

SaSS UPDATE
January 2021

1. The SaSS e mailed Newsletter is now up to Edition 23, circulating by e mail to around 250 people/organisations
2. The new Steering Group is finding its feet and working well together
3. Linda Baker is providing excellent admin support
4. SaSS has begun working towards charitable status
5. Work is going to develop a communications strategy and commission a website, led by Liz Batten
6. We have been supporting our Older People's and Carers' Champions, Irene Kohler and Helen Dowse, in their great work in distributing much appreciated treats to isolated older people and carers.
7. Irene with the Silver Salisbury Group is still planning to offer a seminar on Financial Abuse of Elders when that is possible and the group will shortly be reviewing what might be possible for a silver Salisbury programme around 1st October.
8. Helen as Carers Champion is planning to arrange some training events for Carers through the year, which may have to be virtual and is applying for funding from for this.
9. The Digital inclusion project led by Jane Ebel is going great guns, having received a second Community Foundation grant to extend the work.
10. The Hidden Figures street art project is also progressing well with the first figure having been scanned and the 3 D printer ordered. You may have seen the display about it in the window of 59 Catherine Street.
11. The Carers Showcase originally planned for March 2020 is on ice for the present – we will get back to it as soon as possible.
12. The Salisbury Covid Stories, produced with the help of a Community Area Board grant, has been generally well received: we see it as forming part of an important record of the extraordinary events of the pandemic.
13. There is a small amount of funding in place to refresh the Safe Places scheme.
14. We are aware of the need for work on two major areas, dementia and mental health and discussions are going on at present.
15. Addressing the need to find funding to continue to provide admin support to SaSS when the present Lottery Funding runs out in the autumn of £2021 is our number one priority.
16. Finance: Current balance in the SaSS account is £26,517.16, with all but £350 of this being restricted funding to specific projects or to provide admin support.
17. AT 4th January 2021