

Chair's Report Yr End 26

In many ways we had a relatively peaceful year in HCCA. Our financial situation continued to stabilise. We recruited new committee members and volunteers to support our work. The groups and projects which use HCCA as an umbrella organisation continue in their work and activities.

Income from the Community Lottery has increased and we would like to thank everyone who has signed up for a subscription or renewed. The more people that sign up, the more we can do.

As many will remember much of our work in the previous year included representing and advocating on proposals for Western Harbour Masterplan. We continued to liaise with councillors about progress on this but little happened during this period, at least outwardly. We continue to monitor the situation on this development and wider planning and development considerations affecting our neighbourhoods.

Local People and HCCA made fair progress on climate action and there is a more detailed report from Anna Haydock Wilson.

Local Projects and Activities

Cumberland Piazza - which is our largest public space

We hosted an environmental responsibility day for the Environment agency on 14th May 2025 for 20 people and another for DEFRA and EA staff on 10th September and 2nd of October. Since then we haven't had any gardening days and have let nature take its course. This has resulted in a bit of overgrowth in the spring and drought this summer. We plan to organise a volunteer group for autumn/winter 2026 and will be inviting the local community to join us.

We have two projects on our books which have been dormant, due to external circumstances: Little Libraries and Jacob's Wells Hub.

However, we have now spoken to Luise Holder (Little Libraries) about the completion of this project and hope to be talking more about this in the next few months. We also now have an, in principal agreement, that we can use the funds for the Jacobs Wells Hub to support community activities at Jacobs Wells - obviously in partnership with the group and the Trinity team.

As always we would like to thank our management committee, noticeboard volunteers and everyone who works so hard to make Hotwells and Cliftonwood such wonderful places to live. I would particularly like to thank Julian Brown who is stepping down as Treasurer and Anna Haydock Wilson who leads on our Community Climate Action Plan.

We will be continuing our Community Conversation in the next few months and we invite everyone to get involved so that we can turn ideas into action.

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