

Cheers to the year 2023!

Another year of ARCH successes! Before we dive into 2024, let's look back at all the great things we accomplished together these past 12 months with our review of the year;

MEETINGS - Residents could get together at our organised meetings, or at one of our events. New for 2023, in the Library, were bi-monthly Residents coffee mornings and we also launched the Canford Heath Network for local organisations, businesses and community groups. ARCH also supported Saturday Friends (a social get together for older people in conjunction with Prama).

EVENTS - Our main events, both attended by the Mayor of Poole, were Canford Heath Remembers (raising a record £813) and the Community Christmas Lights. These were collaborations with other heath organisations, involving many volunteers to make them a great success. We also ran 2 fundraising quiz nights and attended other events to showcase ARCH.

COMMUNICATION - The ARCH media team worked to ensure residents could easily find out what's happening in our community, regularly updating our website, 2 noticeboards, Facebook page and issuing a weekly e-bulletin. We also have a monthly column in the Canford Heath Link Magazine.

PROJECTS - An ongoing project was looking at replacing the Artwork information boards at Hatchpond. ARCH also developed a link with the Verity Park/Sherborne Gardens Open Space Parks Activator who began a project in 2023 to develop the Park. We donated £1000 to be used for creating a woodland walk. This money was ringfenced from previous CIL funds specifically for work in Verity Park.

Looking ahead to 2024 – ARCH will do more of the same! We particular love collaborating with other community groups - these partnerships amplify the impact of initiatives leading to stronger communities and shared successes and as 2024 is also a leap year, this means there is an extra day for ARCH to serve the community of Canford Heath.

If you want to get more involved in the community, ARCH is a good place to start and we are always looking for more volunteers to help at our events. If you have any ideas to help make Canford Heath an even greater place to live, please do let us know here: canfordheatharch@gmail.com