

GREENS NORTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1087278

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-06-29

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF GREENS NORTON AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; (2) TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CENTRE") AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS; (3) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: The Greens Norton Community Centre Association Management Committee oversees the management and maintenance of the Greens Norton Community Centre.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, DISTRICT OF SOUTH NORTHANTS, VILLAGE OF GREENS NORTON AND NEIGHBOURING VILLAGES
- Northamptonshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-05 | £23,304 | £27,751 | - | - |
| 2024-04-05 | £29,152 | £28,837 | - | - |
| 2023-04-05 | £28,438 | £26,264 | - | - |
| 2022-04-05 | £26,913 | £20,375 | - | - |
| 2021-04-05 | £3,157 | £9,101 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------|------|------------|
| BRENDA MAWBY | | 2011-10-16 |
| Frank Martin | | 2014-09-22 |
| Geoffrey Frederick White | | 2018-08-13 |
| KENNETH WILLIAM NICOLL | | |
| LINDA NICOLL | | |
| MARGARET ANN SHELLEY | | 2016-08-08 |
| MICHAEL FURNISS | | 2011-10-16 |
| SUZANNE BEARDSWORTH | | |
| trevor john collier | | 2019-03-15 |

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Trustees Report January 2025

Our 18th. Anniversary !

The Community Centre has now been open for over eighteen years (it was officially opened in November 2006). During that time it has proved itself a valuable asset for the village having approximately 60/70 bookings per month. Apart from the initial conversion works much other work has been carried out—

- ◆ replacement of the windows,
- ◆ replacement of Hall lighting (to LED type),
- ◆ the building of the new chair/table store,
- ◆ the total refurbishment of the old YHA building (the green boarded building),
- ◆ provision of a new nine burner cooking facility
- ◆ the total refitting out of the Rear Building.

The approx. total cost of these works was £ 150,000

The main works in the last year comprise the fixing of flip plates to the exit gate of the car park to prevent traffic from entering the site the wrong way into the one-way system. This was done together with the installation of CCTV cameras throughout the site, and has proved very successful.

Another project undertaken was the excavation and laying MoT stone to a third of the car park.

Current works include the fitting of new blinds to the hall, kitchen, and meeting room, the fitting of acoustic panels to the hall to improve sound quality, and the fitting of an additional air conditioning unit in the rear building.

We are still suffering from the effects of the Covid lockdowns. Our bookings at the first lockdown was approaching 100 bookings per month. The numbers are recovering very slowly. We lost about £ 7000.00 in bookings during the lockdowns. Whilst we are fortunate in still having nine trustees, finding new younger trustees to replace those who are ageing is a problem.

We are also suffering from very high utility costs with gas and electricity costing approx. £ 1000/month during the winter months. For the first time ever we are now being charged Council Tax and waste bin collection fees—these are costing an additional £ 1400.00 per annum.

We have held various fund raising events during the year -

- Burns Night Dinner
- Quiz
- Fashion Show
- Art and Craft Fair
- Providing food and refreshments at the village fireworks event

The main users of the centre are Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Fifty Plus Groups, Cricket and Football clubs, Cha Char Chimps, seminars, meetings, etc. etc.—together with all manner of family celebrations.

Ken Nicoll
Chair of Trustees

Greens Norton Community Centre Association
Towcester Road
Greens Norton
Northants
NN12 8BL

| Opening balances | (Unrestricted Funds) | Open | | Close | Change |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|
| Current Account | | 13,404.27 | | £9,282.61 | -£4,121.66 |
| Petty Cash | | 1,111.42 | | £ 547.52 | -£ 563.90 |
| Deposit Account | | 7,537.10 | | 12,537.10 | £ 5,000.00 |
| Total balance in bank | | 22,052.79 | | £ 22,367.23 | £314.44 |

| Receipts | | Current Acc | Petty Cash | Total | Income |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Voluntary Donations & Gift Aid | | £ 99.00 | 132.00 | £ 231.00 | |
| Grants | | £ 6,800.00 | £ - | £ 6,800.00 | |
| Burns Night | | £ 484.92 | £1,464.00 | £ 1,948.92 | |
| Fund Raising Events | Arts and Craft/Fashion | £331.29 | £430.00 | £ 761.29 | |
| | Quiz Night | £0.00 | £292.00 | £ 292.00 | |
| | Jubilee Teas etc. | 265.19 | £575.10 | £ 840.29 | |
| | Fire works | | £574.00 | £ 574.00 | |
| Deposit account | | | | | |
| Charitable Activity | Hall Hire | £ 16,171.26 | £ 636.73 | £ 16,807.99 | |
| | Storage Charges | £ 400.00 | £ - | £ 400.00 | |
| | Sales-Assets | £ - | £ - | £ - | |
| | Sales-Other | £ 426.30 | £ 69.99 | £ 496.29 | |
| Transfer to Saving | | | | £ - | |
| Bank Tfr from Current A/C | Petty Cash | | £0.00 | £ - | |
| Total Income | | £ 24,977.96 | £ 4,173.82 | £ 29,151.78 | |

| Payments | | | | | outgoings |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Burns Night | | 282.00 | 960.87 | 1,242.87 | |
| Fireworks | | 254.83 | 59.32 | 314.15 | |
| Quiz Night | | 0.00 | 62.55 | 62.55 | |
| craft | | 0.00 | 381.36 | 381.36 | |
| | | | 0.00 | | |
| Cost of Fundraising | Total | 536.83 | 1,464.10 | 2,000.93 | |
| Charitable Activity | Cleaning and Materials | £ 3,586.64 | £ 373.83 | £ 3,960.47 | |
| | Maintenance / Repairs | 240.00 | £ 1,536.38 | 1,776.38 | |
| | Servicing | £ 200.40 | £ 156.00 | 356.40 | |
| | Equipment & Fittings | £ 10,650.10 | £ 637.02 | 11,287.12 | |
| | Utilities | 7,046.32 | 0.00 | 7,046.32 | |
| Total Charitable activity | Total | £ 21,723.46 | £ 2,703.23 | £ 24,426.69 | |
| Donations &Subscriptions | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Governance Costs | Administration(incl. Insurance) | £ 1,839.33 | £ 20.39 | 1,859.72 | |
| Transfer from Current to Savings | | | | | |
| Bank T0/from Petty Cash | Refunds/error | £ - | £ 550.00 | 550.00 | |
| Total Expenditure | | £ 24,099.62 | £ 4,737.72 | £ 28,837.34 | |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Greens Norton Community Centre Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1087278

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Signed:

Date:

17th February 2025

Name:

Brian W J Manning

Relevant professional

AIB (Inst of Bankers)

GREENS NORTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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Accounts

Greens Norton Community Centre Association

Charity Registration Number—1087278

Account reconciliation Sheet for year 1 April 2022 to 31 Mar 2023

Mar-23

| Opening balances | (Unrestricted Funds) | Open | Close | Change |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Current Account | | 12,151.52 | £13,404.27 | £1,252.75 |
| Petty Cash | | 335.47 | £ 1,111.42 | £ 775.95 |
| Deposit Account | | 7,427.77 | 7,573.10 | £ 145.33 |
| Total balance in bank | | 19,914.76 | £ 22,088.79 | £2,174.03 |

| Receipts | | Current Acc | Petty Cash | Total | income |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Voluntary | Donations & Gift Aid | £ - | £ 115.00 | £ 115.00 | |
| | Grants | £ 3,000.00 | £ - | £ 3,000.00 | |
| | Burns Night | £ 147.47 | £1,540.75 | £ 1,688.22 | |
| Fund Raising Events | Arts and Craft/Fashion | £0.00 | £716.81 | £ 716.81 | |
| | Quiz Night | £0.00 | £563.50 | £ 563.50 | |
| | Jubilee Teas etc. | 30.98 | £522.11 | £ 553.09 | |
| | Fire works | | £560.00 | £ 560.00 | |
| | Bank Interest | £ - | | | |
| | Deposit account interest | | | £ 145.33 | |
| Charitable Activity | Hall Hire | £ 19,156.40 | £ 1,025.10 | £ 20,181.50 | |
| | Storage Charges | £ 700.00 | £ - | £ 700.00 | |
| | Sales-Assets | £ - | £ - | £ - | |
| | Sales-Other | £ - | £ - | £ - | |
| | | | | £ - | |
| Bank Tfr from Current A/C | Petty Cash | | £215.00 | £ 215.00 | |
| Total Income | | £ 23,034.85 | £ 5,258.27 | £ 28,438.45 | |

| Payments | | | | | outgoings |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | Burns Night | 0.00 | 1,095.35 | 1,095.35 | |
| | Tote Acc. | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Quiz Night | 0.00 | 140.22 | 140.22 | |
| | Fireworks | 0.00 | 233.96 | 233.96 | |
| | | | 0.00 | | |
| Cost of Fundraising | Total | 0.00 | 1,469.53 | 1,469.53 | |
| Charitable Activity | Cleaning and Materials | £ 4,093.07 | £ 646.29 | £ 4,739.36 | |
| | Maintenance / Repairs | 8,999.28 | 519.51 | 9,518.79 | |
| | Servicing | £ 448.80 | £ 99.15 | £ 547.95 | |
| | Equipment & Fittings | £ - | £ 1,567.65 | £ 1,567.65 | |
| | Utilities | 6,511.43 | 0.00 | 6,511.43 | |
| Total Charitable activity | Total | £ 20,052.58 | £ 2,832.60 | £ 22,885.18 | |
| Donations & Subscriptions | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Governance Costs | Administration (incl. Insurance) | £ 1,729.52 | £ 180.19 | £ 1,909.71 | |
| Bank Tfr to Petty Cash | Refunds/error | £ - | £ - | £ 0.00 | |
| Total Expenditure | | £ 21,782.10 | £ 4,482.32 | £ 26,264.42 | |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|----------|------------------|-------|
| Excess of receipts over payments | | £ 1,252.75 | £ 775.95 | £ 2,174.03 | ✓ |
| Account balance changes | | | | £2,174.03 | YTD ✓ |
| Difference | | | | £ - | |



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Signed:

Date: 3rd July 2024

Name:

Brian W J Manning

Relevant professional

AIB (Inst of Bankers)

Trustees Report - 2024

It is now over seventeen years since the community centre was opened. During that time the CCA has carried out much work on the site, as previously reported, and is continuing to do so. The work is funded either by the CCA themselves, or from external grants — the general philosophy of the CCA is that they are to be self funding as far as possible and not a financial drain on the parish. As a recent example of this was when the centre was used as a vaccination centre during Covid. Approximately 60000 vaccinations were administered—the grassed car park turned into a quagmire. We used some of our own funds and a grant from Garfield Weston to excavate / hardcore approximately two thirds of the area. The other third is still to complete.

Just when we thought we had weathered the Covid storm (it depleted our reserves by about £ 7000), the war in Ukraine started and we were soon into the next crisis—gas and electricity prices, the effects of which are still ongoing. Even with our best endeavours our utility costs rose by over six times. We are now over a year into our new contracts and we are still monitoring the monthly costs, seasonal adjustments, and how to manage financially. To improve efficiency the heating systems are now controlled by a Hive system. To put some figures to this problem—in December 2023 our utility bills totalled £ 920.00—our invoicing for hall hire for the month was just £ 1300.00. Taking into account other costs—cleaning, insurance, maintenance, etc. we operated at a loss that month. Hopefully the balance will be somewhat redressed during the summer months.

Fund raising through this period has been difficult—there is much competition for grants. Our main fund raising event in the past had been the Village Tote—this came to an end with Covid. During Covid personal contact was forbidden, and door-to-door collectors were understandably reluctant to be in proximity with others. Also with about 700 houses in the parish the task was becoming too onerous for the ageing helpers.

Other fund raising events we are holding/have held include—

- ◆ January 2024—Burns Night. Next year's will be on Saturday 25th. January—a note for your diary
- ◆ March 2024—we held a successful musical evening with Anna Ryder
- ◆ Fashion Show— it was the first attempt at such an event in 2023, and proved to be most popular. This is being repeated this year—April 20th. Tickets available !
- ◆ September—we shall be holding another quiz this year—September 9th.
- ◆ November—we shall be holding another Art and Craft Show.

Apart from all kinds of family celebrations—christenings, weddings, wakes, and parties, etc. regular users include Brownies, Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Alzheimers Society, Fifty Plus Groups, Cricket and Football clubs, Cha Char Chimps, Northampton Carers, Fitsteps, Table tennis, Taekwondo, etc. etc.

The community centre has always had a one-way traffic system. This is because the width of the road around the buildings is too narrow for two-way working. There is also a planning condition, stipulated by the Highways Authority when Change of Use / Planning was originally granted, that the Community Centre had to have separate entrance and exit gates. Also, if traffic enters the site via the exit gate there is blind spot where any toddlers playing nearby could be at risk. There have been some near misses. Sadly there have been some individuals who choose to ignore this simple system. Because of this potential safety issue (it is always easy to be wise after the event) it was decided to install flow plates at the exit gate to encourage drivers to enter and leave the site correctly. Along with the Parish Council we have also had reports that both car parks to the playing field have been used for suspicious activities after dark when the Centre is closed. This is something we take seriously, and taking into account all of the concerns we have over the use of the car park we have decided to install an external CCTV system and an additional floodlight to help monitor the site. The car park is not a public car park, it is owned and operated by the CCA, and is for the benefit of users of the community centre. If car park space is available the trustees have no objection to it being used, for example, for picking up and dropping off children for the school, etc. etc.

When funds permit one of our next projects will be to clad the rear building to improve its weathering / insulating qualities.

GREENS NORTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION

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Greens Norton Community Centre Association

The past year has been challenging for everyone, and the Community Centre is no exception.

In early 2020, like other community centres, we were closed down. There seemed little we could do. We spent our time in totally redecorating the main building, and carrying out many other maintenance jobs. This was done after consulting with the police to ensure that our method of working was not violating any Covid Regulations.

We had no bookings, no income, and during the year we lost £ 7000.00 from our funds.

We offered the community centre as a vaccination centre, free to the health centre next door to us. They declined saying that their main vaccination centre would be at Weedon.

In February 2021 we were approached by an organization who wanted to use our centre—it was / is called ECG Training. You may have seen their notices on Facebook. The Trustees gave their approval.

ECG obtained the necessary approvals from the NHS. The equipment, including a large NHS fridge was delivered together with screens, medical bench, defib. road cones, signage, etc. etc., and, of course, the vaccine. In the early days the vaccine was the Astra Zeneca and we agreed to check the temperature of it every day and log the results. During the year the centre vaccinated about 600—800 patients each day the clinic was open. Many of the stewards / volunteers were from the village.

There were many chaotic times—deliveries of PPE equipment, vaccine, and other materials just turned up without warning. There was also little notice of when new age groups were to be vaccinated. However, the clinic received many compliments from patients as to the friendly and professional way in which it operated.

During this period some 40000 + cars used the car park. In the late autumn the surface cut up very badly and eventually we had to stop using it. In January 2022, in conjunction with a local builder, about a third of the car park was excavated, the spoil taken off site, and a new hardcore / MoT surface laid. That was £ 9200 from our coffers. To complete the work we will need approximately another £ 40000 (for the remainder of the surfacing (plus other ancillary works).

Recently Hive equipment has been installed to both the main and rear buildings—this regulates the heating and hot water, and hopefully will reduce any wastage on heating costs. It can be controlled remotely off site.

We are now open again and are trying to build up bookings, back to their pre-Covid levels. The vaccination centre estimate that they may have a presence on site until about March 2023. However, with the forecast of increased costs of utilities, etc. it would seem that we are in for another challenging year—any help, assistance, etc. is always very welcome.

Ken Nicoll

6/4/22



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Signed:

Date:

21st December 2022

Name:

Brian W J Manning