

Stockton MS Group

Annual Report 2013/14

The past year has presented financial challenges as our income has been very limited since the shop shut. The situation was such that it was necessary to axe the job of Drop-In Coordinator, which unfortunately meant that John Hill had to be made redundant. He was employed to do the job when the drop-in first began and over the years his input helped to make the drop-in the success it still is today.

Following Mr Hill's departure, Mrs Hill resigned as Secretary and from the Committee in January. Mrs Lochore agreed to take on the position.

Finances are now somewhat improved as we have lower outgoings and the Treasurer, Mr Henderson, has been successful in accessing several grants. We are now secure for the near future but must continue to raise funds. This is why the Chairperson, Mrs Henderson, has launched the Million Pennies Appeal, aiming to raise a million pennies by the end of May next year. The most significant contribution so far is about £400 which Connie Meekings raised by doing a sponsored walk, a brilliant effort.

The monthly social at Newtown Resource Centre was discontinued after December in order to save money. However Orthoptic Supplies, Mr Henderson's employers, have made a room available free of charge and socials have resumed since May.

Celia Lochore, Secretary