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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2022/23**

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# Chairman's Report

Welcome to our 2022/23 annual report which portrays the many varied and interesting projects and achievements the Hamilton Davies Trust team have been part of. Being a small team, we are particularly proud of the strong community engagement and close working partnerships we enjoy, which have enabled us to achieve so much.

It is my pleasure to introduce this report which captures another year well spent supporting the communities of Cadishead, Irlam and Rixton-with-Glazebrook.

The district has an abundance of thriving clubs, community groups and schools, and as a local grant-giving charity, we welcome the various applications we receive from many of them. We are proud to say that this year alone we have invested £188K.

As well as the financial support given, just as importantly has been HDT's willingness to afford staff the time to share their skills, local knowledge and experience with those groups and partners who have needed our help.



Our four workstreams, Community, Education, Regeneration and Recreation, bring the team into contact with many people, including local businesses and volunteers. We fully value and appreciate the benefits of working together with others and embrace the broader skills and experience their added support can bring.



More than ever before our base at Hamilton Davies House (HDH) has been buzzing with activity. Our three warm and welcoming community rooms have become an integral part of the district and have been very popular with groups, local schools and businesses, who have chosen the spaces to hold their meetings and training workshops.



This year in particular we have also seen an increase in the number of classes and drop-in sessions that have been held at HDH to promote health and mental well-being for all.





Since April 2022 we have increased our engagement with local health improvement teams and local businesses to help raise awareness of varying health issues and to support increased access to and availability of publicly accessible defibrillators in the area.



Publicly Accessible Defibrillator outside HDT

Good communication and public relations have always been key to the work we do and this year has been no exception. With our continued in-house management of the Digital Information Board at Irlam, as well as the community websites [irlamandcadishead.net](http://irlamandcadishead.net) and [rixtonwithglazebrook.net](http://rixtonwithglazebrook.net) and our social media platforms, our team have been able to actively support the promotion of community group activities and events. We have also regularly advertised our work within the local community via the monthly Local Mag.

Partnerships with the Rotary Club of Irlam and many others means we can effectively expand on what we deliver.



Due to their popularity over the years we have continued with our iTea & Biscuits courses, bringing new found knowledge and greater understanding to hundreds of digital learners.



Volunteer and learners at iTea & Biscuits session

Cafe Bar - Heritage Hub

**THE STATION**

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**Looking for a guided tour?**  
Friends of Irlam Station will be happy to show you around.

Local charity Hamilton Davies Trust work in partnership with FIRST and Irlam Station to manage tour bookings. To make a booking, or to find out more, contact us on:

☎ **0161 222 4003**  
✉ [bookings@irlamstationtours.co.uk](mailto:bookings@irlamstationtours.co.uk)  
📷 For a taste of what you can enjoy on your tour scan this QR code





Showcasing the area's rich history is something HDT remains passionate about and we have continued to develop the Heritage Hub at Irlam Station, which is a huge asset to the area. We are extremely grateful for the fantastic support we receive from the Friends of Irlam Station, who have held several heritage tours and events this year to help bring the district's local history to life.



Schoolchildren on tour

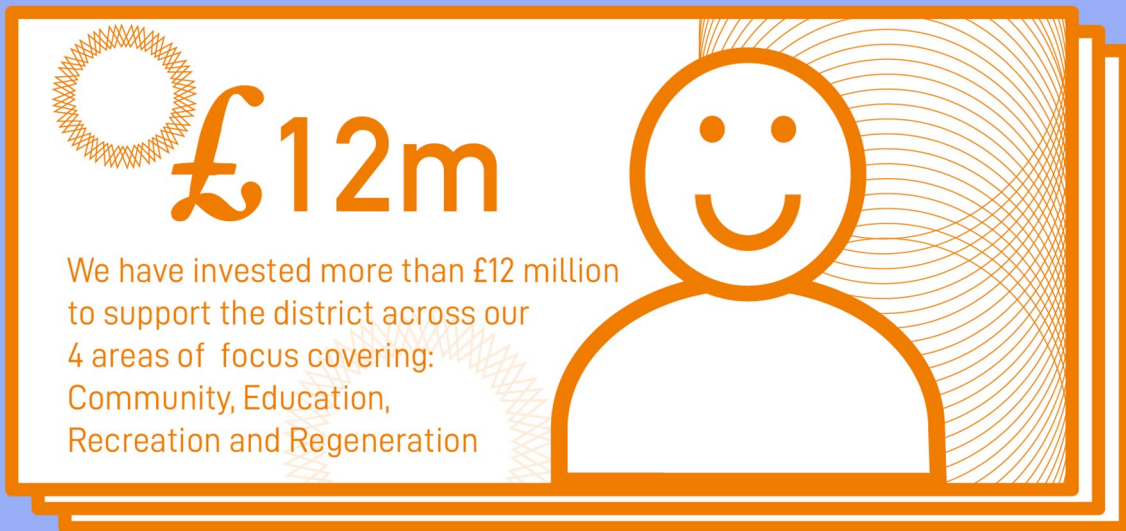
Projects within our Regeneration workstream involve long term commitment from members of the team. One such project is the Chat Moss Heritage Partnership, which seeks to develop wider tourism and leisure opportunities. HDT have become a key player within this, and the Heritage Hub an important destination.

Keen to bring cheer to others, this year the team have engaged with local schools and have interviewed residents to produce a video to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This and many other interesting projects and varied activities are included in this report.

As usual I am very proud of the team and the great working relationships they forge to help deliver more to the community. I look forward to seeing how much we can achieve together in the year ahead.

*Neil McArthur*  
**Neil McArthur**

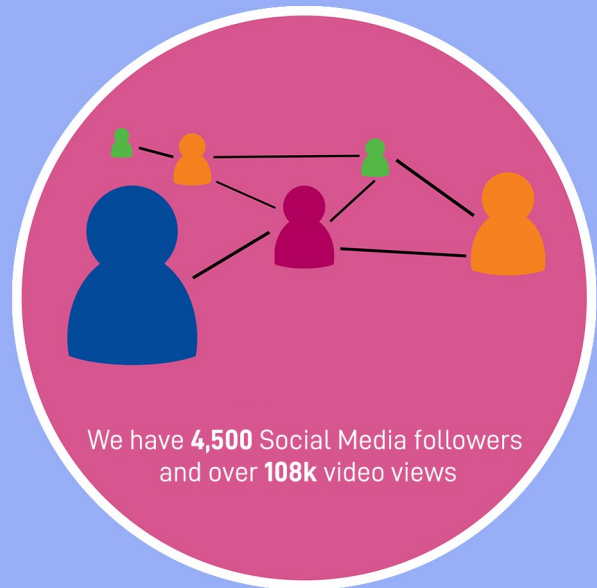
## Facts & Figures





# A summary of our progress to date...

June 2004 - March 2023



# Health & Well-being

Following the Covid years it became apparent that from those difficult times had arisen an increase in health and mental issues. There arose a need for additional support for those who had lost loved ones or the confidence to socialise. It became increasingly important that help was close to hand for those in the community, of all ages, who were struggling.



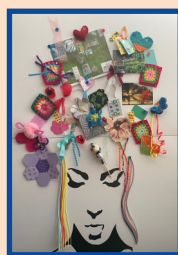
Health Improvement session



Through our working partnership with the Salford Health Improvement Service, and other local support groups, we were able to offer help by providing rooms at Hamilton Davies House (HDH) for health information sessions and workshops, Menopause Meet Up talks and activities being one such session held monthly.

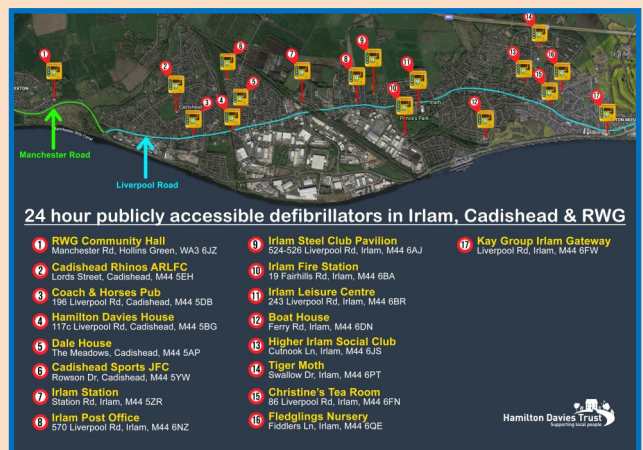


International Women's Day in March 2023 was also celebrated at HDH, with nearly 50 women (and a few gents) attending the free talks and creative sessions held throughout the day. Attendee Sue Ness said: *"I really enjoyed this event and met up with ladies I hadn't seen for ages."*



Just as importantly, was the need for us to help support the admin and publicity of community run activities that aimed to provide social spaces for those in need of a friendly face and warm place to meet with others.

Throughout the year, we have actively engaged with the community to help install 24 hour publicly accessible defibrillators at key locations within Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook. To ensure all were well maintained and fit for use we also did regular checks on all defibs, and registered them with Circuit, an online database that the ambulance service access and monitor.



As the numbers of defibs grew we produced a map to make it easier for the public to identify the various locations and nearest to them. On our Facebook page local resident Clarke Mel commented: *"I was recently on emergency first aid training and live locally. They were very impressed when I said I know of around 15 defib / AEDs in our area, that I'm aware of."*

With so many defibs accessible to the public, HDT decided it would be beneficial to set up some defib training opportunities. Since November 2022, we have worked with Imperative Training to host and deliver FREE monthly defibrillator familiarisation courses for members of the public. The course has proved very popular, with learners keen to broaden their knowledge on defibs, basic first aid and how to handle emergency situations.



Defibrillator familiarisation course





**Recreational activities are known to have positive outcomes for the health and well-being of many sectors of the community and society as a whole**

The number and variety of recreational activities available in our district has continued to increase over the last year, and whilst our grant funding in this stream has predominantly been to sport clubs and groups, we have also been able to support many other activities.



Cadishead Sports are one of the larger junior football clubs in the area, so maintenance of their pitches is a big task. Thanks to the grant received for the purchase of their new ride-on mower, the job will be less arduous.



Irlam Steel AFC members have more peace of mind knowing that updated security fencing has been installed around the perimeter of the pitches at the Irlam Steel Social Club site.

A new football club that has now established itself in the district is Cadishead Athletic FC. They have training and matches in full swing, having received support towards these costs.

HDT were also pleased to support Cadishead Rhinos Ladies ARLFC and Cadishead Bowling Club with contributions towards their team kit, and Healthy Hearts Irlam who promote gentle exercise sessions for all at Lady James Hall.

Two sports new to HDT that we've supported this year were archery and karate. Archery in the Community received funding towards coaching credentials and Daniel Bartoletta towards participation in the Commonwealth Karate championships, where he won a silver medal!



We were proud to be able to support Salford Friendly Anglers who partnered with the Salford City Council youth service and the local police force to deliver their Tackling Minds project, using their fishing skills to help combat anti-social behaviour in the district.



Exploring the district on foot became an even more popular pastime during Covid, having proven to support mental as well as physical well-being. By HDT supporting the printing and publicity of free written guided walks, we have enabled more walkers to stride out with confidence. Guided walks, held by volunteers of the Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Plan Group, have also given those not wishing to walk alone the opportunity to explore the surrounding rural areas alongside others.







## Community is at the heart of what we do and we have proudly contributed to a wide range of community projects

The community area of focus has once again been the area with the most grants and projects in the year. We have been pleased to support new groups this year, as well as the more established ones.



Friends of Glazebrook Station (FROGS) volunteers

Two new groups of dedicated volunteers have come together to support projects in their local communities. Friends of Glazebrook Station (FROGS) are working together and in conjunction with Network Rail to revitalise the run down Glazebrook Station surroundings. The Friends of Irlam Library (FOIL) are striving to enhance the library facilities by opening up the central courtyard for community use.

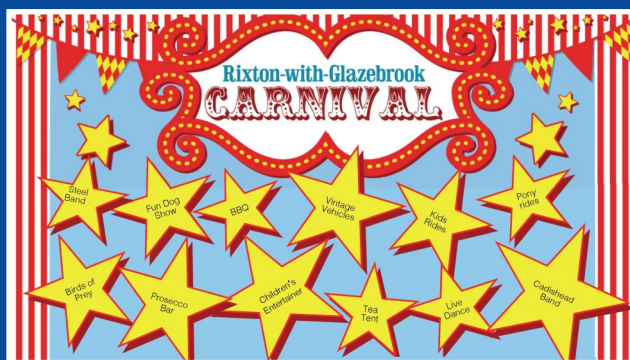


**FIRST**  
Friends of Irlam Station

Being a longstanding Friends group, FIRST have been working tirelessly for many years on enhancing the heritage offering at Irlam Station, as well as helping to develop the station as a community hub and destination for visitors. We are proud therefore to have continued to support them in their endeavours and thank them for all their support.

Bringing the district together via community events is something local groups do well and we were pleased to support several events this year, especially as these are often organised and run by volunteers.

St. Joseph's and St. Teresa's Community Group once again held their refugee family fun day. Both the Irlam and Cadishead Festival at Prince's Park, and the Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival in Hollins Green, once again attracted a large number of visitors.



In addition to the larger projects, we also gave out many smaller community grants, including: Addison Road Allotments to help alleviate flooding on their site; Food 4 Thought for their healthy food education sessions; and Salford Vets for a new standard, to name but a few.

Our ongoing projects such as lighting up the district at Christmastime, showcasing the district's industrial heritage, and facilitating litter picks and graffiti clean ups, all take time and management. We truly appreciate the volunteer support we get from individuals and local businesses and value their help with these HDT led initiatives.

In January, our IC Art Studio closed, however the programme of works continued with the HDT team partnering with other organisations and individuals to deliver a broader range of creative workshops, theatre and exhibitions.



# Regeneration

## Facilitation and partnership working has been the key to our Regeneration programme

Our approach to regeneration this past year has altered slightly with a move away from larger projects, and a shift towards partnership working and facilitation.

The main regeneration initiative in the year has been working with a Core Group of members to set up the Chat Moss Heritage Partnership and drive the delivery of a feasibility study to showcase the heritage, leisure and ecological benefits of Chat Moss, which forms a large part of the area that HDT support. You can read more about this project on page 15.



The Poorlots Allotment and Leisure Society are progressing with the regeneration of part of their site to increase the number of allotments available to local people. The grant from HDT enabled them to start both phase 1 and 2 of the project in a timely manner.

HDT has been instrumental in bringing changes to the look and feel of the district through our IC Art Programme and heritage displays. Thanks to help from volunteers from the Friends of Irlam Station and the Scout Group, further 3D art pieces are in production. The free Heritage Hub at Irlam Station, including the Signal Box, Signal Yard and Station Park have all received additional heritage items throughout the year.



Just as important is our commitment to the ongoing maintenance of these assets. Given that some of the items have been in the outdoor domain and open to the elements for several years now, these have become our top priority. Funding a regular plan of groundworks is also something we feel is important in order to keep Station Park and surrounding station gardens in good condition, given that these areas enhance the visitor's experience. Having a long term maintenance plan in place will ensure that the displays continue to delight and inform locals and visitors to the area about our rich industrial heritage.



We wish to thank the Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST) volunteers and other local individuals who kindly respond to our call out for help with some of the cleaning and maintenance tasks.





**Enhancing Education and learning from early years to higher education via a wide variety of projects and activities is something we are keen to support**

Manchester United Foundation have continued to partner with HDT and our local schools to deliver their diverse curriculum. The partnership has run for over 13 years so far and we always receive great feedback about their sessions.



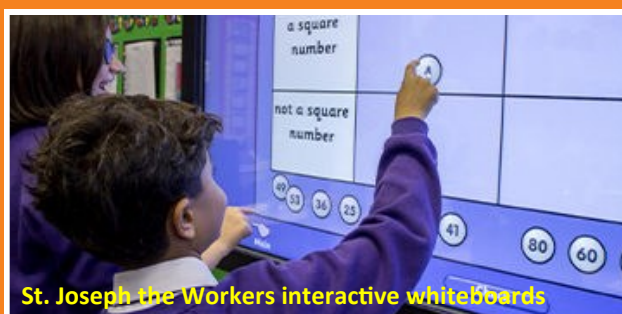
Irlam and Cadishead Academy have benefitted from several smaller grants throughout the year to enable everyone in the relevant classes to participate in educational trips to Paris and Scotland, in addition to the whole-school end of year celebrations.



Outdoor provision, in its many forms, is very important for all young people to take part in. We were delighted therefore to fund St Mary's CE Primary School's new trim trail equipment.

Moorfield Primary school students can also now enjoy their 'Growing Outdoors' project and are doing so with great enthusiasm.

Technology is ever evolving and an integral and growing part of educational delivery. We were pleased therefore to aid learning in this area by funding several new interactive whiteboards for use by teachers and students at St Joseph the Worker Primary School.



St Helen's Primary School students can also enjoy a number of new iPads funded to help enhance learning during lessons.

Irlam Primary School pupils were supported with their peer-mentoring project, and all of the primary schools participated in the RESPECT programme, delivered by Salford's Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS).

Understanding that learning can never start too young, we were pleased to support Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school in the continued delivery of their early-years provision based at Glazebrook Methodist Church.



To assist with Oakwood Academy safely taking students off-site, we were happy to provide funding towards a portable defibrillator.

# Youth Engagement

## Facilitating others to enable them to improve life chances for young people

HDT are committed to building relationships with educational providers, groups and local businesses so that we can identify and help to offer additional support to young people. In doing this we hope to offer them some direct access to potential future employers to better inform their future career choices.

Working in conjunction with Irlam & Cadishead Academy (ICA), and by engaging with local businesses, we have been able to support the ICA's mentoring programme and careers event. Local companies have attended the school and engaged with students and teachers. Following on from this, a number of students have secured a work placement with local companies.

This year we have introduced bi-monthly Business to Business meetings, with 3 aims:

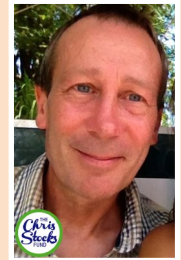
- ♦ Business to business support
- ♦ Business to community support
- ♦ Business links to ICA to improve the pathway into local employment and access to apprenticeships



Business to Business meeting held at Hamilton Davies House

We have proudly supported the Salford Youth Service for a second year by providing funding towards their Respect Programme, aimed at Year 6 students. All ten Primary Schools took part in the six week programme which aims to address various behaviours like anti-social behaviour, bullying, diversity and hate crime.

For some years now we have been administrators of the Chris Stocks Fund and we are proud to say, on behalf of Chris and his wife Ruth, that the fund has helped many young people on their way towards their chosen vocational career path, just as Chris intended. An additional six grants were made in the year to further career aspirations in vehicle painting, electrical certification, music and sport, alongside continued support for Connexions who assist young people with getting on the career ladder.



With 2022 being a worldwide celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, HDT wanted to capture some local memories of her Coronation and so we set about interviewing local residents who fondly shared their memories of that special day. We also visited all local Primary schools to record how the children were celebrating the special occasion. From this we produced a commemorative video, which we premiered at a HDT Community Coffee morning before sharing it on YouTube and via social media. This proved to be a wonderful project that brought young and old together.



Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Irlam Primary



Scan the QR code to link to the YouTube video





# Heritage Development

Keeping local heritage alive and relevant for both current and future generations to enjoy

Since first opening the Heritage Hub at Irlam Station in 2015, HDT have continued to build on the array of displays and exhibits on offer to the public. Showcasing history in various forms such as heritage boards, large scale art pieces, digital presentations and displays, at a freely accessible destination, ensures everyone can enjoy finding out more about Irlam and Cadishead's rich industrial heritage.



Display cabinet at Irlam Station showcasing history

Heritage Tours of Station House and the many outdoor exhibits have continued to prove very popular, whether on a one to one basis, with small groups, community groups or local schools. The Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST) continue to freely share their knowledge and passion for local history with visitors.



Irlam Primary school children on a tour with FIRST volunteers



Small group tour - April 2022

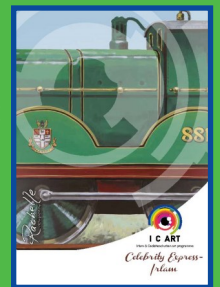
Tour attendee Paul Crompton said "What a wonderful two hours on the guided tour of Irlam Station this week. Thanks guys."

**FIRST**  
Friends of Irlam STation

Over the past 12 months HDT have enhanced some of the exhibits and information to give visitors a better experience, especially when on a self-guided tour. QR codes have been added to some items enabling people to find out more about what they are viewing. Locations for heritage boards and large scale art pieces in Irlam and Cadishead, that tell the history of the area, have now been pinpointed onto Google Maps with links to the boards and art leaflets giving people the opportunity to learn more about the district's past from wherever they are.



SCAN ME



A Heritage Trail map was also produced to show visitors the full extent of the Heritage Hub offering including Station Park, the Signal Box and Signal Yard, large scale artwork, 3D sculptures and rolling stock display.



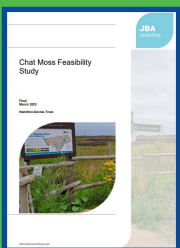
Station Map produced by HDT and artist Rachelle



# Wider Heritage and Tourism

Working with partners in the wider area to promote leisure and tourism

Over the past few years HDT have committed staff time to a bold and exciting long term project. As Chair of the Chat Moss Heritage Partnership, we have worked closely with the following partners: Natural England, Greater Manchester Combined Authorities (GMCA), Leigh Building Preservation Trust, The Wildlife Trust of Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside and Peel Holdings. The aim of the partnership is to raise awareness of and access to the heritage in and around the Chat Moss area, including Irlam Station Heritage Hub.



This year, HDT commissioned a Chat Moss Feasibility Study on behalf of the partnership who are now considering the recommendations held within. The study was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the GMCA.

In July 2022 HDT hosted a launch event of the project at Irlam Station where speeches were given by the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham and HDT Chair Neil McArthur. A workshop was held providing an opportunity for guests to talk about how awareness and access to the many heritage attractions could be improved, as well as wider access and awareness of the opportunities to enjoy the biodiversity of the local landscape. Guests, amongst others, included representatives from Salford Council, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Wigan Council, RHS Bridgewater and Natural England.



Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham (centre)



Mayors visit to Irlam Station, Neil McArthur and FIRST

To celebrate Greater Manchester's rich transport heritage, all ten Mayors and their consorts were invited to attend the annual Mayoral Transport Heritage Civic Day in June 2022. The day started at the Museum of Transport in Cheetham and ended at the Lancashire Mining Museum, Astley with visits to Heaton Park and Irlam Station Heritage Hub. The group travelled by vintage bus and were shown around the Heritage Hub by the Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST).



Project Manager for Arts & Heritage Kirsty Martin

In October, the HDT team, FIRST volunteers and Station staff held a Heritage Development evening to celebrate achievements to date, discuss ways to build on the Heritage Hub offering, and update on wider heritage.

# Grants & Projects

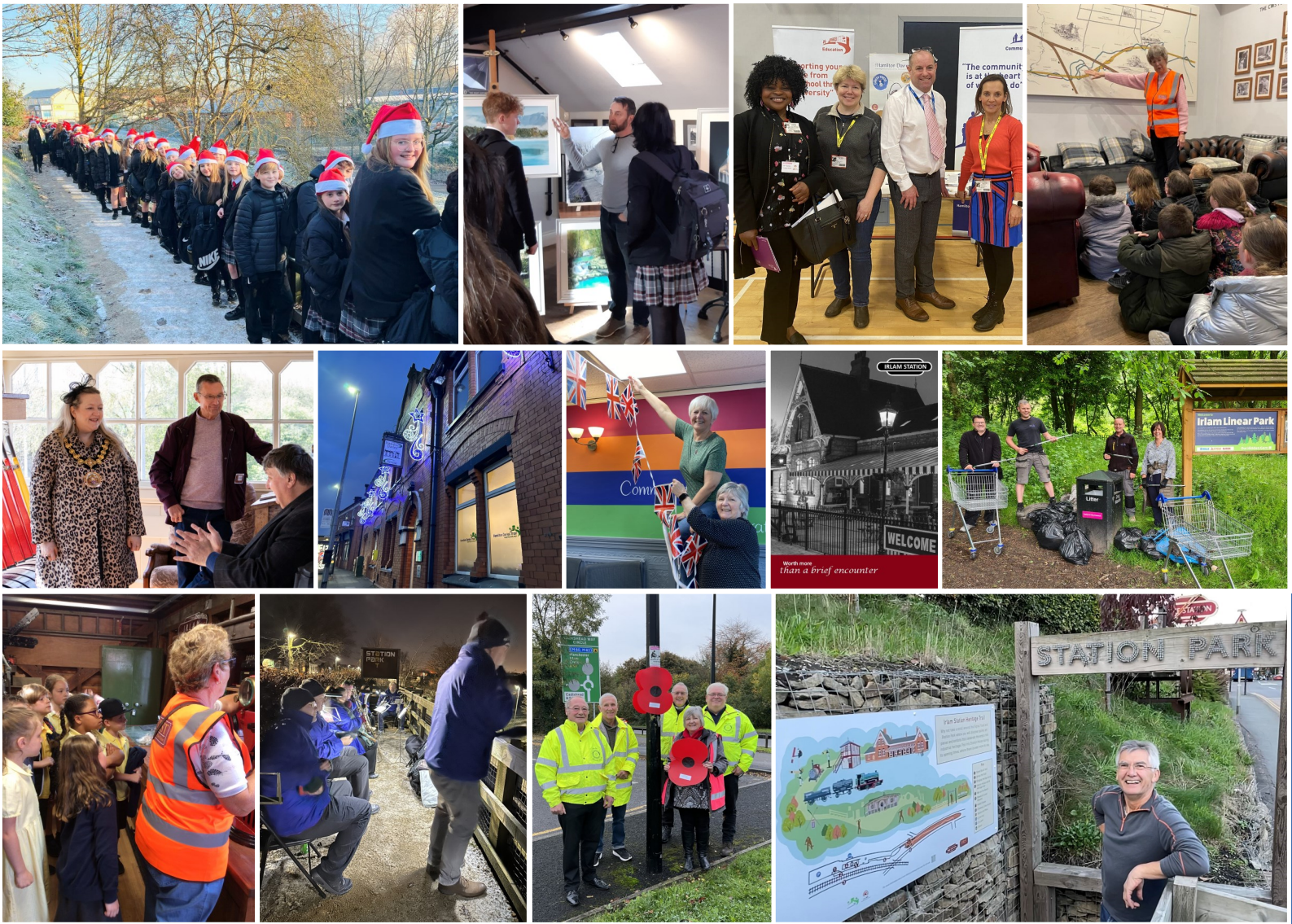
£420	<b>Addison Road Allotment Group</b> Work to prevent flooding	£500	<b>Friends of Glazebrook Station (FROGS)</b> Group support from Northern Rail
£250	<b>Archery in the Community</b> Coaching course for archery group	£1,250	<b>Friends of Irlam Library (FOIL)</b> Costs towards courtyard improvements at the library
£500	<b>Cadishead Athletic FC</b> Costs for football training	£1,000	<b>Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST)</b> Support for FIRST activities at Irlam Station
£300	<b>Cadishead Bowling Club</b> Purchase of their team kit	£233	<b>Heritage &amp; Community Walks</b> Printing and publicity of heritage and community walk leaflets
£410	<b>Cadishead Primary School</b> Funds towards the school's breakfast club	£600	<b>Support for Ukraine</b> Support for Ukrainian refugees
£300	<b>Cadishead Rhinos Ladies ARLFC</b> Purchase of their team kit	£700	<b>Healthy Hearts Group</b> Support for the groups activities
£3,000	<b>Cadishead Sports JFC</b> Purchase of a ride on mower	£1,500	<b>Higher Irlam Social Club</b> Pensioners Christmas Lunch
£496	<b>Cards, crafts and more</b> Purchase of materials and costs for arts group	£10,534	<b>I C Art Programme</b> Delivery of art programme in the district
£17,233	<b>Chat Moss Heritage Partnership</b> Partnership project to open up Chat Moss for heritage and leisure	£1,750	<b>Irlam &amp; Cadishead Academy</b> Funds towards trips to Scotland and Paris
£3,769	<b>Christmas Lights</b> Brightening up the district for the festive season	£349	<b>Irlam &amp; Cadishead Academy</b> Costs towards end of year activities
£7,812	<b>Community Landscaping</b> Landscaping and gardening at Irlam Station	£5,000	<b>I&amp;C Community Festival</b> Support for 2022 festival in August
£500	<b>Daniel Bartoletta</b> Commonwealth Karate Championships costs	£1,470	<b>I&amp;C History Society</b> Cost for display cabinet in Irlam Library
£800	<b>Food 4 Thought</b> Group support for food education	£1,200	<b>Irlam Primary School</b> Support for peer mentoring programme





£42,472	<b>Irlam Station, Station Park &amp; Signal Yard</b> Heritage displays	£130	<b>Royal British Legion</b> Sponsored wreath and lamppost poppy for remembrance 2022
£3,000	<b>Irlam Steel AFC</b> Costs towards security fencing around Irlam Steel site	£100	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Comm Hall</b> Costs towards new Christmas decorations
£150	<b>Irlam WI</b> Costs for a new bingo machine	£3,840	<b>Salford Friendly Anglers</b> Funding of 'Tackling Minds' project for combatting antisocial behaviour
£1,000	<b>Lancashire Wildlife Trust</b> Funds towards reintroducing new plant species on Chat Moss	£2,400	<b>Salford IYSS</b> Funds towards RESPECT programme in local Primary Schools
£7,304	<b>Maintenance</b> Ongoing maintenance to established HDT projects	£500	<b>Salford Vets Association</b> Purchase of a Standard flag
£12,500	<b>Manchester United Foundation</b> Funds towards the 2022-23 schools engagement programme	£333	<b>Shop Signs</b> HDT managed project to erect shop signs along Liverpool Road
£3,000	<b>Moorfield Primary School</b> Funds towards 'Growing Outdoors' project	£2,000	<b>St Helen's C.E. Church</b> Funds towards building alterations to church house
£500	<b>Oakwood Academy School</b> Funds to purchase a portable defibrillator for school trips	£3,000	<b>St Helen's C.E. Primary School</b> Purchase of iPads for school use
£20,000	<b>Poorlots Allotment &amp; Leisure Society</b> Funds towards the regeneration of the Poorlots Allotment site	£600	<b>St Joseph &amp; St Teresa's Community Group</b> Funds towards Refugee family fun day
£1,656	<b>Public Defibrillators</b> Purchase of a publicly accessible defib at Irlam Leisure Centre	£6,000	<b>St Joseph the Worker RC Primary</b> Purchase of a new interactive whiteboards
£1,470	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Carnival</b> Support for the 2022 Rwg Carnival	£3,000	<b>St Mary's C.E. Primary School</b> Purchase of 'Trim Trail' outdoor equipment
£2,500	<b>Rixton-with-Glazebrook Pre-school</b> Support to maintain standards	£200	<b>St Paul's Methodist Church</b> Support for shawl ministry group
£8,700	<b>Rotary Club of Irlam</b> Yearly match funding support		
<b>TOTAL £188,234</b>			





## LOOKING AHEAD

The strides we have made this year to embrace further partnership working with local community groups, local authorities, volunteers and businesses has shown positive results. We will continue to build on this going forward in order to provide new opportunities and ways of helping others.

We feel positive about the year ahead and confident in our team and their willingness, ability and skills to engage with groups and help inspire them to reach their own goals and aspirations for the good of the whole community.

HDT sees first-hand the willingness of others to want to help out through **Volunteering** and this 'can do' attitude is without doubt what helps make a community strong. Knowing and understanding the value of volunteering means our commitment to engaging with and facilitating volunteers is high on our agenda. Providing them with the support they need to make a difference in the community, whether that be with equipment, tools or admin is something we know will reap benefits for the community as well as the volunteer.

We have seen an increase in grant applications this year as the community has pulled back from the damaging effects of the Covid years. As a **Grant Giving** charity, we are proud to be able to help community groups in this way and will continue to do so. At the same time we will also take the opportunity to encourage them to seek match funding from other funders or businesses if this may benefit the success of their project or activity.





With the completion of our large scale art projects in 2022, the decision was taken to close the Art Studio. Since then HDT, via our **IC ART** programme, have been working with various arts and creative organisations to support the delivery of creative activities and workshops for all ages and abilities. This will be developed further in the coming year.

Continuing to develop the **Heritage Hub** at Irlam Station is something we are committed to, as there is still more to be done to help showcase and raise awareness of the district's rich history. By continuing to work closely with the Friends of Irlam Station, local History Society, artists and volunteers we will aim to expand on the current offering to further bring the area's heritage to life. We will also be continuing our work with the **Chat Moss Heritage Partnership** to help advocate the importance of the area's industrial heritage and ecological assets to broaden the scope of opportunities for visitors to the district.

We will be building on the valuable **Youth Engagement** work done so far with Primary Schools, Irlam & Cadishead Academy, partners, businesses and local sports and recreation professionals to continue to bring together additional support, as needed, for the young people from the local area.

Coming up to our twentieth year in operation, HDT having formed in 2004, we understand and fully appreciate the need to review the investments we have made to date in the area. We will aim to monitor these and secure their longevity via the delivery of a **Maintenance Plan** to ensure they can remain an asset for the district in the future.

The HDT team are looking forward to another year of supporting the local community and will welcome the challenges and opportunities that the next twelve months may bring.





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