

ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1088425

Details

Other names ST CATHERINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-09-13

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF CROOK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEFINED BY THE COMMUNITY OF CROOK 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.(B) 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.(C) PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: St. Catherine's Community Association continues to actively promote a wide range of activities for all ages within the local area using the Community Centre as their base. Some of these activities are 'In-house' and others in partnership with local and national providers. The Community Cafe is open weekdays from 10am till 2pm, and longer on activity days. Catering can be organised for events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, 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:** CROOK
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£47,769	£32,240	-	-
2023-12-31	£43,966	£25,707	-	-
2022-12-31	£45,496	£28,196	-	-
2021-12-31	£45,490	£42,812	-	-
2020-12-31	£38,620	£33,155	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
KEITH STEPHENSON	Chair	2013-04-05
Catherine Allison		2023-09-26
Christine Holloway		2018-05-14
JOAN MARIE PATRICIA BROWN		2014-04-28
MRS MARGARET KNIPE		
Margaret Eleanor Peacock		2023-09-26
Michael Joseph Robinson		2021-03-08
Steven Holloway		2021-08-20

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ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARKET PLACE
CROOK
CO. DURHAM
DL15 8NE**

Registered Charity Number:-

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Community Association has had a very busy and, at times, a very frustrating year. As stated in our last Annual Report, for 2023, our lease on the Community Centre had ended and we were continuing under a 'certificate of use' until we could raise the funding needed to purchase the building from the Church.

Various fundraising activities were held throughout the year with great success and enjoyment from those attending.

Sources of grant aid were also avidly pursued and unfortunately many road blocks were encountered. A delayed registration of the new entity, Crook Community Association, resulted in a missed submission date for funding from the Community Ownership Fund and when the next date was announced it was rapidly cancelled due to the Government calling a General Election. So the quest had to start all over again as there was no certainty that another round would be opened.

Meanwhile life continued as normal with all our regular activities taking place (Mini Markets, Bingo, Line Dancing, Art classes, Adult Education classes, Slimming Groups, Rabbit Shows and Birthday Parties. We also added Ferret shows again and a Drag Show, which proved very popular and they immediately booked again for 2025.

Our attempts to change the name on our bank accounts also hit a few road blocks and is still ongoing as the year ends.

The community users of our facilities have been exceptional in their support of all our initiatives throughout the year and are as determined as the Trustees to continue the work that we do in providing a facility for everyone to access, particularly as so many other venues in the area have closed down due to financial constraints in the present economic environment.

We end the year determined, if somewhat frustrated, that the future of our facility is worth the time and effort to keep and maintain it for future generations of local inhabitants.

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ANNUAL RETURNS 2024

<u>BANK A/C'S</u>	01/01/2024	45576.21
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	01/01/2024	<u>10.69</u>
		45586.90

INCOME

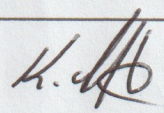
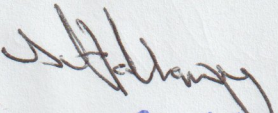
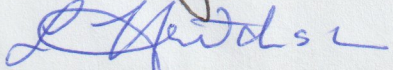
HIRE	13695.50	
FUNDRAISING	15467.50	
DONATIONS	1774.00	
CATERING	15915.00	
BANK INTEREST	717.55	
GRANTS/FURLOUGH		
OTHER	<u>200.00</u>	<u>47769.55</u>
		93356.45

EXPENDITURE

FINANCE/WAGES		
UTILITIES/RENT	14416.51	
INSURANCE	2493.38	
LICENCES	666.26	
HYGIENE/CATERING	6722.47	
SECURITY/TESTS	714.67	
EQUIPMENT	3496.33	
SERVICES	2411.05	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1320.00	
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u>32240.67</u>
		<u>61115.78</u>

CARRIED FORWARD

BANK A/C'S	31/12/2024	61005.06
PETTY CASH	31/12/2024	<u>110.72</u>
		61115.78

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SIGN</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
MR. K STEPENSON		CHAIR
MRS. HOLLOWAY		TREASURER
MS. L. HUTCHINSON		VOL. AUDITOR

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ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, MARKET PLACE, CROOK, DL15 8NE

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The Community Centre is continuing to flourish and we have noticed increased attendance at many of our regular and additional events and activities. We also hosted an increased number of external training sessions and several information and consultation events throughout the year.

Wednesday afternoon Bingo sessions are very well attended and that has greatly increased the income of the Community Cafe on that day with many attendees having food on arrival, and taking food away at the end of the session. The income on the Tuesday Cafe has also increased over the year, with a number of regulars for the lunch provision.

Our 'Special Events' this year included a show 'Cilla and the Swinging Sixties' in September which featured Sandy who has also appeared at several of our 'parties' and been popular. The Panto was also well attended and have provisionally booked for next year.

In August we were given the news that our lease, which was due to end in April 2024 would not be renewed as the owners had decided that they wished to sell the building. This was not something we had anticipated so came as a shock but the Committee discussed the matter and decided that we should organise ourselves to save, what we consider to be a very important facility for the residents of Crook and surrounding areas. This led to a campaign to raise awareness of the situation within the area and start to investigate funding options to be able to proceed with the purchase. We found one funding scheme aimed at saving community buildings in danger of being lost and pursued this. In order to do this we would have had to change our charity status to that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and sought help in achieving this. We also started raising funds to go towards the matched funding that will be required and the anticipated costs of legal and other expenses. An Expression of interest was submitted to the funders. In addition to this we have also approached some of our regular users and obtained letters of support for our bid as well as getting massive support from the community at large in the form of a 'register of support' and individual notes stating what the centre means to them. A local business owner is helping us prepare a business plan.

We are therefore looking to the future very optimistically and relishing the challenges ahead. There are already bookings into the new year including two 'Drag Shows' which previously went to the Working Mens Club, which has now closed, and the Durham & Wolsingham Rabbit Shows. Training groups are also booked in to start courses.

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ANNUAL RETURNS 2023

<u>BANK A/C'S</u>	01/01/2023	27313.50
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	01/01/2023	<u>13.40</u>
		27326.90

INCOME

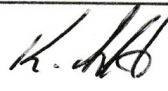
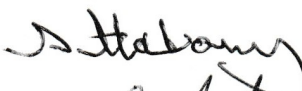

HIRE	14862.00	
FUNDRAISING	12559.40	
DONATIONS	753.53	
CATERING	15363.20	
BANK INTEREST	307.19	
GRANTS/FURLOUGH		
OTHER	<u>120.68</u>	<u>43966.00</u>
		71292.90

EXPENDITURE

FINANCE/WAGES	120.68	
UTILITIES/RENT	4278.50	
INSURANCE	2407.16	
LICENCES	659.49	
HYGIENE/CATERING	5828.91	
SECURITY/TESTS	0.00	
EQUIPMENT	2698.81	
SERVICES	3384.79	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	6328.26	
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u>25706.60</u>
		<u>45586.30</u>

CARRIED FORWARD

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CREDIT DISCREPANCY		- 0.60
		<u>45586.30</u>

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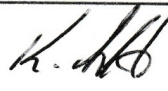
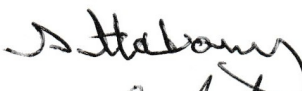

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<u>BANK A/C'S</u>	01/01/2022	10,026.69
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	01/01/2021	<u>0.78</u>
		10,027.47

INCOME


HIRE	15,146.40	
FUNDRAISING	15,416.16	
DONATIONS	656.14	
CATERING	12,501.00	
BANK INTEREST	94.24	
GRANTS/FURLOUGH		
OTHER	<u>1681.61</u>	<u>45,495.55</u>
		<u>55,523.02</u>

EXPENDITURE

FINANCE/WAGES	10,704.49	
UTILITIES/RENT	3,914.92	
INSURANCE	2,231.27	
LICENCES	389.87	
HYGIENE/CATERING	4,206.11	
SECURITY/TESTS	261.26	
EQUIPMENT	4,198.94	
SERVICES	1,281.56	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,007.32	
OTHER	<u> </u>	<u>28,195.74</u>
		<u>27,327.28</u>

CARRIED FORWARD

BANK A/C'S	31/12/2022	27,313.50
PETTY CASH	31/12/2022	<u>13.40</u>
		27,326.90
DEBIT DISCREPANCY		<u>0.38</u>
		<u>27,327.28</u>

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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

2020 was a very challenging year due to the Covid outbreak and the subsequent series of lockdowns. This resulted in the Community Centre being closed for long periods of time and when open the cafe could only provide a 'take away' facility.

We did manage to be open for some training course through KHK People Solutions and we also welcomed back Weight Watchers (WW) to run sessions in the centre.

The Dog Club continued throughout the year when it was allowed by restrictions but the Line Dancing on Tuesdays was off from the start of the March lockdown but the Friday afternoons ran spasmodically throughout the year. Other users were unable to commit to bookings due to the continuing uncertainties. Our 'Sunday Lunches' were well attended when we were able to run them.

Our weekly 'Mini-Markets' ran whenever we were allowed but we were unable to run any of our seasonal activities. The biggest of these being the Christmas Craft and Gift Fair which was due to be held just before the easing of restrictions in early December.

All these factors have lead to a serious limit to our earning abilities over the year and we have had to rely on Government Grants to keep the centre viable, along with the Job Furlough Scheme which enabled us to retain our one paid staff member.

Due to fundraising activities and some donations we were able to replace all the lighting in the main hall with LED panels which has made a vast difference (sun glasses are recommended if light sensitive!) Other cost saving measures including swapping the monitored alarm system with a direct notification system which is working effectively and saving approx £300 per year. The new boiler with the area zoning is effective but as with everything being far from normal this year the cost savings cannot be fully identified.

Hopefully 2021 will be a better year and we have plans to relaunch our craft group with a series of individual workshops highlighting a wide range of crafts. Some groups are chomping at the bit to get back into the centre and run their activities with other users just waiting for restrictions to be lifted to organise themselves so as not to have to continually reschedule bookings, as has happened in 2020.

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ANNUAL RETURNS 2020

<u>BANK A/C'S</u>	01/01/2020	1,881.26
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	01/01/2020	<u>2.38</u>
		<u>1,883.64</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
HIRE	3,719.50	
FUNDRAISING	1,513.12	
DONATIONS	2,412.00	
CATERING	3,761.90	
BANK INTEREST	3.72	
GRANTS/FURLOUGH	27,205.20	
OTHER	<u>4.91</u>	
		<u>38,620.35</u>
		<u>40,503.99</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
FINANCE/WAGES	14,896.23	
UTILITIES/RENT	3,668.46	
INSURANCE	1,974.86	
LICENCES	537.94	
HYGIENE/CATERING	1,367.28	
SECURITY/TESTS	324.00	
EQUIPMENT	5,569.48	
SERVICES	2,170.00	
REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	2,636.14	
OTHER	<u>10.57</u>	
		<u>33,154.96</u>
		<u>7,349.03</u>
<u>CARRIED FORWARD</u>		
BANK A/C'S	31/12/2020	7,323.41
PETTY CASH	31/12/2020	<u>25.62</u>
		<u>7,349.03</u>

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