.

ACHIEVEMENT OF CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

During the year, the LRA has:

- Kept local residents informed by email on many subjects via its "Town Crier" system.
- Provided the finance for the Hanging Baskets within the village, with the help of generous donations from LRA members
- Maintained the planters that surround the War Memorial
- Delivered each issue of the Shepperton Matters magazine to Laleham residents
- Provided traffic management for the Remembrance Day ceremony
- Provided some of the lighting for "Light Up Laleham"
- Kept local residents informed regarding the RTS, by providing information in a (hopefully) digestible form, as distilled from a vast RTS dataset.

ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR

In May 2023 the LRA held a Quiz Night in the Village Hall, in June the AGM was held in the Lucan Pavilion, and in November a Race Night was held in the Church Hall.

In September a highly successful Film Night was held outdoors in the Recreation Ground, attended by about 700 people including many children. Shepperton Studios provided the film (The Greatest Showman) and the technical staff and equipment.

Committee members have attended several walk-in events associated with the River Thames Scheme (RTS).

The Committee has maintained a watching brief regarding the projected Laleham Park Hub, but will not form a view regarding this project until it has seen a business plan.

The departure of David Furst and Donnica Colman was a significant setback in terms of Committee resourcing, given that both David and Donnica were very energetic and had strong links with many local people and organisations. This was partially offset by recruiting two new Committee members.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The unaudited accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 are available as a separate document and a summary has been circulated.

The LRA has no debts.

DETAILS OF ANY FUNDS HELD AS A CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE

There are no funds held as a custodian trustee.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Name:

Date:

Signature: