

ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

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raise aspirations



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Chairman's Report

Welcome to our 2021/22 annual report which portrays the many wonderful achievements throughout the year by the Hamilton Davies Trust team and its many supportive community partners.

It is a pleasure to introduce this report which is a testament to a year well spent supporting the communities of Cadishead, Irlam and Rixton-with-Glazebrook. Given our small team, I am always surprised at how much is achieved each year, and this one is no exception.

Our success is not measured on how much financial support we give as a grant-giving charity, £551,471 investment made this year alone, but just as importantly in the commitment of staff time given to supporting community groups, schools, clubs, and facilities.

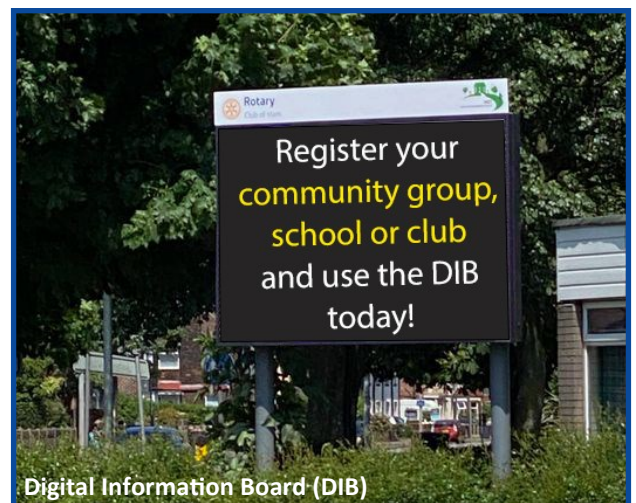
Starting in April 2021, having successfully worked through the previous twelve months with its many restrictions, the team felt better connected, stronger and eager to strengthen its community bonds and partnerships.

Our areas of focus cover many different aspects within our four workstreams, Community, Regeneration, Education and Recreation, bringing the team into contact with people of all ages. Working with partners, volunteers and businesses is still key in helping us deliver even more to the community and we truly value the added skills and experience their support brings.



Neil McArthur, HDT Chairman

Public relations and good communication are key components of the work we do. This year we partnered with the Rotary Club of Irlam, to fund the purchase and installation of a new Digital Information Board (DIB), to replace the old one. With groups opening their doors once again the DIB has been invaluable in helping to advertise their activities and events.



Digital Information Board (DIB)

Whilst our 'iTea & Biscuits' sessions were curtailed slightly, due to restricted face to face contact, with the support of local businesses and volunteers, we were still able to empower 50 plus learners with the confidence to use their devices to improve connectivity with their family and online use for such things as shopping and paying bills.

Always keen to raise aspirations, supporting young people through our focus on Education and Recreation is high on our agenda. As such, we continued to fund Manchester United Foundation to deliver a regular programme of additional sport and well-being sessions to all the schools in the area. Not forgetting those moving on from school, and the contribution they will make to future society, we worked with Irlam & Cadishead Academy in support of their career's event and mentoring programme. The Chris Stocks fund, endowed to HDT to support young people with apprenticeships and vocational training, enables us to give even more young people a step up onto their chosen career path.

Ensuring that local community facilities and amenities are fit for purpose is important, as this helps to support the longevity of the many sporting and social activities that take place in the area. This year, as part of our Regeneration work stream, we were pleased to fund major refurbishments to Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall to bring the building up to modern day standards. This well-used 50yr old building is now re-opened, regularly occupied, and in a fit state to serve the community for at least another half century.



Showcasing the area's heritage is something HDT is passionate about. With all physical evidence of a once thriving farming and industrial area long gone, the development of a Heritage Hub at Irlam Station has ensured the district's history will not be forgotten. Now a much-loved destination for locals and visitors, the Heritage Hub is a huge asset to the area.

With the addition of Heritage Tours, thanks to the support, passion, and commitment of the Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST), the area's past is now being brought back to life.

Our IC ART programme also supports the area's rich heritage. Local artist Rachelle Cleary works with HDT and engages volunteers and community groups to produce history-driven 2D and 3D urban art pieces.




In February 2022 we were pleased to welcome Kirsty Martin (far right) to the team, as Project Manager for Arts and Heritage, to enable us to expand further on this area of our work.



Whilst showcasing local history we are also engaging with partners in the wider area to bring together a larger project that aims to raise awareness and increase access to a unique landscape which is Chat Moss, full of industrial heritage and stunning ecological assets.

Bringing festive cheer to residents and visitors has become part of our annual activities. This year we installed Christmas lights, produced a community Christmas video, toured the district in our popular Elf trailer and, as a first, hosted an outdoor Community Carol Singing event.

I am very proud of the team and the many working relationships they have forged and I am looking forward to seeing how much we can achieve together in the year ahead.


Neil McArthur

Facts & Figures

£11.6m

We have invested more than £11.6 million to support the district across our 4 areas of focus covering: Community, Education, Recreation and Regeneration



A summary of our progress to date



Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall

Over the years some of the district's facilities have become dated and in need of repair and a facelift to enable them to continue to serve future generations.

The 50yr old Community Hall in Hollins Green, in the parish of Rixton-with-Glazebrook, was one such facility.



The Community Hall was in need of a lot of work which required substantial funding. Having looked at other modern community facilities, the Hall Committee then drew up a plan for the project and approached HDT for support to bring the Hall up to modern day standards. Their aim for the project was for the Hall to be aesthetically pleasing with a clean look that would be acceptable for weddings and prestigious functions, as well as fit for community group activities.

Refurbishing a 70's building brought some difficulties, with underlying problems being uncovered. These were all swiftly dealt with and after several months, the refurbishment was completed and the Hall re-opened for use in November 2021.



After 2 years of closure (due to the pandemic) it was wonderful to see the Hall open once again for community use and hire.

A project of this size needs a lot of money and it was only due to partnership working to bring in all the funds needed that the project was able to go ahead. Partners included HDT (£209,000); Rixton with Glazebrook Parish Council (£25,000); Rotary Club of Irlam (£15,000); Hall Committee (£10,000) and £15,000 in grants from four different funds. HDT staff and trustee's time was also engaged to manage the task of financial administration and to help steer the project.

Of course voluntary input by Hall committee members has also been invaluable, whether liaising with the building team, being hands on with clearance and clean up ready for use, and not least in keeping the Hall's requirements in line with budget.



The Hall project is a credit to all involved and this much-loved facility can now serve the community for many years to come.



Building community links to help raise aspirations is a key driver to our regeneration programme

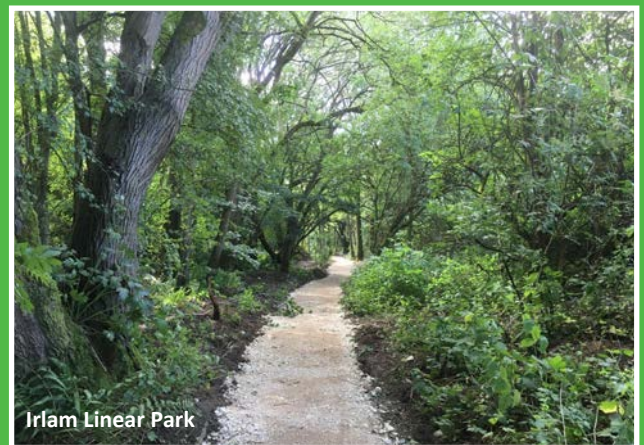
The largest project this year has been the complete refurbishment of Rixton-with-Glazebrook Community Hall with a £209k investment from HDT. This project has been a great example of partnership working with the Hall Committee, HDT, Rotary Club and Parish Council all contributing to improve the facilities.



In 2021, the new Digital Information Board (DIB) was installed on Fairhills Road in Irlam, with match funding from HDT and the Rotary Club of Irlam. HDT has also taken on the design and management of the content of the DIB, which is free for local community groups to advertise their activities and events.

HDT have continued with ongoing projects within the district including funding gardening and landscaping around Irlam Station, Station Park and the Cadishead embankment; funding paving repairs around Irlam Station and supporting the Manchester Tech Trust in their drive to bring technology and enterprise to the area.

The once hidden gem that is Irlam Linear Park is now being used regularly by local residents. We were pleased to be able to facilitate the removal of a large tree which fell during stormy weather.



HDT have been supporting the districts of Irlam, Cadishead and Rixton-with-Glazebrook since 2004 and in order to keep raising the aspirations of local residents, we have embarked on a maintenance programme to keep all the assets we have installed around the area in top condition.

Improvements have continued at Irlam Station Park, and the Signal Box and Signal Yard with further enhancements. We are pleased that the Signal Box is now complete and that the Friends of Irlam Station are proudly sharing their knowledge of the Box and the Station with organised tours.





Community is at the heart of what we do and feel proud to see and hear the difference our contribution makes to the various groups and their projects

Our community grants have continued to have a slightly different focus this year, with many community groups only just starting to meet again. This has meant reduced opportunities for the groups for fund-raising, and the need for help towards running costs.

Prince's Park Garden Centre continues to thrive, and we were pleased to help them replace their irrigation system. This new system has subsequently enabled them to apply for larger external funding for a much bigger project.



Prince's Park Garden Centre

The Local Mag is a valuable community asset, and we were pleased to support Bill and the team, not only with a grant, but also with regular pages to keep the local residents up to date with all our activities.



Our in-house projects have continued and include lighting up the district at Christmas time and providing a variety of activities during the festive period; delivering more public art by partnering with our resident artist Rachelle and local volunteers; adding to the number of Heritage Boards around the district; enhancing heritage displays in and around Irlam Station.

When considering grant applications our aim is to encourage match-funding by partnering with other organisations, enabling ourselves and other groups to deliver even more to the community. HDT and the Rotary Club of Irlam



have a longstanding partnership and we would like to thank them for their continued commitment to the district.

We have also been pleased to support various community groups with small grants under £500. We understand what a difference a small contribution can make to these groups, including the family fun day at H&H Family Centre, a refugee family fun day organised by St Joseph's and St Teresa's Churches, Little Monkeys toddler group, Irlam WI, and Holly and St Clements Court who received funding towards their Christmas activities for residents who have been isolated during the pandemic.



Refugee family fun day St Joseph & St Teresa Churches

In addition to the grants given, we have continued to offer support to a number of community groups with free use of our in-house meeting room facilities and admin support. We were especially glad to have the Wednesday knitting and crochet group take up residence once again in the lounge!



Knitting and crochet group get creative in HDT's lounge



Recreation

Our continued commitment to support sport and recreational activities throughout the district helps promote positive health and well-being

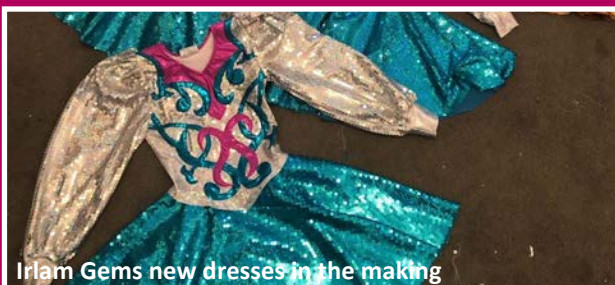
Many sport and recreational activities re-started in 2021, however changes in delivery methods were noticeable with fewer volunteers available to run sports teams and leisure activities.

Irlam Vale AFC are one of the district's established football clubs for junior players and we were pleased to help them maintain their pitches at Moorfield and St Joseph's primary schools with the purchase of a new, larger, ride-on mower.



Irlam Vale AFC mower

Morris Dancing groups Irlam Gems and Irlam Royalties are two of several dance troupes in the district. Like other clubs and organisations, their fund-raising opportunities have been greatly diminished in the last two years. We were delighted to be able to support their grant application for new dance outfits and wish them every success in their future competitions and exhibitions. We were also pleased to support the Odyssey Elite Cheerleading group which was reinvigorated during the year.



Irlam Gems new dresses in the making

We recognise that not all recreational activities are sport-based and were pleased to once again support the Irlam and Cadishead Healthy Hearts Club, who meet at Lady James Hall to promote gentle exercise for all, including attendees with health issues.

Members of Cadishead Band are once again able to rehearse and perform together and HDT were delighted with the support they gave us at our first outdoor Community Carol Singing event in December. Two of the band members are proudly playing new instruments as part of their ongoing instrument replacement programme that HDT are supporting.



Cadishead Band playing at HDT's Community Carols

Activities for children during school holidays were organised by Onwards and Upwards and ForViva. These Play Streets schemes were enjoyed by all who took part.

Having previously got the wheels in motion for cycling group Station Wheelers, by providing funding for initial set-up costs, we are pleased to see that the cyclists are still enjoying their weekly bike rides. Having grown in numbers as well as strength, the cyclist are now exploring the wider areas, as well as local routes, reaching distances of over 40-50km on each ride.



HDT has continued to support projects which complement the existing educational provision and develop school facilities for current and future pupils

The HDT team, once again, acknowledge the tireless efforts from all the education providers within our district and beyond through this second challenging year as we return to a sense of normality following the pandemic.

Our long-standing partnership programme with the local schools and Manchester United Foundation (MUF) continued throughout 2021/22. The MUF team delivered a diverse curriculum around health and well-being at both primary and secondary school level and sessions were received well by pupils of all ages.



They all thoroughly enjoy the lessons and are constantly engaged and well challenged.

St. Helen's C of E Primary School



St Helen's C of E Primary School

Building on our relationships with the local schools, we have been able to engage children in doing annual litter picks in their area to help develop respect for the environment. We work in liaison with Salford City Council, who provide all the equipment and take away the litter.

The children from Fairhills Pre-School are going to be delighted with their new and improved outdoor play area at the Fiddlers Lane site.

St Mary's Primary School also benefitted from outdoor improvements with a previously muddy, unkempt area being transformed with an artificial grass surface, providing a useable and safe space for children to play.



St. Mary's Primary School outdoor play area

Irlam Endowed Primary School enhanced their new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) pitch with a new pathway link from the school. The upgraded pathway will allow year-round access to the pitch without tracking mud onto it. The facility is already being well used and we congratulate Jude and the team on seeing the project through to fruition.



New pathway to MUGA pitch

Youth Engagement

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

Our work under the education stream is not limited to direct grant funding. HDT have committed to building relationships with educational providers and groups that offer additional support to help young people make better choices.



Working closely in conjunction with Irlam & Cadishead Academy (ICA) and engaging with local businesses we have been able to support the ICA's mentoring programme and careers event. By doing this we are enabling students to have direct access to potential future employers from our local district, and assisting them to make informed choices about their future career path.

We are proud to have supported the Salford Youth Service with funding towards their Respect Programme, which is aimed at Year 6 students. The six week programme addresses various behaviours like bullying, anti-social behaviour, diversity and hate crime. All the Primary Schools in Irlam & Cadishead took part and the feedback given revealed just how much the students enjoyed the sessions and were enlightened.

I have learnt to respect everyone and that it does not matter if you are different because everyone is unique.

I have learnt that only saying little things could really hurt someone.

I have learnt about the different types of bullying, who to talk to when I am upset.

At Hamilton Davies House we freely offer the use of our community spaces to groups and schools. Since Covid, and the health and mental issues this has brought, the take up for these spaces has increased, partly due to increased awareness, but also due to the need for safe spaces to meet outside of the home or workplace. In the past 12 months we have been able to accommodate 'Lads Den' well-being sessions, parenting support sessions for struggling parents, and school meetings needing to take place off premises.



What? Lad's Den is a safe space for men to relax and have conversations without judgement around the problems that today's life throws at them.
No pressure or judgement, just support.

Where? Hamilton Davies House, 117c Liverpool Road, Cadishead, M44 5BG

When? Tuesday 5-6pm (14-18 year olds)
6 - 7:30pm (over 18's)

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Being administrators of the Chris Stocks Fund, we have been able to offer financial support to more young people this year. Chris believed that practical skills are often undervalued and so he set up the Chris Stocks Fund to offer funding to those from the Irlam and Cadishead area in need of a little extra help with their vocational career.



Heritage Development

Ensuring local history is kept alive and accessible for both current and future generations to enjoy

HDT have made great strides in bringing Irlam and Cadishead's rich history out of the archives and into the public domain, giving people the opportunity to learn more about the area's important social and industrial heritage.



Whilst the district's history has been well documented by several local historians in the past, via various books and written articles, bringing this information into public view in various other forms such as heritage boards, large scale art pieces, digital presentations and displays, has helped to broaden its appeal.



Inside and around the wonderful Heritage Hub at Irlam Station there is a wealth of artefacts,



information and art that depicts the area's history and all are freely available for visitors to take in. The recently updated Irlam Station booklet, produced by HDT, reminds people of just how much they can see and enjoy on their visit.

Thanks to the support of the Friends of Irlam Station (FIRST) work has continued behind the scenes to add even more artefacts and signals to the Signal Box and Signal Yard exhibits.

FIRST volunteers work closely with HDT to help deliver heritage tours. Their passion for the station, and knowledge of the area and its history, has proved a successful combination in ensuring visitors get the best experience they can. Over the past 12 months tours have become more and more popular with local and neighbouring schools, and also with people from out of the area.



Schoolchildren on a tour with FIRST volunteer - May 2021

Warrington Wayfarers group visited in March 2022 and one lady had this to say about their tour: *"I commend Neil and the Trust for their foresight in making the station so appealing and all the volunteers who did a fantastic job. All very knowledgeable. Far exceeded my expectations."*



Warrington Wayfarers group on a tour - March 2022

Wider Heritage and Tourism

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

Since opening in 2015, Irlam Station has been developed into a vibrant and popular Heritage Hub that now draws visitors from further afield. Following this success, HDT wanted to use this experience, and the knowledge gained, to help promote access and awareness of the wider area.



Over the past couple of years we have been liaising and working closely with a range of partners. We now chair the Chat Moss Heritage Partnership Core Group whose membership consists of Greater Manchester Combined Authorities (GMCA), Leigh Building Preservation Trust, The Wildlife Trust of Lancashire, Manchester & North Merseyside and Peel Holdings.

Aiming to showcase the industrial history of railways, cotton, coal and canals, as well as the unique ecological green heartland that connects them, this core group engages with a much wider network of Local Authorities, Universities and key agencies.



On behalf of the core group, HDT has secured funding from GMCA and the Heritage Lottery Fund for a project that will help to link local heritage attractions whilst relaying the strong and important history of Chat Moss.



Lancashire Mining Museum



RHS Bridgewater



Leigh Spinners Mill



Irlam Station Heritage Hub

HDT are proud to be a part of such a bold and exciting project and look forward to facilitating the Chat Moss Heritage Partnership as it moves forward.

Grants & Projects

£5,000

Cadishead Band

Instrument replacement programme

£400

Holly & St Clements Courts

Christmas activities for local residents

£500

Cadishead TARA

Snack & chat community drop-in sessions

£10,990

I C Art Programme

Delivery of urban art projects

£2,279

Christmas Lights

Brightening up the district for the festive season

£1,000

I&C Community Festival

2021 festival on Prince's Park

£9,840

Community Landscaping

Landscaping and grounds maintenance throughout I&C

£375

I&C Healthy Hearts Club

Exercise classes at Lady James Hall

£4,007

Digital Information Board

New board in partnership with Rotary

£3,000

Irlam Endowed Primary School

Pathway improvements to new MUGA pitch

£3,500

Fairhills Pre-School

Outdoor improvements

£3,000

Irlam Gems

Dresses for morris dancing troupe

£232

ForViva Playstreets

Summer Holiday Play Streets scheme

£200

Irlam Linear Park

Fallen tree removal at the park

£400

H&H Family Centre

Family fun day

£900

Irlam Royalties

Dresses for morris dancing troupe

£184

Heritage Boards

New and replacement boards throughout the district

£36,052

Irlam Station, Station Park & Signal Box

Heritage displays

£1,125

Hollins Green Black Swan

Pensioners Christmas Lunch

£2,000

Irlam Vale AFC

Ride-on mower to enhance ground keeping



£500

Irlam Womens Institute
Support for WI group activities

£4,908

Prince's Park Garden Centre
Upgraded irrigation system to aid plant growth

£834

Lancashire Mining Museum
Steam crane relocation to Astley

£209,179

RwG Community Hall
Major refurbishment work

£400

Little Monkeys
Group supporting families with disabled children

£45

RwG Parish Plan
'Footpaths around Rixton' walk leaflets

£3,000

Local Mag
Support for the magazine

£6,100

Rotary Club of Irlam
Partnership project to enhance delivery in I&C

£4,839

Maintenance
Ongoing maintenance to established HDT projects

£130

Royal British Legion
I&C Poppy Appeal

£50,000

Manchester Tech Trust
Bringing technology to Greater Manchester

£748

St John's Church
Disabled access plans for the church

£12,500

Manchester United Foundation
Partnership project with MUF and local schools

£500

St Joseph & St Teresa's Churches
Refugee family fun day

£166,000

Manchester University
Paterson redevelopment project

£1,429

St Joseph the Worker RC Church
Internal church repairs

£450

Odyssey Elite Cheerleaders
Support for cheerleading group

£3,500

St Mary's CE Primary School
Playground improvements at school

£125

Onwards and Upwards
Play Streets scheme for Christmas holidays

£1,300

Paving Improvements
Paving repairs around Irlam Station

TOTAL £551,471



LOOKING AHEAD

The reinforcement and development of our partnership working over the past year has given us a solid foundation for widening our scope of works. By embracing new challenges and helping facilitate others, we have been able to further support the community in new ways, as well as continuing with the tried and tested ones.

We feel positive about the year ahead and the team are looking forward to delivering support in ways that will help raise aspirations, inspire others, and enable the community to flourish.

Through the recent difficult times the one thing that has not changed has been the willingness and energy that local volunteers have shown for continuing to help improve the area. Knowing the value of **Volunteering**, not only for the benefit of others but for the wellbeing of the individual, we will continue to help facilitate volunteers in doing just that so that their input can make a difference.

As a **Grant Giving** charity, we always strive to encourage local grant applications. We will also support community groups with seeking match funding, where appropriate, to help them leverage value from other funders and businesses to assist with the success of their projects or activities. We will continue giving staff time in helping groups who may also need additional skills or experience, or simply support them with their communication or administration needs to help them grow and provide for the area.



With the addition of our newly appointed **Arts and Heritage** project manager we will be able to pay attention to expanding the use of our Art Studio to embrace a wider scope of arts projects and activities that involve people of all ages and abilities.

With the district having such a vast catalogue of history, we will continue to showcase this in a variety of ways. Working alongside the Friends of Irlam Station, the local History Society and local historians, we will expand on the **Heritage Hub** and further bring the area's heritage to life through tours, videos, heritage boards and the introduction of station-based activities.

With the Heritage Hub and the district being a key link to the development of wider tourism and leisure opportunities, we will continue to work with the **Chat Moss Heritage Partnership** to help advocate the importance of the area and the ecological and historical assets it contains to widen the scope for visitors to the area.

Working with our partners in support of local **Youth Provision** in the area is very important to us. As such we will be working with local sports and recreation professionals, Greater Manchester Police and Salford Council Youth Service to provide a variety of activities that help improve youth behaviour and respect for others, and that can restore a measure of calm to young people living chaotic lifestyles.

We will also be continuing to add to the valuable work done so far in supporting the **Irlam & Cadishead Academy's** careers and apprenticeship programme. Building on the success of the previous year we will be calling on and engaging with more local businesses to secure their time, experience, and mentoring skills in helping young people as they start their journey on their career path.

The HDT Team, as always, will be welcoming the community in and offering support in whatever way we can in the year ahead.



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