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During 2018 the Charity reviewed its Strategy and reaffirmed that for the foreseeable future they would continue to direct grants for Relief in Need into areas which help as many people as possible of all ages in CV34 rather than high capital projects which only help a few eg Almshouses.

In practice this means launching more projects like Oken Nurses providing enhanced care at Home, Nurse Assistants providing Hospice at Home and Mental Health Workers providing support at home (ROAH). These projects are for three years and we review performance every six months and we are proud of the outcomes to date which include;

- Reducing the number of patients going into hospital from their homes.
- Reducing the amount of prescription drugs being used in Parkview Care Home.
- Reducing the number of ambulance call outs from the Care Home.
- Enabling more residents to die in their place of choice.
- Enabling Residents with mental health problems to access benefits , equipment and GP Practices/Oken Nurses.
- One of the unplanned major benefits to date has been our influence in bringing different parts of the Care Sector together, for example South Warwickshire Foundation Trust , Warwick GP Practices, Park View Care Home and Myton Hospice to improve end of life care.
- We have identified some potential areas for new projects namely ; Springfield Mind which involves the appointment of mental health experts at GP Practices which is being trialled in Stratford Upon Avon.
- Wearable Technology to monitor patients health at home or in Care Homes which will be trialled shortly by patients of our Oken Nurses.
- Bursaries for Apprentices which have been successful introduced by other charities at Hartpury College and where there may be an opportunity at Warwickshire College.
- Parenting assistance for pre school children .

Given the success of the Enhanced care at Home project which was funded by the Charities of Warwick Relief in Need , Warwick United, Warwick Provident, King Henry VIII and Oken we organised a meeting of the Chairs of each Charity to look at other opportunities which has led to a series of substantial grants to the new Woodside Care Village owned and managed by Warwickshire Care Services(a Charity).

Additionally the Chairs have agreed to continue to look at joint projects and will meet annually.

Our Almshouses continue to be in kept in an excellent condition but potential residents who meet our criteria are in short supply which we will continue to monitor and manage.

The preparation of the Europa Way site is well advanced and building has commenced. The land is being sold in four blocks and two blocks have been sold and contracts exchanged. The third block was close to sale but Cala pulled out at the last minute due to current economic and political uncertainties.

We are still on plan both financially and timing wise but we may need the odd miracle or two over the next year!!

I must thank Moira Ann and Lyn for their support over many years and it is particularly relevant on this occasion as Lyn is standing down.

Clive Mason.