

TRIMDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ASSOCIATION  
CHARITY NUMBER 1053363  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR 2021/2022



The 2021 to 2022 year has been a very strange time for TCCA. With Covid restrictions easing, we were able to return to our delivery as a community organisation but not without all the difficulties that presented. Elderly and vulnerable people were still uneasy to fully return to pre-Covid attendances. People have become used to being isolated and were not looking to participate and the changes that the pandemic created were

hard to overturn. We also had the added burden that during that time there had been changes brought about by the landlord with both tenancy and our hire agreements. This has not always been easy to navigate and has brought many challenges for the management and staff team but as always, we responded with positivity and are looking to the changes as opportunities to develop.

As we have stated in previous reports our strength has always been a strong and supportive management team and a very committed and resilient staff team. This has continued and allowed us to create an offer to our community that we are proud of in the current climate. Our focus within the community has been on alleviating poverty, bringing people back together and aiding positive health and wellbeing. We continue to support the community and navigate food poverty through our links to the foodbank and our offer of emergency food parcels. As in previous years, our offer to children and young people has been exemplary and as the biggest provider of youth activity across the Trimdon area, we have been able to run weekly sessions, youth forums and youth volunteering opportunities. In 2022, we ran a very well attended and successful holiday programme, which had alleviating holiday hunger as one of the main objectives. We were able to offer these services both through the hard work of the staff team and the commitment and drive of the development worker. However, none of it would have been possible without the support from the wider voluntary and community sector across the area.

We were successful in attracting funding for these weekly youth sessions and our holiday programmes both from County Durham Community Foundation and Trimdon Parish Council. This was supplemented through the partnership working with Groundwork NE and Rose Cottage Community Hub a local resource. This allowed us to provide additional resources, food and snacks for children and young people and a more diverse range of activities. We were also supported by DCC who provided 3 sessions from their partners in the cultural department. Overall this allowed us to deliver a 4 day 4 week programme during the summer that offered a range of sporting, educational, leisure, cultural and music sessions delivered to over 150 individual young people. We offered family activities that meant we worked with 81 different families and more than 500 people across the 4-week period.

The Trimdons and surrounding area is rural and that brings with it problems particularly for children attending after school events. It is also an area that lies within the highest 10% within the indices of deprivation, with some pockets across the area experiencing severe hardship and deprivation whilst others are areas of relative affluence. This can create problems when looking for funding as if there is specific criteria some attendees can fall outside of it. When we offer services particularly to

young people we have an all welcome policy this sometimes creates the same problems and as a result, our funding streams can be varied and piecemeal.

We have resumed responsibility for Trimdon legacy gym and its fitness facilities this provides a very valuable low cost service within the area. We are also responsible for the hire arrangements for community groups and this involves a lot of support both in fundraising and sustaining groups. We are not responsible for the hire arrangements of Trimdon United Junior Football Club that is under the remit of the landlord. However, as with any voluntary group there is a level of support required to maintain the group and the playing fields they use on a weekly basis. All of the work supporting the community and the groups is managed by TCCA's development worker. The worker in post is responsible for securing funding, resources, and the success and development of the organisation relies heavily on that role.

The focus for the coming year at TCCA remains the same with a strong emphasis on positive health and wellbeing, which will continue the existing work and look to add and develop to this. Our development worker is working closely with Trimdon Parish Council and is looking to rejuvenate a community garden that has been in decline for a number of years due to diminishing volunteers. This will enhance the wellbeing offer but will also support our work with young people. The worker is continuing with developing a five-year business plan and funding the developments already started for a social hub, changing facilities and improved playing fields to continue to strengthen community engagement in physical activity and bringing the community together.

The future of TCCA like many other organisations is very volatile with the current climate being fraught with financial difficulties. However, the support of the trustees and our local community enables us to continue. The financial support from the local parish council is crucial to us being able to meet our commitments to the landlord. The development worker is crucial to our ability to attract funding both for short-term projects and for longer-term sustainability.

We look forward to 2023 secure in the knowledge that we can continue to support our community and in particular offering youth services however we are also realistic that we need to secure further funding for sustainability and that we need to move into new territory as we look to build.

Ian Grimley

Chair Trimdon Community College Association

We have added our 2021 financial records with this report. The support of our trustees ensures that the reputation and financial accountability stand up to public scrutiny. The accounts are a true reflection of the organisations position at the end of 2021.

**TRIMDON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1053363**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 December 2021**[illegible]

**Trimdon Community College Association**

**Registered Charity 1053363**

**Annual Accounts for year ending 31st December 2021**

These accounts have been prepared from the books and vouchers provided and are in accordance therewith.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and firm view of the affairs of the Community College Association.

Auditor.....

*Julie Simpson* JULIE SIMPSON

Date.....

26/09/2022