

Annual Report 2022 to 2023

CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Charity Number 1093848

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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

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 | £31009 |
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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

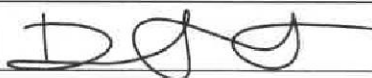
Work with partners to increase our homeless support

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

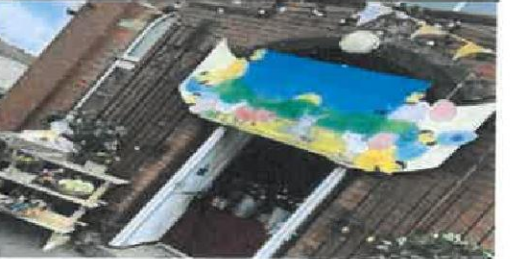
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Crafts - Themed days

benefit application & appeals
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CORTONWOOD COMEBACK COMMUNITY CENTRE
 CHARITY NUMBER: 1093848
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 JANUARY 2023



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	£ 10,452.71
Salaries	£ 6,669.63
Website/Facebook ads	£ 468.58
Yorkshire Water	£ 1,076.27
Talk Talk	£ 322.64
Training	£ -
Volunteer expenses	£ 513.10
Bank Charges	£ 72.86
Commercial waste	£ 329.00
In kind direct	£ 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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TRUSTEE

F. Q. Clayton 05/05/2023

[Signature] 19/05/2023

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

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
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Date: 5th May 2023

