

The Tony Loy Trust

Annual Report and Accounts 2014

The Tony Loy Trust was set up in 2012 in memory of Tony Loy who died earlier in the year. The object of the Trust is:

To advance the education, support the development and provide opportunities for children and young people under the age of 25, individually or in groups, in the village of Blewbury and neighbouring area in the arts and sport, in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including by:

- providing grants, allowances or scholarships
- supporting training
- assisting travel, events or projects

The Trustees are Sheila Loy, Francesca Gubbay, Maria Nightingale and Steve White.

A summary statement of the Trust's income and expenditure in 2014 is attached.

This year is the second full year of operation for the Trust and whereas 2013 was mainly focussed on adequately endowing the Trust, this year has seen the Trust making significant grants to support young people in Blewbury and the neighbouring area in the sports and the arts. In total grants of £7773 were awarded. Of this, £4223 was awarded for sports projects and activities, including significant grants to install goalposts at the Tickers Folly Field play area in Blewbury and to buy a full set of kit for the Blewbury Buccaneers football team, and £3550 was awarded for arts projects and activities, including significant grants to Portmanteau Theatre Company to support the creation of a new play performed at the Edinburgh Festival and to Blewbury Brass Band to buy cornets to teach children and young people.

On the income side, the Trustees are grateful for the continuing encouragement and support being given to the Trust. In all, £5092 has been raised in the year. Of this £3748 has come from donations from individuals and organisations. Of particular note are the donations of £500 from the Blewbury Festival, of £2000 from Blewfest, representing half the profits from their annual music festival, and £828 from the Blewbury Players, representing half the profits from their annual music quiz. We are grateful to them all and also to those who have made personal donations or bought a copy of the DVD of the 2013 Tony Awards.

We are also grateful to Justin East, who kindly donated the proceeds from the sales of his memoir, *Clive Pudding, A Signwriter's Tale*, to the Trust, and to Roy East who similarly donated the money raised from the sale of postcards from his retrospective exhibition in Blewbury Church.

The Trust has ended the year with cash of £15732, which puts us in a strong position to continue supporting young people in the sports and the arts. However, to do so sustainably we must also continue to find ways to raise money from donations and fund-raising events. With these things in mind, a promotional leaflet has been produced and distributed within Blewbury and to local schools, to raise the Trust's profile and to encourage applications for support.

Sheila Loy, Francesca Gubbay, Maria Nightingale, Steve White, Trustees, 6 February 2014

