



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date		Period end date				
From	1	Feb	2024	To	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

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

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)

Appointed

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 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.

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:

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)

Centre for Warmth
 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

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 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

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 basic 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

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.

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

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

£ 33,863.87
£ 162,279.66

£ 36,660.28
£ 57.32

TOTAL

£ 232,861.13

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Melanie Houghton

TRUSTEE

TOTAL

£ 232,861.13

14/04/25

28/4/2025

£ 0.00

**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: Melanie Houghton

Signed:



Address: 56 Grove Road
West Melton
Rotherham
S63 6PD

Date: 14th April 2025