



Autumn 2020 Newsletter

Times and Seasons

Dear Supporter

Since writing to you earlier in the year, who could have foreseen how the year would unfold, and the events that would take place? We are truly thankful to the Lord for helping and sustaining us through this difficult time of pandemic.

Covid 19 has been a challenging time for all, including Strawberry Hill House, but we are very thankful that to date there have not been any cases. The whole property was in lockdown for several months. However, there was a great sense of camaraderie amongst the residents, who supported each other through this testing time. Our 'Helping Hand' service was also invaluable in helping the



residents with shopping, picking up prescriptions and transporting to hospital appointments etc.

Robin, one of our residents, even took the time to grow sunflowers from scratch!

A kind friend has also been making cotton face masks. These are available in a variety of fabrics, and are priced at £5 each. We also have branded face shields. You can find these in our on-line shop. All proceeds go towards the on-going work of the charity.



Events cancelled

Sadly, despite our best efforts and due to the covid restrictions at Mayfield Hall, we have had to cancel our Autumn Fayre planned for November 7th. We would encourage any friends who usually purchase books from the Christian Bookshop Ossett bookstall at our Fayre, to order directly from the bookshop, to support them also in these testing times for businesses.

In view of the continuing coronavirus restrictions, we have also cancelled our Christmas Singing Evening planned for December 12th at Strawberry Hill House.

Christmas Cards



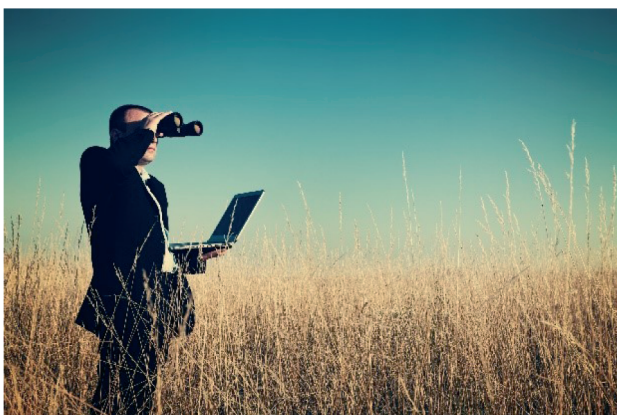
However, we are pleased to say that once again we have a range of Christmas cards. Featuring birds, modern and traditional scenes, some designs also include an A.V. Scripture text. We have a brochure available, please let us know if you would like us to send one out to you. They can also be ordered online, see the full range at www.oaktreehomestrust.org/shop/

Strawberry Hill House



Despite the restrictions of the last few months, we are pleased to have seen a recent increase in interest in the apartments, with several viewings taking place. Apartment 4 has now been reserved, leaving only two apartments available. Please let us know if you would like any information about the apartments, or to arrange a (socially distanced) viewing!

The search continues



As reported in our last Newsletter, our aim is to find another site to develop. Our agent is continuing to search across Kent, East Sussex and parts of Surrey for any sites which may have potential. A site near the coast would be particularly desirable.

Please don't hesitate to let us know of any development opportunities you may know of in your area! We would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Trustees Note – Annual Report

With the annual Autumn Fayre unable to go ahead and hence no opportunity to give the Annual report, we have decided to post a shortened version on our website. This can be found on our Newsletters page. This will outline in greater detail:

- Review of the Year
- Future Plans
- Financial Update

Please let us know if you would like a printed copy of the report.

The Trustees

Thank you for your kindness

This is a difficult time for charities, with many seeing a significant drop in income this year. But we have been encouraged and are very grateful for your on-going support and donations.

We would give particular thanks to those who have made jams and marmalades, and face masks, sales of which have raised over £1,000 for the charity.



"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"
Galatians 6:10