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ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019

FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2020

**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.

A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.

The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Arts & Theatre Society, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, BUSCA New Community Building Committee, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association, Library Management Committee.

Aims and Objectives

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

Reserves policy

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. A large part of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.

However, the Charity has potential long term liabilities. These arise out of:

- a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
- b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2019 and how they will do so in 2020.

Signed

Date

Chair's Annual Report 2019

In the early days of the 1970s two inspirational Barrow leaders put their heads together to dream up a plan. Wynne Morris, then headmaster of Humphrey Perkins and Norman Peck, then minister of Barrow's Methodist Church set in motion discussions which resulted in the creation in 1971 of a Community Association for all residents of Barrow and neighbourhood and a plan for the village to build a community centre attached to Humphrey Perkins School.

The village set about raising serious money to pay for the building project which cost £30,000. Leicestershire County Council contributed £12,000, Charnwood Borough Council £6,000 and the Parish Council provided £6,000 with the Community Association making up the balance. We benefitted hugely from the voluntary assistance of many experts to draw up plans, sort out legal arrangements with Leicestershire County Council whose land was to be built on, provide materials and so on. We got our community centre in 1980. It had the familiar lounge, bar, kitchen, toilets and some storage areas. Although it was built for the community it was also to be shared with the school.

Meanwhile we continued with the fund-raising. How I remember those Donkey Derbies! Pancake races down Wycliffe Avenue, barn dances, New Year's Eve dances, modern dances, discos, barbecues and some fairly outrageous entertainment evenings including the infamous Blaster Bates and Race evenings.

Over time we furnished the kitchen, set up a really professional-looking bar, bought coffee tables and comfy seats for the lounge and generally made a welcoming space for the community of Barrow and around. The playgroup, that had started up in the Methodist Church in 1970, began to expand rapidly and soon started to operate in the Community Lounge in afternoons as well as mornings. Community Education classes became very popular and by the 1980s Humphrey Perkins Community Centre was buzzing with many kinds of activities. The Community Association was tasked with the financial management of the Centre which entailed a close and positive relationship with school leaders and governors.

The first nail in the coffin came in the early 1990s with new laws to put all financial management of schools in the hands of governors; that is, we lost control of the Delegated Community Budget although we still had a close advisory role in the management of the Centre and relationships were supportive including with the County Council. Barrow's Centre fared much better during the next 15 years than many other community centres and colleges in the county, many of whom were lost entirely to their communities. Community Education as a service disappeared from the County Council. Then the real death knell was sounded with the invention of Academies. Humphries became an academy on Jan 1st 2012. That involves very tight control of the school budget, none of which is legally allowed to be used to subsidise community activity. BUSCA enjoyed a very comfortable 4 years of discounted hire charges that took into account the historical relationship with Humphries all those years ago and its continuing frequent use of the facilities. We are grateful to Humphries for that. Sadly, the rest of the village more or less stopped using it because the hire charges were unaffordable.

The knock-on effect on BUSCA was that the bar, which had been a lucrative source of income to help pay for overheads (insurance etc), no longer really justified its continued existence. We agonized about closing it down but that would mean in turn that events such as ballroom dances would fold; no-one wants to go to a dance in a posh frock when you can't even have a G&T.

When officers of the BUSCA trustee board were summoned to a meeting we were hardly surprised to find our discounted hire charges swept away. Even more serious, we were threatened with an annual fee of £1000 to secure the continued sole use of the bar, parts of the kitchen and various storage areas. Coupled with totally impracticable changes in the way the bar could be operated, we bowed to the inevitable.

On Monday 6th January 2020, a team of BUSCA members assembled in the Community Centre and emptied the bar and much of the kitchen. The bar is no more. With no bar, we have therefore run our last dance. We will carry on for as long as we can with other events, mostly those of our thriving Panto Group with its annual pantomime, murder mystery and those marvellous Youth Theatre productions – Oliver being the latest.

That is not to say that BUSCA is dead; far from it. We are hugely proud of our management of Barrow Library; Barrow Voice continues to get better and better as an outstanding community magazine; the Heritage Group

flourishes; The Twinning Association is attracting more young families to exchanges with Marans in France; the Website Administrators continue to expand the value of our various village websites.

What Barrow really has lost is a community centre and somehow, somewhere, the village needs to build another one.

Forward Plan 2020:

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

For the past two years, BUSCA trustees have been looking at ways of making BUSCA more sustainable by passing roles carried out by Judith (many) and David (Treasurer) to other people. Here is what has been achieved so far but this is an on-going and urgent task.

Judith:

- Management of Christmas Street Market and its entertainment (passed to Nicola)
- Creation of Village Diary in Barrow Voice (passed to Jane Tindle)
- Chairing of Panto Steering Committee (passed to Abi Crossley)
- Attempts to pass on role of Advertising Manager of Barrow Voice (on-going)
- Attempts to pass on many administration jobs for Panto Steering Committee (on-going)
- Role details published in BUSCA website

David:

- Role details passed to BUSCA signatories
- Treasuring of BATS activities passed to Steven Crossley

Judith Rodgers

Treasurers' Annual Report 2019

The Treasurers

The Association now has three Treasurers:

David Rodgers – General

Steven Crossley – Barrow Arts & Theatre Society (Panto, Youth Theatre and Murder Mystery) (BATS)

James Fuller – Twinning Association.

During 2019, the finances of BATS were separated from the other funds and a sub-account was opened with Unity Trust. The Twinning Association has always maintained its own bank account.

Accordingly, this report has three sections.

John Beaumont has continued in his role of our independent examiner for the year 2019 and we are pleased to report that he is continuing in that role for 2020.

General

During the year, unrestricted, undesignated reserves decreased from £26,467 to £26,358, a decrease of £109. Net income from our dances decreased from £3728 in 2018 to £3028 in 2019, plus another £533 from raffles (£548 in 2018).

Bar profit was £1384 in 2018 and £1345 in 2019.

Barrow Voice in 2018/19 made a loss of £626 (a surplus of £74 in 2017/18).

The Community Building Designated Fund increased from £11,330 to £13,060.

The Community Library's restricted fund increased by £6653 during the year, hence the Library continues to be on a very sound financial footing. This is because of

- the financial support given by Barrow Parish Council and, for the time being, the County Council
- the support from individuals in the form of donations
- a further increase in the income from hiring fees during the year – from £3014 to £3964
- significant grants from the Co-op, Loughborough Building Society and Charnwood Borough Council
- and last, but by no means least, because of the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our team of volunteers.

At 31 December, the Library's total funds stood at £22,206. Of this, £8304 represents the funds for the day to day running of the Library (up from £4226) and £13,902 is the development fund (up from £11,326) .

David Rodgers. Treasurer (General).

Barrow Arts & Theatre Society

Half way through the year, the Treasurer's role was assumed by Steven Crossley. He has been assisted by Julie Crossley and Abigail Crossley, and is grateful for their support.

During the year the funds increased from £8793 to £9269, an increase of £476.

Our three events were all profitable. Peter Pan made a substantial profit of £1569. The Murder Mystery's profit was £784, which was passed to the General Account. Finally Oliver was a very expensive project but nevertheless covered its expenses and made a modest profit of £134.

Steven Crossley. Treasurer BATS.

Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

During the year the funds decreased from £4916 to £4645, a decrease of £271. Even so the funds remain at a healthy level.

Net income from membership and fund raising activities was £2165. The main net income items in 2019 were Quiz Nights £626, a 50/60s Concert £448, Barrow High Street stalls £292 and Membership £275.

Net expenditure for 2019 was £2436. In the summer the Twinning Association hosted a group from Marans and the net expenditure for hosting was £2153.

James Fuller. Treasurer (Twinning Association)

GROUPS

Reports and Review of Forward Plan 2019 and Forward Plan 2020

1. Barrow Voice

Annual Report 2019

Despite putting Herculean efforts into attracting advertising and making savings by hosting the Barrow Voice website, BV made a loss of £626 in our year from Sept 2018 – August 2019.

Trying to predict what will be the outcome for 2019/20 it looks as though we will make a significantly bigger loss.

The writing team remained the same with the addition in October of Karisa Krcmar who went on to contribute three articles to BV Winter. Welcome Karisa! Lucy Samuels, a Notts. Uni journalism student, briefly joined the team and contributed a good article on the refurbishment of the KGV Recreation Ground.

Reflecting what BUSCA, and other village organisations, are getting up to has given the magazine both excellent articles and pages of photographs. Consider the Youth Theatre's production of Oliver, Panto Group's Peter Pan, Murder Mystery's The Final Act and Twinning's visit to the WWII weekend. The BV off-shoot 'A Year in Pictures' has been moved from online BV to the village website and in so doing has increased its monthly viewing numbers.

'Features' have, perhaps more than ever, reflected wider national trends as seen in articles about: Vegans; Plastics – (three articles); Drones; Assisted Dying (Dignity in Dying); Cancer Treatment(John's Journey); Women's Football after the World Cup (Barrow Town Girls) and Wild Swimming (River Swimming in the Soar). However, pressing topics close to home have not been neglected. These include the siting of the proposed Community Hub, new housing developments and, as ever, village drainage. Two new village organizations, The Footpaths Group and the Good Neighbour Scheme began in 2019, so received publicity, and both are now up and running. BV also covered events held by Barrow Open Gardens, Barrow Health Walks, the Community Library, the Gardening Club, Barrow Village Show, Centre Stage, Charnwood Orchestra, the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Society, the WI, the summer and winter Street Markets and the Bishop Beveridge Club. The Parish Council continue to supply us with Barrow Focus.

Finally, BV reported on the business world as it changed our village. The opening of The Moorings and Freckles, the refurbishment of Barrow of Treats, the growth of staff in Eddie's Barbershop and the Berkley take-over of Strawberry Lettings all generated advertorials as did Sidney Shakers, Relax Kids, Shotokan Karate and Brinvale Bird Foods. It is now possible for the Back Page to be bought by an advertiser (e g Roy Green, Estate Agents) in which case the Village Diary is moved inside.

Forward Plan 2020

1. To look very seriously at making significant changes to reduce production costs. This may involve radical changes to the magazine such as shorter more tightly edited articles in the paper edition but longer on line. Alternatively, to identify sources of grant funding such as sponsorship or grants.
2. To act as a unifying force by keeping residents in touch with local village activities and important concerns such as housing; to support BUSCA, the Parish Council and other local organisations.
3. To celebrate the achievements and reflect the interests of Barrow people.
4. To find two new team members: an advertising manager and a Barrow Voice website manager.
5. In 'Features' articles to reflect wider national trends and cater for different demographics, old / young, new residents / long established, men/ women and reflect the changes occurring in the village.
6. To help to keep the commercial life of the village thriving.
7. To encourage new members to join the team.

2. Events Committee

Annual Report 2019

- We achieved most objectives laid out in last year's Forward Plan including four dances.
We continued to sustain the increase in profits from the dances by doing in-house catering.
- We staged three Centre Stage productions which made little profit but which were well received.
- We assisted Nicola with the organisation of the Christmas street market with the Parish Council's Switch on of the lights and provided entertainment at this market and at the summer street market.
- We assisted with the Panto Group's Murder Mystery evening by doing the in-house catering.

- We committed 100% of the profit from the raffle to the General Fund and 75% of the profit from the dances to the New Building Project.

Forward Plan 2020

- We regretfully have to report we will not be running any more dances, having closed the bar.
- We may stage further Centre Stage performances despite changes to the hire charges at Humphrey Perkins but they will need to be in a different venue.
- Nicola will continue to organise the street market at the switching on of the Christmas Lights and the Events team will continue to provide entertainment for the Summer and Christmas street markets.
- We will assist with the Panto Group's Murder Mystery evening by doing in-house catering.
- We will continue to look at events that will interest a younger age group in different venues
- We will look at ways to involve a younger generation to help run events.

3. Heritage Group

Annual Report 2019

We have continued to meet regularly, about once a month. There are usually 6 of us though recently we have two new people.

We answer any queries that come through the website, though Anthea's departure has left us without someone to deal with any additions /amendments to the site. We are aware that the section on Barrow's shops needs to be updated.

We created small displays at both the Open Gardens fund raising events for Rainbows and did a quiz about the village on both occasions, which raised a little money for the cause.

The work on the Board School is progressing slowly, as we get diverted by other things.

Kathryn spent a morning with a Leicester U3A group showing them the history of the village

Forward Plan 2020

We will continue to work on the Board School project and we might be ready to publish during 2020.

We will help the Open Gardens Rainbows fund-raising events by putting small exhibitions together.

We will continue to meet and enjoy talking about and finding out about the history of the village.

One problem we keep coming back to is the problem of storage of the material we have produced for exhibitions, as well as the items which people have given us: Maps, books, photographs. At the moment they are stored in our houses but we won't be here forever and it would be a shame if all this information about the village were lost. We have talked about it several times but the suggestions all cost a lot of money!

4. Library Management Committee

Annual Report 2019

Barrow Community library has continued its development as a value added service during 2019. All main Key Point Indicators (KPIs): members, book issues and footfall were maintained at acceptable levels as the library move into its 6th year as a community run library.

There is, in addition to books provided by the county council, a growing number of books provided free to the library by the public as an Independent Book Service for free borrowing.

The cohort of about 50 volunteers has been maintained. We also now have some young volunteers. The majority of volunteers carry out frontline duties whilst others provide support through maintenance and building security duties.

The library is successfully managed by a Library Management Committee of around 10 members which meets monthly with Minutes recorded. They have been looking for a new secretary.

The library has maintained the same hours as we did in 2018 and this still proves effective.

The library operation is financially sound and continues to receive grant support from Barrow Parish Council and Leicestershire County Council, the latter on a tapering funding model which will expire in March 2022. Other revenue income comes from hiring out of the premises and various fundraising initiatives organised by the library Operations Team eg open days, quizzes, talks & demonstrations, book sales etc. During 2019 the library received significant non-revenue income from corporate and individual donations which support a library development fund.

Towards the end of 2019 the library received notification of some S.106 grant money. This has been allocated to the development fund for extending the library building.

The library digital inclusion project provides IT support outside and inside the library using portable computers and aims to provide assistance to those who are not accessing IT.

The library has installed a buggy park to help us cope with the popularity of Rhyme Time

Forward Plan 2020

- To maintain a sufficient cohort of trained volunteers for front line and support services
- To maintain, and improve where possible, the services and facilities offered by the library, for both adults and children
- To have robust financial management, improving revenue for recurrent costs and capital projects including the promotion of hiring to aid sustainability.
- To maintain, through liaison, good relationships with the Parish and County Councils.
- To work with Leicestershire County Council to progress building plans for a larger community space, funded by S.106 and grant funding to improve facilities for children and young people, to enhance IT access and to provide a more attractive and flexible hiring space. We hope this will increase the footprint by over 40²m.

5. New Community Building

Annual report 2019

- In June 2018 BUSCA made an application to CBC for planning permission to build a Community Hub for the residents of Barrow.
- As indicated in the last report, much technical work was commissioned in order to satisfy planning requirements. This work was organised for us by Edward Cooper Young , chartered surveyors, who supported us and worked pro bono on our behalf; and HSSP architects. We are indebted to these two for their guidance and support. Formal thanks should go to these two firms.
- At the end of 2018 the Parish Council withdrew their support and objected to the proposal.
- In August 2019 BUSCA was notified that planning permission had been refused.
- Following the issue of the Refusal Notice by the Planners we have engaged in discussions with a planning consultant to identify the options now available to BUSCA by which the project may be moved forward.

Forward Plan 2020

- As agreed at a previous meeting of Trustees, BUSCA will invite the Parish Council to a meeting to discuss how BUSCA and The PC could work together to provide a Community Building for the benefit of the whole Community.

6. Barrow Arts and Theatre Society

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- The pantomime group gave a very successful performance of 'Peter Pan' in March, making a very healthy profit.
- The pantomime group attended the Salute to Pantomime awards in March winning 3 awards, third overall best pantomime and received nominations for 9 different categories.
- Helen Sadler directed a successful performance of 'Raising Agents' in April for the 70th birthday celebrations of the WI who were truly grateful for everyone's effort and performance.
- The Murder Mystery 'The Final Act' was performed in October, directed by Helen Sadler, as usual a sellout event, another successful performance making a good profit.
- The Youth Theatre produced an exceptional performance of 'Oliver' In November, directed by Abi Crossley and musically directed by Jo Dring. The cast consisted of 80 incredibly talented 7-25 year olds. The show was a complete sell out all around and received phenomenal audience reviews and made a profit.
- The Pantomime and Youth Theatre groups came together to sing carols at 'The Retreat' charity event in December to raise money for Air Ambulance. This was a great success and the organisers of the event were delighted.

Forward Plan 2020

- Tom Smith has been authorised to buy one new radio mic to replace a broken one that came to light during the performance of Oliver in November. David Walters offered assistance with improving the sound and lighting system for future shows.
- A big clear out of the Humphries Community Centre will take place on January 6th.
- The pantomime group are to perform 'Humpty Dumpty' on 6th and 7th March, directed by Abi Crossley, musically directed by Wendy.
- Helen Sadler is planning to produce a Murder Mystery in October.
- Humpty Dumpty will be entered into the usual Salute to Pantomime event on 20th March.
- The Youth Theatre will produce 'Legally Blonde' on 20th, 21st and 22nd November, directed by Abi Crossley, musically directed by Jo Dring.

7. Barrow upon Soar & District Twinning Association

Annual Report 2019

The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France. The Twinning Association was formed at the instigation of and is recognised by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council.

2019 was another busy year. In June 19 members of the French Twinning Association from Marans came to Barrow. The programme included a tour of Beaumanor Hall, Greyhound Racing at Nottingham Racecourse, a full day at the Great Central Railway's 40's Weekend and a tour of Baddesley Clinton, a moated manor house in Warwickshire. An enjoyable farewell meal was held at Longcliffe Golf Club.

During the year we held a number of events including a 50's and 60's Night with local band Juke Box Live, our usual two quizzes and a skittles evening. We also had stalls at the Summer Street market and the Christmas Lights switch. Our thanks go to those who give so freely of their time to make these events possible.

Forward Plan 2020

We will be having a quiz at the end of January and another 50's and 60's Night at the beginning of March. From 18th – 23rd June 2020 we will be visiting our friends in Marans. We know they will be taking us to Puy du Fou, a theme park in La Vendée, to experience an evening spectacular and we are looking forward to enjoying all the other activities they will have arranged for us.

We shall continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

Miscellaneous Projects and Activities

8. Bar

Annual Report for 2019.

The profit from the bar for the year was £1345 which is almost exactly the same as the profit in 2018. The Murder Mystery supported a very satisfactory bar and additionally the income from dances held up well. However, a combination of factors led us to recommend to the Trustees that the bar be closed after the December Dance, a recommendation that the Trustees approved. The bar has accordingly been closed and the stock and equipment removed. The equipment is not saleable and has mainly been donated to other charities. Some of the stock has been retained for use at future events, some returned to our supplier (on sale or return) and the remainder has been donated to a charity. Future events will be supported by "casual" bars.

9. Fossil Trail

Annual Report 2019

There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils. Both the junior and the adult Fossil Trail leaflets are well used and we have been able to stock up with the new edition of the Junior Fossil Trail. The Parish Council's extension of the fossil theme included the installation of the much smaller model of the Sibley Road ammonite on King George V playing field and the completion of the whole refurbishment of King George V playing field with a strong fossil theme in the children's play areas. These have been included in the 2nd Edition of the Junior Fossil Trail leaflet.

Forward Plan 2020

- Maintain the sculptures
- Keep the trail leaflets topped up

10. Website administrators for : www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk and www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk and www.busca.org.uk and www.barrowvoice.co.uk and www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Websites Annual Report 2019

- We continued to develop all five sites by helping to keep individual pages up-to-date and by encouraging individuals and groups to do their own editing. It is most difficult to keep the business pages up to date. We often don't know when a business ceases trading. There has been a continuing trend for increased hits for all the 5 sites.
- We have kept the existing leaflet dispensers fully stocked with the website leaflet and Welcome Pack so that the public's attention is drawn to the village websites. There are not as many dispensers because of closure of several businesses.
- There is good use of the village website by members of the public wanting to receive or give info about Barrow including placing adverts, offering services and providing information.
- The Heritage site has been given a lot of new data which has been worked on to prepare it to go on the site although we no longer have Anthea to do the entries.

- The Barrow Voice website has been moved to the multi-hosting BUSCA site which has meant a significant saving from the annual sum charged previously.
- John has worked on the compatibility of all 5 sites for mobile phone users, particularly the BUSCA and Heritage sites. There are still some pages that don't work so further tweaking is needed.
- The Year in Pictures has been moved from the Barrow Voice website to the Village website. This has resulted in more hits.
- We have had to chase up Paypal which stopped giving BUSCA its charity discount. That has now been corrected.

Forward Plan 2020

- We will continue to update individual and group pages, partly by trying to get their editors to do the updating themselves and partly by testing functioning links to businesses
- Stats analysis will be on going
- Making links with Social media is ongoing. We need to establish if there are any village Twitter accounts (and others)
- The Library website will be continually updated and developed. The BUSCA website will also need further improvements now it lacks the Library component
- Leaflet dissemination is on going
- Addition of data to the Heritage site is ongoing.
- The interactive nature of the adverts is a selling point for getting new advertisers.
- Work on compatibility of all sites for phone users is ongoing
- Work continues to integrate photos between the Village, Library and BV sites.

11. Special Projects

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- Underwrote BOSCAPS up to £500 (but not actually needed)
- Budgeted for Christmas Lights market and entertainment at £700 (profit of £55)
- Created a new edition of the Junior Fossil Trail (cost £917)
- Created a new run of Archaeology booklets (cost £926)
- Underwrote Barrow Voice by £626
- Continued to support the building of a community hub
- Did not need to underwrite Centre Stage events up to £250 (net profit of £174)
- The budget for a Heritage publication by the Heritage Group at £500 has not yet been used
- Continued effective management of Barrow Community Library
- Continued to focus on helping BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means

Forward Plan and budget for 2020

- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Budget for Christmas Lights market and entertainment at £700
- Underwrite Barrow Voice by £1,000
- Continue to support with enthusiasm the building of a community facility by any agency
- Underwrite Centre Stage events up to £250
- Budget for a publication by the Heritage Group at £500
- Continue effective management of Barrow Community Library
- Continue to focus on helping BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means

List of publications

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail (2nd edition)
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I (“Round the Edge” and “Barrow’s Jitties”) (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller’s Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- “People and Places” by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: www.busca.org.uk
- Barrow village website: www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk
- www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk
- <http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/>
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website www.barrowvoice.co.uk)
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA

Social media (Facebook pages)

- BUSCA
- Library

Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association

Budget 2020

				Balance
Unrestricted undesignated reserves at 31.12.19				26377
Anticipated income in 2020	(bar 250 murder mystery 750)	Est.	1000	27377
Insurance			-650	26727
Barrow Voice contingency		Est.	-1000	25727
BOSCAPS contingency		Est.	-500	25227
Christmas Lights		Est.	-700	24527
Heritage publication (to be sold)		Est.	-500	24027
Centre Stage contingency		Est.	-250	23777
Allowance for other expenditure to go out (misc 1000)		Est.	-1000	22777