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Trustee Report

Dear Members,

For most of the period November 2019 to October 2020 Emmaus Cambridge, along with the rest of the world has had to focus on dealing with the global pandemic and its effects on our community and social enterprise. The community has navigated Covid 19 well, the staff and companions have worked extremely hard to ensure that our companions stayed safe during this time.

The social enterprise was closed for a total of 3 months during the year, companions continued to live in the community and a reduced staff team and companions focused on refurbishments and site maintenance, keeping everyone busy.

Although this was a hugely challenging time for the community, our companions have weathered the storm by supporting each other and sticking to all the social distancing rules and have lived and thrived through it.

Our staff team were largely furloughed whilst we were closed, leaving a skeleton staff on site, a number of staff worked from home, with those staff and Trustees working throughout lockdown, supporting companions, writing funding bids, applying for government funding, continuing our eBay operation, launching our e-commerce site and providing solidarity packages and IT equipment for people who have found themselves in dire straits during the pandemic.

We opened our doors again and started trading on 24th June 2020, we are operating a shorter week which has proved a positive change from trading 7 days a week, allowing us to engage more with each other and feel less pressured

All of that being said the community finances remain strong, with the social enterprise performing well for the 5 months leading up to the first closure and continuing with all covid 19 restrictions in place for the last 4 months of the year.

We continue to improve our site buildings, and you will have noticed our enhanced buildings, gardens and shop thanks to our excellent onsite maintenance and building team. Companion rooms are refurbished cyclically, the retail and warehouse areas expanded and improved and customer access improved.

Taking things forward into 2021/22 is going to be very exciting we are being donated 8 additional units of accommodation by the Hill 200 Foundation which will bring our community to 52 companions.



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Increased numbers of companions will require more staff going forward, so by the end of 2021 we will have 23 full and part time staff working across the community and business.

They will be supported by 30 active volunteers ranging from café volunteers, beekeepers and workers on the mezzanine. I would like to thank them all for consistently going above and beyond in their work with companions.

We have an excellent Board of committed Trustees, with a wide range of skills and experiences and all making valuable contributions to the community.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our customers, donors, companions, volunteers, staff, trustees and business partners for their continued support of Emmaus Cambridge. It's your combined efforts that make Emmaus Cambridge the community, and independent success that it is.

Matthew Last

Chair of Trustees