



# **NORTH TAUNTON PARTNERSHIP**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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**to**

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**Registered Charity no.1078827**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Charity's objects are to promote charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of North Taunton and in particular the advancement of education, the promotion of health and the relief of poverty, sickness and distress

## APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The constitution governs the appointment of Trustees who are elected at the Annual General Meeting from partner organisations.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES

NAME	POSITION	ELECTED	RESIGNED
Paul Tooze	Trustee Chair	April 2011 September 2017	
Libby Lisgo	Trustee	November 2011	
Chris Mitchell	Trustee Vice Chair	December 2013 September 2017	
Catherine Berry	Trustee	September 2014	
Brenda Weston	Trustee	September 2016	
Paul Cram	Trustee	September 2017	May 2020
Angela Bolitho	Trustee	February 2020	September 2020
Mark Wood	Trustee	February 2020	
Simon Clarke	Trustee	September 2020	
Andrew Glass	Trustee Treasurer	October 2020 February 2021	

*It has been a pleasure to work alongside you as trustees and thank you all for your efforts in supporting the community centre, particularly over these last 6 months. AB - SW&T*

## STAFF

Lesley Council – Community Centre Manager  
Tracy Wood – Finance and Administration Officer  
Catherine Beal – Cleaner

All staff work part time and equate to 1.8 full time equivalents.

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## VOLUNTEERS

Management costs are kept to a minimum through the use of volunteers for daily operation of the Community Centre. There are 42 volunteers who gave 743.5 hours of time during the year. In addition, 8 Trustees gave around 2040 hours during the year.

**This represents £25,051.50 of unpaid hours.**



## **PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS**

- Age UK Somerset
- Avon & Somerset Police
- Christians Against Poverty/Vineyard Church
- Citizens Advice Taunton
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue
- Everyone Active
- Furnitrust
- Get Set Services (Hillside Children's Centre)
- Housing Associations
- Leonard Houlden Court (Housing & Care 21)
- LiveWest Housing
- Lyngford Park Primary School
- Lyngford Park Surgery
- North Taunton One Team
- Oakwood Church
- Priorswood Library
- Priorswood Primary School
- Read Easy Taunton and Wellington
- Rowbarton Church
- Selworthy School Oakhill and Hazlebrook Campus
- Sky College
- Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP)
- Somerset Advice Network
- Somerset Community Credit Union
- Somerset County Council
- Somerset Skills & Learning
- Somerset U Can Do
- Spaeda
- St Andrews Church
- St Peters Church
- St Teresa of Lisieux Church
- Taunton Academy
- Taunton Area Debt Advice
- Somerset West and Taunton Council
- Taunton North Youth Club

- Taunton Street Pastors
- Wellsprings Community Church
- Wellsprings Primary School
- Zing Somerset



I wanted to thank you for allowing me to use the centre. It was very helpful to me and also our tenant who I met, I would not have been able to complete what I needed to do over the phone so just to meet face to face with the person was excellent and has resulted in more support being offered to her which without meeting may not have happened! PH\_SW&T

## **Chair's Report by Paul Tooze**

This has been an extremely challenging year for us all. The Pandemic has changed how we have operated and forced us to adapt quickly to changing circumstances.

Having to close the Community Centre for such a prolonged time has left many in the local community without a place to congregate, chat, and receive support as they normally would. Lesley and Tracy have been on furlough and have also had to manage things whilst working from home. They have continued to carry out their roles and responsibilities with the utmost professionalism. Despite being physically unable to be there as normal, we have endeavoured to assure and support local residents throughout these troubling times, reaching out in new ways, and reassuring residents that we will re-open when it is safe to do so.

The team of trustees have also worked hard over the year. Increasing the number and frequency of meetings, giving their time voluntarily to ensure good governance and safety was maintained, while having to cope with other challenges in their own professional and personal lives brought on by the pandemic. I would like to thank them for all of their support, insight, knowledge, and most of all the amount of time they have given up.

The initial novelty of Zoom and Skype calls soon led to the realisation that despite being excellent for staying in touch and keeping on top of things, they are not the same as being able to meet in the same room. However,



our utilisation and familiarity with this technology will hopefully lead to positive changes going forward when the crisis has abated. Online meetings are something we can employ when required, particularly when needing to meet at short notice, and we also hope that future Partnership meetings can be attended by some in person, and by others joining remotely.

We have also focussed more on our online and social media presence as a result of the pandemic. Increasing our activity on the Community Centre's Facebook page has increased local knowledge of what services we provide, and where to find support within the community and beyond. We have also started a total refresh of the Community Centre's website which we are hoping will be launched next year.

Alongside having to deal with the pandemic, a deliberate fire set outside the Centre in the Summer led to an overwhelming response from local residents. We received so many donations to assist with the repair and re-opening of the Centre for which we are truly grateful. This generosity only reinforced just how important and valuable the Centre is to those that live near it. This was followed by a herculean effort from our volunteers to repair and restore the Centre so that we are ready to re-open.

Through all of these challenges we have been supported by our many Partners. Having their support over the past twelve months has consistently reminded us that we have not faced these difficulties alone, and we are so fortunate to have great people and teams working with us.

Finally, I would like to thank Lesley, Tracy, Catherine, and all of the volunteers who have supported the Community Centre throughout the year. I am sure that everyone yearns for a return to normality, and a time when the Centre can offer all of the brilliant services and support that it normally does for all of the North Taunton Community.





## **Manager's Report by Lesley Council**

2020/21 What a year we have all had and for the Community Centre it's been no exception.

We closed the doors on the community centre the end of March and we've been closed since that date. Tracy and I were placed on furlough to start with then once things moved on and it became clear this was not going to be a short-term thing, we both started working from home on part time hours.

We still had to keep the charity running and were able to find other ways to support our community, this took on many forms including; shopping, prescription collection, puzzle and book swaps, food parcels and putting books, toys and games outside the community centre for people to take for free, this proved extremely popular and people were extremely grateful for this service, some saying it was a lifeline and saved their sanity.

We purchased two mobile phones which enabled us to keep in touch with many local residents who we were able to offer support and signposting to.



Throughout this very difficult year I have been able to make contact with many agencies and organisations we had not worked with previously and have formed good links for the future, this was all made possible with the aid of zoom and teams, this I feel has been one positive to come out of this awful year. Zoom and Teams has enabled me to stay in touch with not only local people but also some of our volunteers who have also been shielding or isolating.

We produced a monthly newsletter, stayed in touch by phone and email and set up weekly zoom socials and weekly talks led by various organisations and individuals who I am grateful for them giving up their time.

On a more negative note we not only had to contend with the pandemic but also a fire which was set outside of the community centre this took place in June and caused considerable fire and smoke damage and caused great upset to staff, volunteers and local residents as our daily book service had to stop while work was undertaken to put everything back in order. I would like to thank those volunteers who gave up many hours to help clean and repaint the community centre, but how nice and fresh it now looks.



December we undertook a project to provide Christmas food and gift boxes to our group members and vulnerable local residents, this reached 113 people, it was such a lovely project. To be able to give something back and to remind our users that we were still thinking of them was amazing, many tears were shed when boxes arrived on doorsteps.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our funders who gave us grants throughout this last year to not only support residents directly but also to enable the charity to recover from the pandemic and enable us to look to the future with a positive vision.

I would also like to thank our many partners both new and old who I have formed links with and which will continue into the future.

Last but not least I would like to thank Tracy for keeping the back office running so smoothly, to all of our volunteers who have supported many residents, cared for our community garden, repainted the centre, boxed food parcels and generally supported each other in many ways.

Although things are still not clear we look to the future in a positive way and hope to be able to reopen the community centre once local restrictions are lifted.

## BREAKDOWN OF SERVICE USERS

	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19
Covid-19	4669	-	-
Zoom Socials	54	-	-
Cafe Customers	0	4518	4224
Events	0	2121	2980
Bric-a-Brac		1407	955
Scrabble & Games Group	0	513	468
Circuits	263	512	540
Lunch Club	0	382	579
General enquiries	23	357	390
Tai Chi Class	245	334	418
Dominoes & Games Group	0	301	244
Computer Group	0	286	271
Knit & Natter	0	275	329
Citizens Advice Taunton	0	184	210
History Project/History Group	0	146	128
Thursday Talks (via Zoom)	34	70	84
Somerset West & Taunton Benefits Advisor	0	67	40
Cooking	0	54	54
Job Club	0	49	35
Write2Read	0	44	44
Somerset West & Taunton Housing Advisor (Advisor no longer supplied)	1	43	102
Health Walks	0	40	0
Police	0	25	25
Credit Union	0	20	66
Creative Writers Group (Started Nov 2019)	0	14	-
NHS & Health Related	0	3	33
Walking Netball (Discontinued Dec 2019)	0	71	222
Seated Exercise (Discontinue Aug 2019)	0	51	29
Enquiring Minds Discussion Group (Discontinued Feb 2020)	0	40	73
Craft Group (Discontinued Dec 2019)	0	23	25
Bereavement Support (Discontinued Sept 2019)	0	8	2
Community Computer (Stats no longer sent by SWT Council)	0	-	140
<b>TOTAL SERVICE USERS</b>	<b>5,289</b>	<b>11,958</b>	<b>12,783</b>

**\*Data shows a snapshot of users to the Community Centre.**

There were 10,988 unique visitors to the website in 2020-2021.

**Circuits & Tai Chi groups were held outdoors or via Zoom.**

**DELIVERY PLAN:  
Business Plan 2020/2021**

	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Desired Outcomes</b>	<b>Measures and Timescale</b>	<b>Actual Outcome</b>
1	Recruit and train volunteers to meet the needs of the service.	Ensure recruitment is open to all. To have enough volunteers to maintain our services. Volunteers increasingly reflect the North Taunton community. Volunteers are able to: build self-confidence; use existing knowledge and skills and learn new ones; experience 'job satisfaction'; gain paid employment; achieve recognition through awards. Recruit professionally qualified volunteers for specific jobs.	Increased numbers of volunteers. Numbers of volunteers gaining paid employment. Ongoing timescale.	
2	To continue to operate the Priorswood Community Centre.	To gain funding to meet the core costs. Ensure the Centre's benefit to the community and its income generation potential are maximised.	Daily usage of the Centre. Ongoing timescale.	The Centre remained closed during 2020/21, 5,289 footfall through Covid-19 help and groups run via Zoom.

3	To offer a facility for advice surgeries to be held.	<p>To continue to host: Citizens Advice SWT Benefits Police Inspired to Achieve Ensure Residents are enabled to access advice and support to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access new employment and training opportunities</li> <li>• Manage problems arising from low income and debt</li> <li>• Report crime and anti-social incidents.</li> </ul>	All surgeries to be held. Ongoing timescale.	No surgeries were able to be held due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
4	To maintain the Hallmark 1 accreditation.	To maintain Hallmark 1 accreditation. Existing and potential funders are encouraged to support the North Taunton Partnership.	Ongoing.	Hallmark 1 maintained.
5	To provide transport and a hot meal via a Lunch Club for local residents.	<p>To provide a hot lunch once a week. Ensure sufficient volunteers are available each week. Ensure transport is available. Provide a warm social setting for eating the meal.</p>	To be attended by a minimum of 10 people. One outing a year Timescale ongoing	The group was unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.

		<p>Organise an outing for lunch club members.</p> <p>To collect and bank the money to move towards sustainable self-funding.</p> <p>Local residents benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A regular nutritious, affordable hot meal in a friendly environment</li> <li>• Opportunities for social interaction</li> </ul>		
6	To provide a gentle exercise class.	<p>To provide a venue and tutor for the classes.</p> <p>To collect and bank the income to move towards sustainable self-funding.</p> <p>Participants benefit from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved health and mobility</li> <li>• the opportunity for social interactions</li> </ul>	To be attended by a minimum of 6 people each week.	Footfall of 245 Group was held via Zoom.
7	To organise food, nutrition and cookery classes.	<p>To provide education about diet and health to encourage better health.</p> <p>Participants experience improved health through:</p>	A minimum of 6 people attending.	Classes were unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased understanding about healthy eating</li> <li>• gaining confidence through developing new cookery skills</li> <li>• participating in group learning sessions</li> </ul>		
8	To organise and manage a speaker led group – Tea and Talk.	<p>To organise speakers. To ensure volunteers on hand to support the group. Participants have the opportunity to hear from speakers, talk about various topics and share 'tea time' in a facilitated, sociable environment.</p>	To be attended by a minimum of 8 people each month. Timescale once a month.	<p>The group was unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.</p> <p>Talks via Zoom were held from February 2021 with a total of 34 people attending.</p>
9	1.To organise and deliver open access community events aimed at young people	<p>To ensure sufficient volunteers are available. To entertain, educate and prevent anti-social behaviour.</p>	1 day events to be attended by a minimum of 30 young people.	Events unable to be held due to Covid-19 pandemic.

	2. To raise the funds required to hold the events, to be held during the school holidays.	Children and young people have access to experiences, facilities and activities that entertain, educate and provide diversionary activities aimed at reducing anti-social behaviour. Parents, grandparents and carers have opportunities to share experiences with the children, meet other families within their local area, and talk to a range of public service providers.		
10	To work with local schools and colleges to offer work experience.	Young people participate in a working environment and develop skills that they can add to their CVs.	To give as many opportunities as possible.	No students were allowed to participate due to Covid-19 restrictions.
11	To organise weekly social groups offering activities such as board games.	To offer a warm, friendly environment for residents to socialise and play board games. Participants enjoy activities of their choice in a warm and friendly environment	To be attended by a minimum of 5 people twice a week To be self-funding	Groups were unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.  Zoom Socials were held from November with a total of 54 attending.



		facilitated by volunteers.		
12	To hold cooking classes	To teach basic cooking skills for residents with no or limited cookery experience.	To be attended by a minimum of 5.	The group was unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.
13	To organise and hold: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual community bazaars in Spring and Autumn</li> <li>• An annual Christmas Market</li> </ul>	To raise awareness of the Community Centre. To help recruit new volunteers. 1. Residents and visitors to North Taunton are able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learn about the services on offer at the community centre</li> <li>• find out about volunteering opportunities</li> <li>• buy a variety of items at low cost.</li> </ul> 2. Raises funds towards supporting its program of activities.	To raise: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £750 from bazaars</li> <li>• £1000 from the Christmas Market.</li> </ul>	Events unable to be held due to Covid-19 pandemic.
14	To host a community computer provided by SW&T for use with the Homefinder	Easy access to on-line information and services. Residents who lack adequate internet access are volunteer-assisted to undertake online	Recruit and train volunteers to assist residents. Timescale – ongoing.	SWT hold statistics. Computer has not been operational, awaiting upgrade and repair.

	and other agencies.	transactions and/or enabled to develop basic IT skills in a supportive environment. This includes undertaking necessary job searches; completing benefit forms; seeking housing opportunities.		
15	To be the voice of the community whilst staying politically neutral.	<p>To enable local residents to have their say and to be able to forward these concerns to the appropriate agency.</p> <p>Residents who are potentially adversely affected by and concerned about current issues or proposed changes are enabled to raise their concerns with the appropriate agencies.</p>	Ongoing.	Ongoing.
16	To organise a computer support group.	To offer volunteer led basic computer help in a social setting. Residents are enabled to develop basic IT skills with volunteer support.	To be attended by 5 people each week	The group was unable to be held due to Covid-19 restrictions.

17	To offer basic First Aid training when required.	To offer a course when a need is highlighted.	To be attended by a minimum of 8 people.	On-line training
18	To work in partnership with the North Taunton One Team.	To be in communication with the Coordinator to exchange relevant information. Residents benefit from the charity contributing to a 'joined-up', inter-agency approach to addressing problems and concerns affecting specific households and the wider community.	Timescale ongoing.	On-going.
19	Seek to be dementia friendly.	To facilitate the appropriate agencies to deliver training when required. Visitors are met by volunteers and staff who have an understanding of dementia	Timescale ongoing	On-going.
20	1. To offer training opportunities as part of volunteering. 2. To produce newsletters for staff and volunteers to inform them, when	To offer all volunteers the chance to take part in training and self-development Volunteers and staff feel confident, well informed and valued in delivering the services they provide, and in their	Timescale ongoing	On-going

	required, of changes and events.	contribution to community wellbeing.		
21	1. To produce a newsletter for the community 2. To offer information leaflets and signposting facility e.g. mental health, domestic abuse support.	To produce a community newsletter, 1300 copies Residents across the North Taunton area are well informed about a wide range of events, services, opportunities and agencies that are available to provide support. To offer a signposting facility.	Spring, Summer and Winter          Timescale ongoing.	The North Taunton News has not been produced due to Covid-19 restrictions. A smaller, monthly newsletter has been produced and distributed by email and post, reaching 500 people.          Ongoing.

*I'm writing on behalf of my husband to say how much he has missed the camaraderie and companionship and coffee at the centre.*

*It has brought home to us both how much we miss our friends.*



*Just wanted to thank you for the books put out, have had a good couple of books and have forwarded them onto a friend who has also really appreciated them. I have never read so much during the day !!!!*

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We would like to thank all those organisations and individuals who have generously supported the charity during this challenging year. Despite the many restrictions NTP has continued to support many local residents benefitting from our services, as far as practical. Details of restricted fund grants are shown in the accounts.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees are aware of their obligations under charity law and therefore set out the policy for the use of reserve funds. The intention in establishing this reserves policy is to ensure the continuation of the charity's normal activities through any medium term shortfall in funding.

For the financial year to 31 March 2022, the trustees' policy is to maintain free reserves (defined as unrestricted reserves not invested in fixed assets) equivalent to 4 months' budgeted expenditure, approximately £18,500. The trustees feel it is also prudent to have a reserve of £2,500 for any substantial unexpected and urgent need for which funding cannot be obtained in the necessary timeframe. Free reserves at 31 March 2021 were £59,944.

The higher than normal reserves arose because of generous grants from Somerset West and Taunton Council's business recovery fund, monies which were granted to businesses that had to close because of the pandemic, as well as Covid-related grants from other sources. It is the view of the trustees that these reserves will be very necessary to allow the charity to recover from the pandemic and serve the community sustainably over the coming years, when grant funding is likely to be harder to secure.

### **Future Plans**

A Business and Development Plan has been produced by the Trustees setting out the objectives for the Partnership and Community Centre for the twelve months April 2021 to March 2022. This takes account of the anticipated phased re-opening as Covid restrictions are removed.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD  
ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
<b>Receipts and Payment Account</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Grants</b>				
Grants	43,135	28,969	72,104	32,985
Other grant income (furlough)	11,327		11,327	
Donations	4,859		4,859	1,709
Interest	17		17	49
<b>Activities</b>				
Community Centre Sales	580		580	5,719
Community Social	-		-	6,725
Education	-		-	613
Fundraising	1,772		1,772	1,298
Health & Wellbeing	643		643	6,021
Newsletter	-		-	643
Room Hire	300		300	2,269
Refunds & Misc	15		15	34
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>62,648</b>	<b>28,969</b>	<b>91,617</b>	<b>58,065</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
<b>Administration</b>				
Staff Costs	28,561	11,280	39,841	40,258
Heat & Light	459		459	1,904
Phone & Internet	1,173		1,173	849
Water & Rates	83		83	1,087
Office Costs	1,105	481	1,586	3,714
Garden	212		212	1,600
Maintenance	1,105	690	1,795	
Fees	1,070		1,070	1,621
Newsletter	-		-	1,684
Garage Rent	229		229	338

Volunteers	28		28	416
Coronavirus expenses	707	1,500	2,207	
<b>Activities</b>				
Health & Wellbeing	156	720	876	8,309
Community Social	-		-	8,597
Fundraising	-		-	25
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>34,888</b>	<b>14,671</b>	<b>49,559</b>	<b>70,402</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,760</b>	<b>14,298</b>	<b>42,058</b>	<b>-12,337</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>				
Opening Cash Funds	32,291	3,000	35,291	47,628
2020 costs paid	-107		-107	
Closing Cash Funds	<b>59,944</b>	<b>17,298</b>	<b>77,242</b>	<b>35,291</b>

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

<b>Cash Funds</b>				
CAF Cash	23,680		23,680	4,022
CAF Gold	35,557	17,298	52,855	27,838
Co-op	585		585	3,331
Petty Cash & Paypal	122		122	100
<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS</b>	<b>59,944</b>	<b>17,298</b>	<b>77,242</b>	<b>35,291</b>

<b>Restricted Funds Breakdown</b>	<b>Bal b/f</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Bal c/f</b>
Unparished Area Fund	2,500			2,500
SCF – Mental Health Training	500		500	-
Covid support:				
- SCF Somerset		6,700	4,900	1,800
- National Lottery		5,280	5,280	-
- Trusthouse CF		9,763		9,763

- Charities Aid Foundation	1,500	1,500	-
- Police & Crime Commissioners	3,000		3,000
Somerset CF – boiler	240	240	-
Somerset CF - banners	281	281	-
SAP – circuits tutor	955	720	235
Christmas gift boxes:			
- Somerset CF	250	250	-
- North Taunton One	250	250	-
- Western Power	750	750	-
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>28,969</b>	<b>14,671</b>
			<b>17,298</b>



The community centre is such a big part of the area, where people can talk, even with nothing in common, being listened to can mean the difference of life and death.

Although we did not know the names of everyone, we did know the stories and every time we spoke the only thing Nan talked about was the community centre and the people she met and helped. Which you could see she loved and the kindness of volunteers.

Thank you again, and please do keep up the fantastic work you do.

Mavis passed away from loneliness in May 2020



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### Accounting Policies

Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 permits a charity to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities where gross income in the financial year does not exceed £250,000, therefore receipts and payments accounts and a statement of assets and liabilities has been prepared and presented for the year ended March 31st 2021; this is consistent with previous years.

All Income, including grants, is recorded when received.

All Expenditure is recorded when paid.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above and that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.**

**Signed on behalf of the North Taunton Partnership's trustees**

**Paul Tooze**  
**Chairman**



*Free books for all to take what an amazing help it has been  
to so many people in Priorswood.*

*You helped me during lockdown and I had a new baby. You were my lifeline.*

*I would have been in real trouble without your help.*

## **NORTH TAUNTON PARTNERSHIP**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report on the accounts of North Taunton Partnership for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which are set out on pages 20 to 22.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to;

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

#### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER's REPORT**

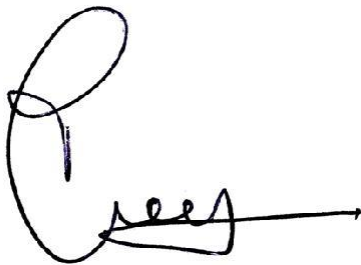
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual issues or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 2011 Act and section 44(1)(b) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulation.
- Has not been met or

No other matter has come to my attention in accordance with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'G' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line ending in an arrowhead.

Timothy Green FCMA  
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Date: 17th June 2021

## FUTURE PLANS

A Business and Development Plan has been produced by the Trustees setting out the objectives for the Partnership and Community Centre for the twelve months April 2021 to March 2022.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above and that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.**

**Signed on behalf of the North Taunton Partnership's trustees**

**Paul Tooze  
Chairman**



You've been a blessing to all around you, and you will be again.. Keep going on, hopefully 'with a lot of help from your friends'.





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