

Shrewsbury House

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



John Dumbell cops it – The price you pay for being a Team Leader

Chair's Report – John Hutchison

At a club reunion the other evening I heard the phrase “This place is like a magnet” – and that is a very good description. From the youngest to the much older, Shrewsbury House continues to draw great numbers from around our city. We are rooted in Everton, because that is where there is the greatest need and where we have always been, but we reach right across the city and beyond, both for our membership and for our ex members and returning friends. It is also delightful to report that we are increasingly serving a nearby population drawn from all corners of the world, John writes about this more fully in his report.



We depend on our volunteers and Thomas Butler, pictured centre, has been excellent for the Club

It has been another excellent year under John Dumbell's leadership and we have staff under him, all part timers who work hard and with great commitment. We have also rejuvenated our membership on the Board of Management and have an excellent mix of skills and experience to draw on there. And we are delighted to welcome Leo Winkley to oversee us: links with the school have never been stronger in my memory and that is evidenced by a number of new initiatives we are undertaking. At last too, we have our treasurer, this has been a difficult gap for us for a good while and Brian Canfer has launched himself into the task with great energy: we are very grateful. Our Friends dinner evening back in April was a fine success and we repeat the occasion on 26th April this year. Do attend if you can.

And we have finally cracked a good sized chunk of funding for our work. In partnership with Everton in the Community, the LFC Foundation and the Princes Trust, we submitted a bid to the Home Office and have been awarded a one year grant of £63,000 for our work with those involved in or at risk of serious crime. When you glance at our carefree, bouncing, loud and cheery junior club, you wonder if it could ever come to this – involvement in serious crime. But of course we know that it can and does and the risk factors are deep seated in lots of the circumstances of these little ones. It is a tiny minority who really end up getting it wrong by the time they get to teenage and beyond, but our job is to offer challenge and change and build up the confidence in individuals to steer the right course. We are already busy with recruiting and planning our work on this project over the next year, critical to which will be a baseline measurement of where people are starting at. This is a big challenge for us but we have made a promising start and hope to further improve our abilities to measure change. John Dumbell is king of the concise case study and we have made very good use of his material over the past year as well as edging other staff into that habit.

Can I end by thanking you for your support. It comes in a myriad of ways and we are grateful for each and every piece of backing and encouragement that is provided. There, I've managed three paragraphs without mentioning Brexit! Thank You.

Team Leader's Report – John Dumbell

As we celebrate our 115 year milestone it is evident that there has been a massive change in the ethnic diversity of the local community. There has been an influx of people from all over the world who have, for one reason or another chosen Liverpool and particularly Everton as their preferred area to reside. The Shewsy however continues to play an integral part in welcoming people to this fantastic community. Earlier this year as a way of welcoming new people into our community, the Shewsy along with St. Peters church arranged a Know your Neighbour event at the club.

In the 10 weeks leading up to the day volunteer Lisa Dumbell facilitated a world foods cookery programme, funded by Warburton's. We got traditional recipes from new residents' native countries and attempted to cook them with senior club members. The dishes included recipes from Libya, Italy, Poland, Czech Republic, Turkey and India.

Old and new residents were invited to the event and there, we also gave them the opportunity to prepare a dish traditional to their country of origin. We also provided the money to cover the cost of the meals so there would be no financial strain on the participants. LCVS kindly funded this.

The Idea of the project was to promote community cohesion by making people feel welcome in the Everton community, and what better way to get people together than to celebrate their love of food. We have found that people are proud of their roots and are more than happy to display their cultural heritage through food.

During the day we had many new residents turn up with their families, proudly introducing the dish they had provided. All of which was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were 17 different countries represented throughout the day with dishes provided from each and recipes shared amongst newly found friends. The countries were **Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Iraq, Poland, Syria, Slovakia, Yemen, Czech Republic, Italy, Greece, Hungary, Zimbabwe, West Africa, Morocco, Iran and England.**

We were fortunate enough to also be blessed with beautiful weather so were able to make full use of the neighbouring Everton Park Nature Garden which many of the residents had been curious about as it is gated and used mainly for supervised groups. This was an extremely popular choice amongst attendees who loved the natural beauty of the place.

The event was due to end at 2pm but people were having such a great time the vast majority left at 2:45pm and carried the day on in the local park where the children played in the sun and the parents stayed and chatted amongst themselves. Most of these families continue to attend the Shewsy in some form and many also attended our annual summer fair bringing a real multi-cultural vibe to that event.

We now plan to make the "Know your Neighbour Day" an annual event to welcome new residents to the area and both the Shewsy and St. Peters.

"Sharing a meal is a simple, yet sacred occasion. It is a universal act that is important to building relationships within people groups. Intentionally eating together creates time and space to engage in the spiritual and intellectual levels that are unique to human beings. Sharing food cultivates community because the implications of the meal extend beyond the time of eating together. While there are other places people meet, gathering around a meal is the most accessible because if nothing else, everyone must eat." (Katz, R, 2012)

We continue to run our junior club afterschool provision Monday to Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm term time for 5 – 11 year olds. We average 30 young people attending each night. During these sessions we have daily circle time, (good news only) provide art and craft activities, board games, various sports, free play and homework club. Over the summer holidays we run a play scheme providing healthy meals for every young person who attends. We have regular visits to nearby Everton park nature garden as well as many local trips including a family day to Gulliver's theme park, allowing families to mix and spend some quality time with each other.

Our senior sessions for 12 – 18 year olds, again run Monday to Thursday with the odd weekend here and there. We recently participated in the "No more Knives" tournament based on the Albert Dock and run by LFC and EFC. During our senior sessions we have a fortnightly topical discussion group. The sessions include topics such as raising aspirations, some preventative work and discussions around local/national issues that are in the news.

Once again over the past year, we have been fortunate enough to give groups of young people the opportunity to participate in a tri lateral exchange programme with groups from Dublin and Wales. This has included having the chance to visit county Cavan in Ireland and the beautiful Glan Llyn in Wales. Over the October half term 12 Shewsy young people hosted the 3rd leg. There was some really good learning over the 5 days for all 36 young people involved. We are pleased to say that we will continue to participate in such exchange programmes

in the future having built up such a strong relationship with both groups and also become members of the European network for youth clubs (ENYC). This has proved to be an invaluable experience for the participants and has broadened the groups' thinking and outlook and challenged many of the negative pre conceptions they might have had.

In addition to this we also took a small group of female members away on a "Social Media Silence" weekend. We had identified that, during our regular senior sessions, the main group of female members were not engaging in activities on offer and were only communicating to each other via Snap Chat and other social media platforms. We spent the whole weekend "isolated" ! in Ingleton, North Yorkshire at the Old School Bunkhouse. Mobile phones and other similar devices were prohibited and we delivered sessions around personal development, teamwork and confidence building. We also completed the Ingleton falls waterfall trail. The feedback we received from the young people was really positive, no-one died without their mobiles! and we plan to repeat this with a larger group in the near future.

And a massive well done to senior club members Isabella Ellis, Mikey Tallon and Bonnie Hardacre for taking it upon themselves to set up a crowd funding page in aid of the fantastic, local special needs school, Millstead. This was following the mindless vandalism that had taken place there in late October. The page raised in excess of £1000 and Isabella and Bonnie presented the Cheque as part of the "Let's Do It" for Millstead sponsored run on Friday 23rd November. It was a great community event. Things like this really give you hope for our future generation and sends the message that we are in the business of making and encouraging positive change. Although we will always face such challenges as the afore mentioned vandalism, our Christian ethos teaches us to forgive, and therefore allows us to challenge such behaviour and encourage change by presenting our young people with better informed choices such as the one made by the 3 young people to create the page and show their support to the school. We will work directly with all 13 of the young people who were involved in the vandalism, and we aim to make that change with each one them.

Ryan Fitzpatrick and 3 girl members Evie Mock, Summer Devine and Grace Woodhouse returned home from their 2 week Medic Malawi expedition in the summer. It is safe to say it has been life changing for them all. This is the second time we have been fortunate enough to participate in this activity and if it was not for the invaluable relationship we have with Shrewsbury School then such fantastic opportunities would not be possible. The girls are preparing to come in and discuss their experiences with other senior club members many of whom have already expressed an interest in the next one in 2020.

The relationship between the Shewsy and Shrewsbury School has never felt stronger. Earlier in the year we took a group of around 30 junior members on the first ever Junior club day trip to the School. The trip was almost cancelled due to heavy snowfall but this of course, just added to the excitement and gave the children the chance to see the scenic Shrewsbury School covered in a thick blanket of snow. That image should remain with them for a very long time. We are delighted to say that this will become an annual visit and we are already pencilled in for March 2019 for our next visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank former headmaster Mark Turner for his continued support throughout his tenure at the school, and to wish him the best of luck in his new job. I would also like to welcome new head Leo Winkley as we look forward to working together and continue to develop our unique relationship.

It is with tremendous pride that I can confirm that we now have a new first in our links with the school. Senior club member Josef Rooney has recently become the first ever Shewsy boy to be offered a fully funded scholarship at Shrewsbury School. This has been very carefully thought through and we are delighted to say Josef started in September and has settled in to School life really well. We meet with his mum and dad Johanne and Mark on a regular basis to check his progress and have encouraged Johanne to write down some of the hilarious anecdotes she has mentioned. She stated recently "he is doing boss John.....the Shewsy really can change lives you know". We wish Josef all the best and look forward to seeing him in club again soon when he returns home at the end of his terms.

Finally I would like to thank the board of management and all our other volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the year. I wish you all a fantastic 2019.

Best wishes,
John Dumbell

Finance report

A summary of the club's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018 is set out below.

A copy of the full accounts can be obtained by contacting the Club.

Income and Expenditure Account

	2018	2017
Income	£	£
Donations and legacies	125,981	207,128
Charitable Activities	27,607	23,051
Activities for Generating Funds	25,275	23,711
Investments	17	17
Total Income	178,880	253,907
Expenditure		
Wages and Salaries	110,613	127,208
Property Costs	36,702	36,731
Club Running Costs	17,695	21,290
Expenditure relating to grants received	14,881	10,653
Depreciation	18,805	17,154
Total Expenditure	197,843	213,123
Surplus/Deficit for Year	-£18,963	£40,784

The accounts for the year 2016-2017 included income of £97,629 from the Shrewsbury school sponsored walk that takes place every five years. This is the reason for the much bigger income figure.

We draw down 20% of these funds each year.

Brian Canfer, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

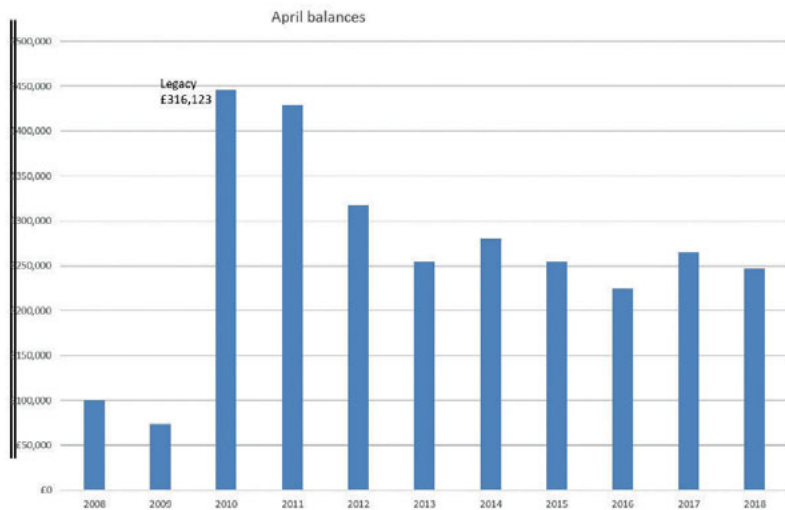
	£	£
Fixed Assets	39,872	53,973
Debtors	18,058	14,017
Cash at Bank	194,571	203,162
Creditors	(7,419)	(5,695)
Total Assets	245,802	265,457

Funds

Unrestricted General	229,782	241,102
Restricted	15,300	24,355
Total Funds	245,082	265,457

Income and Expenditure Account

The clubs finances remain generally healthy and looked at over the past 10 years the balances are as follows.



The reduction in fixed assets is normal write off procedure and the reduction of cash in the bank is a simple reflection of expenditure in support of club activities over the year.

Warden's Report: Our Everton Community – Henry Corbett

Everton life is never dull and always full of stories, characters, humour and yes, resilience.

The headline of the 2018 Christmas issue of the community newspaper we produce from the Shewsy and St Peter's is "A Community that rallies round and supports". The front page of the Everton Telegraph (or "Everton Telly" as it's known) tells the story of the community rallying round Millstead Special School which was the victim of some mindless vandalism over the October half-term (see John Dumbell's report for the brilliant involvement of some Shewsy club members in that). And the Summer edition for 2018 told of 3 great community events that encouraged and helped: the Friends of Everton Park's "This Girl Can" event attracted over 70 girls and young women in all sorts of sports and activities with an encouraging message sent from Barcelona and England international and ex Shewsy club member and helper Toni Duggan: "I wanted to prove to everyone girls could play football". West Everton Community Council put on a "Big Get Together" event for the community, and then there was our annual Shewsy Summer Fair with great numbers attending and many a story being shared. And our Shewsy chair John Hutch is very much involved in the "Friends of Everton Park" and ex Shewsy Missioner Roger Sainsbury was part of the group that started the West Everton Community Council in 1969.

But there are hardships in our community. Everton is sometimes described as a "deprived" area. Which begs the question "Deprived of what?"

Deprived in terms of average income levels, or levels of government funding compared to 20 years ago? Yes. Deprived in terms of community spirit, or of a concern for our fellow human beings? No. And words do matter: they send messages and affect the hearers. My daughter Emma, born and bred in Everton, often uses the quote "Labels are for boxes, not for people" and whether intentionally or not the word "deprived" all too easily suggests an inferiority to a less "deprived" area and that is no help to anyone. The label "the poor" can be similarly unhelpful, labelling a group of people who are living in poverty, yes, but that is not to say everything and ignores the other attributes people have, including very likely a resilience, humour and perspective and insight that needs seriously to be listened to. "Disadvantaged" may be a touch better than "deprived" but has the same problem of subliminally perhaps suggesting that an advantaged area is superior to a disadvantaged one. Local activist and actor Adam commented recently with a frustrated expression "Why do some have a negative view of the Everton area?": he was frustrated because Adam as a resident on Shaw Street and ex Shewsy club member loves the history of our area, has been involved in many of our campaigns and knows the many positive things about our community.

So let's avoid the labels and just go with the increasingly diverse and varied people who live in our community in Everton that the Shewsy seeks to serve and has served over our 115 years. I hope you enjoy the stories and positivity of our Shewsy annual report.

Henry Corbett, warden



Summer Fair fun comes with a smile

Malawi Trip – June 2018



The whole trip was very well organised and everyone was made to feel welcome and included in the voluntary opportunities on offer. From working in the orphanage, playing and looking after the children to shadowing doctors in the local hospital, feeding the chickens or painting the school at the orphanage. Everyone had the opportunity to try something different everyday with everyone getting stuck in to the tasks.

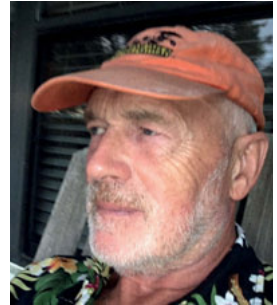
The young people from both School and the Club mixed very well with good relationships built throughout the trip.

What an experience to have been involved in and a fantastic opportunity for the young people involved in this trip.

Ryan Fitzpatrick, Shewsy staff member

Reflections on the Shewsy Club – Paul Jeffries

The club has developed a good practice of producing short case studies in our constant search to measure and prove the value of our work with children and young people. These are related to current club members and tell stories of positive change and progress made recently. They are of course confidential. However, we have worked out that case studies can also be powerful stories of change and the impact of the Club on those who have long since left behind their teenage years. This is one such about Paul Jeffries who was a club member from 1966 to 1972 and remains a Friend of Shrewsbury House



Paul Jeffries was born in 1952 in Cambridge Terrace, off Robsart Street Everton. As for most folks times were hard. He became a latchkey kid when, after his father died in 1955, his mother Maggie needed to keep working whilst young Paul worked and played his way through nearby Penrhyn Street County Primary School. Here he became the school vice captain. But it was Buckingham Street that was Paul's playground in those days, where he developed into a promising footballer, part of a fine School team which included Richie Marsden, Brian 'Patto', Les Brown, Rob Fraser, George McGaw and Paul Speedy – all to meet up again years later at the Shewsy. Competitive and bright, Paul passed the 11+ and gained entrance to Liverpool Collegiate School. Thus he became a "College puddin"! And this meant a whole lot more academic study.

Meanwhile as the pace of demolition of the old streets stepped up, the family moved away to a new flat in nearby St Domingo Road. Once again, through playing football with his former primary school mates, he joined the Shewsy Club in the summer of 1966. Here he recognised many familiar faces of course and was immediately struck by the warm welcome and the encouragement that all the kids received. In fact, according to Paul, it really became his second home in those formative years.

Notable among those friendly adult faces was one Emma Hayes, the stalwart lady who ran the canteen. Paul recalls Emma asking him one evening "And what have you been doing in school today Paul?" "Studying Greek poetry and translating Virgil's Aeneid" replied Paul. "Oh, aye yeah... you must keep up your studies, Paul."

Two different worlds collided thus – one voluntary, the other compulsory. On the one hand friendly, supportive people at the Shewsy with football, other sports, music, DJ work at the Maddox disco, even a very short-lived boxing career (one minute with big Patto) - and of course, last but not least, girls. He ended up marrying one of the Club girls. Here in old Portland Place the whole atmosphere provided a soothing antidote to the compulsory, hard-studying challenges of a grammar school. Remarkably, Paul balanced the two and flourished in both. He writes "I met up with some very inspirational people, including committed Christians, and glimpsed the middle-class world through visits to Shrewsbury School. All these people had a profound influence on me and so helped set me up for later life too." Roger and Jenny Sainsbury along with Eddie Cartwright were the keystones in the Club in those days and made a big impact on Paul. He now looks back with immense gratitude on his time spent with those particular Club leaders.

Later on and captaining the Club's Under 18 football team, Paul tells the claim-to-fame story of the whole Shewsy team signing up and representing Everton FC against Manchester City in 1969. This followed Everton's defeat to West Brom in the Cup Final, and to the lads' amazement when they opened the kit basket, they found the very same, fateful orange and blue kit from that Cup Final. Needless to say, Paul was proud as punch to wear his hero Alan Ball's No 8 shirt even though they gallantly lost the match.

Two years later, Paul again skippered the Shewsy squad on their very memorable West Germany tour where they also played against the top Bundesliga side FC Eintracht Frankfurt youth team.

Paul, who recently retired as a Chartered Building Surveyor, now reflects on the legacy of his time at the Club. "My abiding memory is how happy I felt when, as a young teenager, I first walked through that door. My whole life changed. It was here that I learned to appreciate team work, growing in confidence through the encouragement and dedication of others. In adult life, this has always stood me in good stead, propelling me into a worthwhile career and a very full life. Now at the age of 66, with the benefit of hindsight, I can look back with fond memories and measure the value and impact that the Club had on me when I was growing up. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my time at the Shewsy and believe, in return, the Shewsy did me proud too."

Tribute to Eddie Cartwright – 1940–2018

Eddie Cartwright was a larger than life character. He had a huge frame – his handshake was a formidable thing and he was a huge character. He also had an enormous capacity..... for work, knowledge, reading, learning. His German was legendary, he loved to follow Al Jazeera, he knew the history of youth work inside out, he was a voracious student of the Bible and bible commentaries. If you raised a subject, he'd often come back to you and say "I've got a book on that – I'll lend it to you"

He had a huge heart too, he was kind and generous to so many people. And he had a huge influence, particularly in Everton where his service to others over so many years has left a great legacy. From early years as a Youth Worker at the Shewsy to Soho street, the 4 squares and the Mansfield centre through to many years as an adviser with the Merseyside Youth Association. Eddie Cartwright's influence has travelled deep and far.



He was a true warrior against deprivation, injustice, and inequality. All of us know him to have been a remarkable mixture of the cantankerous and challenging. The rude and unreasonable, the awkward and bullying, occasionally even the impossible sexist, male chauvinist pig, but also kind, dependable, compassionate, endlessly willing, helpful and generous, determined and dedicated, especially when it came to challenging unjust situations. He was very, very funny, and he was always there for people in difficult times. He was a practical man and a doer, there's not much he couldn't turn his hand to. His homes and his work at Eldryd and Helen Parry's "Glanryhd" cottage are testimonies to that. He was a preacher and teacher, a prankster and joker... a midnight smoker..... a Bacardi and Coke man through and through. He was described as being occasionally totally unreasonable. But Eddie's conviction was that sometimes in this world "Unreasonable" was the only way to get things done and change this world. Eddie did make massive change.

His last years were spent very happily leading work on the Everton Community gardens Faith plot back in Everton, and it is within that garden oasis I shall always remember his humour, Christian conviction and courage and compassion for others.

John Hutchison



Our Lambanana gets another makeover



Club members performing on the "Out of the Blue" music stage



We recruited a set of travelling minstrels from Chile to perform at our Summer Fair



Jade Dumbell



Aided by glorious weather, 2018's Summer Fair was the biggest and best we've had for many years

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Our part-time caretaker is **Roy McGaw**

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