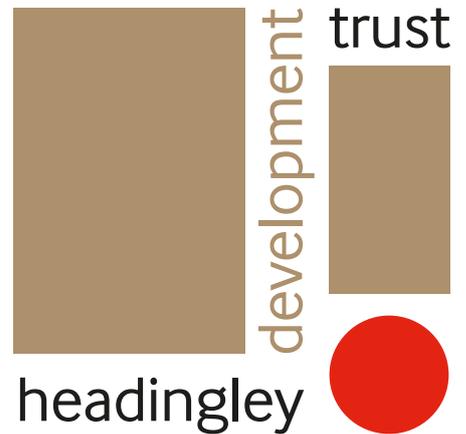


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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

This year HDT grew and diversified as opportunities presented themselves and members with energy and ideas got stuck in – helped of course by the muscle of the Headingley Investment Fund.

We don't ever lose sight of our core aim: to help Headingley be an attractive place to live, work and visit, and we continue to achieve this through a diverse array of ventures. It's worth remembering that this is almost entirely through volunteer effort. We did a survey of all HDT ventures this year and found an organisation in very good heart and its members full of entrepreneurialism and commitment.

This year four of us, Sarah Johal, Richard Norton, Helen Pickering and myself, step down from the HDT Board [though not from HDT activity] after six years. We've found it both frustrating and fun, but above all immensely satisfying, and encourage others to put themselves forward. Many thanks to all our fellow board members for the comradeship and pleasure of collective enterprise!

Helen Seymour

THE HEADINGLEY GREENGROCER

RK Harris and Sons High Class Fruiterers was an important part of Headingley life for many years, so when HDT was approached by Eileen and Raymond Harris with the offer to sell the business [and rent the premises] the Board saw it as an exciting opportunity.

HDT took over the business on 18 April 2019 through its wholly owned subsidiary Headingley Development Trust [Commercial] Ltd, with investment by the Headingley Investment Fund and a loan from The Natural Food Store. After an Easter of cleaning, sweeping, scrubbing and painting by keen volunteers The Headingley Greengrocer was opened formally by MP Alex Sobel on 4 May. The process of business transfer was protracted and the first few months of trading were frustrating

and challenging, not least in coming to grips with the seasonal cycle of Headingley trade. But with dedicated staff and a hard working committee the business is looking to a successful future. It aims to offer great produce, with less packaging and plastic, as British and seasonal as possible, some of it very local indeed [e.g. from Whiteley's at Pudsey]. With personal service and competitive pricing it attracts a wide range of customers with all kinds of budgets and as a shared locally owned enterprise it gives further reality to the sense of Headingley as a community.

The Board of HDTCL (The Headingley Greengrocer): Maggie Burden, Rachel Harkess, Jane Haworth, Richard Norton, Helen Seymour and Jane Williams



▲ Steve Mackay, one of The Headingley Greengrocer staff

HEADINGLEY INVESTMENT FUND (HIF)

This has been a very exciting year for HDT, as we managed to do all three things that we set up Headingley Investment Fund (HIF) for:

- Refinancing HEART – this actually happened the previous year and has proved very beneficial to its financial position.
- Pursuing new opportunities – we were able to buy the Harris's fruit and vegetable business at short notice and re-open as The Headingley Greengrocer.
- Expanding Headingley Homes – we bought a semi-derelict house on Headingley Mount, removing a local eyesore and transforming it into a desirable home for rent with enhanced energy performance.

All these investments were made using HIF's loan model and have performed as required, making monthly repayments. This means that HDT was able to pay the first year's interest to shareholders as planned, and is now in a position to make a further investment when a suitable opportunity is identified. This would not have happened without HIF and without local people's belief that they can make a difference.

HIF Committee: Hazel Dimsdale, Sarah Johal, Richard Norton, Hugh Rolo (external expert), Helen Seymour, Alan Slomson

HEADINGLEY COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Over the past year Headingley Community Orchard has continued to maintain our trees at the St Chad's War Memorial and Parish Centre (including planting cordons and espaliers along the car park wall and against the wall of the Parish Centre), Shire Oak Primary School, behind the Natural Food Store, and in the HEART garden. We work with Woodhouse Ridge Action Group to maintain an orchard on the Ridge.

The mature fruit trees at St Chad's and Shire Oak produced a good crop. At Shire Oak the fruit is used by pupils in their cooking lessons. Other fruit was donated to Rainbow Junction Community Café and apples were available for tasting at the Zero Carbon event in the summer. In October we organised community juicing at HEART on Apple Day, using our own and donated apples to produce over 100 litres of delicious juice!

Steering Group: Sarah Dunton, Jo Habib, Andy Lawrence, Jenny Lawrence, Nigel Lees, Janie Percy-Smith (secretary).



▲ Hesse pears at St Chad's Orchard

TABLE TENNIS AT HEART

Table tennis continued at HEART on Monday evenings and has been well supported, though new players of any ability are always welcome – no prior experience or equipment required. There is usually a wide range of abilities but we all enjoy playing against each other in a sociable rather than highly competitive spirit. All who play are grateful to HEART for the use of the facilities at a modest cost.

Table tennis convener: Pauline Fleck

FILMS AT HEART

We continue to attract a good-sized audience and Films at Heart continued its monthly programme of high quality independent feature films and documentaries from around the world, this season showing ten features and one documentary.

It has been a season of consolidation and it has been good to see quite a few new faces at most screenings. The highest attendance was 84 and the lowest 25, which differs from the previous year's figures of 62 and 27, largely because of the success of the collaboration with the Leeds Palestinian Film festival. The financial position remains almost unchanged at the end of 2019 film year.

Project Committee Members: Martin Cook, Andy Norman (Chairperson), Tim Herring (Secretary), Richard Irving, Tina Irving, Adrienne Patterson (Treasurer) and it was great to welcome a new member, Hannah Broadbent

HEADINGLEY OPEN GARDENS

The 2019 Open Gardens day was held earlier in the year than usual to give people a chance to see some familiar gardens in the springtime rather than mid-summer. We also had some new gardens open for the first time and two areas of urban woodland showing off their bluebells. Although the April weather wasn't warm, the day was dry and visitor numbers were as high as ever.

For 2020 we plan to return to a summertime opening and hope to attract a few more new gardens: if you're interested in opening your garden please get in touch. As well as providing an enjoyable afternoon for people from near and far, Open Gardens helps finance other HDT activities and raises money for local charities.

Organiser: Matthew Hill



▲ Example of graffiti in Headingley.



▲ After the Graffiti Working Group have worked their magic

THE GRAFFITI WORKING GROUP

Started in January 2019 the Graffiti Working Group is a forum of now around forty people wishing to address the growing problem of graffiti tagging in Headingley and surrounding neighbourhoods. It has been working to:

- Facilitate the removal of illegal tagging.
- Encourage property owners and tenants to keep their premises free from any recurrence.
- Provide advice on ways to reduce the likelihood of tagging.
- Support initiatives to encourage safe and legal forms of street art.
- Provide education and skills development in street art for young people in the local community.

With financial support from Headingley & Hyde Park Councillors and our partners we have purchased stocks of graffiti cleaning materials for use by local residents and businesses, procured professional cleaning services for heavily tagged or difficult to reach locations, produced and circulated advice leaflets and investigated the potential for a 'legal' graffiti wall, the possibility of a Headingley street art festival and the commissioning of murals.

People involved: Helen Pickering, Alan Beswick and representatives from the project partners: Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, Leeds Property Association, Ash Road Area Residents Association, Cardigan Triangle Community Association, Little Woodhouse Neighbourhood Forum, Burley Community Association, Schrodgers (Headingley Central), Park Lane Properties, Jonathan Morgan, Moores Estate Agents, Pickard Properties and Northern Restoration

HEADINGLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Headingley Farmers' Market on the 2nd Saturday of each month continues to support local producers and brings food and occasionally other goods to the people of Headingley – and according to our survey over 1200 come each time! In 2019 we lost Whiteley's plant stall. Vicky had been a regular presence since we started but lifting heavy goods took its toll and she was no longer able to manage a market stall. Luckily she still supplies the Headingley Greengrocer with seasonal products.

New stalls include Northern Greens, selling pea, bean and seed shoots in compostable packaging – healthy and delicious; Hole in the Ground sells coffee mostly fair trade, roasted and ground in Guiseley. Local musicians play, come rain come shine and children have a game with clues and prizes. Local young people arrive at 7am to put the stalls up, even in the dark mid-winter under our stalwart manager, Ahmet Un.

www.headingleyfarmersmarket.com

Organising group: Julia Baxter, Liz Carey, Sue Furniss, Rachel Harkess, Jane Norton, Gill Redfearn, Helen Seymour



▲ Stall holder at the Headingley Farmers' Market

HEADINGLEY HOMES

The last year has been busy for the project group with the renovation work on Headingley Mount being completed and new tenants moving in during the summer. The energy performance of the house improved from the original score of 27 [F] to a respectable 73 [C] with triple glazing and good insulation. This was a great project bringing an empty home back into use and we would like to thank all the volunteers who gave their time to complete this work.

Towards the end of the year we took a decision to sell our house in Burley with the firm intention of reinvesting in another property in the Headingley area. The house sale went through in December and we are now looking for other opportunities. We continue to look after two leased properties and both have settled tenants.

The project group: Sarah Johal, Matthew Hill, Alan Beswick, Richard Norton, Isobel Mills, Richard Tyler and Atam Verdi.



Before and after ►
refurbishment, bringing an
empty home back into use

PROMOTING HEADINGLEY

The Promoting Headingley project continues to develop the website at headingleyleeds.com, celebrating Headingley as a great place for long-term residents and businesses, and for visitors. The listings for Live, Shop, Learn, Eat, Play and Explore in Headingley now comprise over a 120 pages, together with over 70 articles by and about local people and organisations. And we now have nearly 30 photographic galleries of Headingley and its neighbouring areas now and in the past. Our Twitter and Facebook accounts [@HeadingleyNo1](https://twitter.com/HeadingleyNo1) and [f @headingleyno1](https://www.facebook.com/headingleyno1) help attract visitors, with 341 and 313 followers respectively. And the project is working! We now welcome nearly 4,000 visitors a month to the website, and a Google search for 'Headingley' shows our site on the first page.

Promoting Headingley: Helen Pickering (editor), Richard Tyler (website manager), Alan Beswick (social media)

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

Café Scientifique has managed to put together a wide-ranging programme of speakers on subjects ranging from Cosmic Rays to Protecting Leeds City Centre from Flooding, from Code Breaking to Electron Microscopy and New Cancer Treatments to Plate Tectonics. Our audience is always appreciative and continue to put some excellent questions and comments to the speakers. Thanks to all who came to speak and to listen and for those who stay on to continue the discussion in the New Headingley bar afterwards. Past and future talks are shown on our page of the HDT website, where it is also possible to sign up to the mailing list. Join us on the second Monday of every month (except April and August) in 2020 at the New Headingley Club.

Project Team: Dave Webb, Paul Marchant and Derek Charlwood.

ZERO CARBON HEADINGLEY

2019 marked the first full year of activities for Zero Carbon Headingley and saw its mailing list climb to over 120 people as well as developing a growing social media presence on Twitter and Facebook. The group was set up to explore ways of reducing local carbon emissions and involve the community in working towards the goal of zero carbon. From our first meetings it became clear that traffic congestion and the associated CO₂ emissions, air pollution and noise are key issues for residents. Consequently a key focus of our activity has been campaigning and promoting public transport, cycling and walking. The car-free street fair held in September was a highlight in the years' activities and we plan to hold at least one similar event in 2020.



▲ Pedal-powered juicing on World Car Free Day Headingley September 2019

The group has also been looking at reducing carbon emissions from buildings. A project to promote energy efficiency in student rented properties using a "Low Carbon" labelling scheme has been gathering support and will go live later this year. Ways to help local businesses and retail outlets to cut emissions are also being explored.

Project group: Jules Birkby, Nicky Ford, Tony Herrmann, Matthew Hill, Claude St Arroman, Neil Walshaw, Bill Walton, Liz Westmoreland

TALKING HEADS AT HEART

In July 2020 we will complete four years of running Talking Heads. Speakers have given their time freely and welcomed the opportunity to share their expertise and specialist topic. We have been privileged to provide a platform for this. They often find themselves engaged in further discussion after the session in the bar!

Topics have covered economic, social, health, culture and international issues. This year the programme has included Islamophobia, asylum seekers, sustainable cities, the nature of protest and Grenfell Tower. Coming up are Leeds 2023 cultural celebrations and China's economic influence on the UK.

We welcome suggestions for topics and potential speakers as well as help in organising the sessions.

Organisers: Alan Murphy, Helen Seymour, Mike Bird

HDT was formed by Headingley residents in 2005 to develop enterprising initiatives that promote and sustain a vibrant local community. It is a social enterprise with over 1000 members and membership is open to any individual, group or business. As a sustainable business HDT receives no on-going grants and all its income comes from its members, projects and enterprises.

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Alan Beswick (from May 2018), Hazel Dimsdale (Treasurer), Matthew Hill, John Hall (co-opted May 2019) Sarah Johal, Isobel Mills (Vice-Chair), Richard Norton (Society Secretary), Helen Pickering, Mike Sells (Membership Secretary), Helen Seymour (Chair), Alan Slomson

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