

# CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1093848

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2002-09-18

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

## Contact

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**Address** Cortonwood Comeback Centre  
Old Chapel  
Chapel Avenue  
Brampton  
Barnsley  
S73 0XQ

**Phone** 01226759572

**Email** [CORTONWOOD.COMEBACK@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:CORTONWOOD.COMEBACK@OUTLOOK.COM)

**Website** [www.cortonwoodcomeback.com](http://www.cortonwoodcomeback.com)

## Activities

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**Objects:** I) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF BRAMPTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS 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.II) TO ENSURE, MAINTAIN AND MANAGE A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

**Activities:** Hub for many groups including: Lunch Club, Senior Citizens, Youth Group,ewing class, parent & tots, craft groupsWe offer a range of services: advisory, education/employment, training opportunities, Men in shed supporting adults with mental health issues, deliver education courses We provide a food bank service and breakfast club. Deliver a range of cultrual and arts events.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRAMPTON AND SURROUNDING AREAS.
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£196,144	£135,169	-	-
2024-01-31	£99,146	£122,406	-	-
2023-01-31	£146,822	£112,464	-	-
2022-01-31	£60,211	£70,007	-	-
2021-01-31	£54,274	£63,718	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DENISE LELLIOTT	Chair	2015-10-06
Katrina Claydon		2023-07-17

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	Feb	2024	<b>To</b>	31	Jan	2025

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
Chapel Avenue
Brampton
Postcode S73 0XQ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Denise Lelliott	Chair Person		
2	Katrina Claydon	Treasurer		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Child Protection/Vulnerable Adult Officer	David Dunwell	17 Knollbeck Lane Brampton Barnsley S73 0TR

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

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(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The activities that we provide are based on the needs of the community and in line with the charitable aims of the charity

The day to day running of the Community Centre is undertaken by Jayne Andrews who reports to the trustees. The Trustees oversee the overall management of the charity.

We have a Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults officer who is qualified Social Worker. We undertake DBS checks with staff and volunteers before they commence work. Staff and volunteers also undertake Safeguarding Training which is regularly refreshed in line with our CPP. The Trustees also undertake safeguarding training and have DBS checks in line with statutory requirements.

All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We work in partnership with learning for locals, RMBC, local ward councillors and the local police and other voluntary and community groups and centres within the locality.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre (CCCC) was established in 1986 by the local community who recognised the need to tackle the problems of unemployment, exclusion and disadvantage within Brampton Bierlow and the surrounding areas from the aftermath of the miners' strike.

For over 30 years Cortonwood Comeback Centre has provided a community service that is needs led, adapting the services to the needs of the community at any given time.

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*“Overcome inequalities and lack of access to services that have a direct impact on the lives of the elderly, young people, and those on low incomes in an effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving quality of life.*

We plan our work in accordance with our governing document and in consultation with the community this includes:

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Social Prescribing  
Employment Advice  
Cadent Gas – Gas Safe & Energy efficient  
Housing Support  
Benefit Advice  
Debt Management  
Breakfast Club  
Social Groups  
Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group  
Community Resource Centre  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Room Hire  
Keep Fit**

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Our Main source of funding continues to be from grant raising for specific projects.

This financial year we have received funding and grants from

- Cadent Gas – Centre for Warth £148,557
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation – Green Social Prescribing £7472
- Household Support fund – Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) £5000
- RMBC Leadership Fund £1250

We raise funds through room hire, community events donations. This money is used pay for core costs such as utilities, insurance, cleaning and maintenance of the building.

- Room Hire £18,439
- Hub £1631
- Keep fit £3093
- Morrisons New Van £8000

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Centre for Warmth**

The centre for warmth continues to thrive. We deliver a combination of outreach and centre-based work.

We deliver sessions in the community, these sessions include, energy efficiency, Co2 advice and distribution of monitors. We also hand out free slow cookers and electric blankets.

We engaged with 900 individuals last year for this project.

We have been able to significantly increase our reach and signpost people on to other agencies, assist with job search and PIP claim forms and appeals.

**Food Bank**

Food bank – providing food for vulnerable families and individuals that were being referred to us via housing, early help and self-referral. We have now become a registered foodbank and work in partnership with RMBC, VAR we currently provide on average 33 food parcels per week providing food for approximately 75 individuals per week.

Via fund from RMBC Household Support Fund we provided Christmas Hamper for 59 families providing families with everything they need in terms of food and festivities for Christmas, 108 adults and 60 children benefited from this.

**Employment Advice**

The employment advice service is an essential part of what the community centre offers. The support worker assists people with writing CV's, applying for jobs and accessing training.

During the last year 53 accessed this service, some of those just for CV's whilst a significant number of people needed 1:1 sessions and more intensive support.

We have built relationships with the job centre who signpost on to our services. We have also set up training opportunities with the local learning forum that have supported people to access basis training in Food Hygiene, Health & Safety and Safeguarding, these have led to employment and at least one woman starting her own catering business.

**Benefit Advice/Pip Appeals**

We continue to support people in accessing benefits completing forms for Pip and also helping with PIP appeals, our support worker also undertook several home visits for residents that weren't well enough to attend the community centre

**South Yorkshire Green Social Prescribing Grants**

The Programme provides small grants to community groups, social enterprises, and charities to make a real impact on local wellbeing. Its aim is to prevent and tackle mental health challenges by funding green (nature-based) and blue (water-related) activities that support people with needs ranging from loneliness and low mood to anxiety, depression, and long-term conditions requiring ongoing recovery support.

Social prescribing connects individuals to non-medical activities that improve health and wellbeing, while green social prescribing focuses specifically on nature-based solutions such as outdoor exercise, gardening, or conservation. We work closely with VAR (Voluntary Action Rotherham) and local Doctors' surgeries, who make direct referrals into our social prescribing service, ensuring people can access the right support at the right

time.

#### **Monday Morning Group.**

This group runs on a Monday and has a regular attendance of 40 people with 46 people on the books. The group is currently attended by a mix of men and women who taking part in "making and doing" and bingos.

#### **Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group**

The parent and toddler group are managed by parents with the help of a support worker. It runs one session per week and is very popular in the community. The group offers play activities for children, gives advice to parents, informs parents about course and also have guest speakers that offer advice. We have seen a significant increase in demand for this session.

#### **Community Resource Centre**

The centre continues to be a hub for the community and community groups alike. We support individuals, sometimes at their most vulnerable, we offer free meeting spaces when they need to meet with children's social care for example.

We offer free rooms hire for community events, community consultation with the local authority and a free rent period for new groups.

We also help new groups with their constitutions, setting up bank accounts and recruiting people on to their projects.

#### **Community Events**

We run four large community events a year including Easter Bunny Hunt, Summer Fete, Halloween Scarecrow Hunt and Haunted Chapel and Community Christmas Event and Santa's Grotto Christmas. The events are all free to attend with the exception of the Grotto, we charge a nominal amount for the grotto to cover the costs of the gift. This year we have averaged 225 people per event.

#### **Keep fit for Less**

We continue to run our keep fit classes, we also added an additional class. We have an average class attendance of 18 people and have also managed to keep the prices low and affordable.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre was established in 1986 after the miners' strike it was set up by the women action group who foresaw a need for help, advice and support after the decline of the mining industry. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the centre and we are still managed by volunteers both at a management and operational level. We continue to offer volunteering opportunities for members of the community and wider opportunities taking volunteers from the probation service, schools and businesses.

We have a robust volunteer policy and offer extensive training opportunities enabling people to move on in to employment, run their own groups and apply for their own funding.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

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**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The general day to day management of the centre and the running of community groups is still undertaken by volunteers who continue to be the backbone of the centre.

## Section F

## Other optional information

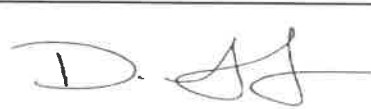
## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Denise

Lelliott

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of the Trustees

Date

28-04-2025





**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

CHARITY NUMBER: 1093848

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2025**



**RECEIPTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**  
 Fundraising/donations  
 Fitness class  
 Room Hire  
 Events  
 Commercial card refunds  
 Other income/grants  
 Messy Monsters  
 Hub Meals

£ 1,305.74  
 £ 3,093.98  
 £ 18,439.50  
 £ 733.43  
 £ -  
 £ 8,488.60  
 £ 171.10  
 £ 1,631.52

**PAYMENTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**  
 Annual Fee Commercial Card  
 Building Maintenance  
 Vehicle costs  
 Gas & Electric  
 Event Costs  
 Insurance  
 Office  
 Payroll  
 Pension Contributions  
 Pest Control  
 Resources  
 Salaries  
 Website/Facebook ads  
 Water  
 Phone  
 Volunteer expenses  
 Bank Charges  
 Commercial waste  
 External Providers  
 Messy Monsters  
 Hub Food

£ -  
 £ 1,783.93  
 £ 9,439.47  
 £ 1,884.99  
 £ 3,379.47  
 £ 514.32  
 £ 4,040.41  
 £ 166.50  
 £ 648.65  
 £ 561.37  
 £ 4,166.43  
 £ 3,639.57  
 £ 122.75  
 £ 668.72  
 £ 1,067.65  
 £ 419.67  
 £ 92.00  
 £ 855.65  
 £ 180.00  
 £ 142.61  
 £ 71.11

**RESTRICTED**  
 CADENT  
 RMBC  
 VAR  
 SYCF

£ 148,557.66  
 £ 1,250.00  
 £ 5,000.00  
 £ 7,472.00

**RESTRICTED**  
 CADENT UTILITIES / ONCOSTS  
 CADENT SALARIES  
 RMBC  
 VAR Grants  
 SYCF

£ 20,845.55  
 £ 69,800.65  
 £ 2,250.00  
 £ 5,000.00  
 £ 3,428.00

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**  
**TOTAL RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**

£ 33,863.87  
 £ 162,279.66

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**  
**TOTAL RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**

£ 33,845.27  
 £ 101,324.20

CASH AT HSBC @ 01/02/2024  
 CASH IN HAND @ 01/02/2024

£ 36,660.28  
 £ 57.32

CASH AT HSBC @ 31/01/2025  
 CASH IN HAND @ 31/01/2025

£ 97,680.48  
 £ 11.18

**TOTAL**  
 £ 232,861.13

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£ 232,861.13

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Melanie Houghton

TRUSTEE

14/04/25

28/4/2025

£ 0.00

**Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts  
of  
Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre**  
Charity Number 1093848

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**Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and examiner**

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee 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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements below

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Name:** Melanie Houghton

**Signed:**



**Address:** 56 Grove Road  
West Melton  
Rotherham  
S63 6PD

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1093848

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# Accounts

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<b>Trustees' Annual Report for the period</b>							
		Period start date			Period end date		
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**Section A Reference and administration details**

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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Child Protection/Vulnerable Adult Officer	David Dunwell	17 Knollbeck Lane Brampton Barnsley S73 0TR

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Description of the charity's trusts**

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**Community Resource Centre**  
**Volunteer Opportunities**  
**Room Hire**  
**Keep Fit**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

Our Main source of funding continues to be from grant raising for specific projects.

This financial year we have received grants from

- Cadent Gas: £68,976.50
- Household Support Fund (VAR): £5000
- RMBC Leadership Fund: £1000
- Other – this is a combination of small unrestricted grants from Neighbourly, administration charges for other groups and Keep Kit

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**Keep fit for Less**

Initially funded via a grant we have managed to keep the classes running with a regular attendance of new and repat participants, we have an average class attendance of 14 people and have also managed to keep the prices low and affordable.

**Men in Shed** – This project is new and aims to work with older men who are facing isolating and tackling loneliness, we now have a management committee and are starting to recruit people on to the project

**Volunteer Opportunities**

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We have been fortunate enough to secure funding from Cadent Gas to pay our core costs for staff and utilities

The general day to day management of the centre and the running of community groups is still undertaken by volunteers who are the backbone of the centre.

## Section F

## Other optional information

This year we were saddened by another loss of our Trustee Diane Walton, she started volunteering at the senior citizen in 1990 and later became a trustee. She will be sadly missed and will leave a huge gap in the management committee and her group.

Next year we aim  
Recruit new Trustees  
Recruit to the management committee

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Denise

Lelliott

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of the Trustees

Date

16-05-2024



**HAPPY EASTER** 🐣





# CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHARITY NUMBER: 1093848

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2024



### RECEIPTS

**NON - RESTRICTED**  
 Fundraising/donations  
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 Room Hire  
 Commercial card refunds  
 Other income/grants

£ 4,732.15  
 £ 2,047.84  
 £ 14,124.58  
 £ 34.85  
 £ 3,230.29

### PAYMENTS

**NON - RESTRICTED**  
 Annual Fee Commercial Card  
 Building Maintenance  
 Vehicle costs  
 Gas & Electric  
 Event Costs  
 Insurance  
 Office  
 Payroll  
 Pension Contributions  
 Pest Control  
 Resources  
 Salaries  
 Website/Facebook ads  
 Water  
 Office phone  
 Volunteer expenses  
 Bank Charges  
 Commercial waste  
 External Providers

£ 32.00  
 £ 7,263.52  
 £ 6,840.21  
 £ 3,469.83  
 £ 2,594.65  
 £ 1,273.82  
 £ 2,043.62  
 £ 978.99  
 £ 1,710.19  
 £ 500.90  
 £ 9,302.42  
 £ 10,273.73  
 £ 560.85  
 £ 708.00  
 £ 652.04  
 £ 339.10  
 £ 60.00  
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 £ 1,487.00

**RESTRICTED**  
 CADENT GAS  
 RMBC  
 VAR Grants

£ 68,976.50  
 £ 1,000.00  
 £ 5,000.00

**RESTRICTED**  
 CADENT GAS  
 CADENT GAS SALARIES  
 RMBC  
 VAR Grants

£ 4,274.39  
 £ 63,052.61  
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 £ 4,988.19

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**  
**TOTAL RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**

£ 24,169.71  
 £ 74,976.50

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**  
**TOTAL RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**

£ 50,090.87  
 £ 72,315.19

CASH AT HSBC @ 01/02/2023  
 CASH IN HAND @ 01/02/2023

£ 59,943.01  
 £ 34.44

CASH AT HSBC @ 31/01/2024  
 CASH IN HAND @ 31/01/2024

£ 36,660.28  
 £ 57.32

**TOTAL** £ 159,123.66

**TOTAL**

£ 159,123.66

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

*[Signature]*

TRUSTEE

*[Signature]*

7- may 2024

16 May 2024

**Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts  
of  
Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre**  
Charity Number 1093848

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**Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and examiner**

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
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**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee 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.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements below

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have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Name:** Barry Morton

**Signed:** 

**Address:** 19 West Pit Hill

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Brampton  
Barnsley  
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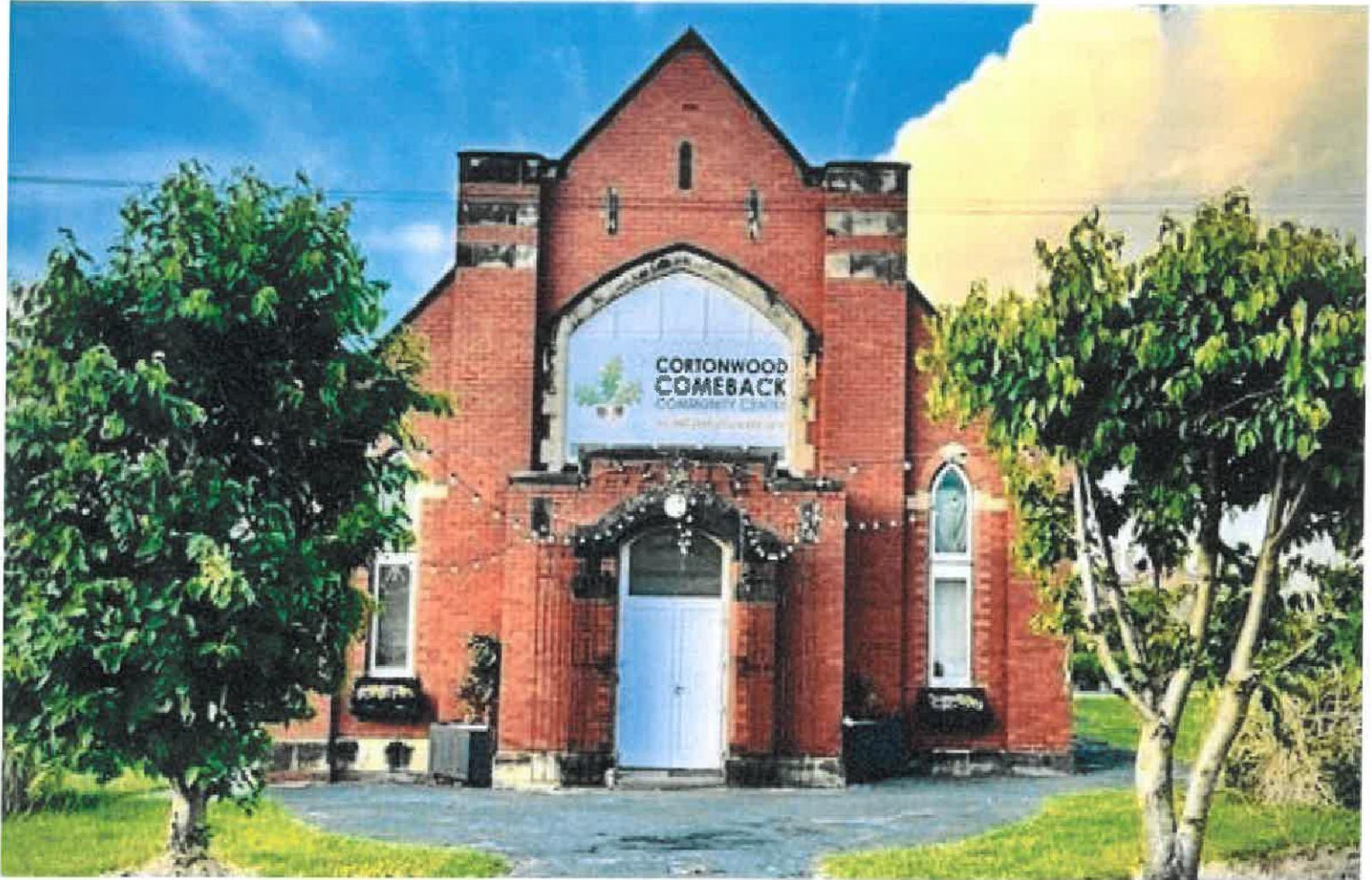
**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1093848

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# Accounts

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# Annual Report 2022 to 2023

**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Charity Number 1093848

Authored by: Denise Lelliott





# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Feb	2021		31	Jan	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Denise Lelliott	Chair Person		
2	Dianne Walton	Trustee		
3	Denise Fitzpatrick	Trustee	01/02/22 to 02/04/2022	
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### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Child Protection/Vulnerable Adult Officer	David Dunwell	17 Knollbeck Lane Brampton Barnsley S73 0TR

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Constitution
Trust
Appointment

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

The activities that we provide are based on the needs of the community and in line with the charitable aims of the charity

The day to day running of the Community Centre is undertaken by Jayne Andrews who reports to the trustees. The Trustees oversee the overall management of the charity.

We have a Child Protection/Vulnerable Adults officer who is qualified Social Worker. We undertake DBS checks with staff and volunteers before they commence work. Staff and volunteers also undertake Safeguarding Training which is regularly refreshed in line with our CPP. The Trustees also undertake safeguarding training and have DBS checks in line with statutory requirements.

All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We work in partnership with learning for locals, RMBC, local ward councillors and the local police and other voluntary and community groups and centres within the locality.

## Section C Objectives and activities

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre (CCCC) was established in 1986 by the local community who recognised the need to tackle the problems of unemployment, exclusion and disadvantage within Brampton Bierlow and the surrounding areas from the aftermath of the miners' strike.

For over 30 years Cortonwood Comeback Centre has provided a community service that is needs led, adapting the services to the needs of the community at any given time.

The community centre aims are to:

*"overcome inequalities and lack of access to services that have a direct impact on the lives of the elderly, young people, and those on low incomes in an effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving quality of life"*

We plan our work in accordance with our governing document and in consultation with the community this includes:

- Centre for Warmth
- Warmer nights project
- Employment Advice
- Cadent Gas – Gas Safe & Energy efficient
- Benefit Advice
- Breakfast Club
- Craft Group.
- Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group
- Community Resource Centre
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Room Hire
- Keep Fit
- Men in Shed
- Senior Citizens
- Community Events

Our Main source of funding continues to be from grant raising for specific projects.

This financial year we have received grants from the following, these are a combination of restricted and unrestricted grants.

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| • Cadent Gas                           | <b>£38782</b> |
| • Supporting our communities (VAR)     | <b>£4832</b>  |
| • Household Support fund - (VAR)       | <b>£4500</b>  |
| • Yorkshire Sports Foundation Grant    | <b>£2500</b>  |
| • SYMCA – Community Renewal Fund (CRF) | <b>£57688</b> |
| • Neighbourly foundation (M&S) Food    | <b>£1000</b>  |

We also raise funds through room hire, community events donations. This money is used pay for core costs such as utilities, insurance, cleaning and maintenance of the building.

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| • Room Hire | <b>£31009</b> |
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### **Centre for Warmth**

We were fortunate enough to receive a core funding grant from Cadent Gas, this pays for all our project workers and contributes towards our utility cost.

The aim of the project is to promote energy efficiency and gas safety in and around the community, this includes supplying people with free slow cookers, Co2 monitors and a van that enables us to reach a wider audience.

Cadent also paid for the community kitchen, this enabled us to keep the café open all day everyday and provide hot meals free, this is a pay what you can afford service.

We have been able to significantly increase our reach and signpost people on to other agencies, assist with job search, PIP claim forms and appeals.

### **Food Bank – Christmas Hamper**

Food bank – providing food for vulnerable families and individuals that were being referred to us via housing, early help and self-referral. We have now become a registered foodbank and work in partnership with RMBC, Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) we currently provide on average 35 food parcels per week providing food for approximately 105 individuals per week.

We continue to provide hot meals delivered to the door for people that are vulnerable, isolated or in ill health.

We also provided 77 Christmas hampers providing families with everything they would need for a traditional Christmas and New Years dinner, with 148 individuals benefitting from this service.

### **Employment Advice**

The employment advice service is an essential part of what the community centre offers. The support worker assists people with writing CV's, applying for jobs and accessing training. During the last Year 88 people accessed this service, some of those just for CV's whilst a significant number of people needed 1:1 sessions and more intensive support.

We have built relationships with the job centre who signpost on to our services. We have also set up training opportunities with the local learning forum that have supported people to access basis training in Food Hygiene, Health & Safety and Safeguarding, these have led to employment and at least one woman starting her own catering business.

### **Benefit Advice/PIP Appeals**

We continue to support people in accessing benefits, completing forms for PIP and also helping with PIP appeals, our support worker also undertook several home visits for residents that weren't well enough to attend the community centre

### **Breakfast Club**

We set up a joint project with the Lunch Club to deliver the breakfast club. Individuals and families can attend the breakfast club and have a free healthy cooked breakfast whilst having access to the advice support worker. The food is donated by local supermarkets and we also give food and hygiene parcels to those most in need that are identified by the support workers and volunteers.

### **Craft & Chat Group.**

This group runs on a Monday and has a regular attendance of 30 people with 38 people on the books. The group is currently attended by a mix of men and women who taking part in "making and doing" and bingo.

### **Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group**

The parent and toddler group is managed by parents with the help of a support worker. It runs 1 session per week and is very popular in the community. The group offers play activities for children, gives advice to parents, informs parents about course and also have guest speakers that offer advice. We have seen a significant increase in demand for this session,

### **Community Resource Centre**

The centre continues to be a hub for the community and community groups alike. We support individuals, sometimes at their most vulnerable, we offer free meeting spaces when they need to meet with children's social care for example.

We offer free room hire for community events, community consultation with the local authority and a free rent period for new groups.

We also help new groups with their constitutions, setting up bank accounts and recruiting people on to their projects.

### **Community Events**

We run four large community events a year including Easter Bunny Hunt, Summer Fete, Halloween Scarecrow Hunt and Haunted Chapel and Community Christmas Event and Santa's Grotto Christmas. The events are all free to attend with the exception of the Grotto, we charge a nominal amount for the grotto to cover the costs of the gift. This year we have averaged 200 people per event.

### **Keep fit for Less**

We managed to secure funding to set up keep fit classes, the purpose of the classes are to encourage people to get fit at affordable prices, 3 classes cost £6. These have proved very successful.

**Men in Shed** – This project is new and aims to work with older men who are facing isolating and tackling loneliness, we now have a management committee and are starting to recruit people on to the project

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre was established in 1986 after the miners' strike it was set up by the women action group who foresaw a need for help, advice and support after the decline of the mining industry.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the centre and we are still managed by volunteers both at a management and operational level.

We continue to offer volunteering opportunities for members of the community and wider opportunities taking volunteers from the probation service, schools and businesses.

We have a robust volunteer policy and offer extensive training opportunities enabling people to move on in to employment, run their own groups and apply for their own funding.

## Section E Financial review

### Reserve Policy

To hold no more than 6 months running costs in reserve. Reserves are to be used to support unfunded running costs and to cover project cost in periods between funding.

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

We have been fortunate enough to secure funding from Cadent Gas to pay our core costs for staff and utilities

The general day to day management of the centre and the running of community groups is still undertaken by volunteers who are the backbone of the centre.

## Section F Other optional information

This year we were saddened by the loss of the community centre's founding member Denise Fitzpatrick; she started the community centre in 1985 and was active throughout the years. She will be sadly missed and will leave a huge gap in the management committee; we aim to recruit new trustees in this financial year.

Next year we aim

To continue to develop our outreach work for Cadent

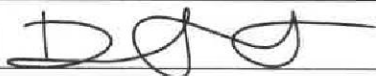
Build up Men in Sheds project

Work with partners to increase our homeless support

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Denise	Lelliott
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of the Trustees	
Date	19/05/2023	



**WELCOME CAFE**  
 DAY - FRIDAY 8AM-4PM

*warm welcome hub and enjoy  
 dinner or tea.*

*offer, eat free or pay what you  
 afford.*

*papers, Magazines - TV - Games  
 Crafts - Themed days*

*benefit application & appeals  
 agency advice & More*

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Registered Charity  
Number 1093848

**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
CHARITY NUMBER: 1093848  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2023**



Registered Charity  
Number 1093848

**RECEIPTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Fundraising / Donations Grants	£	2,668.27
Room Hire	£	4,950.00
Commercial card credits	£	31,009.50
Other Income/grants	£	108.00
	£	2,283.70

**PAYMENTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Annual Fee Commercial Card	£	32.00
Building Maintenance	£	1,686.50
Vehicle costs	£	1,144.74
Eon Energy	£	4,479.46
Event Costs	£	1,432.05
Grounds Maintenance	£	280.00
Insurance	£	640.24
Office	£	862.10
Payroll	£	259.45
Pension Contributions	£	815.78
Pest Control	£	216.84
Resources / Resources Maintenance Salaries	£	10,452.71
Website/Facebook ads	£	6,669.63
Yorkshire Water	£	468.58
Talk Talk	£	1,076.27
Training	£	322.64
Volunteer expenses	£	-
Bank Charges	£	513.10
Commercial waste	£	72.86
In kind direct	£	329.00
	£	603.27

**RESTRICTED**

CRT Grants	£	-
Cadent Gas grants	£	38,782.50
SYCF Grants	£	-
VAR Grants	£	9,332.00
CRF Grants	£	57,688.68

**RESTRICTED**

CRT Grants	£	2,012.82
CRT Salaries	£	-
VAR Grants	£	8,932.00
VAR Salaries	£	400.00
CRF Grants	£	26,101.27
CRF Salaries	£	23,054.25
SYCF Grants	£	166.21
SYCF Salaries	£	5,355.24
Cadent Gas Grants	£	4,513.04
Cadent Gas Salaries	£	9,572.48

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**

£ 41,019.47

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**

£ 32,357.22

CASH AT HSBC @ 01/02/2020

£ 24,628.44

CASH AT HSBC @ 31/01/2021

£ 59,943.01

CASH IN HAND @ 01/02/2020

£ 990.89

CASH IN HAND @ 31/01/2021

£ 34.44

TOTAL £ 172,441.98

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

*F. Q. Clayton* 05/05/2023

TRUSTEE

*[Signature]*

19/05/2023



**Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts  
of  
Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre**  
Charity Number 1093848

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**Name:** Katrina Claydon

**Signed:** 

**Address:** 23 Fairfield Court

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Wombwell  
Barnsley  
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**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1093848

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	Feb	2021	<b>To</b>	31	Jan	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre
Chapel Avenue
Brampton
Postcode S73 0XQ

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Denise Lelliott	Chair Person		
2	Dianne Walton			
3	Denise Fitzpatrick			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Child Protection/Vulnerable Adult Officer	David Dunwell	17 Knollbeck Lane Brampton Barnsley S73 0TR

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointment

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The activities that we provide are based on the needs of the community and in line with the charitable aims of the charity

The day to day running of the Community Centre is undertaken by Jayne Andrews who reports to the trustees. The Trustees oversee the overall management of the charity.

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All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We work in partnership with learning for locals, RMBC, local ward councillors and the local police and other voluntary and community groups and centres within the locality.

**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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The community centre aims are to:

*Overcome inequalities and lack of access to services that have a direct impact on the lives of the elderly, young people, and those on low incomes in an effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving quality of life.*

We plan our work in accordance with our governing document and in consultation with the community these includes:

**Employment Advice team**  
**Men in sheds**  
**Brampton Youth Group**  
**VAR**  
**Breakfast Club**  
**Craft & Chat Group.**  
**Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group**  
**Consultations at Community Events**

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our Main source of funding continues to be from grant raising for specific projects.

This financial year we have received grants from

- National Lottery Community Fund
- South Yorkshire Community Foundation
- Rotherham MBC Covid Recovery Fund
- CRT
- Voluntary Action Rotherham Household Support Fund

We also raise funds through room hire, community events donations. This money is used pay for core costs such as utilities, insurance, cleaning and maintenance of the building.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Food Bank**

Food bank – Meals on Wheels Before the pandemic started, we were providing food for vulnerable families and individuals that were being referred to us via housing, early help and self-referral. We have now become a registered foodbank and work in partnership with RMBC, VAR.

We continue to provide hot meals delivered to the door for people that are vulnerable, isolated or in ill health.

**Employment Advice**

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**Benefit Advice/Pip Appeals**

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**Breakfast Club**

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre was established in 1986 after the miners' strike it was set up by the women action group who foresaw a need for help, advice and support after the decline of the mining industry. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the centre and we are still managed by volunteers both at a management and operational level. We continue to offer volunteering opportunities for members of the community and wider opportunities taking volunteers from the probation service, schools and businesses.

We have a robust volunteer policy and offer extensive training opportunities enabling people to move on in to employment, run their own groups and apply for their own funding.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

To hold no more than 6 months running costs in reserve. Reserves are to be used to support unfunded running costs and to cover project cost in periods between funding.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Most of our funds for paid staff come from grants for specific project work, including funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation & The National Lottery Community Foundation. We have secured funding for next year from the Levelling up fund in partnership with VAR under the Anything's Possible project

The general day to day management of the centre and the running of community groups is still undertaken by volunteers who are the backbone of the centre.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Men in Shed** – we would like to set up a men in sheds project to tackle loneliness.

**Social Prescribing** - Develop a social prescribing partnership with the local authority.

**Crisis Care** – Work with local organisation and housing officers to support people in crisis with food parcels and hygiene packs

**Winter Homeless Provision** – We saw an increase in demand for emergency shelter and a sharp rise in homelessness in the area, we would like to work with the local authority to tackle this issue.

**Increase room hire** - We would like to increase room hire to help to sustain the project.

**Section G Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Denise

Lelliott

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of the Trustees

Date

15/3/2022



# CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE

TALL OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW

## Annual Report - Working Together Connecting Communities since 1986

### A brief history of our centre

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre was established in 1986 by members of the local community who recognised the need to tackle the problems of unemployment, exclusion and disadvantage in Brampton Bierlow and surrounding areas in the aftermath of the miner's strike. Our Centre has always been run and managed by volunteers. Throughout our history, it has never had a paid manager and many of our groups are run by volunteers who give their time and expertise freely to the Community Centre.

### Aims

The Centre aims to help overcome the inequalities and lack of access to services that have a direct impact on the lives of the elderly, young people, and those on low incomes. We aim to advance education and provide facilities for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving people's quality of life

### Partnership Working

Providing a community service that's needs-led, we adapt services to the needs of the community at any given time. We work in partnership with organisations Brampton Youth Group, RMBC, South Yorkshire Police, Dearne Valley College, Job Centre Plus, Elected Members, WEA, VAR and Serenity Training Academy. We offer a wide range of activities, advice and support services which are run by qualified staff and volunteers or delivered by our partners these include

### Volunteering

We have many volunteering opportunities within the centre, providing a platform for people to gain the skill and confidence needed to get back into employment and training, or simply just because they enjoy volunteering. The centre currently has 10 volunteers who come in on a weekly basis to help deliver our services.

- Admin
- Catering
- Gardening
- Youth work
- Caretaking
- Befriending
- Food Bank

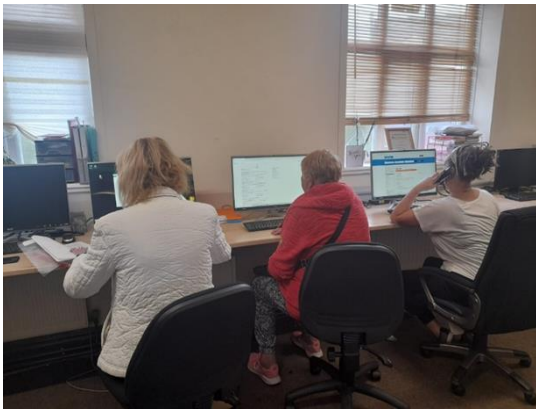
### Food Bank

The food bank was opened in 2020 to help people in food crisis during the Covid 19 pandemic. We work in partnership with Fareshare, Morrisons, Tesco, and Marks and Spencers, redistributing surplus food to families and individuals in need. We now supply an average of 40 regular and emergency parcels every week and have worked with 511 individuals.



## Benefit and debt Advice

We offer a wide variety of training, housing, debt, benefit and employment services and advice. Clients can access professional advice and IT suite to get help with their query. Since November we have worked with 168 people.



## Training & Courses

We can offer a variety of training and courses at the centre, working in partnership with;

- Serenity Academy
- WEA
- DVC
- High speed training
- Yorkshire training provider (apprenticeships)

### Courses/training includes but not limited to

- Beauty
- Nails
- Baby yoga/massage
- Crafting
- Cooking
- Baking
- IT courses
- First aid
- Food hygiene
- Safeguarding
- Health and safety in the workplace.

On average we have 4-6 interest courses running during the week.



## Lunch Club

The lunch club has been running for over 20 years and was set up to offer affordable meals to people in the community. We have worked with over hundreds of people since the lunch club opened, we currently have 25 members. The lunch club runs twice a week and people can enjoy a dinner, dessert, game of bingo and trips throughout the year. In addition to the dine in service we offer a free of charge delivery service in the local area.



## Coffee Morning

Our Coffee morning is an informal friendly coffee morning for all ages; members can enjoy a cuppa, bingo and a raffle and get to take part in trips throughout the year. The group was set up in 2015 and continues to grow.



## Senior Citizens Club

The group started in 1986 to provide social activities for over 65's in Brampton and the surrounding areas. The group has been successfully run ever since by volunteers. The group meets every week for an afternoon of bingo, raffle, and refreshments and have trips throughout the year.



### Messy Monsters playgroup

The play group was set up in 2015 as a low cost playgroup offering parents and carers an opportunity to socialise with other parents while the children play in a safe environment. We offer creative play, drinks, snacks and toast finishing the session with a group sing along.



### Breakfast Club

At the community breakfast club parents can come along and enjoy a healthy breakfast with their children whilst socialising with other parents over a cuppa.



### Junior Youth Club

The junior youth club was opened in 2010, and as with the senior youth group we have worked with hundreds of young people over that time. Over the last year the youth group have worked with 68 young people and have an average of 30 young people who attend each week.



## Senior Youth Club

Brampton youth group was established well over 20 years ago, they have worked with thousands of young people over its lifetime. Young people can enjoy sports, crafts, cooking, disco, computers, gaming and much more whilst socialising with friends.



## Summer Activities

During the Summer Holidays we provide a dual programme of activities for young people aged 8 to 18. Working in Partnership with Brampton youth Group and RMBC we offer a 4 week programme for up to 25 young people which enables young people to access a range of activities;

- Outdoor Pursuits
- Sports
- Dance
- Drama
- Crafting
- Gardening
- Trips
- Healthy meals and snacks



## Community Trips

Throughout the year we offer a variety of trips for all our groups to attend;

- Trips to the seaside
- Riverboat trip
- Trips to the large towns
- Shopping trips

At the end of the summer we organise a large community trip for all the groups to the seaside and have an average of 70 people who attend.



## Girls Group

The girls group is for girls aged 12 to 16 years. The group offers a variety of activities including baking, crafting, drama, issued based work and much more.



## Youth Theatre

The youth theatre is open to young people aged 8 to 18 years. Young people can learn all aspects of drama; pantomime, serious drama, issue-based drama, interactive drama as well as Halloween and Christmas performances.



## Family Fitness classes

We have has a number of family fit classes running over the last 18 months, catering to all ages including-

- Keep fit
- Strength training
- Walk, jog, run
- Social Stroll
- Family Fit
- Walking football
- Street Dance

40 individuals and families have accesses these sessions.

## Men in Sheds

The Men in Sheds is a place for members to pursue practical interests, practice skills and enjoy making and mending. The project allows members to make social connections and build friendships, share skills and knowledge, and has lots of fun. The project has built up over the last few years and now has 15 members.



## Room Hire

Our centre offers subsidised room hire to local people who deliver a wide range of activities, enabling people to access services in their local area. We also offer free room hire for other charitable causes. At the moment we have;

- Taekwondo
- Active sports
- Dodge ball
- Dance
- Sewing
- Dog Training
- Church Service
- Ghost hunters
- One off Parties



**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**CHARITY NUMBER: 1093848**



**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2022**

**RECEIPTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Fundraising / Donations	£	512.02
Grants	£	17,831.00
Room Hire	£	7,559.00
Commercial card credits	£	1.00

**RESTRICTED**

A4A	£	9,900.00
Active Dearne	£	-
CRT	£	2,500.00
VAR Grants	£	12,430.00
SYCF	£	9,478.00

<b>TOTAL NON RESTRICTED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>25,903.02</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>34,308.00</b>

CASH AT HSBC @ 01/02/2020	£	35,395.24
CASH IN HAND @ 01/02/2020	£	20.00

**TOTAL**      **£**      **95,626.26**

**PAYMENTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Annual Fee Commercial Card	£	32.00
Building Maintenance	£	3,253.84
Cleaning	£	-
Eon Energy	£	3,341.36
Event Costs	£	579.67
Grounds Maintenance	£	294.00
Insurance	£	594.85
Office	£	66.02
Payroll	£	395.75
Pension Contributions	£	485.05
Pest Control	£	823.10
Resources / Resources Maintenance	£	8,078.17
Salaries	£	2,240.85
Website/Facebook ads	£	413.92
Yorkshire Water	£	354.00
Talk Talk	£	-
Training	£	-
Volunteer expences	£	-
Bank Charges	£	5.00

**RESTRICTED**

Awards For All	£	10,297.11
CRT	£	12,317.57
VAR Grants	£	13,944.96
CRF	£	8,533.16
SYCF	£	3,956.55

<b>TOTAL NON RESTRICTED PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>20,957.58</b>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>49,049.35</b>

CASH AT HSBC @ 31/01/2021	£	24,628.44
CASH IN HAND @ 31/01/2021	£	990.89

**TOTAL**      **£**      **95,626.26**

*F. A. Claydon*

01/03/2022

*DJ 15/03/2022*

**Independent Examiner's report on the Accounts  
of  
Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre**  
Charity Number 1093848

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**Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and examiner**

The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Management Committee considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Management Committee 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


(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements below

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act,

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Name:** Katrina Claydon

**Signed:** 

**Address:** 23 Fairfield Court  
Wombwell  
Barnsley  
S738EF

**Date:** 01/03/2022

**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1093848

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
<b>From</b>	1	Feb	2020	<b>To</b>	31	Jan	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1093848

**Charity's principal address**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre  
 Chapel Avenue  
 Brampton  
**Postcode S73 0XQ**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Denise Lelliott	Chair Person		
2	Dianne Walton			
3	Denise Fitzpatrick			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Safeguarding Officer Children's	Suzy Dix	C/O Cortonwood Comeback Centre S73)XQ
Safeguarding Officer Vulnerable Adults	David Dunwell	17 Knollbeck Lane Brampton S730TR

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The activities that we provide are based on the needs of the community and in line with the charitable aims of the charity

The day to day running of the Community Centre is undertaken by Jayne Andrews who reports to the trustees. The Trustees oversee the overall management of the charity.

We have a Safeguarding Officer & Vulnerable Adults officer who are qualified Social Worker. We undertake DBS checks with staff and volunteers before they commence work. Staff and volunteers also undertake Safeguarding Training which is regularly refreshed in line with our CPP. The Trustees also undertake safeguarding training and have DBS checks in line with statutory requirements.

All trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

We work in partnership with learning for locals, RMBC, local ward councillors and the local police and other voluntary and community groups and centres within the locality.

## Section C Objectives and activities

### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre (CCCC) was established in 1986 by the local community who recognised the need to tackle the problems of unemployment, exclusion and disadvantage within Brampton Bierlow and the surrounding areas from the aftermath of the miners' strike.

For over 30 years Cortonwood Comeback Centre has provided a community service that is needs led, adapting the services to the needs of the community at any given time.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The community centre aims are to:

*“overcome inequalities and lack of access to services that have a direct impact on the lives of the elderly, young people, and those on low incomes in an effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time, with the objective of improving quality of life.*

We plan our work in accordance with our governing document and in consultation with the community this includes:

**Community Hub –  
Food Bank  
Employment Advice  
Benefit Advice  
Breakfast Club  
Craft & Chat Group.  
Messy Monsters - Parent & Toddler Group  
Men in Sheds  
Community Resource Centre  
Volunteer Opportunities  
Room Hire**

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Our Main source of funding continues to be from grant raising for specific projects.

This financial year we have received grants from

- Awards For All
- Coalfield Regeneration Trust
- Sports England Active Dearne
- Voluntary Action Rotherham
- Covid Recovery Grant RMBC

We apply for funding to run specific project and pay staff costs. the overheads for running the building are usually raised through room hire and fundraising however during this period we were unable to raise any funds via room hire but we were fortunate enough to receive grants to cover these costs.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year****Community Hub - Coalition of Communities**

The community centre has been a social hub for the wider community and also many other community groups for almost 35 years delivering essential key services to people in the locality.

These services are imperative when addressing social exclusion, tackling loneliness and social isolation and giving vulnerable people access to key services, never in all our history was our service needed as much as the last year, adapting our service to meet the needs of the community during the current pandemic crisis.

We have over the last year reached out to a variety of organisations both within the statutory sector and voluntary community sector working in partnership to deliver food parcels, doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and offering a befriending service.

Our aim is to continue to build these links, share resources and ideas.

**Food bank – Meals on Wheels**

Before the pandemic started, we were providing food for vulnerable families and individuals that were being referred to us via housing, early help and self-referral.

We have now become a registered foodbank and work in partnership with RMBC, VAR (voluntary action /Rotherham) we currently provide on average 48 food parcels per week providing food for approximately 150 individuals per week. Supporting well over 400 people at the time of this report.

When the pandemic broke, we were delivering 10 hot meals per week, this increased to 98 hot meals delivered weekly, this was a lifeline for people that were shielding but had elderly parents that they cared for, to know that their parents were having a hot meal and human contact.

**Employment Advice**

The employment advice service is an essential part of what the community centre offers. The support worker assists people with writing CV's, applying for jobs and accessing training.

During the last year we have had to adapt how we deliver this service using Zoom and working remotely.

**Benefit Advice**

We continue to offer benefit advice and at the start of the pandemic we assisted several people in accessing UC.

We have also supported people with complex housing issues, managing to help 6 families keep their tenancies.

We have also supported vulnerable adults appeal against their PIP decisions representing them in formal hearings, we have had a 100% success at these tribunals.

We continue to support people with money management, debt support and guidance.

**Breakfast Club**

We had to cancel the breakfast club when we locked down but we continued to support the families that we worked with providing food

parcels and activities for the children it is our intention to reopen the breakfast club as soon as it is safe to do so.

#### **Craft & Chat Group.**

The group had a total of 40 people attending when lockdown happened. Our support worker kept in touch with the group doing a regular Monday morning call. We also shopped for them and collect prescriptions.

We reopened in July but had to close when we went into tier 4. Again, we intend to reopen when safe to do so.

#### **Community Resource Centre**

The community continues to be a resource centre where people people who needed to access computer and Wi-Fi we were able to do this in a Covid safe environment. We also printed off course work material for young people.

#### **Events**

During the last year in between lockdowns we have run free community events and summer activities for the whole of the community and specific age related activities, including summer activities for young people and large events at Halloween and Christmas.

We held a community scarecrow event scarecrows were dotted around the village and a map was produced, families went scarecrow hunting and then came back to the community centre and went through an haunted maze. This enabled families to take part in trick or treat event in a covid safe environment.

The Christmas event was as equally successful with over 150 children meeting Santa in our winter wonderland.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Cortonwood Comeback Community Centre was established in 1986 after the miners' strike it was set up by the women action group who foresaw a need for help, advice and support after the decline of the mining industry.

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of the centre and we are still managed by volunteers both at a management and operational level. during the last year we recruited an additional 12 volunteers undertaking key worker roles delivering frontline service enabling us to meet the needs of the community during these difficult times, including meal prep and delivery, shopping, picking up prescriptions, collecting food for the food bank, packing and delivering food parcels

We have a robust volunteer policy and offer extensive training opportunities enabling people to move on into employment, run their own groups and apply for their own funding. We currently have 27 volunteers

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

To hold no more than 6 months running costs in reserve. Reserves are to be used to support unfunded running costs and to cover project cost in periods between funding.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Most of our funds for paid staff come from grants for specific project work, including funding from South Yorkshire Community Foundation & Awards For All. A major risk to the continuation of delivering our employment services, tackling loneliness and further expansion the charity would be a failure to secure funding

The general day to day management of the centre and the running of community groups is still undertaken by volunteers who are the backbone of the centre.


**Section F Other optional information**

We intend to do a community reset of our organisation as we attempt to recover from the pandemic

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Denise	Lelliott
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of the Trustees	
Date	04/05/2021	





**CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2021**



**RECEIPTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Fundraising / Donations	£ 2,839.00
Grants	£ 10,000.00
Room Hire	£ 6,910.00

**PAYMENTS**

**NON - RESTRICTED**

Annual Fee Commercial Card	£ 32.00
Building Maintenance	£ 2,035.26
Cleaning	£ 26.55
Eon Energy	£ 2,668.46
Event Costs	£ 300.00
Grounds Maintenance	£ 30.00
Insurance	£ 999.19
Office	£ 377.08
Payroll	£ 333.00
Pension Contributions	£ 299.53
Fast Control	£ 291.16
Resources / Resources Maintenance	£ 2,264.48
Salaries	£ 78.13
Website	£ 88.72
Yorkshire Water	£ 275.50

**RESTRICTED**

AAA	£ 8,533.00
Active Dearn	£ 2,500.00
CRT	£ 19,432.00
VAR Grants	£ 3,960.00

**RESTRICTED**

Awards For All	£ 16,316.37
CRT	£ 8,773.59
VAR Grants	£ 1,719.70

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED RECEIPTS**

	£ 19,749.00
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED RECEIPTS</b>	£ 34,525.00
CASH AT HSBC @ 01/02/2020	£ 15,665.57
CASH IN HAND @ 01/02/2020	£ 2,384.39

**TOTAL NON RESTRICTED PAYMENTS**

	£ 10,099.06
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED PAYMENTS</b>	£ 26,809.66
CASH AT HSBC @ 31/01/2021	£ 35,395.24
CASH IN HAND @ 31/01/2021	£ 20.00

**TOTAL** £ 72,323.96

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INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINANCE

T. Q. Clayton 23/3/21

Trustee

4/5/2021

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