

Better Barrow Community Project

Annual Report

April 2020 – March 2021

The BBCP committee has continued to meet from time to time, though there has been very little business to oversee.

The year began with cancellations, firstly of the statue unveiling and then of the Wheelbarrow Weekend. The statue had its unofficial unveiling early one morning, however, and has stood proudly in the Market Place gathering admiring glances ever since. We are delighted with the finished item and with the reception it has received from those who have been able to visit and those who have only been able to see photographs.

We have recently heard from the sculptor, Marcus Cornish, that the statue has been short-listed for an award!

We are currently working to put up an additional information board on the north side of the bus shelter which will tell visitors much more about the statue and the process of its creation. We were successful in obtaining a Community Grant to part fund this and a reprint of the popular Village Trail leaflet, updated to take account of the statue. Copies of the leaflet will be available in the old phone box when it has been converted to an information kiosk, as well as from all the usual tourism outlets.

Many thanks to all our committee and helpers for their continuing support. We are especially grateful to our web-manager Steve Taylor for updating our website and we would like to extend many thanks to our Treasurer, Nigel Catley, who after a number of years keeping our finances in order is handing over to Jessie Taylor. Thanks Nigel, and welcome, Jessie. The Financial Report is attached. You will see that there have been few transactions, the significant one being final costs towards completing the statue project.

We are planning to hold a reduced version of the Wheelbarrow Weekend this year and would like to encourage as many people as possible to decorate a barrow and put it out for others to see. We won't have official judges but we will try to organize a People's Choice. It would be good to have something to celebrate this June!

Many thanks for your support and interest.

Trevor Millum

Chair