

Annual report of Walney Community Trust for 2024

Throughout 2024, we continued our traditional two-pronged approach to supporting the local area, roughly split into “youth based” and “community based” activities, often with considerable overlap between the two. Our services again made a positive impact upon sizeable numbers of people of all ages, despite having to manage considerable upheaval within our staffing provision.

Youth activities were led for the first half of the year by our Lead Youth worker, Paula, supported by her team of Youth workers; in the latter part of the year, we promoted Yvonne to the newly created role of Deputy Lead Youth Worker, to ensure the ongoing provision of our youth club during a prolonged sickness absence. The youth club was held on four evenings per week, again organised according to age groups, with issue-based sessions (run both in-house and by external agencies), one-to-one sessions and closed sessions for invited members on mental health and wellbeing matters, as well as more typical youth club activities: pancake flipping, movie and popcorn evenings, arts and crafts, games, end of year and Christmas parties etc. The youth club sessions were very well-attended, with a total footfall of 2600+ (compared to 2400+ the previous year). Before stepping down from the role mid-year, Harvey, in the role of Youth Development worker (tasked with providing activities for young people outside the parameters of youth club) led a group of our young people on an outdoor activities day at the Keppleway Centre, ran a homework club, arranged for youth club members to attend a Barrow AFC football match, and represented the Trust in the Furness Youth Work Partnership.

Our youth staff were again proactive in working with neighbourhood police to tackle anti-social behaviour by local youths. These outreach, detached sessions often attracted large numbers of local young people.

The **community** strand of our work was negatively impacted in the first part of the year by the resignation in January of our Lead Community worker Ros, after a number of years of very successful and highly committed work with the neediest people in the community. We appointed Laura to the role in April, supported by Debbie in her Adult Mentor role and various volunteers. Community activities aimed at supporting both individuals and families were organised from our centre: free meals, Toddler sessions, craft cafes, Clubbercise, wellbeing walks, chair aerobics, Great Big Green Week, Nature Discovery Day (in conjunction with Natural England), Warm Welcome Hub, Christmas Fayre etc. We again ran a number of courses and provided other services in addition to the activities. 2024 was the second of a five-year funding agreement with The National Lottery Reaching Communities England for the development of our community work; the impact statements we agreed with them for this project, and our improving practice in data collection, reveal the impressive extent to which we were able to benefit the community, especially bearing in mind that most of the above activities ran for 7 and not 12 months of the year:

- **100 people** will benefit from easy access to community activities and events such as meals, mental and physical wellbeing classes and more, thus easing the burden of poverty and social isolation, which in turn improves mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as a result of attending the Trust's Community activities: **in 2024, 1123 unique people attended (these people attended 2206 times)**

- **100 people** will benefit from access to community activities and events designed specifically to improve knowledge of conservation and our impact on the environment, which will improve their mental wellbeing, physical health and the local community as a result of accessing the Trust's Community environmental education programme: **in 2024, we had a total footfall of 121.**

- **50 people** will benefit from improved mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence, self-esteem and learn new life and employability skills, empowering them to be independent as a result of attending the Trust's Community courses: **in 2024, we had a total footfall of 340.**

- **200 people** will benefit from support for themselves and their families, in times of need, resulting in improved financial and mental wellbeing, resilience, confidence and self-esteem, as a result of accessing the Trust's Community support: **in 2024, 81 unique people were supported (for a total of 480 times)**

Community and youth staff again worked jointly on the summer Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme on behalf of the local council, albeit on a smaller scale than in previous years. Feedback included: "I had the best day ever"; "Thank you for everything over the last few weeks, she has had a great time"; "Both kids really enjoyed themselves and even asked for their friends to attend the following sessions which they all enjoyed. The staff are really friendly and always helpful."

Both teams of staff again demonstrated considerable commitment to updating and improving their skills and knowledge: training in First Aid, Safeguarding and NHS Kooth provision was undertaken. 4 staff were also trained to become designated fire wardens. We held staff planning/preparation/training periods in both January and September, the latter including a team building activity run by a local provider. We have developed a new Training Schedule for both staff and Trustees.

Throughout the year, our staff once again responded with outstanding commitment to the demands on their time and energies caused by the ever-growing needs of those they serve on Walney and further afield. They have developed and maintained links with a wide range of outside agencies and other charitable groups with whom they work in partnership.

We appointed our Administrator Cheryl to the General Manager role (and subsequently Lynne to the vacated Administrator role). She has led regular staff meetings and one to one sessions with all staff and striven to maintain a full staffing complement in view of staff illness and unforeseen resignations, the latter for a variety of reasons, notably to move to better paid employment with BAE Systems. As well as ongoing repairs (window lintels, boiler issues etc.) we have made various improvements to our ageing building (new rear doors, emergency release gate, batteries to store solar panel electricity, loft hatch, external noticeboard etc.) and despite a number of funding application setbacks, we have been successful in acquiring funding for a completely renovated kitchen, new front door and chairs, improvements which will take place in 2025. We achieved the top Grade 5 in our Environmental Health Kitchen Inspection. We have attended local Funding Fairs, Volunteer fairs; have met with local MPs and councillors; played an active role in the Furness Community Network.

The Trustees themselves were active throughout the year, meeting formally on 6 occasions, one of which incorporated the AGM; we held a further meeting to focus specifically on our Strategic Plan. We approved and introduced new policies for Fire Safety, Data Protection and Confidentiality and Safer Recruitment, and maintained our rolling programme, by which key policies are reviewed formally annually and others biennially. We maintained a Safeguarding group comprising two Trustees and staff Designated Safeguarding Leads, meeting formally 6 times per year and reporting to the Trustee body. We formalised our Finance and Risk Management Group comprising Chair, Deputy and General Manager, meeting approximately monthly, and submitting minutes to the full Trustee body. We developed a New Trustee Support Pack. We spent considerable time early in the year discussing and agreeing with the leaders of Spring Mount Church the nature of the relationship between the two organisations.

Trustees continued to work on the strategic objectives identified in 2022:

- *Strengthen financial sustainability to maintain and grow capacity*
- *Build a team and team structure appropriate to the current and future ambition*
- *Deliver an appropriate and sustainable building solution*

At our special Strategic Objectives meeting, also attended by our General Manager, we added a fourth objective:

- *Identify and quantify unmet needs on Walney*

We spent much time trying to communicate with the owner of the adjacent pieces of land, in order to effect necessary repairs to a boundary wall. We continued at a snail's pace on the process of transferring ownership of the premises from the Trustee body to the Charity Commission's Custodian Scheme. We continue to make slow progress on energy supply issues; in addition to battery installation, we now have a

Smart meter to enable us to receive payment for electricity exported to the National Grid and thus reduce energy costs.

Our Deputy Chair, Steve Pryer, resigned his role in December, after several years' much-valued service; the Trust benefited enormously from his experience, expertise and willing contributions. It is planned that two new Trustees will be appointed early in 2025.

The major risks to which the charity is exposed, as identified by the Trustees, have been reviewed and systems have been established to manage those risks.

As ever, a major focus of our work is the on-going efforts to secure funding to enable us to maintain and further develop our activities. We continue to be extremely grateful to the organisations without whose financial support we would not be able to exist, particularly those who have faithfully funded us for many years. These organisations are shown on our website at www.walneycommunitytrust.org .

Walney Community Trust

Financial Statements

For the year ended

31 December 2024

Walney Community Trust
Income and Expenditure Account
For the year ended
31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Grants	43,335	146,933
The National Lottery Community Fund - RC North East & Cumbria Region	15,967	31,174
Room hire	4,270	605
Youth Club	3,604	3,959
Community Door	804	
Donations	125	3,697
Refunds received	203	4,068
Other income	1,646	1
	<u>69,953</u>	<u>190,437</u>
Expenses		
Wages and NIC	91,668	108,711
Training	2,728	44
Travel expenses	55	-
Systems and Safety Checks	1,821	1,481
Professional Fees	240	765
Payroll Expenses	1,264	1,175
Building repairs and maintenance	11,206	1,499
Cleaning expenses	2,917	745
Council tax	-	46
Utilities	1,295	-
DBS checks	376	30
New equipment	186	38
Telephone and Internet Charges	700	697
Licences and subscriptions	1,025	849
Sundry expenses	112	-
Insurance	2,283	2,151
Bank charges	-	106
Printing stationery and advertising	703	658
Youth Project expenses	1,917	681
WDF Project expenses	9,471	35,302
CCF Project expenses	225	-
Capital projects	5,760	-
Depreciation	844	580
	<u>136,795</u>	<u>155,558</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(66,841)</u>	<u>34,879</u>

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J Kelly
MAAT, ACCA
27 February 2024

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Balance Sheet

As at

31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes		
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	2	<u>87,846</u>	<u>87,054</u>
Cash and Bank Accounts			
Restricted			
Grant Fund Wages		58,383	91,842
Walney Development Fund		7,426	10,496
Unrestricted			
Current Account		1,671	1,281
Designated			
Redundancy Fund		17,749	17,749
Job Development Fund		3,678	3,569
Building/Contingency Fund		4,866	20,000
BWECT Baywind		528	-
Equipment		1,485	2,500
Co-op Youth Account		9,564	25,546
New Youth Staff		-	-
		<u>193,197</u>	<u>260,038</u>
Capital Account			
Reserves brought forward		180,038	145,159
Revaluation reserve	3	80,000	80,000
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Period Ended
31 December 2024

NOTE 1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Property is valued at current market value.

Historically Plant & Equipment has been charged to the Income and Expenditure account. These historic assets have been introduced to Tangible Assets in the current period at their carrying value.

Plant & Equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Plant and Equipment	25% on the reducing balance
Property	Not Depreciated

NOTE 2 Tangible Assets

	Property	Plant & Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 January 2024	80,000	8,324	88,324
Revaluations	-	-	-
Additions		1,637	1,637
As at 31 December 2024	<u>80,000</u>	<u>9,961</u>	<u>89,961</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2024	-	1,270	1,270
Charge for the year	-	844	844
As at 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>2,114</u>	<u>2,114</u>
Net Book Value			
As at 1 January 2024	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,054</u>	<u>87,054</u>
As at 31 December 2024	<u>80,000</u>	<u>7,846</u>	<u>87,846</u>

NOTE 3 Reserves

	Revaluation Reserve £
As at 1 January 2024	80,000
As at 31 December 2024	80,000

14 March 2025

Private and Confidential
Mr A Docker
Walney Community Trust
Spring Mount Walney
Ampritrte Street
Barrow in Furness
Cumbria
LA14 3BZ

Invoice No. 2039/03/2025

To professional services rendered in connection with:

Walney Community Trust

Accounts year ended 31 December 2024

Examining accounting records

Preparation of year end accounts

Sundry discussions, correspondance, meetings,
telephone calls, etc to date

Fee (Vatable)	200.00
Vat @ 20%	<u>40.00</u>
	240.00
Disbursements (Non-vatable)	-
	<u> </u>
Total due	£ <u>240.00</u>

Payment due on presentation - thank you!

Please pay direct:	HSBC plc	
	Manchester Branch	
	Sort Code	40 31 17
	Account Number	51553879

Vat registration number 199 4855 34

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